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Message from the Editors

This is the first issue of the College Newsletter in 2004. The Editors would like to wish you a Happy New Year and a prosperous Year of Monkey.

The College Newsletter is published every two months. It is distributed to members and fellows of the College via e-mails. The electronic copy is also available in our homepage <http://www.paediatrician.org.hk>. You can find a lot of useful information in the College Homepage. These include the updated information of the College and its Standing Committees, guidelines and documents, CME schedules and special announcements etc. Besides, our official publication, Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics is also available on-line. In the Members section, you can browse the activity photos in the Photo Gallery, past issues of the Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics, clinical guidelines etc. There are many "Useful Links" where you obtain information from local and international paediatric organisations, non-governmental organisations as well as support groups. Do pay a visit to our Homepage and give us comments and feedback.

Congratulations

Our heartiest congratulations to the following members who passed the recent Exit Assessment (16 Dec 2003):

1. Dr Ho Shing-fai
2. Dr Chan Cheong-wai
3. Dr Choi Mui-sum
4. Dr Fung Po-gee, Genevieve

5. Dr Sit Sou-chi
6. Dr Yau Kin-cheong, Eric
7. Dr Chow Wing-cheong
8. Dr Poon Wing-kit, Grace
9. Dr Wong Chi-on, Simon
10. Dr Tay Ming-kut
11. Dr Fong Kwok-wah

Standing Committees 2004-2005

We would like to welcome the following chairpersons and members of the various Standing Committees for the years 2004-2005. We also offer our sincere thanks to all outgoing committee chairpersons and members. Their support has contributed to the success of the College in the past years.

Accreditation Committee

Chairman	:	Dr. CHAN Chok-Wan
Hon. Secretary	:	Dr. LEUNG Ping, Maurice
Members	:	Dr. CHAN Kwok-Hing, Alex Dr. CHIU Man-Chun Prof. FOK Tai-Fai Dr. HO Che-Shun, Jackson Prof. LAU Yu-Lung Dr. LEUNG Chik-Wa, Paul Prof. LOW Chung-Kai, Louis Dr. TSAO Yen-Chow Dr. WONG Sik-Nin*

Education Committee

Chairman	:	Prof. LOW Chung-Kai, Louis
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Dr. TSOI Nai-Shun*
Dr. YAU Fai-To, Adrian
Dr. YOUNG Wan-Yin, Betty

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Dr. WONG Sik-Nin*
Dr. WONG Yat-Cheung, Charles

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Chairman : Dr. CHIU Man-Chun
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Dr. IP Lai-Sheung, Patricia
Prof. LAU Yu-Lung
Dr. LEE Wai-Hong
Dr. LI Chi-Keung
Prof. NG Pak-Cheung
Dr. YOUNG Wan-Yin, Betty

Membership Committee

Chairman : Dr. CHAN Kwok-Hing, Alex
Hon. Secretary : Dr. SO Lok-Yee
Members : Dr. CHAN Kwok-Chiu
Dr. KO Wai-Keung, Frederick
Dr. LEE Chi-Wai, Anselm
Dr. LEE Kwok-Piu
Dr. LI Chi-Kong
Prof. NG Pak-Cheung

Professional & General Affairs Committee

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Prof. FOK Tai-Fai*
Dr. FUNG Hing-Piu, Robert
Dr. KO Po-Wan
Dr. LAM Cheung-Cheung, Barbara
Prof. LEUNG Nai-Kong
Dr. LI Chi-Him
Dr. YOUNG Wan-Yin, Betty

Review Committee

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Dr. CHIU Lee-Lee, Lily
Dr. KO Yiu-Shum, Paul
Prof. YEUNG Chap-Yung*
Prof. YUEN Man-Pan, Patrick*

House Committee

Chairman : Prof. LEUNG Nai-Kong
Hon. Secretary : Dr. HUEN Kwai-Fun*
Members : Dr. KO Wai-Keung*
Dr. LI, Albert Martin*
Dr. WONG Sik-Nin*
Dr. WOO Lap-Fai, Chris*

CME Subcommittee

Chairman : Dr. TSOI Nai-Shun
Vice-Chairperson : Prof. Rita SUNG
Hon. Secretary : Dr. LEE Chi-Wai, Anselm
Members : Dr. YUEN Hui-Leung
Dr. WONG Sik-Nin
Prof. NG Pak-Cheung
Prof. LOW Chung-Kai, Louis
Dr. LEUNG Ping, Maurice
Dr. LEE Wai-Hong
Dr. LEE Ngar-Yee, Natalie
Dr. LAU Wai-Hung
Dr. CHIU Cheung-Shing, Daniel

***New member**

Examination Committee

Dates of Examinations in 2004

(1) MRCPCH Part 1A & 1B Examination:

5 May 2004

8 September 2004

(2) MRCPCH Part II Examination:

20 April 2004

25 August 2004

8 December 2004

(3) MRCPCH Clinical Examination:

8-9 November 2004

(4) DCH Clinical Examination:
10-11 November 2004
Please refer to **Appendix I** for details of DCH Examination 2004.

(5) Exit Assessment:
15 June 2004
14 December 2004

Guidelines on Higher Training

The Council wishes to remind **ALL** trainees who have entered into Higher Training in Paediatrics from 1 July 2001 and thereafter should adhere to the Guidelines on Higher Training (vide infra). During the interim period between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004, the College would deal with minor infractions of these rules by trainees sympathetically provided there is a good reason. **ALL** trainees sitting the Exit Assessment in June 2004 or thereafter, irrespective of the date of commencement of training, should fulfill **ALL** of the following training requirements:

1. The duration of supervised Higher Training should be no less than 3 years in College accredited centres.
2. There should be at least 2 years of hospital-based paediatrics, of which not less than 12 months should be devoted to general paediatrics with acute emergency hospital admission of children not restricted to any age group or paediatric subspecialty.
3. The trainee may opt to undergo training for not more than 12 months in one paediatric subspecialty (as defined in the Guideline for Paediatric Training) inclusive of the 6 months obligatory rotation to local and overseas training centres should such a rotation is through the same paediatric subspecialty opted for.
4. The trainee may also opt to undergo training for not more than 12 months in child

health related specialties (e.g. child psychiatry, maternity child health clinics, school health service, etc) of which not more than 6 months should be spent in any single specialty and inclusive of the 6 months obligatory rotation to local and overseas training centres should such a rotation is through the same child health related specialty.

5. All trainees must undergo a 6-month obligatory rotation through other training unit(s) (Local/ Overseas). Prospective applications must be submitted, at least 3 months before the commencement of overseas training, to the Accreditation Committee together with the basic and essential information required to accompany any such application. The Accreditation Committee should also be notified before a trainee starts the rotation to other local training unit(s).

The 5th Guangdong-Hong Kong Paediatric Exchange Conference

The 5th Guangdong-Hong Kong Paediatric Exchange Conference will be held on **Saturday July 24, 2004**. This time our College will host the conference in Hong Kong. Please mark your diary and make an effort to participate. Details of venue and scientific programmes and call for abstracts will be announced as soon as possible.

CME Subcommittee

Fellows who started their CME cycle on 1st January each year should have already submitted their Annual Return Forms to the College Secretariat. For those who have not done so, we urge you to make your submissions as soon as possible. The following documents are needed:

1. The Annual Return Form;
2. Copies of your Log-Book entries;
3. Copies of attendance certificates of any overseas meetings attended.

Please note that you will receive a fax of acknowledgement of receipt from the College. If you have not received it, your documents may not have arrived safely and please enquire at the College Secretariat (Tel. no. 28718871). Late submissions may not be included in our report to the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.

Medical Council resolution on CME for all practising doctors

Fellows may be aware that the Medical Council resolved in March 2002 that CME would be made a requirement for all practising doctors, starting from January 2005.

It is anticipated that a 3-year practising certificate would replace the existing 1-year certificate effective from January 2005 and that the specialist

CME would be required for renewal of Practising Certificate. As such, the Academy Council has decided to synchronize the CME cycles with the duration of the practising certificate. The Academy Council agreed that all CME cycles for existing Fellows shall start afresh from 1 January 2005. In order to achieve this end, CME cycles started within 3 years before 1 January 2005 will have to be counted on a pro-rata basis. This means that if a Fellow's CME cycle length before 1 January 2005 is 1.5 years, the Fellow shall need to gain 45 CME points before 1 January 2005.

The following table shows the number of CME points each Fellow will need to obtain up to 31 December 2004 according to the date his/her CME cycle starts:

Date when current CME cycle starts / next CME cycle will start	Total number of CME points required by 31 Dec 2004	Number of Category A CME points required by 31 Dec 2004
1 January, 2002	90	30
1 July, 2002	75	25
1 January, 2003	60	20
1 July, 2003	45	15
1 January, 2004	30	10
1 July, 2004	15	5

Fellows are advised to take note of this arrangement, and plan their CME activities accordingly.

CME Category A Activities

Listed below are CME Category A activities organized by the HKCPaed and various paediatric societies and institutions. For the complete list of Category A activities 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 enquire the contact person listed below for last-minute alterations.*

February 2004	
9 – 13 Feb (Mon-Fri) CME Cat. A Max 18 pts	<p>Topic: Commissioned Training Week on Paediatric Rheumatology</p> <p>Venue: Please check with contact below</p> <p>Time: Please check with contact below</p> <p>Speakers: Prof Murray Passo</p> <p>Organizer: Hospital Authority</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr Alex Chan, Email: chankha@ha.org.hk</p>
12 Feb (Thu) CME Cat A 2 pts	<p>Topics: 1. The Girl with Repeated Vomiting 2. Poster – Gastroenterology Update</p> <p>Venue: Lecture Theatre, Block A, G/F, Queen Elizabeth Hospital</p> <p>Time: 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm</p> <p>Speakers: 1. Dr Ip Kin Sing 2. Dr Y.K. Leung</p> <p>Organizer: HK Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr Leung Ying Kit, Tel: 27710698</p>
20 Feb (Fri) CME Cat A 1 pt	<p>Topic: Neurodevelopmental Disorders & Heavy Metal Poisoning</p> <p>Venue: Auditorium, G/F, Tseung Kwan O Hospital</p> <p>Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Lillian Ko</p> <p>Organizer: Department of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, TKOH</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr Huen Kwai Fun, Tel: 22081057</p>
26 Feb (Thu) CME Cat A 1 pt	<p>Topic: Education Programme for Management of Disabled Children</p> <p>Venue: Room 01, Multicentre Block B, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital</p> <p>Time: 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm</p> <p>Organizer: Comprehensive Paediatric Rehabilitation Centre, PYNEH</p> <p>Enquiry: Ms Suki Tsang, Tel: 25956860</p>

March 2004	
2 Mar (Tue) CME Cat A 2 pts	<p>Topic: Minimal Access Surgery – Current Issues</p> <p>Venue: Lecture Room, D Ground, Queen Elizabeth Hospital</p> <p>Time: 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Kelvin Liu</p> <p>Organizer: HK Paediatric Society</p> <p>Enquiry: Ms Sarah Wong, Tel: 25998871</p>
6 & 13 Mar (Sat) CME Cat A 6 pts @ day	<p>Topic: 1. Workshop on Depression in Childhood & Adolescence in Hong Kong 2. Workshop on Eating Disorders in Childhood & Adolescence in Hong Kong</p> <p>Venue: LT2, Esther Lee Building, Chung Chi College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</p> <p>Time: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm</p> <p>Organizer: Departments of Social Work and Psychiatry, CUHK</p> <p>Enquiry: Ms Polly Hung/Mr Tabris Wong, Tel: 26098783</p>
25 Mar (Thu) CME Cat A 2 pts	<p>Topic: Meeting of Inborn Error of Metabolism – Kowloon West Clusters</p> <p>Venue: Room 10, 2/F, Block G, Princess Margaret Hospital</p> <p>Time: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm</p> <p>Organizers: Departments of Paediatrics & Pathology, PMH; Clinical Genetics Services, Department of Health</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr Lee Shing Yan, Tel: 29901111</p>
31 Mar (Wed) CME Cat A 2 pts	<p>Topic: 1. Child Developmental Assessment Pearls and Perils 2. Helping Children with Developmental Problems: the Responsibility of Paediatricians</p> <p>Venue: Room 02 041, 2/F, Main Block, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital</p> <p>Time: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Rose Mak</p> <p>Organizer: Department of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, PYNEH</p> <p>Enquiry: Ms Erica Chung, Tel: 25956410</p>

Diploma in Child Health Examination (DCH) 2004

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (HKCPaed) and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) will hold a Joint Diploma in Child Health Examination in Hong Kong this year, awarding DCH (HK) and DCH (International) to the successful candidates.

The Examination will be divided into two parts, Written and Clinical. As from January 2004, the Membership of the RCPCH (MRCPCH) Part 1 Examination will consist of two papers - Part 1A and Part 1B. **The Paper 1A (Basic Child Health) will replace the current Diploma in Child Health (DCH) written papers.** Successful completion of the Part 1A Examination will entitle the candidate to up to three attempts at the DCH Clinical Examination before being required to re-enter the written examination.

The MRCPCH Part 1A (& 1B) Examination will be held in Hong Kong on **Wednesday, 5 May 2004**. The examination fee for the MRCPCH Part 1A Examination is HK\$2,800.

Candidates who wish to enter the MRCPCH Part 1A Examination must hold a registrable medical qualification in Hong Kong.

Application: Candidates who wish to sit the examination in Hong Kong **MUST** apply through the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (HKCPaed). Application forms and examination regulation booklets are obtainable from the following address: Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Room 808, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong (Tel: 2871 8871; Fax: 2785 1850). Alternatively, candidates can access the RCPCH website at <http://www.rcpch.ac.uk> to obtain information and download the enrolment forms under the section on "Publications" followed by "Examinations documents".

Completed application forms should be returned to the HKCPaed at the above address with the required examination fee in the form of a crossed cheque made payable to: *'Hong Kong College of Paediatricians'* The HKCPaed reserves the right to admission for the examination and priority will be given to candidates taking both the Part 1A and 1B examinations.

Please note the Joint DCH Clinical Examination is expected to be held in Hong Kong in November 2004. This Clinical Examination is open to registered medical practitioners in Hong Kong but there will be a limit to the number of entries. Candidates should have at least 6 months of Paediatric practice (resident medical officer or intern) in a recognized institution with acute hospital admissions. Applicants who were externs need to provide evidence of regular on-call duties during their externship training in a recognized training institution. Further details on the Clinical Examination will be announced at a later date.

Deadline for application: 5 March 2004 (to allow processing time to meet the U.K. closing date of 26 March 2004)