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### Message from the Editors

With the Year of the Pig drawing to a close, on behalf of the House Committee, we would like to wish everyone a prosperous new year. There are a few important messages included in this issue of the newsletter including the new CME requirements, dates for future membership and fellowship examination and membership of the various sub-committees. The 7<sup>th</sup> Guangdong Hong Kong Exchange meeting will take place on 28 June 2008 and we are playing host this time, so do mark your diary and support this meaningful and educational event.

### Co-opted Council Members 2008

Our sincere congratulations go to Dr Chow Chun Bong for his success in being elected Council Member of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. At the 112nd Council Meeting on 8 January 2008, our College Council has unanimously resolved to invite Dr Chow to be our co-opted Council Member. We are sure that Dr Chow will serve as a further link between paediatricians and the Council of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.

### New CME requirements for the next cycle 2008-2010

The purpose of implementing continuing medical education (CME)/continuing professional development (CPD) is to keep Fellows informed and up-to-date and to maintain a high standard of professional practice. It is a statutory requirement for Fellows to fulfil CME/CPD requirements recommended by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine if they wish to stay on the Specialist Register of the Medical Council of Hong Kong.

Based on the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine revised CME/CPD guidelines especially on the issue of active CME points, the CME Subcommittee working under Education Committee and the Council has amended the CME/CPD guidelines with fair representations of Fellow colleagues from the universities, public hospitals and private sectors.

The new Guidelines on CME/CPD of the Academy and College will take effect from the new cycle 2008 – 2010. This is readily available for downloading in the College website at [www.paediatrician.org.hk](http://www.paediatrician.org.hk). The major change in the Academy Guideline for 2008-2010 is the capping of passive CME/CPD points to a maximum of 75 points per cycle. In other words, Fellows will need to obtain at least 15 active CME points per cycle to fulfill the requirement of 90 points per cycle. For this purpose, the College has revised its Guidelines to define the activities leading to passive or active CME/CPD points. For the convenience of Fellows in private practice, the College will suggest a list of activities that enables them to get adequate active CME/CPD points in the next section. In the new Guidelines on CME/CPD for 2008-2010, medical audit and quality assurance activities are not mandatory. We are aware of the sentiments of our College Fellows and our College would be against making any CME/CPD activity mandatory.

Tips to gain active CME/CPD points in private practice:

1. Self study of Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics – completing the MCQs of each issue leads to award of 4 active CME/CPD points. The four issues of the Journal will already provide 16 active CME/CPD points for each Fellow per year. **In addition, with effect from 11 February 2008, Fellows can answer the MCQs of the most recent issue through the Academy iCME/CPD website at <http://www.icmecpd.hk/>.**
2. The previous limit of maximum 10 points for self study (Category D) and active participation in Category E activities have been removed in the new College CME/CPD Guidelines in July 2007.
3. Self study of other journal articles – Fellows can read paediatrics-related articles published in the past one year within a list of over 75 College approved journals (see appendix 2 of College CME/CPD Guidelines). One active CME/CPD point will be awarded to each article studied when a written commentary of 300 words is submitted. An assessment fee (currently \$500 per year for an unlimited number of articles) will be required for the activity. Other paediatric CME websites such as Medscape are also under consideration to facilitate Fellows on getting active CME points.

4. Fellows can form Study Groups comprising of five or more Fellows to conduct regular category B CME/CPD meetings including reviews of paediatric topics or case presentations, journal clubs, X ray meetings, audio-visual viewing sessions. Apart from passive CME/CPD points according to the duration of the meeting (one point per hour), Fellows will get one extra active CME/CPD point per meeting by being speakers with presentations of not less than 30 minutes or the chairman on submission of a synopsis of the meeting. These Study Groups have to be registered with the College and must hold regular meetings.

For a full list of activities leading to award of active points, Fellows are advised to read the College CME/CPD Guidelines. A simplified list of other active activities is shown below.

List of other active CME/CPD activities:

1. Presentations at international, regional or local professional meeting
2. Presentations at hospitals or approved study groups
3. Scientific publications
4. Activities to improve patient care (study groups can develop patient management algorithms, management guidelines)
5. Medical audit and quality assurance
6. Development of medically related technology
7. Teaching and lectures (College organized) to doctors in Hong Kong and overseas (PALS Course, Neonatal Resuscitation Programme in China, teaching doctors in developing countries, lectures to non-specialists) have been recently recognised by the Academy as active CME/CPD.
8. Acting as reviewer for local and indexed journals.

**Questionnaire survey on paediatric workforce**

The College Council will soon conduct a questionnaire survey for our Fellows, Members and Associates in order to have more data for projection of the number of paediatricians we may need to train in the future. In addition, the College Council is of the opinion that children should consult paediatricians rather than other specialists for their health needs, and we would like to have your opinions on this issue to estimate the level of support. A

questionnaire will be sent by mail to you in mid-February. Please spend a few minutes to complete the questionnaire and send it back to the College before the stated deadline. The questionnaire should be returned anonymously. Please be reassured that all data collected will only be analysed in a composite fashion for the exclusive use of the College Council. Your support by providing frank feedback is vital to the College Council for planning our future workforce requirement.

## **Announcement from Examination Committee**

### **Results of the recent examinations**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Examination</b>	<b>Pass / No. of sittings</b>	<b>Pass rate</b>
30-31 October 2007	MRCPCH Clinical Examination	6/16	38%
1 November 2007	DCH Clinical Examination	12/17	71%
12 December 2007	MRCPCH Part II Examination	4/7	57%
18 December 2007	19 <sup>th</sup> Exit Assessment	4/4	100%

### **20<sup>th</sup> Exit Assessment**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Exit Assessment will be held on 19 June 2008. Deadline for submission of applications is 31 March 2008. Details of application and application form can be obtained from the College's website.

## 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.*

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

Feb 2008		
26 Feb	Topic:	<b>Allergic Airway Symposium: 1) Outcome research in asthma/allergic rhinitis 2) Allergic Rhinitis in Children - a Review</b>
	Venue:	Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel & Towers, TST
	Time:	7pm - 8:30pm
	Speaker:	1) Prof David Price 2) Dr. Daniel Ng
Cat A 2 points	Organizer:	Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Respiriology
	Coordinator:	Dr Chow Pok Yu
	Enquiry:	Tel:35175055 pychow@writeme.com

March 2008		
29 - 30 March	Topic:	<b>Sleep 2008</b>
	Venue:	Shaw Auditorium Postgraduate Education Centre, PWH
	Time:	29/3: 1pm-6pm 30/3: 9am - 6pm
	Speaker:	various
Cat A 3 points for 29/3; Cat A 6 pts for 30/3 Total 9 pts for 2 days	Organizer:	Dept. of Paediatrics, CUHK
	Coordinator:	Prof. Albert Martin Li
	Enquiry:	Tel: 26322982 Fax: 26360020

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