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## Message from the Editors

We were all extremely saddened by the news of the sudden passing of Dr. Brian Ho Hing-tung. For those of you who had the privilege to work with Brian would agree that he was a conscientious, approachable and capable paediatrician. Our College and the paediatric community have surely lost a great asset. On behalf of all members of the House Committee, we send our sincere condolences to his family.

## Progress on Development of Subspecialty Accreditation

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians has a statutory responsibility to ensure the standards and quality of paediatric practice through a reliable system of training, accreditation, and continuous professional development. The program in General Paediatrics has been running effectively for the past decade. With the advance in tertiary services and the planning of the future Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics, there is a need for a proper accreditation system of subspecialists. The College set up a Task Force for Accreditation of Higher Training of Paediatric Subspecialties in 2000, and through its hard work, has laid down the groundwork and guidelines for subspecialty accreditation.

In September 2008, The College Council has set up the Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties to carry on the work of the Task Force. The terms of reference of the Working Group are:

- 1) To advise the College Council on accreditation of paediatric subspecialties in Hong Kong
- 2) To study the feasibility of implementation of paediatric subspecialties
- 3) To formulate an action plan
- 4) To assist in the implementation of paediatric subspecialties
- 5) To monitor outcome measures for success of implementation

The Current Membership of the Working Group includes:

- Dr Chan Chok Wan (Chairman)
- Dr SN Wong (Honorary Secretary)
- College President (Prof Louis Low)
- College Honorary Secretary (Dr SN Wong)
- Professor and Chairman of Paediatrics, HKU and CUHK (2) (Prof YL Lau and Prof PC Ng)
- Chairman and Secretary of Accreditation Committee (Dr CW Chan and Dr Maurice Leung)
- Chairman and Secretary of Education Committee (Dr Alex Chan and Dr WH Lee)
- Chairman and Secretary of Examination Committee (Prof PC Ng and Dr Bill Chan)
- HA representatives (2) (Dr MC Chiu and Dr CB Chow)
- DH representatives (2) (Dr Shirley Leung and Dr Catherine Lam)

- Private Practice representatives (2) (Dr Daniel Chiu and Dr Alfred Tam)
- Council members (2) (Prof TF Fok and Dr Li Chi Kong)
- College Fellows (2 senior Fellows and 2 young Fellows) (Dr YC Tsao, Dr MY Cheng, Dr Ho Hok Kung and Dr Cheng Ling Ling)

With a broader representation by Fellows from all sectors and subspecialty interests, the Working Group will be able to provide impartial advice and facilitation of subspecialty accreditation. Furthermore, the Working Group will make announcements and seek wide consultation from all Fellows upon receipt of any application for subspecialty accreditation.

In the Council meeting on 12 May 2009, the College Council has also endorsed an amendment of the Byelaws by adding a section on Subspecialty affairs, as follows:

*Section 10. Subspecialty affairs: The College shall supervise paediatric subspecialty development through the accreditation, training and examination of each paediatric subspecialty in accordance to the Guidelines for Recognition of Academy College of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.*

- (i) *The Director of Subspecialty Boards shall be appointed by the Council to supervise all Subspecialty Boards and to carry out relevant duties as directed by the Council. He/she will be an ex-officio member of the Council and the interim Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties.*
- (ii) *A Committee for Subspecialty Boards shall be formed to assist the Director of Subspecialty Boards in his/her duties. The membership of the Committee will comprise the chairpersons of Accreditation, Education, and Examination Committees, the chairperson of each established Subspecialty Board, one representative each from the Hospital Authority, Department of Health, the two Universities, Fellows in private practice, as well as one senior Fellow and one junior Fellow appointed by the Council.*
- (iii) *A Subspecialty Board shall be formed for each accredited subspecialty in accordance to the Guidelines on the Criteria for the Accreditation of a Paediatric Subspecialty Training Programme of the College.*
- (iv) *The term of office of the Director, Committee for Subspecialty Boards, and Subspecialty Board members shall normally be three years or as directed by the Council. Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-appointment, but the Director of Subspecialty Boards shall hold office for no more than a cumulative total of two terms.*

Note: Fellows can read and download all relevant documents on subspecialty accreditation from the College website (Special announcements → Announcement from Committees → Task Force for Accreditation of Higher Training of Paediatric Subspecialties AND Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties in Hong Kong).

## Membership Committee

The following doctors were approved to join the College as Associates:

1. CHAN Lok Man
2. LEE Lai Ka
3. MAN Sze Shun
4. YU Kwong Man

The following Associates were approved to be Members of the College:

1. CHAN Siu Yin
2. FU Chun Ho
3. TAM Yuen Shan

## Examination Committee

Results of the recent examinations

| <b>Date</b>         | <b>Examination</b>                   | <b>Pass / No. of sittings</b> | <b>Pass rate</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 13 January 2009     | MRCPCH Part IA                       | 6/20                          | 30%              |
|                     | MRCPCH Part IB                       | 4/31                          | 13%              |
|                     | MRCPCH Part IA (DCH Written)<br>Exam | 0/2                           | 0%               |
| 24-25 February 2009 | MRCPCH Clinical Examination          | 2/9                           | 22%              |
| 15 April 2009       | MRCPCH Part II Examination           | 4/19                          | 21%              |

# **Obituary**

## **In Memory of Dr Brian Ho Hing-tung (何慶彤醫生)**

By Betty Young Wan-yin

The College records with great sadness the sudden passing of Dr Brian Ho Hing-tung on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2009, while engaged in a diving exercise off the coastal waters of Sai Kung, Hong Kong. Dr Ho was born in Hong Kong in 1963. He obtained his MB ChB from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1987, and an MSc in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from the same university in 2004. Upon graduation, he joined the Department of Anaesthesia of the Prince of Wales Hospital until he decided to pursue the career of a paediatrician. He joined the Department of Paediatrics of the same hospital in 1990 and later the Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital in 1994. He developed an interest in neonatology and in 1996, received 6 months' training in renowned neonatal centres in the US, such as the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital of Stanford University, the Division of Neonatology of the University of California in Los Angeles and the Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital in Cleveland. He became a Fellow of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine in 1997.

Dr Ho was known among his colleagues and friends as a man who set high standards for himself on both the professional and personal fronts. No barrier was too high for him. On the professional front, he enjoyed coaching juniors. He was an instructor of the Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course organized by the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians since 2002. He was also instrumental in organizing the Medical Teleconference Programme on "Topics of Neonatology" jointly presented by the Department of Paediatrics, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital and Stanford University School of Medicine, which has now entered its eleventh year. His enthusiasm in helping underprivileged children in rural China could be witnessed by his active participation as a volunteer and instructor in the Neonatal Resuscitation Programme operated by the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation during visits to Kunming and Shangri-La in 2008. Work aside, Dr Ho was an accomplished sportsman, with diving, marathon running, skiing and mountain hiking as his major undertakings in the world of sports.

Dr Ho's tragic departure is a tremendous loss to many parties. The profession has lost an accomplished neonatologist who showed full dedication and commitment to the specialty. Our patients have lost a caring doctor who had devoted his lifetime in taking care of their health and welfare. His family has lost a filial son, a loving husband and a devoted father. Dr Ho will be fondly remembered as an excellent doctor and a good friend.

Dr Ho is survived by his parents, his wife, Dr Yonnie Lam, and their two children, Bernard and Bertha. We extend to them our most sincere condolences and sympathy at this time of great difficulty.

## 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 8 June 2009. *Members and fellows are reminded to contact the enquiries listed below for last-minute alterations.*

| <b>June 2009</b>         |               |   |
|--------------------------|---------------|---|
| 10 Jun                   | <b>Topic:</b> | <b>Non-pharmacological Treatment Alternatives for Children with ADHD</b>  |
|                          | Venue:        | Faculty of Medicine Bldg., The University of Hong Kong  |
|                          | Time:         | 12:45pm -2pm  |
|                          | Speaker:      | Dr Leanne Tamm  |
| Cat A 1 pt               | Organizer:    | Medical & Health Research Network, School of Public Health & Areas of Excellence (Influenza), HKU                   |
|                          | Coordinator:  | Miss Amy Pang   |
|                          | Enquiry:      | Tel: 39062002 mbrn@hkusua.hku.hk  |
| 12;26 Jun                | <b>Topic:</b> | <b>Certificate Course on Infant Nutrition</b>   |
|                          | Venue:        | Royal Park Hotel, Shatin  |
|                          | Time:         | 1pm-3:30pm  |
|                          | Speaker:      | Dr Leung Ping   |
| Cat A 2 pts each day;    | Organizer:    | HKMA - Shatin Doctors Network   |
|                          | Coordinator:  | Ms Joey Lee   |
|                          | Enquiry:      | Tel: 25278452 joylee@hkma.org   |
| 16; 30 Jun               | <b>Topic:</b> | <b>Certificate Course of Vaccine - New Paediatrics Vaccines: Considerations before Introduction to our Children</b> |
|                          | Venue:        | Star Room, Level 42, Langham Place Hotel, 555 Shanghai Street, Mongkok  |
|                          | Time:         | 2pm-3:30pm  |
|                          | Speaker:      | Dr Au Yeung Shiu Hing   |
| Cat A 2 pts for each day | Organizer:    | HK College of Family Physicians   |
|                          | Coordinator   | Ms Winniea Lee  |
|                          | Enquiry:      | Tel: 28611808 winniea@hkcfp.org.hk  |
| 17 Jun                   | <b>Topic:</b> | <b>2009 Childhood Vaccine Update</b>  |
|                          | Venue:        | Crystal Room 30/F, Panda Hotel, 3 Tsuen Wah Street, Tsuen Wan   |
|                          | Time:         | 2pm-3pm   |
|                          | Speaker:      | Dr Tam Yat Cheung   |
| Cat A 1 pt               | Organizer:    | HKDU Tsuen Wan Study Group  |

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|  | Coordinator: | Miss Michelle Lam           |
|  | Enquiry:     | Tel: 23882728 hkdu@hkdu.org |

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| 18 Jun      | <b>Topic:</b> | <b>Intervention and Support for Children with deteriorating condition - A case with MELAS</b> |
|             | Venue:        | Lecture Theatre, G/F, Block M, Queen Elizabeth Hospital                                       |
|             | Time:         | Light Buffet: 7pm<br>Lecture 8pm-10pm   |
|             | Speaker:      | Various   |
| Cat A 2 pts | Organizer:    | The HK Society of Child Neurology & Developmental Paediatrics                                 |
|             | Coordinator:  | Dr Stephenie Liu  |
|             | Enquiry:      | Email: stephenie_liu@dh.gov.hk  |

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| 24 Jun     | <b>Topic:</b> | <b>Education Programme for Medical and Health Care Professionals Working with Handicapped Children</b> |
|            | 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  |

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| 25 Jun         | <b>Topic:</b> | <b>Management of Short Stature in Children - Local and Taiwan Experience</b> |
|                | Venue:        | Room Sung, Level 4, Sheraton Hotel, TST                                      |
|                | Time:         | 12:30pm Reception<br>12:45pm Lunch<br>1:30-3:30pm Symposium                  |
|                | Speaker:      | D Hou Jia Woei / Dr Cheng Pik Shun   |
| Cat A 2 points | Organizer:    | Hong Kong Paediatric Society   |
|                | Coordinator:  | Dr Yu Chak Man/Ms Fiona Fu   |
|                | Enquiry:      | Tel: 21707713 Fax: 23452040  |

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| 26 Jun     | <b>Topic:</b> | <b>Update on Rotavirus Infection in children: Disease Burden and Prevention</b> |
|            | Venue:        | 紅磡船景街 10 號黃埔新天地黃埔花園 6 期黃埔號 2 樓陶源酒家  |
|            | Time:         | 2pm -3pm  |
|            | Speaker:      | Dr Paul CW Leung  |
| Cat A 1 pt | Organizer:    | HKDU Hung Hom Study Group   |
|            | Coordinator:  | Ms Michelle Lam   |
|            | Enquiry:      | Tel: 23882728 hkdu@hkdu.org   |

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| 27 Jun | <b>Topic:</b> | <b>Update Series on Child Health 2009</b>                           |
|        | Venue:        | Lecture Theatre,, M Floor, Hospital Authority Building, 147B Argyle |

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|             |              | Street, Kowloon  |
|             | Time:        | Registration: 1pm-2pm<br>Lunch Buffet: 1:15pm-2:20pm<br>Opening Ceremony: 2:20pm-2:45pm<br>Lecture : 2:45pm-5:15pm |
|             | Speaker:     | 1) Dr Kelvin Liu 2) Dr Dawson Fong   |
| Cat A 3 pts | Organizer:   | Hong Kong Paediatric Society/HK College of Paediatricians/HK Paediatric Nurses Association                         |
|             | Coordinator: | Ms Dora Lee  |
|             | Enquiry:     | Tel: 92852050  |

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| 27 Jun      | <b>Topic:</b> | <b>Updates on Breastfeeding</b>  |
|             | Venue:        | Auditorium, Oral Health Education Unit, 4/F, 147J Argyle Street, Kowloon |
|             | Time:         | 1:30pm -4:30pm   |
|             | Speaker:      | Various  |
| Cat A 3 pts | Organizer:    | Family Health Service, Department of Health                              |
|             | Coordinator:  | Miss Cindy Wong  |
|             | Enquiry:      | Tel: 29618729 aa_fhs@dh.gov.hk   |

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| 28 Jun      | <b>Topic:</b> | <b>HKMA Structured CME Program with Princess Margaret Hospital 2009 Session 5:<br/>1) Proteinuria &amp; Nephrotic Syndrome in Children<br/>2) Childhood Anaemia</b> |
|             | Venue:        | G8 Hall, PMH  |
|             | Time:         | 2pm -4pm  |
|             | Speaker:      | 1) Dr Chiu Man Chun 2) Dr Li Chi Keung  |
| Cat A 2 pts | Organizer:    | HK Medical Association  |
|             | Coordinator:  | Ms Joey Lee   |
|             | Enquiry:      | Tel: 25278452 joeylee@hkma.org  |

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| <b>July 2009</b> |                          |  |
| 7 July           | Topic:                   | <b>Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital &amp; Stanford University School of Medicine<br/>Medical Teleconference Programme - Topics in Neonatology</b>  |
|                  | Video Conference Venues: | PYNEH: Seminar Room 1, G/F, HKEC Training Centre, Multicentre Block B<br>KWH: Training Hall 1A, 1/F, Administrative Building<br>PMH: Room 702, Block H<br>QEH: Room 2, G/F, Block M<br>QMH: Room 112, 1/F, New Clinical Building<br>TMH: Room AB 1028, 1/F, Main Block<br>UCH: Lecture Theatre, G/F, Block P |
|                  | Time:                    | 8:00am-9:30am  |
|                  | Speaker:                 | Various  |
| Cat A 2 pts      | Organizer:               | Dept. of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, Pamela Youde   |

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|  |              | Nethersole Eastern Hospital           |
|  | Coordinator: | Mr Sum Wai Hung                       |
|  | Enquiry:     | Tel: 25956410; Email: sw450@ha.org.hk |

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| 11 Jul      | Topic:        | <b>Update Series on Child Health 2009</b>  |
|             | Venue:        | Lecture Theatre,, M Floor, Hospital Authority Building, 147B Argyle Street, Kowloon                                |
|             | Time:         | Registration: 1pm-2pm<br>Lunch Buffet: 1:15pm-2:20pm<br>Opening Ceremony: 2:20pm-2:45pm<br>Lecture : 2:45pm-5:15pm |
|             | Speaker:      | 1) Dr Cheung Kin Leung 2) Dr Patrick Cheung  |
| Cat A 3 pts | Organizer:    | Hong Kong Paediatric Society/HK College of Paediatricians/HK Paediatric Nurses Association                         |
|             | Coordinator : | Ms Dora Lee  |
|             | Enquiry:      | Tel: 92852050  |

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| 15 Jul     | Topic:      | <b>Combined Obstetric - Paediatric Meeting on Perinatal Mortality/Morbidity and Statistics</b> |
|            | Venue:      | Conference Room, Hospital Library, 1/F, Block H, United Christian Hospital                     |
|            | Time:       | 4:30pm-6pm   |
|            | Speaker:    | Various  |
| Cat A 1 pt | Organizer:  | Dept. of O&G & Paediatric, United Christian Hospital   |
|            | Coordinator | Dr Mok Ka Ming   |
|            | Enquiry:    | Tel: 35134851 mokkm@ha.org.hk  |

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| 23 Jul      | Topic:      | <b>Approach to Neurodegenerative Disease</b>              |
|             | Venue:      | Lecture Hall, G/F, Block M, Queen Elizabeth Hospital      |
|             | Time:       | 7-8pm : Light Buffet<br>8pm-10pm : Lecture                |
|             | Speaker:    | Dr Fung Cheuk Wing  |
| Cat A 2 pts | Organizer:  | HK Society of Child Neurology & Developmental Paediatrics |
|             | Coordinator | Mr Louis Ma   |
|             | Enquiry:    | Email: cklma@yahoo.com                                    |