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Message from the Editors

December marks the end of the year. Our annual event, the Annual General Meeting was held successfully last month. On behalf of the House Committee, we would like to wish everyone a joyful X'mas and Happy New Year.

Annual General Meeting 2008

The 17th Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians was held on 29th November, 2008 at Lim Por Yen Lecture Theatre of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. The minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting was adopted without amendment. The 2007/2008 Annual Report of the College was received and approved unanimously.

For this year, there were five vacancies in the College Council. Notice of invitation of nominations for Council Members were sent to all Fellows on 3rd September and as at close of nomination period on 2nd October 2008, the College has received five nominations. Hence no postal ballot was required, and the five nominees were elected ipso facto to be Council Members for the years 2008 – 2011. We congratulate the following Elected Council Members: Professor Lau Yu Lung, Dr Lee Wai Hong, Professor Ng Pak Cheung, Dr So Lok Yee and Dr Tam Yat Cheung, Alfred.

In the 17th Annual General Meeting, Mr. Chan Chi Hung and Mr. Walter Ma were re-appointed as our College's Honorary Legal Adviser and Honorary Auditor respectively. The 2009 subscription fees will be the same as those of last year: HK\$1,800 for Fellows, HK\$900 for Overseas Fellows, HK\$1,200 for Members, HK\$600 for Overseas Members and HK\$600 for Associates.

President Speech—17th AGM on 29 Nov 2008

Professor York Chow, Professor Grace Tang, Dr SV Lo, Dr Leung Ka Lau, Presidents and representatives of Academy Colleges, Fellows, Members and Associates of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, ladies and gentlemen, good evening. On behalf of our College, I would like to welcome you all to the Annual Fellows' Admission Ceremony. I would like to congratulate our graduates members who will be conferred the College Fellowship this evening. You will be recognized for your achievements dedication and hard work today. You have undergone the stipulated 6-year training programme and have successfully fulfilled the stringent assessment of our College, demonstrating that you have the knowledge, skills, clinical competence and appropriate attitude to practice as a specialist in paediatrics.

As you all embark on the next phase of your professional career, I hope, and I have no doubt that you all will engage in a professional practice committed to integrity, compassion, altruism, clinical excellence and life-long continuous professional development. You should place the concerns and welfare of your patients as your priority. You should act as advocate for children and their families especially those who are under privileged and cannot speak up for themselves. This collection of positive personal attributes, values and behaviours that we call professionalism underpins the science and practice of medicine and forms the basis for a moral contract between you and society. Our College places much emphasis on professionalism and yet, it is not a topic that can be taught as a classroom subject. We can teach it by example. We rely on positive role models and prevalent values and behaviours of our Professors, consultants, training supervisors and trainers to nurture professionalism amongst our trainees. I am grateful to all the College trainers who have worked so hard to groom the fine young men and women who will be admitted as Fellows of the College here today. Apart from clinical practice, I hope that some of the graduates will be involved in training and teaching the next generation of paediatricians imparting on them the positive professional attributes and values so important in paediatric practice.

Some of you will go into private practice while others may wish to undergo further training in a paediatric subspecialty. For those who wish to enter into subspecialty training, I would strongly urge that you seriously consider undergoing subspecialty clinical and research training overseas for a significant period of time. This will undoubtedly incur some personal and financial sacrifices and I would propose to you that this would be very worthwhile in the long run. The proposed establishment of the Centre of Excellence in Paediatrics should be a stimulus for ambitious Young Fellows to enter into subspecialty training locally and overseas in preparation for paediatric subspecialty practice in the Centre of Excellence. It is important to realize that there is life after work. You must devote time to your family and loved ones. Whatever career choice you make, I would like to wish you all the best for the future.

Once again, congratulations and we would like to share this joyous moment with you and your family.

Paediatric Manpower Questionnaire Survey

The College Council conducted a survey recently to help with manpower planning for the future in our paediatric specialty. We are grateful for the views of all the Fellows who responded to the questionnaire prepared by the Working Group for Manpower Planning of our College. A brief summary has been prepared by members of the Working Group to provide feedback to all our Fellows. Full details of the analysis of the responses to the questionnaire can be viewed at the College Secretariat.

Summary on Manpower Planning Questionnaire 2008

Demographics

The return rate is 44.5% with 270 questionnaires. Male to female ratio is 2:1. 85% are Fellows of our College and 27% also have Fellowship of other Hong Kong Colleges. 50% work in public hospitals and 42% in private practice. For more details regarding age range, years since graduation and since MRCPCH, as well as subspecialty training, please consult document in College office.

Private Practice

For colleagues in private practice, 75% are in solo practice. The mean working hours in the clinic is 40.6 hours per week, and for hospital practice 11.3 hours per week. Most colleagues see between 101-200 patients per week in their clinic, 28% of the colleagues have over 80% of their patients in clinic being children under 19 years old. 86% manage less than 26 patient-days per week in their hospital practice. 43% are interested in part-time service in public sector. 18% plan to retire within the next 6 years. 53% support that patients <19 years should only consult paediatrician for their health needs in the community. 75% do not think paediatricians should only see patients less than 19 years old in the community. For more details, please consult document in College office.

Public Service

For colleagues in public service, 86% work in HA hospitals. 57% of the colleagues see between 21-40 outpatients per week. 42% personally manage between 51-100 patient-days per week for their inpatient service. 22% plan to leave public service within the next 3 years and another 16% within 4-6 years. 5% plan to retire in the next 3 years and another 2% between 4-6 years. 23% prefer to change to part-time practice in public service in the next 2 years. 51% support that patients <19 years should only consult paediatricians for their health needs in the community. 75% do not think paediatricians should only see patients less than 19 year old in the community. For more details, please consult document in College office.

Progress of Subspecialty Development in Hong Kong

The Task Force for Higher Training of Paediatric Subspecialties was appointed by the College Council on 4 May 2000 to study the status of paediatric subspecialties development in Hong Kong and to make recommendations to the College Council. During the past 8 years, the Task Force had extensively studied the development of subspecialties in Hong Kong and has carried out 3 consultation meetings to paediatricians. In September 2008, the Task Force has prepared a final report to the Council, recommending the readiness of subspecialty accreditation in Hong Kong. At the 116th Council Meeting on 9 September 2008, it was resolved that the Task Force would dissolve and to be transformed to a Working Group named "Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties in Hong Kong". At the latest meetings of the Working Group, the procedures of vetting applications for Subspecialty Accreditation were further discussed. The latest views of the College with regard to subspecialty accreditation were elaborated in the following documents:

- 1) Procedures of Vetting Application for Accreditation from Subspecialty Groups;
- 2) FAQs collected at the 3rd Forum on 16 July 2008.

Colleagues can read the Final Report of the Task Force, and the above two documents from the College website under Special Announcements → Working Group for Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation

As announced in our October 2008 Newsletter, the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation will again be co-organizing a fund-raising charity walk "**Hua Xia Charity Walk 2008**" with the Hua Xia Foundation and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, School of Nursing **on Sunday, 21st December, 2008**. All members of the College are invited to join this meaningful event.

Details of the event are as follows:-

Charity Walk at the Peak

Date: Sunday, 21st December, 2008
Time: 12 noon Opening Ceremony; 12:30 pm Charity Walk
Place: The Peak
Routing : The Peak Galleria -- Open Plaza -- Harlech Road -- Lugard Road -- The Peak Galleria -- Open Plaza.
Website: <http://www.huaxiacharity.org.hk>
Enrolment: 1st July 2008 – 15th December, 2008 (Enrolment forms can be obtained from the above website)
Enquiries: 35251520

H. M. LUI Memorial Fund

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians established the H. M. LUI Memorial Fund in Year 2001 to promote postgraduate study and research in liver diseases and related disciplines in children.

Applications are invited for the H.M. LUI Fellowship, which will be awarded to residents of Hong Kong SAR who are able to meet the following minimum criteria:

THE H. M. LUI FELLOWSHIP

The H. M. LUI Fellowship will be awarded to paediatricians for education, training and research in the United Kingdom **in any field of Paediatrics**, preferably liver diseases and gastroenterology in the year 2009. The applicant must be aged below 40 years; Residents of Hong Kong SAR and are currently working in Hong Kong SAR.

The award of the Fellowship will consist of:

1. Round trip airfare (economy class) by the most economical route.
2. Monthly allowance of HK\$10,000-HK\$12,000.
3. Reimbursement of course fees and books up to HK\$6,000.

The award of the Fellowship shall range from three (3) to twelve (12) months. Application must be made by nomination by the Head of the Department of Paediatrics or Hospital Chief Executive. The deadline of application is 28th February, 2009.

Enquiries and application forms are available from Mrs. Christine Leung, College Secretary of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians at Room 801, HK Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Bldg., 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong. Tel: (852) 2871 8871 Fax: (852) 2785 1850 Email: christine.leung@paediatrician.org.hk or visit our website: www.paediatrician.org.hk.

CME Annual Return Form Submission for Year 2008

Fellows are reminded to send in their Continuing Medical Education Annual Return Form (CME ARF) for the year ending 2008. For **PASSIVE CME/CPD**, Fellows can get a copy of their iCMECPD

Status Report from the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine as well as Certificates of Attendance of all approved overseas Category A activities. However, for **ACTIVE CME/CPD**, iCMECPD is unable to provide the ACTIVE CME/CPD profile, **all Fellows need to submit the active CME/CPD activities separately in the revised ARF form.**

The iCMECPD Status Report is available from the Academy's website: <http://www.icmecpd.hk> and College's Annual Return Form from College's website: www.paediatrician.org.hk under Continuing Medical Education Section. **Deadline for submission of the above ARF & iCMECPD Status Report to the College chamber is on or before 31st January, 2009.**

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

Dec 2008		
1 Dec	Topic:	1) Genetic Characterisation of Hereditary Red Cell Disorders and Building a Chinese database 2) Doctor, Doctor, my head hurts !!! Oh no.... I can't see well either....."
	Venue:	Multi Function Room, G/F, Block D, Queen Elizabeth Hospital
	Time:	6pm-8pm
	Speaker:	1) Dr Jason So 2) Dr K M Belaramani
Cat A 2 pts	Organizer:	HK Paediatric Haematology & Oncology Study Group
	Coordinator:	Dr Vincent Lee
	Enquiry:	Tel: 26321019

3 Dec	Topic:	Paediatric Interhospital Renal Meeting: 1) Oscillometrically measured blood pressure in HK Children 2) Epidemiology & nature of hypertension in HK secondary school students
	Venue:	MG Ground Rm 2, Queen Elizabeth Hospital
	Time:	6:30 pm - 8pm
	Speaker:	1) Prof Rita Sung 2) Dr Lettie Leung
Cat A 2 pts	Organizer:	HK Paediatric Nephrology Society
	Coordinator:	Ms Elena Lam
	Enquiry:	Tel: 23845204

9 Dec	Topic:	Recent Advances in the Management of Scoliosis in children
	Venue:	鑽石山龍蟠街3號荷里活廣場2樓208室聘珍樓
	Time:	2pm-3pm
	Speaker:	Dr Li Yun Hoi
Cat A 1 pt	Organizer:	HKDU Kowloon East Study Group
	Coordinator:	Ms Michelle Lam
	Enquiry:	Tel: 23882728 hkdu@hkdu.org

12 Dec	Topic:	Family Therapy
	Venue:	Lecture Hall, G/F, Block M, Queen Elizabeth Hospital
	Time:	Light Buffet: 7pm -8pm Lecture 8pm-10pm
	Speaker:	Prof. Ma Lai Chong
Cat A 2 pts	Organizer:	The HK Society of Child Neurology & Developmental Paediatrics
	Coordinator:	Dr Louis Ma
	Enquiry:	cklma@yahoo.com

13 Dec	Topic:	Seminar on Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Survey Findings
	Venue:	Block N, Room 2, HK Polytechnic University
	Time:	9am - 12:30pm
	Speaker:	Various
Cat A 3 pts	Organizer:	The HK Society of Child Neurology & Developmental Paediatrics
	Coordinator:	Dr Catherine Lam
	Enquiry:	Tel: 23934019

15 Dec	Topic:	1) Demyelinating disease - neuroimaging update 2) Dravet Disease
	Venue:	Seminar Room, AB1038, 1/F, Main Block, Tuen Mun Hospital
	Time:	12:30pm-2 pm
	Speaker:	1) Dr YC Wong 2) Dr Eric Yau
Cat A 1 pt	Organizer:	Dept. of Paediatric, Tuen Mun Hospital
	Coordinator:	Ms Bonnie Chan
	Enquiry:	Tel: 24685392 ckm987@ha.org.hk
