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Message from the Editors

This issue of the newsletter reaches you just after the Easter holiday. Anyhow, on behalf of the editorial board and the House Committee, we wish everyone a belated happy and joyful Easter break.

The 6th Guangdong - Hong Kong Paediatric Exchange Meeting will take place on 25 June 2006. An exciting programme has been arranged so do come and join us.

*** Important changes have been made to CME points, please read under the section of CME subcommittee.**

6th Guangdong – Hong Kong Paediatric Exchange Meeting

The 6th Guangdong-Hong Kong Paediatric Exchange Meeting will be held on Sunday 25th June 2006 at 東莞市石龍鎮西湖三路博愛園博愛醫院會議中心. This year, the Meeting will be sponsored by Wyeth (HK) Ltd. Transport will leave Hong Kong for Guangdong at 8:00 am on Saturday 24th June 2006 and check into 金凱銳大酒店(東莞市石龍鎮莞龍公路西湖路段) after arrival. After lunch, there would be sightseeing and lychee picking. The Meeting on 25th June will consist of 12 invited lectures with 6 speakers from Guangdong and 6 speakers from Hong Kong. There will be opportunities to make poster presentations at this Meeting and I would like to encourage our colleagues to participate actively in this biannual Meeting. We will return to Hong Kong in the evening of 25th June 2006. Please submit your poster abstracts to Dr PT Cheung at ptcheung@hkucc.hku.hk. The deadline for submission will be 19th May 2006 and we have to forward the poster abstracts to Prof Feng Jianpei of Guangzhou by the end of May 2006.

Sponsorship to attend this Meeting will be on a first come first served basis (~ 50 people) and there will be a HK\$500 single room surcharge (for single occupancy or if you wish to bring your spouse along). Attached is a brief programme of the Meeting (appendix 1) for your reference. For registration, please fill in the attached reply slip (appendix 2) and return it to College Secretariat on or before 9th June 2006. Please ensure that you have a valid travel permit for entering into China.

We look forward to your participation in this meeting, which combines science and fun.

Louis CK Low
Chairman, Education Committee

Announcement from Professional and General Affairs Committee

Mass media interest in the use of antihistamine in infants

Recently there was much interest in the media regarding the use of antihistamine in infants. Medication use on patients depends on our clinical judgment. For antihistamines there are established dosage guides for use in young children in reference texts such as Medicines for Children and BNF for Children. As an example the following information is given for chlorpheniramine;

Medicines for Children 2003 RCPCH

Chlorpheniramine			
Route	Age	Frequency (times daily)	Notes
	1 month – 2 years		
Oral	1 mg	2	Maximum total daily doses (oral): 1 month – 2 years: 2 mg

BNP 2005

Chlorpheniramine

By mouth

Child 1 month – 2 years 1 mg twice daily

One should of course be aware of potential side effects and contra-indications.

Response to recent unnatural child deaths

In view of the recent series of unnatural child deaths and the lack of progress in establishing Child Death Review in Hong Kong, our College wrote to Mr. Donald Tsang, the Chief Executive of Hong Kong urging the Government to set up this formal independent system and a Children's Commission as soon as possible to protect our children from such deaths.

Clinical guidelines

Please note all previously published clinical guidelines are now on the College website. It is available at the members' session and can be downloaded in pdf format.

Electronic version of Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics

The official website of the Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics had been launched in October 2005. All articles are freely available and could be accessed through your college websites at <http://www.paediatrician.org.hk> or directly at <http://www.hkjaed.com>, <http://www.hkjaed.org>, or <http://www.hkjaed.net>.

Useful Internet Resources for Paediatricians

The college website maintains a list of useful Internet resources that paediatricians may wish to refer to often. You're welcome to share your favorite web sites related to child health with your colleagues.

<http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/entuseful.htm>

Access Full Text Journals at Home Or at Your Office

There are a number of free Internet resources that allows one searching for medical literatures and view their abstracts. However, viewing the full text article is a subscriber-only service in most cases. The e-Knowledge Gateway (eKG) of Hospital Authority and the libraries of The University of Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong provide service that allow subscribers to access a large range of paid electronic resources via an Internet connection from home or from the office. Please refer to the subscription information from their respective web sites.

1. eKG, Knowledge Management Unit, Hospital Authority:

http://www.ekg.org.hk/html/gateway/ekg_eddys_application_form.pdf

HA e-knowledge gateway:

For HA staff: It is freely accessible in your hospital and library with your departmental account. (Designated computer terminals might be necessary.)

For non-HA staff or access outside HA hospital: Personal account is available and application form can be obtained at <http://www.ekg.org.hk/>. The subscription fee per quarter is HK\$240 for HA staff and HK\$300 for non-HA staff.

2. The University of Hong Kong Libraries:

<http://lib.hku.hk/friends/join.html>

3. University Library System, The Chinese University of Hong Kong:

<http://www.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/Common/Reader/Channel/ShowPage.jsp?Cid=137&Pid=22&Version=0&Charset=iso-8859-1&page=0>

Announcement from CME Subcommittee

Are the regular meetings of the Society you belong to receiving automatic CME points from the College?

In addition to the HK Paediatric Society, the HK Society of Paediatric Endocrinology, the HK Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition, the HK Paediatric Haematology & Oncology Study Group, and the HK Society of Paediatric Respiriology have been recognized by the College and their regular meetings have been granted CME points automatically. Invitations to chairperson of other paediatric societies have been sent and they are strongly encouraged to join the arrangement.

Administrative charge for late submission of Annual Return Forms (ARFs)

Fellows who have not submitted their 2005 ARFs by the end of February 2006 will receive the first reminder. An administrative charge of \$500 is required when they submit their outstanding ARFs. A second reminder will be delivered to the Fellows if their ARFs are still outstanding by the end of March. An administrative charge of \$1,000 will be required for the submission of ARF later than that day.

ARFs for the year 2006 are required to submit earlier

In order to comply with the requirements of the Hong Kong Medical Council and the renewal of Annual Practising Certificate, the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine has instructed all Colleges to report on the ARFs of their Fellows not later than 6 weeks after the end of each CME year. Fellows of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians will be required to submit their ARFs within 4 weeks after the end of the year from 2006 onwards. Therefore, Fellows are strongly recommended to keep track of their CME activities and they are strongly encouraged to make use of the MLMS (www.mlms.org.hk).

CME activities will be classified as *active* and *passive*

The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine is proposing to classify all CME activities into *active* and *passive* types according to the actual involvement of the Fellow in the said activity. From the next CME cycle commencing in 2008, there will be a maximum of 75 points **allowed** for all *passive* CME activities. Details of the changes will be announced in due course.

Announcement from the Membership Committee

The following doctors were recommended and endorsed as Associates:

- 1) Dr Chan Kwong Tat
- 2) Dr Chan Siu Yin

The following Associates were recommended and endorsed as Members:

- 1) Dr Chan Pui Suen, Pissy Grace
- 2) Dr Chung Way Lueh
- 3) Dr Fung Tsui Hang, Sharon
- 4) Dr Ting Yan Wing, Daniel
- 5) Dr Wong Chin Pang

The following Members were recommended for elevation to College Fellows and nomination for FHKAM (Paediatrics):

- 1) Dr Au Yeung Wai Yan, Viola
- 2) Dr Chan Fung Ying
- 3) Dr Cheng Wai Tsoi, Frankie
- 4) Dr Ku Wai Hung
- 5) Dr Tam Ka Man, Carmen
- 6) Dr Tsang Yee Hoi, Hannah
- 7) Dr Wong Wai Chun

Announcement from Examination Committee

Results of the recent examinations

Date	Examination	Pass / No. of sittings	Pass rate
13 December 2005	MRCPCH Part II	3 / 4	75%
17 January 2006	MRCPCH Part I		
	Paper IA	12 / 18	66.6%
	Paper IB	12 / 16	75%
	Paper IA (DCH)	4 / 18	22.2%
28 February – 1 March 2006	MRCPCH Clinical Examination	6 / 16	37.5%
21 December 2005	15 th Exit Assessment	7 / 7	100%

Cambodia Medical Mission Trip jointly organized by Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation and The Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod Mission

Date: 23rd – 28th September 2006

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\$4,000 (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: August 10, 2006

(max. 10 persons on first come first serve basis)

Enquiries:

For further information, please contact Dr. Yau Fai To, Tour Leader at 26892286 (email: yauft@ha.org.hk) or Dr. Ko Wai Keung at 23911661 (email: fmko@netvigator.com)

Obituary

In memorial of Dr. HU Shih Chang

By Yeung Chap Yung

Our College sadly mourned the passing away of Dr. Hu Shih Chang on February 20, 2006, who was a dedicated and experienced member of the paediatric community and a founding member of the College. After a distinctive service as a lieutenant taking command in a gun-boat to protect China from Japanese invasion, Dr. Hu returned to Hong Kong to complete his medical training among the first batch of post-war graduates. Dr Hu was also one of the first few local paediatricians in the post second world-war era who had obtained the M.R.C.P. qualification in paediatrics. In those days, paediatricians were required to command good knowledge and clinical skills not only in paediatrics but also in adult medicine before they could pass the examinations. Dr. Hu did it with flying colours.

Dr. Hu was the first to fill a newly created Government Consultant position in 1961, known at that time as the “Government Paediatric Specialist”. He was responsible for shaping up the paediatric unit of Queen Mary Hospital in preparation for the newly appointed Professor of Paediatrics, C. Elaine Field, to take over. He was also responsible for commencing a new paediatric service unit in the new Queen Elizabeth Hospital in 1963. His subsequent long service to the paediatric community has won him an admirable reputation as a kind-hearted and capable clinician to children under his care. Our condolences go to his family, particularly to his wife, Mrs. Dorcas Hu who had provided him loving company and support all through his outstanding service to Hong Kong children.

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; UCH, United Christian Hospital

April 2006	
26 th Apr (Wed) CME Cat. A 2 pts	<p>Topic: Management of Severe Croup – Baking up which Tree? Venue: Seminar Room, 1/F, Nursing Quarters, KWH Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Speaker: Dr June Chan Organizer: HK Society of Paediatric Respiriology Enquiry: Dr Chow Pok Yu, Tel: 35175055</p>
27 th Apr (Thu) CME Cat. A 1 pt	<p>Topic: Education Programme for Management of Disabled Children Venue: Child & Youth Health Link (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</p>
27 th Apr (Thu) CME Cat. A 2 pts	<p>Topic: 1. A Rare Cause of Neonatal Hypoglycaemia 2. An Unusual Patient with Liver Failure & Recurrent Hypoglycaemia due to a Newly Defined Inborn Error of Metabolism Venue: Lecture Theatre, Block M, G/F, QEH Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Speakers: 1. Dr Chan Chung Wing 2. Dr Cheung Pik To Organizer: HK Society of Paediatric Endocrinology & Metabolism Enquiry: Dr Lee Ching Yin, Tel: 34087781</p>

May 2006	
24 th May (Wed) CME Cat. A 2 pts	<p>Topic: Management of Ventilator Associated Pneumonia/Aspiration Pneumonia</p> <p>Venue: Seminar Room, 1/F, Nursing Quarters, KWH</p> <p>Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Ko Wai Tai Daniel</p> <p>Organizer: HK Society of Paediatric Respiriology</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr Chow Pok Yu, Tel: 35175055</p>
June 2006	
6 th Jun (Tue) CME Cat. A 2 pts	<p>Topic: Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital & Stanford University School of Medicine, Medical Teleconference Programme – Topics in Neonatology</p> <p>Venue: Lecture Theatre, Multicentre Block B, PYNEH</p> <p>Time: 7:30 am – 9:30 am</p> <p>Organizer: Department of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, PYNEH</p> <p>Enquiry: Ms. Erica Chung, Tel: 25956410</p>
16 th -18 th Jun (Fri-Sun) CME Cat. A Max 18 pts	<p>Topic: Neonatal Ventilation and Advanced Respiratory Care</p> <p>Venue: Multifunction Room, School of Public Health, Prince of Wales Hospital</p> <p>Speakers: Profs. P.C. Ng, J. Aschner, S. Donn, A. Flemmer, C. Poets</p> <p>Organizer: Department of Paediatrics, the Chinese University of Hong Kong</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr K.W. So, Tel: 26322862</p>
22 nd Jun (Thu) CME Cat. A 1 pt	<p>Topic: Education Programme for Management of Disabled Children</p> <p>Venue: Child & Youth Health Link (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>
28 th Jun (Wed) CME Cat. A 2 pts	<p>Topic: Pneumococcus-induced Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome</p> <p>Venue: Seminar Room, 1/F, Nursing Quarter, KWH</p> <p>Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm</p> <p>Speaker: Dr Chan Shu Yan</p> <p>Organizer: HK Society of Paediatric Respiriology</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr Chow Pok Yu, Tel: 35175055</p>

Appendix 1

第六屆粵港兒科學術交流會程序

日期：2006年6月25日

地點：東莞市石龍鎮西湖三路博愛園博愛醫院會議中心

8:00	登記
8:30 – 8:45	開幕禮
8:45 – 10:00	交流論文 3 篇
10:00 – 10:45	茶點及參觀壁報
10:45 – 12:00	交流論文 3 篇
12:00 – 13:00	午餐
13:00 – 13:45	參觀壁報
13:45 – 15:00	交流論文 3 篇
15:00 – 15:45	茶點及公布壁報評選結果
15:45 – 17:00	交流論文 3 篇
17:00 – 17:15	閉幕禮

Appendix 2

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

6th Guangdong – Hong Kong Paediatric Exchange Meeting
25 June 2006, Dongguan

Reply Slip

(Please return to College Secretariat by post or by fax at 27851850 on or before 9th June 2006)

I wish to participate in the above conference alone / with my spouse

I will / will not submit an abstract for poster presentation

I will travel in the College coach / make my own travel arrangement

I prefer to have a room to myself in the hotel *

I am a Fellow / Member / Associate of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians.

Name: _____ Institution: _____
(Block Letters)

Mailing address: _____

Office Tel no. _____ Fax no. _____

Email: _____ Date: _____

Please ✓ the appropriate boxes.

* Normally 2 participants will share a room. If you wish to occupy a room by yourself or with your spouse, you will be charged HK\$500 for this special arrangement. Subject to availability of vacancies, non-Fellows/Members/Associates may be considered provided they are affiliated to Paediatric clinical units (e.g. postgraduate students, research staff, official visitors, nurse). Each participant in this category will be charged HK\$500 for double room occupancy.