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Message from the Editors

December marks the end of the year. Our annual event, the Annual General Meeting was held on the 1st December 2007. This had been a good gathering opportunity for colleagues. We have a brief report on the AGM in this issue. On behalf of the House Committee, we would like to wish everyone a joyful X'mas and Happy New Year.

16th Annual General Meeting

The 16th Annual General Meeting was held on 1st December 2007 at the Lim Por Yen Lecture Theatre of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. The minutes of the 15th AGM and the Annual Report of the College Council and Standing Committees were received and adopted. Copies of the Annual Report will be sent to those Fellows, Members, and Associates who did not attend the AGM.

Following a postal ballot, Drs Chan Chok Wan, Cheung Pik To and Li Chi Kong were elected as Council Members for a term of three years from 2008 to 2010. Mr Chan Chi Hung and Mr Walter Ma were re-appointed as the College's Honorary Legal Advisor and Honorary Auditor respectively.

Dr Maurice Leung retired as Elected Council Member after many years of invaluable service. The College Council would like to thank him once again for his contribution and continuing support to the College.

The annual subscription fees for Fellows, Members and Associates would remain the same as 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).

At the Fellows Conferment Ceremony that followed, the following colleagues were admitted as new Fellows in the year 2007:

Dr Chan Yat Tung

Dr Chan Keung Kit

Dr Chan Wai Ming

Dr Chiu Kwok Sun

Dr Chong Chun Yin

Dr Hui Wai Han

Dr Hung Chi Wan

Dr Kwok Man Lai
Dr Kwok Mei Kwun
Dr Lam Hung San
Dr Yip Yuen Fong
Dr Yu Wing Sze

Speech by College President in the 16th Annual General Meeting

Professor York Chow, Professor Grace Tang, Professor Felice Lie-mak, Dr KK Kwok, Dr Gloria Tam, Presidents and representatives of Academy Colleges, Fellows, Members, Associates, ladies and gentleman, good evening.

On behalf of the Council of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, I welcome you all to the New Members Fellows Admission Ceremony of our College. I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to our graduants who will soon be admitted as Members and Fellow of our College. The award of the College Fellowship is your well deserved reward after your many years of hard work. This joyous occasion will be an important milestone in your life after your graduation from medical school. While rejoicing in your success, you should be grateful to the support of your family and to the patients, parents, colleagues and mentors who have provided you with such an excellent learning environment so that you could achieve the knowledge, skills and attitude to become a competent paediatrician. You have entered into the paediatric profession in an opportune moment. Those of you who plan to enter into private practice are relieved to know that the Hong Kong's economy has improved in recent times after many years of recession. It is the College's opinion that qualified paediatricians are the only ideal primary care doctors looking after children and young people in our community. Our paediatric colleagues in practice face stiff competition from general practitioners and specialists in family medicine who also claim that they are the most appropriate primary care doctors for children. It is therefore up to you all to demonstrate to the parents and children and to educate the community that only qualified paediatricians can provide the best value for money, evidence-based holistic care for children. The Intermediate and Exit examinations only assess your knowledge and skills to ascertain that you are competent to practise paediatrics. Although attitude is extensively included in our training curriculum, we practically never assess our trainees on this very important aspect. Whether doctors have appropriate attitudes towards professionalism, has been shown to affect their relationships with patients, the quality of care they provide and ultimately, health and illness outcomes. Your success in practice will depend in your attitude towards professionalism. What then is a good professional behaviour:

1. Integrity and adherence to a high moral code are necessary aspects of professionalism.
2. You should always make the care of your patients your primary concern (altruism) and act as the advocate for children.
3. Be aware of the importance of empathy and effective communication.
4. To demonstrate the appropriate demeanour, attire and conduct.
5. There is consensus on the importance of reflective practice, audit and keeping ones professional knowledge and skills up-to-date and hence the importance of your participation in CPD. A good doctor is one who is committed to life-long self-directed learning. Interactive educational activities in continuing education are more effective in changing doctors' behaviour and performance and improvement in patient care. From January 2008 onwards, a Fellow of the Academy is require to accumulate 15 active CME/CPD points within the 3-year CME cycle.

Our College has pledged that we will provide adequate active CPD activities for Fellows to fulfil this Academy CPD requirement. For those of you who aspire to continue your practice in the public sector or to train further in a paediatric subspecialty, exciting times lie ahead of you. Our College has invited applications for accreditation of different paediatric subspecialty training programmes in Hong Kong. The Chief Executive has the vision to include in his policy address, the decision to explore the possibility of establishing a centre of excellence in paediatrics in Hong Kong. A vision without action is but a dream. It is up to us all, especially those of you who continue to work in the public sector, to work together to make his dream become a reality. Hong Kong deserves a Children Hospital.

Finally, my congratulations to our granduants again. Thank you.

Membership Committee

The following were recommended to be Associates of the College starting from 1 July 2007:

1. Au Kin Chung, Brian
2. Chan Ching Ching, Iris
3. Chan Pak Hong
4. Chan Wai Man
5. Chow Chi Kwan
6. Chu Wing Sze, Dorothy
7. Fu Chun Cheung, Antony
8. Ho Chi Chung, Alvin
9. Kwok Sit Yee
10. Lam King Fai
11. Lo Wai Chee
12. Lung, David Christopher
13. Man, Elim
14. Wong Hiu Lap
15. Wong Oi Yin
16. Wong Po Kin
17. Wu Sze Wing, Janet

The following Associates were recommended for elevation to Members:

1. Chan Yin Pui
2. Chau Shuk Kuen
3. Chee Yuet Yee
4. Chong Shuk Ching
5. Fok Oi Ling, Annie
6. Jalal, Khair
7. Ku Tak Loi
8. Ma Lap Tak, Alison

Examination Committee

Results of the recent Examinations

Date	Examination	Pass / No. of sittings	Pass rate
4 September 2007	MRCPCH Part I Examination		
	Part IA	9/28	32%
	Part IB	16/33	48%
	Part IA (DCH written)	4/10	40%

Change of Examination Date

The RCPCH has changed the date for the second diet of the 2008 MRCPCH Part II Examination originally set on 16 April 2008 to 23 April 2008.

PGA Committee

Annual Social Function: Tung Lung Island on 18 November 2007

A total of 42 (including 5 children) attended the function. We had a feel of the waves and cliffs of the island with only a few inhabitants. The short walk provided adequate exercise for the day, and was just manageable by the kids with parental support. Though the visibility was less than desirable, the boat ride seemed too short for the endless chats among old and new friends. You are welcome to share the joy by viewing the pictures at http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/gallery/2007_PGASF/

Many participants are looking forward to the function next year, please send your suggestions to the secretariat.

Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation

Medical Mission Trip to Yunnan for Year 2008

The itinerary is as follows:-

25th May, 2008	Depart from Hong Kong to Kunming
26th – 27th May, 2008	Neonatal Resuscitation Program in Kunming Maternal and Child Health Hospital
28th – 31st May, 2008	Depart for Shangri-La, seminar, site visit and tour of Shangri-La.
1st June, 2008	Return to Hong Kong via Kunming

The cost for airfare, lodging and breakfast quoted by China Travel Agency, exclusive of tips and miscellaneous items is about \$5,080.00 - \$5,480.00 per person depending on the choice of Hotel. This will include the use of tour bus over the whole trip. Meals and local tours are not included as there will be official dinners and the local officials may help us arrange for local tours.

We welcome College Fellows to join us as appointed teachers (Mandarin speaking an essential, preferably with experience in NRP). Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation will subsidize the cost of travel and lodging for the appointed teachers.

Other Fellows are welcomed to join us to share in the experience of helping our colleagues in China and to see first hand the local health conditions. If you are interested, please contact either me or Mrs. Christine Leung at the College Chamber.

Family Health Service Parenting Book "共享育兒樂"

The College has received 300 complimentary copies of a parenting book "共享育兒樂" from Family Health Service of the Department of Health. Fellows, Members and Associates who are interested can obtain a copy from the Secretariat on first-come-first-served basis while stock lasts.

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 2008. 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 29th February, 2008.**

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 Hand 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 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

December 2007		
3-6 Dec 2007	Topic:	Overview of Risk Taking Behaviours (Hong Kong Scene & US Scene) - Dec 3 am Workshop : Substance Abuse - Dec 3 pm Disordered eating & Transition Care - Diabetic patients transit from Paediatric Care to Adult service - Dec 4 am Workshop on behavioural problems - Dec 4 pm Adolescent Sexuality and HPV vaccine - Dec 5 night Adolescent Health Training and Advocacy - Dec 6 am
Cat A 1 point for 3 Dec (11:30am-1pm); 2 pts for 3 Dec (2:30-5pm); 2 pts for 4 Dec (11am-1pm); 2 pts for 4 Dec (2:30-5pm); 1 pt for 5 Dec; 3 pts for 6 Dec; Total 11 pts for the whole function	Venue:	M Ground, Lecture Theatre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital
	Time:	Dec 3: 11:30am -1pm Dec 3: 2:30-5pm Dec 4: 11am-1pm Dec 4: 2:30-5pm Dec 5: 7:30pm-9pm Dec 6: 9:30am - 12:30pm
	Speaker:	various
	Organizer:	HK Society for Adolescent Medicine
	Coordinator:	Dr Lau Ka Fai, Tony
	Enquiry:	Tel: 97833384 lkftony@gmail.com

9 -12 Dec 2007	Topic:	Commissioned training in infectious disease
	Venue:	Queen Elizabeth Hospital
	Time:	Dec 9, 07 : 5:30pm-7:30pm Dec 10, 07: 8:30am - 9:30 am & 11:30am - 12:30 pm & 5pm - 6pm Dec 11, 07: 8:30am - 9:30am & 5-6pm Dec 12, 07 : 8:30am - 9:30 am
Cat A 2 points for 9/12; 1 pt for all of the other sessions respectively, total 8 pts for whole programme	Speaker:	Dr David Burgner
	Organizer:	Dept. of Paediatrics, QEH
	Coordinator:	Dr. YS Yau
	Enquiry:	Tel: 29586656 Fax: 23845204

January 2008		
13 Jan 2008	Topic:	Bleeding Disorders and Pediatric Hematology: All you should know
	Venue:	The Chariot Club, 4/F., Melbourne Plaza, 33 Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong
	Time:	12pm -2pm
	Speaker:	Dr. Herman LIU, Dr. Godfrey Chi-Fung CHAN
Cat A 2 points	Organizer:	Hong Kong Chinese Medical Association
	Coordinator:	Mr. Sammy Lee
	Enquiry:	Tel:29016035 Fax:25376607

30 Jan 2008	Topic:	Complications of primary spontaneous pneumothorax and a new method of chest drain insertion without blunt dissection
	Venue:	Seminar Room, 1/F, Nursing Quarter, Kwong Wah Hospital
	Time:	6:30pm - 8pm
	Speaker:	Dr. Lee Po Yee, Lilian, Dr. Poon Yee Ling, Eligina, Dr. Chiu Wan Keung
Cat A 2 points	Organizer:	Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Respiriology
	Coordinator:	Dr. Chow Pok Yu
	Enquiry:	Tel:35175055 pychow@writeme.com
