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Message from the Editors

Our annual event, the Annual General Meeting was just held earlier this month. We will have a detailed account on the AGM in this issue of the Newsletter. On behalf of the House Committee, we would like to wish everyone a joyful X'mas and Happy New Year.

Annual General Meeting 2010

The 19th Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians was held on 4th December, 2010 at Lim Por Yen Theatre of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. The minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting was adopted without amendment. The 2009/2010 Annual Report of the College was received and approved unanimously. At the 19th Annual General Meeting, Dr CHAN Chok-wan, Dr CHEUNG Pik-to and Dr LI Chi-kong were elected ipso facto as Council Members of the College. Mr CHAN Chi-hung and Mr Walter MA were re-appointed as our Colleges' Honorary Legal Advisor and Honorary Auditor respectively. The 2011 subscription fees will remain the same as in 2010 as follows: HK\$1,800 for Fellows, HK\$900 for Overseas Fellows, HK\$1,200 for Members, HK\$600 for Overseas Members and HK\$600 for Associates.

The 2010 Paediatric Update Series No. 3 was organized in the afternoon of the AGM. We were grateful to have four experienced paediatric radiologists as guest speakers. After the talk on "Imaging of Paediatric Stroke" by Dr Wendy Wai-man LAM, Consultant, Department of Radiology, Queen Mary Hospital and the talk on "Imaging of the Neonatal Chest" by Prof Winnie Chiu-wing CHU, Dept of Diagnostic Radiology and Organ Imaging, Prince of Wales Hospital, Chinese University of Hong Kong, an exciting interactive session was jointly chaired by Dr Elaine KAN, Associate Consultant, Dept of Radiology, Kwong Wah Hospital and Dr TK TSANG, Associate Consultant, Dept of Radiology and Imaging, Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The audience was certainly awed by the sophistication our invited speakers have prepared their presentations to make the contents not only interesting but also enlightening. We also appreciated the participation of budding radiologists who eloquently answered all the questions in the interactive session, directly sparing us paediatricians from facing the challenge.

The Annual Dinner followed on the same evening and was well attended by over 100 guests including members of the Steering Committee of Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics, our Fellows/Members/Associates and their families.

President's Speech at the Fellow Conferment Ceremony 2010

Professor Raymond Liang, Dr. the Honourable Leung Ka Lau, Ms. Monica Chen, Dr. Leung Pak Yin, Dr. S.V. Lo, Dr. Thomas Tsang, Presidents and representatives of Sister Colleges, Distinguished guests, Colleagues, Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to the 19th Conferment Ceremony of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians. I must first congratulate all new members and fellows who have recently passed their conjoint intermediate examination and exit assessment of the College. My heart-felt congratulations further extend to their parents, spouses and family members who have supported and sacrificed so much for your love ones during their anxious times in preparing these exams. Obtaining the diploma is certainly an important step in the advancement of one's career, BUT I must remind all new members and fellows that this is only the beginning of a long career path. Let me also remind you that to be a good Paediatrician:

- You must always put the interest of your patients first and be a responsible doctor.
- You must use your skills and knowledge to reassure and comfort your patients and their parents.
- You should also be equipped with a logical and an analytical mind so that you can make the most appropriate and sensible decision at critical times.
- Above all, you must possess the passion to help sick children, and to stand firm for your moral and ethical principles - that is you must be a righteous person.

However, with all your devotion to your medical career, you must not forget your family and be good to your children, your love ones and your parents. Indeed, the proudest thing that I have ever done was to give up my Senior Lecturer and Consultant post at the Medical College of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and returned to Hong Kong to live with my parents. My father who is now 94 years of age spoke to a group of University students at the Polytechnic University in April this year. When he was asked about his happiest moment in life, he told them that "my happiest moment was when my son returned from England and lived with me for the past 18 years". This illustrates how important you are in the eyes of your family. However, what my father didn't know was that his son could never afford buying his own property in Hong Kong, not even after the new measures imposed by the Government.

The College had a very busy time this year. I must take this opportunity to thank all Committee Chairmen and colleagues for their hard work and support.

- In February this year, the College invited senior Paediatricians from the Mainland to observe the MRCPCH Clinical Examination, and I was most pleased to learn that the basic format of this examination would now be adopted in selective centres for postgraduate training in the Mainland. This outcome truly reflected the successful collaboration between the Ministry of Health in the Mainland, the Academy and our College.
- Our College has also successfully organised "The 8th Guangdong-Hong Kong Paediatric Exchange Meeting" in June. More than 200 participants attended the conference. This meeting has now expanded to include Shanghai and Chongqing as organising partners. Indeed, the next conference would be held for the first time outside the Guangdong province, in Shanghai, in 2012.

- The College is also proud to continue with its charity mission in the Mainland and Far East by organising the neonatal resuscitation programme in remote and rural areas. Indeed, the College is indebted to our organisers and trainers who have sacrificed so much of their own precious time for such a meaningful course.

Perhaps, the most exciting news for Paediatricians in Hong Kong is the commitment by the Government for establishing a Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics, the Children Hospital – thanks to the wisdom and vision of our Food and Health Secretary, Dr. York Chow. The Centre of Excellence would greatly enhance the clinical care of our children and further improve the academic standard of Paediatricians. This will certainly be a major milestone in the history of the development of Paediatrics in Hong Kong. Indeed, our College has already geared to potential changes and challenges of this far-reaching and important project. We have recently appointed a Director of Subspecialty Boards and I anticipate that substantially more well-qualified Paediatric subspecialists would be trained in time to embrace this magnificent and new establishment. Due to unforeseeable circumstances, Dr York is unable to attend our Conferment Ceremony and speak to us on the Children Hospital.

Finally, may I take this opportunity, once again, to congratulate our new fellows and members. I hope you can treasure the past, live the present and embrace the future. Also, my thanks go to all Council members and Paediatric colleagues for their tremendous support throughout this year.

Thank you!

Examination Committee

Exam Diets Eligibility

After successful completion of the Part II Written Examination, candidates are allowed to take the MRCPCH Clinical Examination a maximum of 3 times before being required to retake MRCPCH Part II written. However, according to the examination regulations of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH), candidates cannot “bank” existing attempts (Part II written) and hope to start their new period on the expiry of the old.

That is, if a candidate has one attempt left in 2010/diet 3 Clinical and he/she enters and passes the 2010 Part II written examination before he/she sits the 2010/diet 3 Clinical, his/her attempt in 2010/diet 3 will be counted as coming from the new registration period, not the old. For details please visit the RCPCH website:

<http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/Examinations/MRCPCH-Clinical/MRCPCH-Clinical-How-To-Apply> and click on **Exam Diets Eligibility**

Results of recent examinations

Date	Examination	Pass / No. of sittings	Pass rate
7 September 2010	MRCPCH Part I Exam		
	Part IA	14/21	67%
	Part IB	16/25	64%

	DCH IA only	0/0	
2-3 November 2010	MRCPCH Clinical Exam	9/21	43%

Dates of Examinations in 2011

Examination	Date
MRCPCH Part I written	8 February 2011 14 June 2011 11 October 2011
MRCPCH Part II written	18 May 2011 28 September 2011
MRCPCH Clinical	22-23 February 2011 26-27 October 2011
DCH Clinical	25 October 2011
Exit Assessment	16 June 2011 (Thursday) 15 December 2011 (Thursday)

Kindly note that these dates may be subject to change. Please visit the College website to check for the latest examination announcement nearer the time.

College Subscriptions for 2011

The 2011 annual subscription fees will be the same as those of last year:

1. Fellows - HK\$1,800
2. Overseas Fellows - HK\$900
3. Fellows aged over 65 - Free
4. Members - HK\$1,200
5. Overseas Members - HK\$600
6. Associates - HK\$600

Annual Social Function 2010

A total of 38 members and guests joined the function on 28/11/10. We were met with fine weather and a calm sea. We thoroughly enjoyed viewing the spectacular rock formations in Lai Chi Chong and scenery in Tap Mun. You may like to take a look at some snap shots through the following link: http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/gallery/2010_PGASF/index.html

CME Subcommittee

Please be informed that the HK Academy of Medicine has revised the CMECPD Guidelines which will be effective from the new Cycle 2011-2013. The major change (**Appendix I**) is in Section 6, in which Fellows are strongly recommended to maintain a balanced CMECPD profile with a mix of different activities, including 5 points in a cycle from activities in category 6.11 (Quality Assurance, Audits and Activities for Improvement of Patient/Medical Care) in order to capture the full benefit of different types of CMECPD activities. Accordingly, our College has revised our CMECPD Guidelines to incorporate the above change. In addition, the award of Active CME points to Fellows were also increased for teaching, serving as examiners, presenters and chairpersons of CME Category A and Category E meetings. All the changes are summarized in the attached appendix. A full version of the revised CMECPD Guideline is available for downloading from the College website.”

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 Dec 2010. *Members and fellows are reminded to contact the enquiries listed below for last-minute alterations.*

Dec 2010		
02 Dec	Topic:	Management of Difficult Cases of Kawasaki Disease
	Venue:	Seminar Room, G/F, Block A, QEH
	Time:	13:00 - 14:00
	Speaker:	Dr Atsuko Suzuki
Cat A 1 pt	Organizer:	Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Cardiology & Dept of Paediatrics, QEH
	Coordinator:	Dr Dora Wong
	Enquiry:	Tel 2958 6741 / 2958 6656

2 Dec	Topic:	Fifth Scientific Meeting and AGM of the Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Cardiology
	Venue:	Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel
	Time:	19:00 - 20:15
	Speaker:	Dr Atsuko Suzuki Dr Yin Ming Ng
Cat A 1 pt	Organizer:	Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Cardiology
	Coordinator:	Dr Dora Wong
	Enquiry:	Tel 2958 6156 mlwong@ha.org.hk

4 Dec	Topic:	2010 Paediatric Update No.3 - Paediatric Imaging
	Venue:	Pao Yue Kong Auditorium, G/F Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, Jockey Club Bldg, 99 Wong Chuk hang Rd., Aberdeen, HK
	Time:	15:00 - 18:00
	Speaker:	Various
Cat A 3 pts	Organizer:	Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
	Coordinator:	Ms Vanessa WONG
	Enquiry:	Tel: 2871 8773 enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk

07 Dec	Topic:	PYNEH & Stanford University School of Medicine Medical Teleconference Programme - Topics in Neonatology 1) An infant born with macroglossia 2) A baby with persistent chylothorax
	Venue:	Seminar Room 1, G/F, HKEC Training Centre, Multicentre Block B
	Time:	08:00 - 09:30
	Speaker:	Dr Cheung Hon Ming Dr Tang Po Ming & Chow Chin Ying
Cat A 2 pts	Organizer:	Dept of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, PYNEH & Stanford University School of Medicine
	Coordinator:	Ms Choi Sau Sau
	Enquiry:	Tel 2595 6410 cso52@ha.org.hk

08 Dec	Topic:	Scientific Meeting on "Tackling the health consequences of adolescent high risk behaviours"
	Venue:	Jade Ballroom, 2/F, Eaton Hotel Hong Kong
	Time:	14:00 - 15:45
	Speaker:	Prof Benjamin Van Voorhees Dr David Chim
Cat A 2 pts	Organizer:	Hong Kong Paediatric Society
	Coordinator:	Dr P Ip
	Enquiry:	Tel 2506 1378

09 Dec	Topic:	Three Children with Refractory Inflammation
	Venue:	Room 3, G/F, Block M, QEH
	Time:	18:00 - 19:00
	Speaker:	Dr Lee Tsz Leung
Cat A 1 pt	Organizer:	Hong Kong Society for Paediatric Rheumatology
	Coordinator:	Dr Lee Kwok Wai
	Enquiry:	Tel 2958 2192

10 Dec	Topic:	Paediatric Clinical Meeting: 1) Clinical Report - Diagnosis and Prevention of Iron Deficiency and Iron Deficiency Anemia in Infants and Young Children (0-3 years of age) Paediatrics vol 126, no 5, Nov 2010 download online 2) Identifying and Managing Cow's Milk Protein Allergy Arch Dis Child Educ Pract Ed 2010;95 pp134-144

	Venue:	Conference Room, 2/F, Hospital Bldg, Union Hospital, Tai Wai
	Time:	13:30 - 14:30
	Speaker:	Dr Yim Tak Man Patrick
Cat A 1 pt	Organizer:	Union Hospital
	Coordinator:	Ms Yonnie Chung
	Enquiry:	Tel 2608 3312

10 Dec	Topic:	(1) Benign Rolandic Epilepsy: The Typical and Atypical Forms (2) Therapeutic Approach to Epileptic Encephalopathies
	Venue:	Lecture Theatre, 10/F, New Wing, YCK Memorial Centre, KWH
	Time:	18:00 - 20:00
	Speaker:	Prof Uri Kramer
Cat A 2 pts	Organizer:	Paediatric Neurology Association of Hong Kong
	Coordinator:	Ms Annie Young
	Enquiry:	Tel: 2294 4468 adele@globalevent.hk

13 Dec	Topic:	1) Preventing breastfeeding tragedies 2) SSRIs in Pregnancy and Lactation
	Venue:	Grand Ballroom, The Langham Hong Kong, Peking Road, TST
	Time:	19:00 - 20:30
	Speaker:	Prof Richard J Schanier Prof Thomas E Young
Cat A 2 pts	Organizer:	Hong Kong Society of Neonatal Medicine
	Coordinator:	Ms Rebecca Lui
	Enquiry:	Tel 2510 6310

29 Dec	Topic:	Allergic Rhinitis and Rhinosinusitis
	Venue:	Seminar Room 1, 2/F, Clinical Sciences Bldg, PWH
	Time:	13:00 - 14:00
	Speaker:	Dr Lee Lip Yen Dennis
Cat A 1 pt	Organizer:	Dept of Paediatrics, CUHK
	Coordinator:	Ms Esther Lam
	Enquiry:	Tel 2632 2982

29 Dec	Topic:	Education Programme for Medical and Health Care Professionals Working with Handicapped Children
	Venue:	Child and Youth Health Link (Ward D6, 6/F Main Block, PYNEH)
	Time:	4:30pm-5:30pm
	Speaker:	various
Cat A 1 pt	Organizer:	Comprehensive Paediatric Rehabilitation Centre, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital
	Coordinator:	Dr Yeung Kwan Yee
	Enquiry:	Tel: 25956706 pyneh_pae@ha.org.hk

Jan 2011		
04 ,18 Jan	Topic:	Practical Paediatric Cardiology Course
	Venue:	Seminar Room, HA Bldg
	Time:	18:00-20:00
	Speaker:	Various
Cat A 2 pts each	Organizer:	Hong Kong Society of Paediatrics Cardiology
	Coordinator:	Ms Dora Wong
	Enquiry:	Tel 2958 6656

07 Jan	Topic:	Forum on Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics (CEP) in Hong Kong
	Venue:	Lecture Theatre, M/F, HAHO
	Time:	20:00 - 22:15
	Speaker:	Dr York Chow
Cat A 1 pt	Organizer:	Hong Kong Paediatric Foundation under Hong Kong Paediatric Society
	Coordinator:	Dr Lilian Wong
	Enquiry:	Tel 2578 3833 mcl@medcom.com.hk

Table summarising the changes in Hong Kong College of Paediatricians CME/CPD Guideline for the new cycle 2011-2013 (Endorsed by College Council on 29 Sept 2010)

Original guideline	New guideline (for cycle 2011-13)
<p>2.2 The College <i>does not</i> accept the following activities for CME/CPD accreditation :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undergraduate and postgraduate teaching - Non-clinical administrative activities - Service related ward rounds - Participation as examiner for undergraduate or postgraduate examination 	<p>2.2 The College <i>does not</i> accept the following activities for CME/CPD accreditation :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undergraduate and postgraduate teaching (except College organized or supported Specialist teaching that fulfils the criteria in section 3.2.E.4.5) - Non-clinical administrative activities - Service related ward rounds - Participation as examiner for undergraduate or postgraduate examination (except College organized or supported Specialist examination)
<p>3.2 A.4. Oral presentations – 2 extra points per each presentation Poster presentation – 1 extra points per presentation</p>	<p>3.2 A.4. Oral presentations - <u>3</u> extra points per each presentation (1 extra point per each presentation for subsequent authors) Poster presentation - <u>2</u> extra point per presentation (1 extra point per each poster for subsequent authors) Chairman – 1 extra point per lecture</p>
<p>3.2. A.5. A minimum of 30 points in a 3-year-cycle will be required in Category A. This will be adjusted on pro rata basis for Fellows whose first CME cycle is 2 1/2 years or shorter.</p>	<p>3.2. A.5. A minimum of 30 points in a 3-year-cycle will be required in Category A.</p>
<p>3.2. D.4 Journal reading.”An annual assessment fee will be required for this activity.”</p>	<p>The last sentence: ”An annual assessment fee will be required for this activity.” deleted</p>
<p>3.2. E.4.2. Active participation: 2 pts for each oral presentation for the speaker, 1 pt for each poster for the first author</p>	<p>3.2. E.4.2. <u>3</u> pts for each oral presentation for the speaker, (1 extra point per each presentation for subsequent authors) <u>2</u> pts for each poster (1 extra point per each poster for subsequent authors)</p>
<p>3.2 E.4.8. reviewer of Hong Kong Medical Journal (HKMJ) and indexed journal: 1 pt per article</p>	<p><u>2</u> pt per article; max 15 pts/3-yr cycle</p>
<p>Not existent</p>	<p>3.2.E.4.10. Hands-on Clinical Attachment Programme ----- Active CME Hands-on clinical attachment programme to accredited training units to enhance/refresh the knowledge and skills of a Fellow in specific areas, or to enable the Fellow to learn new knowledge and</p>

	<p><u>skills. Clear learning objectives have to be defined in such attachment programmes, and the programme usually should be over a continuous period lasting one week or longer. Regular weekly attachment over a longer period can also be considered. The normal rotation of duties, or posting changes are not regarded as attachment.</u></p> <p><u>Active CME; max. 10 pts/ 3-yr cycle</u></p>
Not existent	<p><u>4.6. It is strongly recommended that Fellows should maintain a balanced CMECPD profile with a mix of different activities, including 5 points in a cycle from activities involving “ Quality Assurance, Audits and Activities for improvement of Patient/Medical Care” as outlined in 3.2. E4.6 and E4.7</u></p>
Section 5.10. Within one month from the end of each CME/CPD cycle year, Fellows have to submit to the CME Subcommittee a summary of their CME/CPD activities with the Annual Return Form (ARF), the relevant sections of their CME/CPD log book, and copies of the attendance certificates of the overseas meetings they have attended. Fellows can browse their CME profile through the ICMECPD (former MLMS) website: http://www.icmecpd.hk to facilitate the filing of their ARF. Before the full implementation of the ICMECPD by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, the CME profile in the ICMECPD cannot replace the Annual Return Form.	<p><u>Section 5.10. Fellows should regularly browse their CME profile through the ICMECPD (former MLMS) website: http://www.icmecpd.hk to review their CME status and notify College secretariat for errors. Towards end of each year, College secretariat will review the CME status in the iCME/CPD and notify those Fellows who do not satisfy the minimal requirement. Annual submission of ARF is no longer necessary. Once a Fellow fulfilled the minimal requirement for the 3-year cycle, he /she would be informed in writing, after which, further individual CME application will not be processed to relieve secretarial workload.</u></p>
6.5 There shall be an administrative fee for handling late return of the Annual Return Form. A charge of HK\$500 shall be levied upon the issue of the first reminder when a Fellow fails to return the ARF form after the deadline. The amount will be doubled if a second reminder is needed when the Fellow fails to submit the ARF 3 months after the first notification. The administrative fee should be submitted with the ARF and the necessary supporting documents. Any Fellow who fails to comply will then be subjected to sanction by the Education Committee.	Deleted.
6.6 Annually, the CME Subcommittee will	Deleted.

review the Fellows' CME/CPD records and calculate their total CME/CPD points earned 4 weeks after the end of each year. Fellows so selected are required to supply full details and evidence of attendance for documentation. The Education Committee of the College will discuss and may investigate those cases when CME/CPD points claimed cannot be substantiated by the evidence submitted
