



# Hong Kong College of Paediatricians NEWSLETTER August 2005

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## Message from the Editors

With summer nearly over, we look forward to various functions planned for the last quarter of the year. They include visit to Kadoorie Farm, Cambodia Medical Mission trip and the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. The details of these functions can be found in this issue of the newsletter. Remember to mark your diary.

## Congratulatory Message

Congratulations to Dr. LEE Ka Yan, David for being appointed a Justice of the Peace.

## Annual General Meeting

Please note that the College 14th Annual General Meeting, Admission Ceremony for new Fellows, and Annual Dinner will be held on **3rd December 2005** at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. Formal notice of the AGM and invitation for nominations for Council members will be sent to all Fellows in September 2005. Please come and show your support to the College.

## Hong Kong College Of Paediatricians Foundation

### Medical Exchange To Qinghai

The College Foundation was invited to participate in a medical exchange with our Qinghai counterparts during the period 6/7/05 – 10/7/05. Drs. Vincent T. C. Leung, Wilfred C.W. Leung, Eligina Y.L. Poon and M.S. Yip took part and held meetings and exchanges with personnel from Qinghai School of Professional Health (QSPH), Qinghai Women & Children's Hospital as well as representatives from a rural hospital. Also present were Professor Thomas Wong of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Mr. C.K. Ng of the Hua Xia Foundation (HXF), and the Minister of Health Science, Ministry of Health, Central People's Government (CPG). These meetings were well attended and important and valuable ideas were exchanged and discussed.

In response to our donation of HK\$200,000 raised from last year's charity concert, the local government from Qinghai also donated \$250,000 yuan towards the promotion of healthcare in the locality. The combined funding enabled 34 teachers from QSPH to undergo postgraduate training in Beijing, Shanghai, France and Australia.

This medical exchange has provided us an in-depth understanding of the hardships faced by medical personnel in Qinghai. Hopefully our contribution towards better healthcare training and provision will benefit people in the locality and nearby provinces. The goodwill of our fellows and supporters was deeply appreciated by the QSPH, HXF and the Ministry of Health.

## **Cambodia Medical Mission Trip**

**Jointly organized by Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation Ltd.  
And The Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod Mission**

**Date:** Saturday, October 22, 2005 - Thursday, October 27, 2005

**Place:** Phnom Penh, nearby villages and poor relocation settlements

**Objectives:**

- to set up a mobile clinic and at the same time, cooperate with the local professionals to provide free medical consultations to Cambodian citizens
- to deliver talks and organize seminar on "Community Health"
- to visit Children's Home for runaway street youngsters
- to arrange field visits to hospitals
- to assign medicines to professionals and give away basic necessities to locals donated by Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation Ltd.

**Cost:** approximately HK\$4,500 (including visa, round trip air ticket, accommodation and meals). This fee is partially subsidized by Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation Ltd. and The Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod Mission.

**Deadline for application:** **September 10, 2005**

**Enquiries:** For further information, please contact Dr. Ko Wai Keung at 23911661 (email: [fmko@netvigator.com](mailto:fmko@netvigator.com)) or Mrs. Christine Leung at 28718871 (email: [hkcpaed@netvigator.com](mailto:hkcpaed@netvigator.com))

## Accreditation Committee

Fellows and trainees are informed that the following Council resolutions have been made in the 96<sup>th</sup> meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005 concerning the accreditation of Basic and Higher Paediatric Training Programme:

1. A Higher Trainee with fulfilment of 3-year higher training and waiting for the Exit Assessment could be regarded as a service medical officer and not to be counted as a trainee. As long as he/she is holding a post and is in continuous service in Paediatrics before examination, his/her training would not be regarded as interrupted training.
2. For those institutions in which some teams have exceeded the trainer to trainee ratios after July 2004, the accredited period of training for each trainee would be adjusted by a ratio of the number of available training posts to the actual number of trainees in the team. Also, the Council decided that this pro-rata formula should be applied by counting the trainees in the host institution only. In case there was an elective trainee from other institutions in the team, he/she would occupy one training post, and the other trainees in the host institution would share the remaining training posts in the team. This means that the accredited period of training for the trainees in the host institutions will be further reduced.
3. The assessment forms for Basic and Higher Training would be modified to include an assessment of the Overall Performance of the trainee as PASS/FAIL, to be completed by the Trainer. The training period for which the overall assessment is FAIL will not be accepted as accredited training for the purpose of Basic or Higher Training in Paediatrics. The revised assessment forms will be used for the next assessment exercise.

The following resolutions have been endorsed at the 97<sup>th</sup> Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2005:

1. A Basic Trainee with fulfilment of a 3-year basic training and waiting for MRCPCH/ Intermediate Examination could be regarded as a service medical officer and not to be taken as a trainee. As long as he/she is holding a post in Paediatric service before Intermediate Examination, his/her training would not be regarded as an interrupted training.
2. The criteria of Paediatric Intensive Care (PICU) as a subspecialty team in Basic and Higher General Paediatric Training Programme:
  - 2.1. PICU should be recognized as an established subspecialty team for the purpose of both Basic and Higher General Paediatric Training
  - 2.2. Each PICU team should on average have at least 4 patients per day. The complexity of that subspecialty has been taken into consideration. For that purpose, the PICU beds should be under the Hospital Authority's designated setup for PICU.
  - 2.3. PICU team rotations in Basic Training should preferably be not more than 3 months but definitely not more than 6 months.
  - 2.4. PICU subspecialty rotations in Higher Training should be no more than 12 months within the 3-year programme.

# Announcement from CME Subcommittee

## Re: Amendments of College CME/CPD Guidelines in July 2005

After the synchronization of CME cycle, the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine has made some amendments to the CME/CPD Guidelines. Accordingly our College's CME/CPD Guidelines has been revised.

Fellows are advised to note the following revisions:

1. Section III. 3.2.A.5: "A minimum of 30 points in a 3-year cycle will be required in Category A"

Amendment made: Added to the end of sentence: "but this rule does not apply to Fellows whose first CME cycle is 2 ½ years or shorter."

2. Section IV. 4.2: "The CME/CPD cycle will be synchronized with the duration of practising certificates; and fixed cycles will be adopted once the Medical Council of Hong Kong / Dental Council of Hong Kong have implemented linking of CME/CPD to the renewal of practising certificates. Once synchronization is implemented, Fellows will commence their first cycle immediately upon their admission to Academy Fellowship; and the required CME points for the first cycle will be counted on pro-rata basis. Our College should report to the Education Committee of the Academy any Fellow of the Academy who fails to comply with CME/CPD requirements at the end of the cycle. The Education Committee should then consider sanction."

Amendment made: The first sentence (underlined above) was deleted and replaced by "The Academy adopted fixed CME/CPD cycles from 1 January 2005." The remaining sentences were not changed.

3. Section IV. 4.5: "The College encourages all Fellows to participate in as many programmes as feasible. However, to encourage the medical education being continuous, the College has decided to accept a maximum of 50 points per year."

Amendment made: The last sentence (underlined above) was deleted.

4. Section VII. 7.1 Remediable non-compliance: a): "Fellows must: 1) have achieved not less than 60 points within the cycle; OR 2) be certified to have suffered from a medical condition which Council considers as a reasonable cause for the CME/CPD non-compliance. ..."

Amendment made: The phrase (underlined above): "60 points within the cycle; ..." was replaced by "two-thirds of the required number of points for a cycle; ....."

5. Section VII 7.1 d): "The remedial programme must be finished within the time specified by the appropriate College. In any case, the remedial programme must be finished within 12 months from the time of decision."

Amendment made: The phrase (underlined above) “from the time of decision” was replaced by “from the end of the cycle concerned”.

Full version of the amended CME/CPD Guidelines can be downloaded from the College Website.

## **Examination Committee**

Congratulations to the following 8 candidates who passed the Exit Examination in June 2005:

1. Dr CHANG Kit
2. Dr CHEUNG Heung Yan
3. Dr CHEUK Ka Leung, Daniel
4. Dr MA Kam Hung
5. Dr MAK Wai Yau, Daniel
6. Dr LAM Shu Ting, Denise
7. Dr LEE Kay Man, Karen
8. Dr TONG Kai Sing

### **Dates of Examination in 2005 (September – December)**

MRCPCH Part I -- 6 September 2005  
MRCPCH Part II -- 13 December 2005  
MRCPCH Clinical -- 1-2 November 2005  
DCH Clinical -- 3-4 November 2005  
Exit Assessment --15 December 2005

## **Professional and General Affairs Committee**

### **PALS Course 2005**

The Paediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Course 2005 will be held from 7 to 11 September 2005 (Wednesday to Sunday) at HKAM. This course is always very well received and places for the coming one are fully booked. Details for future courses will be posted on the College website at <http://www.paediatrician.org.hk>. Remember to register early next time.

## **College Social Function on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

The date of our annual social function has been changed to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2005. We will be visiting Kadoorie Farm & Botanical Garden on its once a month Organic Farmers Market Day in the afternoon followed by dinner at Beas River Country Club. In order to make arrangements best suited to you and your family members, please indicate in the Reply Slip attached to this Newsletter whether you intend to join this function and whether you prefer transport provided at a pick-up point in the city area (returning to the same point after the dinner) or arrange your own transport. Your reply before Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2005 to Connie at the College would be much appreciated. Details about the function will be announced shortly and enrollment will start mid-September.

### Reply slip

Annual College Social Function – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2005

Name of Fellow / Member / Associate Member\*: \_\_\_\_\_

I am / am not\* interested in joining the visit to Kadoorie Farm & Botanical Garden.

I am / am not\* interested in joining the dinner at Beas River Country Club.

I require / do not require\* group transportation.

I intend to attend by myself / with \_\_\_\_\_ family members\*.

\* Delete as appropriate

(by email: [hkcpaed@netvigator.com](mailto:hkcpaed@netvigator.com) or fax: 2785 1850 before 5<sup>th</sup> September 2005)

## 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, 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 enquire the contact person 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

August 2005	
25 <sup>th</sup> Aug (Thu)  CME Cat. A 1 pts	<p>Topic: <b>Education Programme for Management of Disabled Children</b></p> <p>Venue: Ward D6, 6/F, Main Block, PYNEH</p> <p>Time: 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm</p> <p>Organizer: Comprehensive Paediatric Rehabilitation Centre, PYNEH</p> <p>Enquiry: Ms Lai Pui Shan, Tel: 25956860</p>
31 <sup>st</sup> Aug (Wed)  CME Cat. A 2 pts	<p>Topic: <b>A Child with Tracheal Stenosis Presented as Recurrent Wheezing</b></p> <p>Venue: Seminar Room, 1/F, Nursing Quarters, KWH</p> <p>Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Lam Ping</p> <p>Organizer: HK Society of Paediatric Respiriology</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr TY Miu, Tel: 29586656</p>
Sep 2005	
7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Sep (Wed-Thu)  CME Cat. A 12 pts	<p>Topic: <b>Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course</b></p> <p>Venue: HK Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building</p> <p>Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm</p> <p>Organizer: Hong Kong College of Paediatricians</p> <p>Enquiry: Ms Karen Yu, Tel: 28718871</p>
10 <sup>th</sup> Sep (Sat)  CME Cat. A 3 pts	<p>Topic: <b>Update Series on Child Health 2005</b></p> <p>Venue: Ballroom, 3/F, Sheraton Hotel</p> <p>Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm</p> <p>Organizer: HK Paediatric Society &amp; Hong Kong College of Paediatricians</p> <p>Enquiry: Ms Kwong, Tel: 28596421</p>

10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Sep  (Sat-Sun)  CME Cat. A 12 pts	Topic: <b>Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course</b>  Venue: HK Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Organizer: Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Enquiry: Ms Karen Yu, Tel: 28718871
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13 <sup>th</sup> Sep (Tue)  CME Cat. A 2 pts	Topic: <b>Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital &amp; Stanford University School of Medicine Medical Teleconference Programme – Topics in Neonatology</b>  Venue: Lecture Theatre, Multicentre Block B, PYNEH Time: 7:30 am – 9:30 am Organizer: Department of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, PYNEH Enquiry: Ms Suki Tsang, Tel: 25956860
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16 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep (Fri – Sat)  CME Cat. A Max 9 pts	Topic: <b>The 50th Anniversary Symposium on Paediatric Neurology and Neuro-Rehabilitation</b>  Venue: Lecture Theatre 2 & 3, Faculty of Medicine Bldg, 21 Sassoon Road Time: 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm (Fri); 8:30 am – 5:00 pm (Sat) Speakers: Dr Simon Harvey, Prof Robert Surtees, Dr Anita Simonds Organizer: The Duchess of Kent Children's Hospital Enquiry: Ms Joyce Tsang, Tel: 29740277
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20 <sup>th</sup> Sep (Tue)  CME Cat A 2 pts	Topic: <b>1. Eosinophilic Esophagitis 2. Case Discussions</b>  Venue: Lecture Theatre, G/F, Block A, QEH Time: 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm Speaker: Dr SH Go Organizer: HK Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology , Hepatology and Nutrition Enquiry: Dr YK Leung, Tel: 27710698
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28 <sup>th</sup> Sep (Wed)  CME Cat. A 2 pts	Topic: <b>Chronic Cough in Children</b>  Venue: Seminar Room, 1/F, Nursing Quarters, KWH Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Speakers: Drs Eric Chan, PY Chow Organizer: HK Society of Paediatric Respiriology Enquiry: Dr TY Miu, Tel: 29586656
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8 <sup>th</sup> Oct  (Sat)  CME Cat. A  3 pts	Topic: <b>Update Series on Child Health 2005</b> Venue: Ballroom, 3/F, Sheraton Hotel Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Organizer: HK Paediatric Society & Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Enquiry: Ms Kwong, Tel: 28596421
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9 <sup>th</sup> Oct (Sun)  CME Cat. A Max 6 pts	Topic: Annual Scientific Meeting Venue: Sheraton Hotel Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Organizer: HK Society of Paediatric Respiriology Enquiry: Ms Sandy Chung, Tel: 21164349
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27 <sup>th</sup> Oct (Thu)  CME Cat. A 1 pts	Topic: <b>Education Programme for Management of Disabled Children</b> Venue: Ward D6, 6/F, Main Block, PYNEH Time: 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Organizer: Comprehensive Paediatric Rehabilitation Centre, PYNEH Enquiry: Ms Lai Pui Shan, Tel: 25956860
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