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## President's Message

### MANPOWER SURVEY

Many of you will have re-ceived the college manpower survey for Anatomical Pa-thology which was sent out in January. While by neces-sity a little complex to com-plete, it is a most important document. For those who have overlooked it, please ensure that you complete it and return it promptly. In order to maximise the re-sults, the Council at its most recent meeting decided to employ one or two university students during their summer break to assist in the collec-tion of the data and analysis of the results. Results from surveys such as this provide the hard data needed to pre-sent to various bodies who

may contemplate changes, some of which may not be to the best interest of our me-mbers.

### OTHER COLLEGES

My attendance at virtually all conferment and other cere-monies of our sister colleges in Hong Kong has allowed me to compare our College and its activities with those of our colleagues. In most aspects we compare very favourably, but there are ar-eas for improvement.

At one such event it struck me that we might consider acknowledging success at our membership examination in a more formal fashion than at present. Perhaps the presentation of a certificate

would be a fitting response?

### INTERNATIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENTS

In May I represented the College at the ILCP held at the Royal College of Pa-thologists, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London. Carlton Terrace is certainly a most impressive building with su-perb facilities and location. (The background of the building is freely available from the RCPa-th and makes for some fascinating reading, especially its historic links.)

The Royal College of Pa-thologists and the Associa-tion of Clinical Pathologists co-hosted the meeting which

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### Points of special interest:

- COP Congress 2001 approaches
- Manpower Survey

## ***Challenges and Opportunities in Pathology (COP) - Congress of HKCPa-th, RCPA & HKIAP, Hong Kong, 2001***

***"Challenges and Opportunities in Pathology (COP)"*** is the theme for our combined congress in October 2001.

The advantages pro-vided by the speed of email communication and presence of a

team of talented and enthusiastic commit-tee members, means progress on this large undertaking is well on schedule.

The executive com-mittee is committed to combine partici-pant enjoyment and education to make

this a memorable ex-perience.

You will soon be re-ceiving the prelimi-nary notices - deliv-ered with a novel twist!

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was attended by representatives of the following:

- Royal College of Pathologists, John Lilleyman, President;
- Association of Clinical Pathologists, Mansel Haeney, President, and Archie Moore, Chairman;
- American Society of Clinical Pathologists, Stebbins Chandor, President, and Ira Godwin, President-Elect;
- College of American Pathologists, Paul Bachner, President and Paul Raslavicus, President-Elect;
- Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia, David Davies, President, and David Weedon, Vice-President;
- Faculty of Pathology, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Michael Madden, Dean;
- Hong Kong College of Pathologists, Robert Collins, President;
- World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Utz Merten, President.

The range of subjects discussed was far reaching and once again emphasised the fact that the challenges and

changes occurring in pathology are universal.

The draft summary of the meeting has already been circulated by Dr Lloyd Wagner, who has been a major force behind this annual meeting, and we will publish the entire summary in the next Newsletter. It makes very interesting reading.

## Hong Kong Academy of Medicine - Second International Congress - November 2000.

- The Congress will be held on 2 - 5 November 2000.  
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- The theme is "Medical Advances and Information in the New Millennium"  
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- Fellows and trainees are encouraged to register early.  
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- Registration Fee:
  - Before 1 August 2000, HK\$1,700
  - HK\$2,000 on or after this date.
- A bulk discount will be given to group registration: one free registration for every 10 registrants.  
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- The deadline for abstract submission is 1 August 2000.  
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- The "**Best Young Investigator Award**" will be awarded for outstanding original work by a trainee.  
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- Fellows attending the entire Congress will be awarded up to 15.5 CME credit points.

## Continuous Professional Development Programme - Progress Report and Request for Comments

The report on Improving Hong Kong's Health Care System by the Harvard team last year pointed to a lack of quality assurance in medical practice in Hong Kong. Despite objections to this accusation, the medical profession is under pressure to show the public that we are concerned about quality of service in our daily practice.

Part of the responsibility falls onto the Hong Kong Medical Council, the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and its constituent Colleges.

The Education Committee of the Academy has been asked to look into the matter. At present, its position is as follows :

1. Re-certification should not be in the form of examination.
2. The current CME scheme, being the requirement for continuation of registration as a Specialist, is the re-certification process, and this needs to be reviewed to include elements for quality assurance.
3. Every College should have autonomy to develop a system of CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD).
4. Suggested actions include: expand CME to include QA activities, teaching, research, development of new techniques; Clinical Pathological Conference; credentialising hospital / institute, credentialising individuals; peer review and clinical auditing.
5. CPD may start as a voluntary programme.

Our College stand is that :-

1. Credentialing of individual fellows should not be linked with credentialing of hospital/institute/laboratory.
2. More time is needed to try out the present CME programme and the content should be reviewed. Various activities would be explored for inclusion in the development of a CPD programme which may eventually replace the existing CME programme.

The Council has delegated the task of proposing a CPD programme to the Credentials Committee. The various Specialty Boards of our College have been consulted.

Please submit your opinion to the Credentials Committee or the Specialty Boards as soon as possible.

Dr W P MAK  
Chairman of Credentials Committee

### Exam Dates for 2000

#### **ANATOMICAL PATHOLOGY:**

Written Examinations  
(Membership, Fellowship)  
August 14th

Autopsy Examinations  
2nd half of September

Slide Practical Examination  
(Membership, Fellowship)  
October 3rd

Oral Examinations  
(Membership, Fellowship)  
October 4-5th

#### **CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY:**

Written Examinations  
(Membership)  
August 14th

Oral, Written Practical, Data  
Interpretation  
(Membership)  
Week beginning 9th October

#### **HAEMATOLOGY:**

Examinations  
(Fellowship)  
October 2nd- 6th

#### **MICROBIOLOGY:**

Viva and Practical  
(Fellowship)  
First half of October

(Details for all exams have been sent directly to the candidates.)

## Other College Matters . . . .

**The  
9th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of  
the College will be held on  
November 25th, 2000  
at  
HAPPY VALLEY STAND,  
HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB,  
HAPPY VALLEY**

**Please enter that day in your diary  
and consider bringing along members  
of your family to make this an even  
more memorable evening.**

As is obvious, the fees charged by your college are amongst the most modest. When it is remembered that it is our policy to both use external examiners for all our examinations and also to bring in an external examiner for just a single candidate, it is apparent that the fees charged do not always cover the cost of mounting an examination. Still on most occasions we manage to cover the costs from such income. We feel sure our members will agree with the Council's decision.

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### WHERE ARE THE FOLLOWING?

#### REMOVAL OF MEMBERS NAMES FROM MEMBERSHIP REGISTER

In accordance with Article 16(c) of the College, it is with regret that we announce that several members of our College have failed to pay their annual subscriptions to the College for two consecutive years. Registered letters have been sent to their registered addresses without reply. Thus their names will be removed from the register forthwith.

The members are:

Dr Susan Leong  
Dr Daisy Saw  
Dr Sarath Seneveratne  
Dr Wu Pui chi  
Dr Philip Allen  
Dr Peh Suet Cheng

### EXAM FEES INCREASED

The Council is always acutely aware of the sensitivity associated with annual and examination fees. We continue to manage to operate on a very small budget with only an honorarium given for secretarial assistance to some office bearers. For example we resist producing this as a glossy newsletter because of the extra cost allied with the conviction that it is designed to disseminate information.

Nevertheless increases in fees are almost inevitable. The Council considers small annual increments are preferable to larger occasional increases. At the most recent Council meeting a 10% increase in the examination fees was discussed and agreed upon.

To maintain some perspective, we have obtained some comparative figures showing the charges made

by other HK Colleges for examination fees.

#### 1.O&G

Part II - \$15,000 + Exit  
assessment \$4000

#### 2.SURGEONS

Part I \$3905; Part II \$3905;  
Membership \$15,000;  
Fellowship \$15,600

#### 3.PAEDIATRICS

MRCP Part I \$3474;  
Part II \$12,000;  
Fellowship \$4,000

#### 4.PHYSICIANS

Membership \$500;  
Fellowship \$800 but registered  
trainee enrol as trainee  
physicians at \$2000 year

#### 5.ORTHOPAEDICS

Fellowship \$20,000

## Obituary

### Professor Chi-To Huang 1915 - 2000

Professor C.T. Huang, born in Hong Kong on the 29th October 1915, was the third child in a family of 12 children. He received a government scholarship for his secondary education at King's College where his favorite pastimes were playing Chinese chess and watching soccer, which later became his life-long hobbies.

In 1942, Professor Huang graduated from the Lingnan Medical College. He originally trained as a specialist in internal medicine, but he met the then famous parasitologist, Professor Chen Sin-Tao and became his assistant lecturer. During the Japanese occupation Professor Huang followed Professor Chen in 1943 to Chung Cheng Medical College. At this time he met Dr. Beatrice S.T. Chan whom he married in 1949 at the Peninsula Hotel.

After the war Professor Huang returned to Lingnan Medical College and later worked in the University of Hong Kong. In 1948, Professor Huang received a scholarship to further his study in virology at the Harvard Medical School and then in 1957 Prof. Huang went to Leeds for research in bacteriology under a Sino-British scholarship. At Leeds he received a Ph.D. and later became a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists. After returning to the University of Hong Kong he became a Senior Lecturer. In 1968, Prof. Huang was instrumental in making Microbiology a separate department independent of the Department of Pathology and he became the founding professor of this new department. At about the same time, Dr. Beatrice S. T. Chan was promoted to Reader in the Department of Anatomy.

From 1970 to 1974, Prof. Huang was the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong. During the 70's, he led several Hong Kong medical groups to visit the medical schools in China and was the chairman of the Sino-British Foundation in Hong Kong.

Prof. Huang retired from the University of Hong Kong in 1979 and was awarded the title of Emeritus Professor. From 1981-83, Prof. Huang was the president of Lingnan College (forerunner of the present Lingnan University). Prof. Huang also became a member of the 6th, 7th and 8th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC).

Prof. Huang devoted his life to medical education and research and made special contributions to the culture, prevention and disease control of typhoid and cholera. He had laid the foundations for the formation of the Department of Microbiology at the University of Hong Kong and for the future diagnosis and research in the field of communicable diseases. Prof. Huang was a hardworking, humble, sincere and very knowledgeable person who was well-liked and esteemed by both his colleagues and students.

Prof. Huang and Dr. Chan (who passed away in 1977) had four children. Their eldest son, Theodore, is a Senior Medical Officer in the A&E Department of the Nethersole Hospital at Tai Po. Their second son, Kenneth, is a computer engineer in Los Angeles. Their only daughter, Juliet, holds a Masters Degree in Social Work and lives in San Francisco. Samuel, their youngest, is a dentist working in general practice in Hong Kong. Prof. Huang was grandfather to seven.

Prof Huang was diagnosed with heart disease in 1999. Recently his condition showed some improvement and he was discharged from the hospital according to his wishes. He suffered a heart attack on the 29th May during his sleep and could not be revived. Professor Huang was 85.

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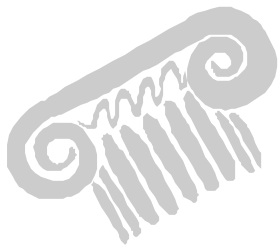
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