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Message from the Editors

The 7th Guangdong-Hong Kong and 1st Hong Kong-Guangdong-Shanghai-Chongqing Paediatric Exchange Meeting was successfully held on 28th June 2008. In this issue of Newsletter, you will find a brief report on this meeting. The PALS course will commence in late October, interested members and fellows can submit their application to the College Secretariat. The Annual General Meeting of the College will be held on Saturday 29th November 2008. Do mark this important date on your diary.

Congratulations

Our heartiest congratulations to the following Fellow paediatricians for their achievements:

Dr. Lam Cheung Cheung Barbara was appointed a Justice of the Peace on 1st July 2008. Dr Lam was the former consultant paediatrician in Queen Mary Hospital and currently practising private paediatrician.

Dr Lam Ching Choi was awarded a Bronze Bauhinia Star Medal on 1st July 2008. Dr Lam was currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Haven of Hope Christian Service in Tseung Kwan O, Kowloon.

The 7th Guangdong-Hong Kong and 1st Hong Kong-Guangdong-Shanghai-Chongqing Paediatric Exchange Meeting

The Meeting was held on Saturday 28th June 2008. It was a success with about 115 participants and over 66 of whom were from Guangdong, Shanghai and Chongqing. There were 18 keynote lectures delivered by speakers from the four cities. A total of 88 posters were presented at the Meeting. The Meeting had given out two 1st prizes, two 2nd prizes and four 3rd prizes. Our warmest congratulations to the following winners:

Posters awarded First Prize

Inflammatory Gene Polymorphisms and Susceptibility to Kawasaki Disease and Its Arterial Sequelae (Dr YF Cheung / Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, University of Hong Kong)

Dexrazoxane Protects against Doxorubicin-induced Cardiomyopathy: Up-regulation of Akt and Erk Phosphorylation in a Rat Model (Dr Deng Hai Yan / Department of Cardiology, Children's Hospital of Fudan University, Shanghai)

Posters awarded Second Prize

廣東省新生兒科建設情況分析 (楊杰醫師 / 廣東省婦幼保健院新生兒科)

Validation of Prediction Equations for Estimating Resting Energy Expenditure in Obese Chinese Children (Dr Dorothy FY Chan / Department of Paediatrics, Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Posters awarded Third Prize

移植齒狀回顆粒細胞層細胞重建海馬神經網路的可行性研究 (韓春錫醫師 / 深圳市兒童醫院神經內科和兒科研究所)

Genetic Associations between *PHF11* and Asthma Traits in Chinese Children (Dr TF Leung / Department of Paediatrics, Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Effects of Lingzhi on Immune Functions and Infections in Hong Kong Cancer Children (Dr MMK Shing / Department of Paediatrics, Chinese University of Hong Kong)

廣州地區HCMV臨牀病毒株UL144 ORF的序列變異研究 (胡兢晶醫師 / 廣東省婦幼保健院兒科)

PALS Course 2008

The Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course 2008 is scheduled as follows:

Provider Course I	Thursday, 30 October – Friday, 31 October 2008
Provider Course II	Saturday, 1 November – Sunday, 2 November 2008
Renewal Course	Tuesday, 3 November 2008

Applications are invited now. Deadline for application is 5 September 2008. Leaflet and Application form can be downloaded from the College website at <http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/entcnews.htm>. For enquiry, please call the College Secretariat at 28718871.

College Annual General Meeting 2008

Please note that the College Annual General Meeting, Admission Ceremony for new Fellows, and Annual Dinner will be held on **Saturday 29th November 2008** at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. Formal notice of the AGM and invitation for nomination of council members will be sent to all Fellows in the middle of September 2008. Please mark your diary, and come to support your College.

Examination Committee

Results of the recent examinations

Date	Examination	Pass / No. of sittings	Pass rate
13 May 2008	MRCPCH Part I Examination		
	Part IA	3/7	43%
	Part IB	7/12	58%
	Part IA (DCH)	1/3	33%
23 April 2008	MRCPCH Part II Examination	8/10	80%
19 June 2008	20 th Exit Assessment	12/13	92%

21st Exit Assessment

The 21st Exit Assessment will be held on 16 December 2008. Deadline for submission of applications is 30 September 2008. Details of application and application form can be obtained from the College's website.

To advance dates for receipt of overseas application forms for MRCPCH Part I Examination by RCPCH

Due to the sheer volume of the completed application forms for the MRCPCH Part I Examination received by the RCPCH from all overseas centres, the RCPCH has requested all overseas centres to send their candidate application forms at least one week before the UK opening dates to allow more time for them to process the applications. This means that College will call for applications for the MRCPCH Part I Examination earlier than it usually does starting with the 13th January 2009 Part I Examination. Procedures for submitting applications and requirements for entry to the MRCPCH Part I Examination remain unchanged.

PGA Committee

Response to Health Care Reform consultation document

The College had submitted a response to the consultation document with a focus on children's interest. It can be viewed at the College website: <http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/entofficial.htm>

Submissions to Welfare Panel of Legislative Council

The College made submissions to the Welfare Panel of Legislative Council on 12/6/08 concerning Batterer Intervention Programme. We suggested that the programme should also be extended to cover cases of child abuse

Child Fatality Review mechanism: we reinstated our views on strengthening the system

The submissions can be viewed at the College website.

CME Category A Activities

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

Abbreviations: KWH, Kwong Wah Hospital; PWH, Prince of Wales Hospital; PYNEH, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital; QEH, Queen Elizabeth Hospital; QMH, Queen Mary Hospital; UCH, United Christian Hospital

Aug 2008		
2 Aug	Topic:	2008 World Breastfeeding Week Seminar - Mother Support: Going for the Gold, everyone wins
	Venue:	Lecture Theatre, Hospital Authority Head Office
	Time:	2: 45pm -4:45pm
	Speaker:	Dr Chen Chao Huei; Dr Kenneth Hui
Cat A 2 points	Organizer:	HA Breastfeeding Promotion Committee
	Coordinator:	Ms Candy Tsoi
	Enquiry:	Tel: 35136426 tsoiyy@ha.org.hk

Sep 2008		
7-10 Sep	Topic:	XVIIth ISPCAN International Congress on child abuse and neglect
	Venue:	HK Convention & Exhibition Centre, Wanchai
	Time:	7/9: 4pm - 6pm 8-9/9: 9am - 5:30pm 10/9: 8:15am - 12:30pm
	Speaker:	Various
Cat A 1 point for 7/9; 6 pts each day for 8-9/9; 3 pts for 10/9; total 18 pts for whole congress	Organizer:	The International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) and Against Child Abuse Ltd. (ACA HK)
	Coordinator:	Ms. Christy Man
	Enquiry:	Tel: 25599973 ispcan2008@lcc.com.hk

9 Sep	Topic:	The Bubble CPAP Workshop 2008
	Venue:	Lecture Theatre, G/F, Block P, United Christian Hospital
	Time:	1pm -5 pm
	Speaker:	Various
Cat A 3 points	Organizer:	Dept. of Paediatrics, United Christian Hospital
	Coordinator:	Dr Wilfred Leung
	Enquiry:	Tel: 35134000 leungcww@ha.org.hk

9 Sep	Topic:	Necrotizing Enterocolitis: Drugs, bugs and things that go bump in the night
	Venue:	Ballroom One-Three, 18/F Hotel Miramar, Nathan Road, TST, HK
	Time:	Lecture: 7pm - 8pm Chinese Dinner follows
	Speaker:	Prof Richard Polin
Cat A 1 point	Organizer:	Hong Kong Society of Neonatal Medicine
	Coordinator:	Ms Anita Liu
	Enquiry:	Tel: 25106331 hbchan@gmail.com
