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Message from the Editors

As we approach the Chinese New Year, the editorial team wishes everyone a prosperous and enjoyable year of the Pig.

In this issue, we have attached the list of membership for the various college committees for the year 2006 – 07 for your reference, see appendix 1.

Please also note that the new childhood immunisation programme has already begun. We have included in the appendix the letter from the Department of Health explaining rationale for such a change.

Annual General Meeting 2006

The 15th Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians was held on 9th December, 2006 at Lim Por Yen Lecture Theatre of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. The minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting was adopted without amendment. The 2005/2006 Annual Report of the College was received and approved unanimously.

At the 15th Annual General Meeting, Professor Low Chung Kai, Louis was elected unopposed as President, Dr. Chan Kwok Hing, Alex unopposed as Vice-President, Dr. Wong Sik Nin unopposed as Honorary Secretary and Dr. Ko Wai-Keung unopposed as Honorary Treasurer. Mr. Peter Mark and Mr. Walter Ma were re-appointed as our College's Honorary Legal Adviser and Honorary Auditor respectively. The 2007 subscription fees will be increased as follows: 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.

Speech by the out-going president Prof. TF Fok at the AGM

Professor Grace Tang, Dr TH Leung, Mr Shane Solomon, Dr KK Kwok, Dr Vivien Wong, Distinguished guests, Friends, Colleagues, Dear Graduands, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Tonight I bid you all a fond farewell as I address the College AGM for the last time in my capacity as President of the College. I have already explained in my message from the President the reason why I am breaking the College tradition by not seeking a second term of office. My two predecessors Professor CY Yeung and Professor NK Leung had each served two terms. Both have made a great deal of personal sacrifice but in so doing, have provided the continuity in leadership that was vital during the formative years of our College. They have worked hard to nurture the College from its infancy, laying down a

firm foundation, overcoming many of the growing pains experienced by the College. Now that the College has matured, I personally believe that the interests of the College would be better served by more diversity in leadership. There is no lack of extremely capable colleagues in the College, and I have every confidence that we will be able to find strong leaders as Presidents in future. The election of Professor Louis Low as my successor certainly proves my point.

I must admit to having mixed feelings about relinquishing the Presidency. While I think this is good for the College and I do feel relieved about stepping down, I do enjoy being the President and will certainly miss the Presidential laurel after I hand it over to Louis, such as the overwhelming reception I receive every time I step into this building during the past three years, and the fourteen enjoyable weekends every year attending the fellowship conferment ceremonies of sister Colleges. That certainly makes me feel good! More seriously, I will miss the sense of satisfaction and fulfillment in having the opportunity and privilege to serve the College and the Academy. I will miss the time working closely with my colleagues in the College council and the College secretariat. I will miss the sisterly leadership of our Academy President, Professor Grace Tang, who has provided sound guidance to me throughout the past years. And of course I will miss the collegial friendship and guidance of the Presidents and colleagues of our sister Colleges in the Academy Council. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to you all for your leadership, your guidance, and the wonderful working and personal relationship we have developed over the past years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Dr PY Lam, Dr Leung Ting Hung and the Department of Health, and Mr Shane Solomon, Dr Vivien Wong and the Hospital Authority for their staunch support of our cause in the past years. We perceive ourselves to be a child advocate and we champion the cause of children welfare by setting and safeguarding a high standard of Paediatric training so that our trainees will be safe, compassionate and competent doctors for children of all age in both hospital and primary care settings. We also stand up against any social injustice or discrimination against children, be it deliberate or inadvertent. In so doing we might have raised a few eyebrows and ruffled a few feathers, but the bottom line is we are very willing to support and assist the government authorities and other NGOs in making our society a safer, better, and more joyful place in which our children will grow up, receive education, and nurture their own families in the future. With the understanding, tolerance and support from the authorities and our community partners, we have been able to make some contributions to these worthy causes over the years. We look forward to more collaborations in future.

As College President, albeit for only 30 more minutes, I would like to congratulate our graduands on your achievements. You have spent many hours of hard work going through your clinical training and studying for the examinations, and have cleared many hurdles in your training years before you can come this far. To you, tonight is an evening for celebration. To us, you are the future of our College. The road ahead is full of challenges. You must learn to be strong, strong in your hearts, strong in your souls, and strong in your beliefs. Seek not the path of comfort, but face the challenges ahead with confidence; learn

to stand up in the storm but have compassion on those who fall. As you recite the oath of fellowship, I hope you will remember those words well as you practice as a paediatrician.

To our fellows, I would like to thank you for entrusting me with the College Presidency for the past three years. Those have been fulfilling years for me, and I hope I have not fallen too short of your expectations. I am very grateful to you for your support and your understanding, which have made my job so much easier and enjoyable, so much so that I am almost tempted to stay on for another term! The College has found an excellent president in Prof Louis Low, and I am sure you will give him as much support as you have given me in the past. I wish Louis and the College every success in the years to come. Thank you.

Announcement from the Council

At its 106th Council Meeting on 8th January 2007, the Council has resolved to appoint two more co-opted council members for the next year - Professor Leung Nai-Kong as chairman of the House Committee, and Professor Cheung Pik-To to fill an occasional vacancy of the Council.

A note from the House Committee

With effect from February 2007 the College Chamber will open on alternate Saturday mornings. Ms. Jenny Chan will be on duty on every alternate Saturdays from 3 February 2007.

New College ties are now available for purchase at HK\$200 per piece. There are two colour options, and do visit the college website to have a closer look at the new trendy design.

Announcement from the Membership Committee

The following were recommended and approved as Associates and their basic training started from the dates in brackets:

CHAN Mei Ching (1/7/2006)

CHAN Ngai Man (1/7/2006)

LEE Kin Chung (1/7/2006)

MAK Kin Yan (1/7/2006)

MUI Suet Yan (1/7/2006)

WAI Ka Ming (1/7/2006)

YUEN Chi Lap (12/3/2006)

The following Associates were recommended for elevation to Members and their effective date of commencement of Higher Training to start from 1 July 2006:

CHIK Kar Ki

LAM Hoi Yan

TAN Ho Yin, Timothy

Our sincere congratulations to the following colleagues who passed the Exit Examination in December 2006 and now they are Fellows of our College:

CHONG Chun Yin (QMH)
CHAN Yat Tung, Eric (KWH)
LAM Hugh Simon Hung San (PWH)

Announcement from the CME subcommittee

Just a short reminder that the deadline for submission of CME ARF for Year 2006 is 31st January 2007.

An Administrative charge of HK\$500 shall be levied if a Fellow fails to return the form after the deadline.

Announcement from Examination Committee

Results of the recent examinations

Date	Examination	Pass / No. of sittings	Pass rate
14-15 November 2006	MRCPCH Clinical Examination	6/15	40%
16 November 2006	DCH Clinical Examination	6/9	66.6%
13 December 2006	MRCPCH Part II Examination	1/2	50%

Editorial Board of the Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics

New Editorial Board Members 2007-2008

1. Chief Editor: Prof Yeung Chap Yung (for 6 mths) /Prof Louis Low
2. Associate Editors: Prof Louis Low (for 6 mths) /Dr. SN Wong
3. Managing Editor: Dr. NS Tsoi
4. Journal Board Members:
 - Dr. Chan Chi Fung
 - Dr. Cheung Yiu Fai
 - Dr. Chow Chun Bong
 - Prof Fok Tai Fai
 - Prof Lau Yu Lung
 - Dr. Leung Ting Fan
 - Prof Ng Pak Cheung
 - Dr. Tsao Yen Chow

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 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

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5 th Feb (Mon)	Topic: Venue: Time: Speaker: Organizer:	Molecular Basis of Mitochondrial Disorders Lecture Theatre, M Block, G/F, QEH 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Prof Yasu Koga HK Society of Inborn Errors of Metabolism, HK Society of Medical Genetics
CME Cat. A 1 pt		

6 th Feb (Tue)	Topic: Venue: Time: Organizer: Enquiry:	PYNEH & Stanford University School of Medicine Medical Teleconference Programme - Topic in Neonatology Lecture Theatre, Multicentre Block B, PYNEH 7:30 am – 9:30 am Department of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, PYNEH Ms Erica Chung, Tel: 5956410
CME Cat. A 2 pts		

6 th Feb (Tue)	Topic: Venue: Time: Speaker: Organizer:	Frontline of Mitochondrial Therapy & Case Presentation Conference Room, 4/F, Wai Oi Block, Caritas Medical Centre 2:00 pm – 5 pm Prof Yasu Koga HK Society of Inborn Errors of Metabolism
CME Cat. A 3 pts		

12 th Feb (Mon)	Topic: Venue: Time: Speakers:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Treatment Results of Intracranial Germ Cell Tumours in Hong Kong New Protocol Proposals: CNS Germ Cell Tumours & Choroid Plexus Tumours Room 2, G/F, M Block, QEH 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Dr GCF Chan & Dr MK Shing
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CME Cat. A 2 pts	Organizer: Enquiry:	HK Paediatric Haematology & Oncology Study Group Dr AKS Chiang, Tel: 28554091
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28 th Feb (Wed)	Topic:	A Review of 10 Paediatric Patients with Necrotizing Pneumonitis
	Venue:	Seminar Room, 1/F, Nursing Quarters, KWH
	Time:	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
CME Cat. A 2 pts	Speaker:	Dr Sit Sou Chi
	Organizer:	HK Society of Paediatric Respiriology

March 2007		
3 rd Mar (Sat)	Topic:	Annual Scientific Meeting 2007 – Highly Curable Cancers in Children
	Venue:	Multi-function Room, G/F, Block D, QEH
	Time:	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
CME Cat. A 3 pts	Organizer:	HK Paediatric Haematology & Oncology Study Group
	Enquiry:	Dr AKS Chiang, Tel: 28554091

13 th Mar (Tue)	Topic:	Update on Common Development Disorders of Childhood 1. Early identification of common developmental disorders of childhood 2. Introduction of Child Assessment Service and related rehabilitation service
	Venue:	Central Kowloon Child Assessment Centre
	Time:	1:45 pm – 4:00 pm
CME Cat. A 2 pts	Organizer:	Child Assessment Service, Department of Health
	Enquiry:	Ms Lillian Lau, Tel: 22466642

15 th Mar (Thu)	Topic:	Current Update on the Management of Mucopolysaccharidoses
	Venue:	Pearl Ballroom, Eaton Hotel
	Time:	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
	Speaker:	Dr James Edmond Wraith
CME Cat. A 1 pt	Organizer:	HK Society of Medical Genetics & Hong Kong Society of Inborn Errors of Metabolism
	Enquiry:	Ms Esther Tai, Tel: 28101613

Appendix 1

Membership of the College Committees for Years 2006-2007

Accreditation Committee

Chairman :	Dr. CHAN Chok Wan
Hon. Secretary :	Dr. LEUNG Ping, Maurice
Members :	Dr. CHAN Kwok Hing, Alex
	Dr. CHIU Man Chun
	Prof. FOK Tai Fai
	Dr. HO Che Shun, Jackson
	Prof. LAU Yu Lung
	Dr. LEUNG Chik Wa, Paul
	Prof. LOW Chung Kai, Louis
	Prof. NG Pak Cheung
	Dr. TSAO Yen Chow
	Dr. WONG Sik Nin

Membership Committee

Chairman :	Prof. LAU Yu Lung (wef 9/1/07)
Hon. Secretary :	Dr. LEE Kwok Piu
Members :	Dr. CHAN Kwok Chiu
	Dr. CHAN Kwok Hing, Alex
	Dr. HO Che Shun
	Dr. KO Wai Keung, Frederick
	Dr. LI Chi Kong
	Prof. NG Pak Cheung
	Dr. SO Lok Yee

Education Committee

Chairman :	Dr CHAN Kwok Hing, Alex (wef 9/1/07)
Hon. Secretary :	Dr. LEE Wai Hong
Members :	Dr. CHENG Chun Fai
	Dr. CHEUNG Pik To
	Dr. CHU Wai Po, Reann
	Dr. LEUNG Sze Lee, Shirley
	Dr. NELSON, Anthony
	Dr. TSOI Nai Shun
	Dr. YAU Fai To, Adrian
	Dr. YOUNG Wan Yin, Betty

Professional & General Affairs Committee

Chairperson :	Dr. SO Lok Yee (wef 9/1/07)
Hon. Secretary :	Dr. LEUNG Cheuk Wa, Wilfred
Members :	Dr. CHENG Chun Fai
	Prof. FOK Tai Fai
	Dr. IP Lai Sheung, Patricia
	Dr. KO Po Wan
	Dr. LAM Cheung Cheung, Barbara
	Prof. LEUNG Nai Kong
	Dr. LEUNG Tze Ching, Vincent
	Dr. LI Chi Him
	Dr. YOUNG Wan Yin, Betty

Examination Committee

Chairman :	Prof. NG Pak Cheung
Hon. Secretary :	Dr. CHAN Hin Bui, Bill
Members :	Dr. CHIU Man Chun
	Prof. FOK Tai Fai
	Dr. IP Lai Sheung, Patricia
	Prof. LAU Yu Lung
	Dr. LEE Wai Hong
	Dr. LI Chi Keung
	Dr. YOUNG Wan Yin, Betty

Review Committee

Chairman :	Dr. KO Yiu Shum, Paul (wef 27/3/06)
Hon. Secretary :	Dr. CHANG Kan, Jane
Members :	Dr. CHENG Man Yung
	Dr. CHIU Lee Lee, Lily
	Dr. TSAO Yen Chow
	Prof. YEUNG Chap Yung
	Prof. YUEN Man Pan, Patrick

House Committee

Chairman :	Prof. LEUNG Nai Kong
Hon. Secretary :	Dr. HUEN Kwai Fun
Members :	Dr. KO Po Wan
	Dr. KO Wai Keung
	Dr. LEUNG Cheuk Wa, Wilfred
	Dr. LI, Albert Martin
	Dr. WONG Sik Nin
	Dr. WOO Lap Fai, Chris

Appendix 2



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Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases

Recommendations on updated childhood immunisation programme containing inactivated poliovirus and acellular pertussis vaccines

The Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases (2006) made the following recommendations concerning the replacement of oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV) and whole-cell pertussis (wP) vaccine by inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) and acellular pertussis (aP) vaccine respectively in the childhood immunisation programme in Hong Kong.

Rationale

2. OPV is currently used in the local childhood immunisation programme. This vaccine has contributed to the successful eradication of poliomyelitis in Hong Kong. However, OPV has been known to be associated with a rare complication known as vaccine-associated paralytic poliomyelitis (VAPP), occurring in about one in 2.4 million OPV vaccine recipients. VAPP has not been associated with IPV. IPV has similar protective efficacy as OPV against poliomyelitis. Reactions with IPV are mild, usually comprising local reactions such as erythema (0.5–1%), induration (3–11%) and tenderness (14–29%). With poliomyelitis eradication achieved in the Western Pacific Region in 2000, as well as the gradual recession of the poliomyelitis outbreak in Indonesia towards the end of 2005, the Scientific Committee is of the view that the risk of VAPP now outweighs the risk of acquiring poliomyelitis due to wild poliovirus importation. Hence, the Scientific Committee recommends that OPV be replaced by IPV in the local



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childhood immunisation programme, and that the birth dose of OPV-Type 1 be abolished in the current immunisation programme.

3. A whole-cell pertussis (wP) vaccine (in a combined preparation with diphtheria and tetanus vaccine called DTwP) is currently used in the local childhood immunisation programme. A primary series of three doses of DTwP vaccine plus one booster is 70%-90% effective in preventing serious pertussis disease. In recent years, an alternative acellular pertussis vaccine (in a combined preparation with diphtheria and tetanus vaccine called DTaP) has been developed and is widely used in many countries. DTaP vaccine has similar efficacy and duration of protection as DTwP vaccine. DTaP is reported as being associated with a lower incidence of vaccine reactions (e.g., local pain, redness and swelling) than DTwP. Furthermore, production of DTwP has decreased in recent years and supplies have become unstable. In view of the above, the Scientific Committee recommends that DTwP vaccine be replaced by DTaP vaccine in the local immunisation programme. Additional acellular pertussis vaccine will be given to both Primary One and Six students for extra protection.

4. The Scientific Committee recommends combined diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and inactivated poliovirus vaccines be used in the updated childhood immunisation programme, so that children are vaccinated only once during an immunisation visit. The vaccination schedule is 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 18 months, Primary 1 and Primary 6. Type I OPV at birth will cease.

5. Whenever possible, the same DTaP product should be used for all doses in the primary series. If the same product is not available, DTaP vaccines can be used interchangeably. For children who have started the vaccination series with one, two, three or four doses of DTwP, combined vaccines with acellular pertussis component are recommended for all remaining doses in the schedule. IPV can be given following any doses of OPV.

Recommended Vaccine Composition and Use

The following table summarized the original and the updated childhood immunisation schedule recommended:

Original Immunisation Recommended		Updated Immunisation Recommended	
Age	Immunisation	Age	Immunisation
Newborn	B.C.G. Vaccine Hepatitis B Vaccine - First Dose Polio Type 1 Vaccine	Newborn	B.C.G. Vaccine Hepatitis B Vaccine - First Dose
1 month	Hepatitis B Vaccine – Second Dose	1 month	Hepatitis B Vaccine - Second Dose
2-4 months	DTwP Vaccine - First Dose Polio Trivalent Vaccine - First Dose	2 months	DTaP-IPV Vaccine – First Dose
3-5 months	DTwP Vaccine - Second Dose	4 months	DTaP-IPV Vaccine – Second Dose
4-6 months	DTwP Vaccine - Third Dose Polio Trivalent Vaccine – Second Dose	6 months	DTaP-IPV Vaccine – Third Dose Hepatitis B Vaccine - Third Dose
6 months	Hepatitis B Vaccine - Third Dose		
1 year	MMR Vaccine - First Dose	1 year	MMR Vaccine - First Dose
1½ years	DTwP Vaccine - Booster Dose Polio Trivalent Vaccine - Booster Dose	1½ years	DTaP-IPV Vaccine – Booster Dose
Primary 1	MMR Vaccine - Second Dose DT Vaccine - Booster Dose Polio Trivalent Vaccine - Booster Dose	Primary 1	MMR Vaccine - Second Dose DTaP-IPV Vaccine – Booster Dose
Primary 6	dT Vaccine - Booster Dose Polio Trivalent Vaccine - Booster Dose	Primary 6	dTap-IPV Vaccine – Booster Dose

Remarks:

DTwP Vaccine: Diphtheria, Tetanus & whole cell Pertussis Vaccine

DTaP-IPV Vaccine: Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis & Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine

dTap-IPV Vaccine: Diphtheria, Tetanus, acellular Pertussis (reduced dose) & Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine

DT Vaccine: Diphtheria & Tetanus Vaccine

dT Vaccine: Diphtheria & Tetanus Vaccine (reduced dose)

MMR Vaccine: Measles, Mumps & Rubella Vaccine

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