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Message from the Editors

This is the first issue of the newsletter in 2017. The Editorial Board would like to wish you a Prosperous and Happy New Year!

Announcement from the College Council

In response to one of our fellow's query on distributing political campaign flyers during our recent College Function, the Council has corroborated the incident and would like to reiterate and emphasize to all College members that distributing materials unrelated to the College Function is inappropriate and not acceptable. We sincerely hope that it would not happen again.

Committee for Subspecialty Boards (CSB)

The College would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following colleagues who were certified as First Fellows in Subspecialty of Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM) at Council Meetings on 28 October 2016 (A) and 11 January 2017 (B) respectively:

A.	
1.	Dr Chan Sin Hang, June
2.	Dr Chau Kin Wai
3.	Dr Chow Pok Yu
4.	Dr Chow Siu Ngan
5.	Dr Hui, Henry
6.	Dr Lau Ka Fai, Tony

B.	
1.	Prof Hon Kam Lun, Ellis
2.	Dr Hui Hon Lam, Stephen
3.	Dr Tsoi Nai Shun
4.	Dr Chan Yick Chun, Johnny

Call for Application of First Fellows of the Subspecialty of Genetics and Genomics [Paediatrics] (GG[P])

To All Fellows of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Please read this IMPORTANT announcement about the Accreditation of the Subspecialty of **Genetics and Genomics [Paediatrics]**, and the call for application of FIRST FELLOW.

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians recognized the importance of developing various subspecialties to streamline tertiary and quaternary paediatric practice and to prepare for the establishment of Hong Kong Children's Hospital. Through the effort of the Working Group for the Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties in Hong Kong, which was continued by the Committee for Subspecialty Boards, the College has established a fair and open mechanism for accreditation of subspecialties.

The College has received an application for the accreditation of the GG[P] subspecialty. After a period of open consultation to all Fellows and careful consideration by the Committee for Subspecialty Boards and the External Assessor, the final version of the proposed GG[P] Subspecialty Programme was submitted. Now the Committee has recommended and College Council has agreed to start the formal process of accreditation. Fellows can access the full set of GG[P] accreditation documents on College Website – Subspecialty Section.

The whole process will be stringent and subject to scrutiny by an independent overseas expert in the field and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. It will result in the setting up of the relevant Subspecialty Board, training and accreditation guidelines, training programmes with accredited training centres and trainers. Future trainees will have to go through such a training programme before being recognized as a subspecialist. For the name of subspecialist qualifications and quotability of such qualifications, you are invited to read the attached **Appendix I** on “Frequently asked questions on quotability of First Fellow of a Subspecialty”.

Colleagues who are interested to apply to be First Fellows are advised to read Appendix II on “Administrative principles for the admission of First Fellows to the GG[P] subspecialty”. However this document lists only the general principles and the final decision of admission will be made by the External Assessor and the Assessment Committee after an Interview Assessment.

To start the accreditation process, the College would like to call for applications from all Fellows interested in being accredited as First Fellows in the GG[P] Subspecialty. According to the Guideline of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, and as shown in Appendix 2 on “Administrative principles for the admission of First Fellows to the GG[P] subspecialty”, College will cease admitting First Fellows after the “cut-off date” (i.e. the date when the formal Training Programme starts). The Subspecialty Board will decide this date of starting the formal Training Programme within 24 months of formal approval of the Subspecialty by the Academy. We estimate that the cut-off date for GG[P] Subspecialty will be about 1 year after the deadline stated below. Fellows who consider themselves eligible for First Fellows admission within this time frame should also respond to this Call, if they wish to be considered for admission. **Because the accreditation process involves inviting an External Assessor to Hong Kong to conduct the Interview Assessment, no application after the deadline stated below will be accepted. There will NOT be another Call for Application in future.**

The First Fellows Application Form is attached. To enable financial viability of the Subspecialty, the College has decided to levy a non-refundable First Fellows Application Fee of \$3000 for each application. A further First Fellows Admission Fee of \$7000 is applicable for each successful application and admission of First Fellow in the Subspecialty.

Interested Fellows please submit the following to the College Honorary Secretary at Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong **on or before 6 March 2017**:

1. The First Fellows Application Form (which should be duly signed);
2. Documentary evidence of your supervised training (please give reason if not available);
3. A brief curriculum vitae highlighting your relevant subspecialty experience; and
4. A cheque of \$ 3000 (payable to “Hong Kong College of Paediatricians”).

If you are interested to know more about the process of subspecialty accreditation, please contact the College secretariat at enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk for more information.

Dr Chan Chok Wan
Director of Subspecialty Boards

Attached documents:

Appendix I: Frequently asked questions on quotability of First Fellow of a Subspecialty.

Appendix II: Administrative principles for the admission of First Fellows to the GG[P] Subspecialty

Appendix III: Application Form for First Fellows of the Subspecialty of Genetics and Genomics [Paediatrics]

Examination Committee

Results of recent examinations

Date	Examination	Pass / No. of sittings	Pass rate
27 October 2016	DCH Clinical Exam	8/12	67%
15 December 2016	35 th Exit Assessment	4/6	67%

38th Exit Assessment

The 38th Exit Assessment will be held on 15th June 2017. The closing date for receipt of completed application forms and associated documents is **31st March 2017**. Details of application and forms can be downloaded from the College website.

For all trainees who started their basic paediatric training on or after 1st July 2009, a proof of completion of a formal **Child Protection Course** within their 6-year Paediatric Training Programme should be submitted along with the application.

Dissertations submitted by Exit Assessment candidates will be considered for the **Best Dissertation prize (BDP)** which was created in 2015 and awarded annually to the best dissertation submitted for Exit Assessments. Case reports, however, will not be considered for the prize.

The BDP includes a cash prize of HK\$3,000, and will be presented at the College Annual Dinner in December.

Education Committee

2017 Paediatric Update No. 1

The first 2017 Paediatric Update seminar in 2017 will be held on **14th May 2017 (Sunday afternoon) from 2:00pm to 5:00pm** at the Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, M Block of **Queen Elizabeth Hospital**. Several exciting talks will be given by our local experts. For the program contents, please refer to **Appendix IV**.

Child Protection Course

The College will hold the Child Protection Course on **Saturday, 13th May 2017** at the **Hong Kong Academy Medicine Building**. This will be a whole day training course, consisting of lectures, class discussion and role-play interactive sessions. It is open to Associates, Members and Fellows of the College. Since completion of the Child Protection Course is a mandatory requirement before the Exit Assessment, Training Supervisors may wish to plan ahead for release of their trainees to attend the Course. Course information and application details will be available in March/April 2017.

CME Category A Activities

Listed below are CME Category A activities organized by the HKCPaed, various paediatric societies and institutions, and selected paediatrics-focused topics. For the complete list of Category A activities, including continuous courses, and Category B activities, please refer to the homepage of the HKCPaed. The accuracy of the information has been checked according to the details submitted by the responsible organizers. The information below is abstracted from the College Web site on 6 Feb., 2017. *Members and fellows are reminded to contact the enquiries listed below for last-minute alternations.*

Feb. 2017		
8 Feb.	Topic:	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
	Venue:	HKMA Central Premises, Dr. Li Shu Pui Professional Education Centre, 2/F, Chinese Club Building, 21-22 Connaught Road, Central, Hong Kong
	Time:	13:00 – 15:00
	Speaker:	Dr. Lin Hoi Yun, Candy
Cat. A 1 pt	Organizer:	HKMA
	Coordinator:	Ms. Joey Lee
	Enquiry:	Tel: 25278285
11 Feb.	Topic:	Seminar on Common Cardiovascular Problems in Children and Adolescents
	Venue:	Lecture Theatre, 1/F., Public Health Laboratory Centre, 382 Nam Cheong Street, Kln.
	Time:	9:15 – 12:50
	Speaker:	Various
Cat. A 3 pt	Organizer:	DOH
	Coordinator:	Ms. Jaime Sin
	Enquiry:	Tel: 31634630
12 Feb.	Topic:	Hong Kong Society of Inborn Errors of Metabolism AGM cum 2017 Annual Meeting

	Venue:	Queen Mary Hospital
	Time:	12:30-18:00
	Speaker:	Prof. dr. Bwee Tien Poll-The / Dr Kevin Berendse
Cat. A 4 pts	Organizer:	Hong Kong Society of Inborn Errors of Metabolism
	Coordinator:	Ms. Anita
	Enquiry:	Tel: 26322849

20 Feb.	Topic:	Neurodevelopmental Conference: Feeding Problems in Young Children
	Venue:	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, M Block, G/F Lecture Theatre
	Time:	19:00-21:00
	Speaker:	Various
Cat. A 2 pt	Organizer:	HK Society Of Child Neurology and Developmental Paed.
	Coordinator:	Dr. Florence LEE
	Enquiry:	Tel: 22466642

Appendix I

Frequently Asked Questions on Quotability of First Fellow of a Subspecialty

Frequently encountered questions	Latest reply by HKAM in Oct 2010:
If our Fellow has completed training in both General Paediatrics and a paediatric subspecialty e.g. paediatric cardiology:	
1. At the level of Specialist Registry, he/she can choose to be included in either the register of Specialist in Paediatrics or Specialist in Paediatric Cardiology, but not both. Is this true?	<i>Correct</i>
2. He/she can change between the two registries at any time. How often can he/she change registries?	<i>Any doctor can apply to MCHK to change specialty in Specialist Registry, but he would need to be removed from the registered specialty first before he can be entered for a new specialty. I am not aware of any time restriction. But it normally takes a few months for the process, as MCHK would need to check with HKAM whether the Fellow/doctor is eligible for the specialty being applied (we have to go through HKAM Council), then MCHK has to go through the EAC and MCHK main Council.</i>
3. At the Academy Fellowship level, he/she will only be awarded one Academy Fellowship – i.e. FHKAM(Paediatrics). Is this true?	<i>Correct. At the Academy, we only have 15 types of Fellowship.</i>
4. Will the Academy award double Academy Fellowships e.g. FHKAM(Paediatrics) and FHKAM(Paediatric Cardiology)?	<i>No. Double Fellowship is possible only for “cross-college” Fellowship, as mentioned above we only have 15 Fellowship at the Academy level – one for each College.</i>
5. At the College Fellowship level, can the College award double Fellowships to this Fellow – i.e. both FHKCPaed and FHKCPaed (Paediatric Cardiology)?	<i>It is up to your College to decide, as long as your constitutions allow it. Additional comments: Before a new specialty can be included in SR, the specialty must be approved by the Academy EC. After HKAM Council endorsed the new specialty, Academy would write to MCHK to recommend including the new specialty in the SR.</i>

The College has recommended the term “Board Certified in [Subspecialty]” for newly accredited Fellows in the Subspecialty. Is this title quotable?

The quotability of a professional qualification is decided by the Medical Council of Hong Kong, basing on 1) at least 6 months of full time structured and supervised training or study; and 2) formal assessment by a recognized medical body or independently vetted (e.g. external examiner) by a recognized medical body. It is unlikely that a First Fellow can quote this title because he/she did not undergo an examination to get such a degree. However, College may apply for quotability for future graduates who have undergone the formal training programme and Board examination.

Appendix II

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Administrative Principles for the admission of First Fellows to the Subspecialty of Genetics and Genomics [Paediatrics] (GG[P])

1. Application for First Fellows will be opened on receiving the proposal of establishment of the GG[P] subspecialty. All potential candidates are kept informed of the progress of accreditation. First Fellows will be admitted only after approval of the Subspecialty by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM).
2. The College will cease to admit First Fellows once the GG[P] subspecialty Training Programme starts (the cut-off date), which should be no later than 24 months from the date of approval of the GG[P] subspecialty by the HKAM.
3. All First Fellows must have Fellowship of FHKAM(Paediatrics) AND FHKCPaed.
4. All First Fellows must have the following subspecialty training:
EITHER
 - 4.1. He/she has undergone supervised training in GG[P] for 3 years in an overseas centre recognised for GG[P] training by the professional college/authority in that country;
OR
 - 4.2. He/she has *a period of full-time supervised training (which should normally be not less than 6 months) in a recognized centre*. In addition, the shortfall of the 3 years of the stipulated accredited subspecialty training programme should be *made up with a period of Good Independent Practice (GIP) in that subspecialty* of twice of the shortfall duration required to complete the 3 years accredited training programme.
5. To fulfil the criteria of “supervised training” in section 4.2, the period should satisfy ALL of the followings:
 - 5.1. Training in all areas listed as mandatory modules in the GG[P] subspecialty curriculum can be counted towards the 6 months “supervised training”. However, the GG[P] subspecialty core curriculum must account for a majority of the claimed “supervised training” period. Thus if an applicant claims the minimum of 6 months of “supervised training”, training in GG[P] core curriculum should be more than 3 months. Training in other mandatory modules can be counted to a maximum equal to the duration of the mandatory modules in the future training programme, but limited to less than half of total claimed supervised training.
 - 5.2. A recognized centre is defined as either an overseas centre recognized or accredited for training in GG[P] by the professional college/authority in that country; or a local centre that is a fully accredited training centre of the future GG[P] subspecialty Training Programme.
 - 5.3. For local centres, the candidate must prove that he/she is serving full time in the Subspecialty Team in that centre. The maximum period of supervised training recognized for local centers will be 6 months.
6. To fulfil the criteria of “Good Independent Practice (GIP)” in section 4.2, the period should satisfy sections 6.1 and 6.2.:
 - 6.1. The assurance of the standard and quality of the GIP in GG[P] should be supported by documentation of the following activities during the claimed period:
 - the clinical workload in GG[P] (cases managed, procedures performed). [Any mandatory procedures or skills for GG[P] can be specified here] AND
 - relevant educational activities, such as conferences participated; AND
 - relevant research and publications; AND
 - participation in relevant professional bodies; AND
 - teaching in the relevant fields

Note:

- a) The period of GIP will be counted from the time an applicant is eligible to obtain the Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (count from the month after passing Exit Assessment to the month before the First Fellow Interview Assessment).
 - b) One cannot claim GIP in more than one Subspecialty simultaneously during any one period.
 - c) One can claim GIP in different Subspecialties in sequential periods of one's career. Implications are that one can be First Fellows in more than one subspecialty if one has adequate separate supervised training/GIP in the subspecialties.
 - d) College should be satisfied of a First Fellow's competency at the time of admission. Therefore the applicant should be in active practice in the subspecialty (as determined by the Assessment Committee) up to the time of application for First Fellow accreditation.
 - e) The GIP is not restricted to practice within accredited institutions. However, a significant proportion of his/her practice should be in the subspecialty. The nature and amount of practice qualifying for GIP will be determined by the Assessment Committee.
 - f) GIP period will be counted up to three months before the cut-off date. The Assessment Committee takes approximately 3 months for completing the endorsement procedures of admission of a First Fellow by the College and then the HK Academy of Medicine.
7. All First Fellows will have to pass an assessment by the College. The assessment shall be based on criteria comparable to that required for Fellowship in the new subspecialty obtained via the approved formal training programme. The assessment will be conducted by the Assessment Committee of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians in conjunction with an External Assessor appointed by the College.
8. For those Fellows who have acquired substantial subspecialty experience but who have not met the Admission Criteria as stated in paragraph 4 above at the cut-off date, there is a special one-off arrangement (of Remedial Training Programme) for them to become Fellows in the new subspecialty provided they have fulfilled all of the following conditions, namely that they:-
- a) have already fulfilled *at least 75%* of the requirement as stated in paragraph 4.1 or 4.2 above, whether in terms of the duration of good independent practice and experience required by the College, at the cut-off date as stated in paragraph 2;
 - b) have registered with the College on or before the cut-off date of their intention to follow this special one-off arrangement;
 - c) will undergo a supervised training programme, in College accredited training centres, to make up for the shortage of period of "supervised training" or "good independent practice" requirements as stated in paragraph 4.1 or 4.2 above. All make-up programmes must be completed before the First Exit Examination takes place.
 - d) have to pass the normal Exit Examination of the subspecialty.
- College will submit a list of these College Fellows to the Academy within 1 month after the cut-off date. The provisions under this one-off arrangement cease to be in force once the Exit Examination of the subspecialty has been in place.

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

Application Form for First Fellow of the Subspecialty of

Genetics and Genomics [Paediatrics] (GG[P])

Note: please download this form in word format from College website, complete the relevant information, then print out and sign before returning to College Secretariat

Name: _____ (English) _____ (Chinese)

Gender: M/F

Current practice address: _____

Correspondence address: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____ email: _____

Basic medical degree (year): _____

HKCPaed Fellowship (state the year & month of passing Exit Exam): _____(yy/mm)

HKAM (Paed) Fellowship (state the year & month of admission): _____(yy/mm)

Other medical qualifications: _____

1. Duration of supervised training in the Subspecialty of GG[P] :

Total: _____ yrs _____ months (Mandatory requirement: 6 months)

Date (from –to)	Hospital/Department	Post	Supervisor/s

2. Duration of good independent practice in the Subspecialty of GG[P]:
_____ years _____ months

Date (<i>from – to</i>)	Hospital / Department	Post / Position

Please describe the clinical experience during the independent practice period, including patients, diseases, procedures performed, clinics and other related activities.

4. Participation in subspecialty professional bodies
(append table as needed)

Date (<i>from – to</i>)	Name of professional body	Post held

5. Teaching activities
(append space as needed)

Please submit documents to support the above information. You may also submit a summary of your CV as supplement. Please suggest two referees with contacts in the subspecialty for reference.

Name of Referee 1: _____ Position: _____

Contact address: _____

e-mail : _____ Tel: _____

Name of Referee 2: _____ Position: _____

Contact address: _____

e-mail: _____ Tel: _____

Declaration:

I hereby declare that all the information submitted with this application is true and complete. Submission of any false information may result in withdrawal of any Subspecialist qualification, even if granted by the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians.

Signature

Date

Please submit the following in your application:

- 1. The duly signed Application Form*
- 2. Documentation of the period of your supervised training (please give reason if not available)*
- 3. Brief curriculum vitae showing your relevant experience /activity in the subspecialty*
- 4. A crossed cheque of \$3000 (being the non-refundable First-Fellow Application Fee, payable to “**Hong Kong College of Paediatricians**”)*

by mail or by hand to the Honorary Secretary, Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine JCC Building, Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong, on or before 6th March, 2017.

(Note: your application will proceed only when the College and HKAM approves the establishment of the Subspecialty. In any case, you will be kept informed of the progress of vetting of the Subspecialty, and whether you'll be accepted as provisional First Fellow. A non-refundable Application Fee \$3000 and, if successful, Admission Fee \$7000 will be charged. Please note that you may be requested to provide further proof of your subspecialty experience and you will need to attend an interview for admission as First Fellow.)

2017 Paediatric Update No. 1

Date: 14 May 2017 (Sunday)
Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Venue: Queen Elizabeth Hospital
M Block Ground Floor Lecture Theatre

Programme:

- 2:00 – 2:40 **Non-invasive prenatal diagnosis**
Prof. Dennis LO
Associate Dean, Faculty of Medicine, the Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2:40 – 2:50 Q & A
- 2:50 – 3:30 **Autism & other paediatric developmental behaviour problems**
Dr. Florence LEE
Consultant, Child Assessment Service, Department of Health
- 3:30 – 3:40 Q & A
- 3:40 – 3:55 **Extraordinary General Meeting of the HK College of Paediatricians**
- 3:55 – 4:10 **Tea break**
- 4:10 – 4:50 **Vitamin supplementation in early childhood**
Prof. Simon LAM
Associate Professor, Department of Paediatrics, the Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 4:50 – 5:00 Q & A

All are welcome. Please mark the date in your diary.

CME/CPD credits and parking arrangements will be announced soon.