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From the Editors

This issue of College Newsletter is the last issue of the year 2002. The Annual General Meeting was just held last month. This also signifies the end of the year. Do remember to submit your Annual Return Form for CME. Meanwhile may we wish you a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Eleventh Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 11th Annual General Meeting was held on 23rd November 2002 at the Lim Por Yen Lecture Theatre, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. Following a postal ballot, Dr. Chiu Man Chun, Dr. Patricia Ip, Professor Lau Yu Lung, Dr. Lee Wai Hong and Dr. Tam Yat Cheung, Alfred were elected as Council Members for 2002-2005. Mr. Peter Mak and Mr. Walter Ma were re-appointed as honorary legal adviser and honorary auditor respectively.

47 College Fellows and 13 New Fellows attended the Annual General Meeting. Dr. C.H. Leong, President, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, Dr. Lee Kin Hung, Chairman, Medical Council of Hong Kong, Dr. Margaret Chan, Director of Health, Dr. Vivian Wong, Director, Professional Services & Medical Development, Hospital Authority, Dr. Hon. Lo Wing Lok, Honorable Member of Legislative Council, and Presidents and Representatives of sister Colleges attended the New Fellows' Admission Ceremony and more than a hundred Fellows, Members and guests attended the Annual Dinner.

Message from the President

Speech of the President in the 11th AGM

Dr. C H LEONG, Dr. K H LEE, Dr. Margaret CHAN, Dr. Vivian WONG, Dr. W L LO, Presidents and Representatives of the Academy Colleges, Distinguished Guests, Fellows and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Council of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians I wish to thank you for participating in today's Ceremony of Admission of New Fellows. My sincere congratulations go to all the new Fellows who will shortly be admitted. You have now completed your training and passed the assessments in paediatrics. You will be eligible for the Fellowship of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, and for registration with the Medical Council of Hong Kong as specialists in paediatrics. Our College will rely on you to uphold the standard of paediatric practice and to protect the interests of the children of Hong Kong. We look forward to seeing you participating in the continuing medical education programme.

Training and education remain on the top of the agenda of the College during the past year. Following on the deliberations of the 10th anniversary scientific meeting on 'primary health care in paediatrics' last year, the Council has resolved that all trainees starting their basic training in 2003 will undergo mandatory training in child health for six months. I wish to express my gratitude to the Director of Health and the Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority for their support in our training policy. Dr. Margaret Chan,

I thank you for giving opportunities to our trainees to receive training in the maternal and child health centres. Dr. Vivian Wong may be interested to know that in line with the reorganization of the delivery of services in the Hospital Authority, accreditation of paediatric training in the Authority by the College would, in the future, be on a cluster basis. The College will strive to approve programmes that will match training with service needs while maintaining the standard and quality of training and education.

During the summer our College has held two successful scientific meetings in the Mainland: with the Guangdong Pediatric Society in Panyu in July and with Xinjiang Pediatric Society and the Urumqi Children Hospital in Urumqi, Xinjiang in August. All our participants have found the visits rewarding, which we believed, have resulted in a better understanding of the paediatric practice and training in the Mainland as well as in establishing a formal link with our Mainland colleagues. The College will continue to build up our network with our sister organizations in the Mainland. In connection with this, the College has opened up the applications for the H. M. Lui Fellowships to our Mainland colleagues, and in fact, the first award has gone to a paediatrician from Shanghai to sponsor his training in paediatric hepatology in the United Kingdom in 2003. The College has thus established a triangular network among the Chinese Mainland, the United Kingdom and Hong Kong SAR.

To promote good clinical practice the College has widely disseminated the clinical practice guideline on 'febrile convulsion' through newsletters, college journals and web page. More guidelines will be forthcoming in the future.

Dear members of our College, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and advice given to me and to the Council in the past years. Currently the College communicates with 70% of our members through electronic means. This is not entirely satisfactory. I hope that eventually we shall totally eliminate the use of papers. To achieve this I shall need your support. I also look forward to your continued guidance and participation in the coming year.

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Thematic Issues 2003-2004

The themes of the coming issues are as follows:

January 2003	Infection & Immunization
April 2003	Neonatology
July 2003	Nil
October 2003	Endocrinology
January 2004	Nephrology
April 2004	Adolescent Medicine

The Editorial Board of the Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics, led by Professor C. Y. Yeung, would like to appeal to you for contributing articles to the Journal.

CME Subcommittee

Fellows whose CME cycle starts in January of each year should submit their **Annual Return Forms on their CME points to the College Secretariat before 31st January 2003.**

The following documents are required:

1. The completed Annual Return Form
2. Photocopies of the pages in the logbook bearing the relevant CME categories.
3. Attendance certificates for overseas activities or pre-approved special courses.

Please send them by fax (fax no. 852- 27851850) or mail to the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, Rm 808, HKAM Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

Examination Committee

Congratulations

The passing rate of MRCPCH/Intermediate Part II Oral & Clinical Exam held on 28th-29th Oct 2002 and the Joint DCH Exam 30th-31st Oct 2002 was 56% and 41% respectively. We would like to congratulate on those who passed these two examinations.

Dates of 2003 Examinations

Please refer to the schedule table for details concerning the dates of MRCPCH, Joint DCH and Exit Assessment examinations in 2003.

Accreditation Committee

Questionnaire returned by Subspecialty Groups

Since the date for return of the Questionnaire was already due on 30th June 2002, the Accreditation Committee decided to set a deadline for the return of questionnaire from all

subspecialty groups. All the subspecialty groups who had not returned the questionnaire are reminded to submit their Questionnaire before 5:00 pm on 31st December 2002. Those who could not meet the deadline would be encouraged to re-submit on the second call for submission.

Temporary Medical Registration

The "Guidance Notes on Application for Support of Temporary Medical Registration of Overseas Doctors for the purpose of Clinical Teaching in a Private Hospital" has been approved by the Council. Please refer to the full version in this Newsletter for details.

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 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.*

December 2002	
9 th Dec (Mon) CME Cat. A 2 pts	<p>Topic: 1. Recurrent craniopharyngioma in an adolescent girl 2. Trilateral retinoblastoma</p> <p>Venue: Ground Floor, Room 3, M Block, Queen Elizabeth Hospital</p> <p>Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Speakers: 1. Dr SC Ling 2. Dr KO Chang</p> <p>Organizer: HK Paediatric Haematology & Oncology Study Group</p> <p>Enquiry: Ms Anita Lee, Tel: 26321144</p>
9 th -12 th Dec (Mon-Thu) CME Cat. A Max. 18 pts	<p>Topic: <i>Paediatric Dialysis Course</i></p> <p>Venue: Princess Margaret Hospital</p> <p>Organizer: Paediatric Nephrology Centre, Department of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, Princess Margaret Hospital</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr KC Tse, Tel: 29903601</p>
10 th Dec (Tue) CME Cat. A 2 pts	<p>Topic: Neurology Conference</p> <p>Venue: Ground Floor, Room 3, M Block, Queen Elizabeth Hospital</p> <p>Time: 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm</p> <p>Organizer: HK Society of Child Neurology & Developmental Paediatrics</p> <p>Enquiry: Dr SP Wu, Tel: 29588888</p>
10 th -13 th Dec (Tue-Fri) CME Cat. A Max. 18 pts	<p>Topic: International Children's Continence Society & Asia Pacific Association of Paediatric Urologists Joint Meeting</p> <p>Venue: Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre</p> <p>Organizer: Division of Paediatric Surgery, Department of Surgery, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</p> <p>Enquiry: Ms Michelle Cheng, Tel: 26322951</p>

11 th Dec (Wed)	Topic: Seminar on Renal Failure in Neonates Venue: Conference Hall, Block G, Princess Margaret Hospital Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Speakers: Dr William Wong; Prof HK Yap; Dr WM Lai; Dr Sarah Ledermann
CME Cat. A 2 pts	Organizer: HK Paediatric Nephrology Society Enquiry: Dr Lai Wai Ming, Tel: 29903757

17 th -18 th Dec (Tue-Wed)	Topic: Commissioned Training 2002/2003 - Update on Haematology -Lymphoproliferative disorders & Haematological malignancies -Advances in Thalassaemia -Prenatal diagnosis in Thalassaemia & HbH disease -Screening strategy for Thalassaemia in HK
CME Cat. A Max. 12 pts	Venue: Lecture Theatre, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital Time: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm Speakers: Dr B Bain; Prof Fucheron; Prof V Chan; Dr E Ma Organizer: Hospital Authority Enquiry: Dr Au Ka Leung, Tel: 29901818

21 st Dec (Sat)	Topic: Focus on Paediatric Infections 2002 Venue: Conference Hall, Block G, Princess Margaret Hospital Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
CME Cat. A 3 pts	Organizer: Princess Margaret Hospital Enquiry: Ms Venus Yip, Tel: 29903746

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2 nd Jan (Thu)	Topic: Certificate Course in Paediatric Cardiology Venue: Lecture Theatre, Kwok Tak Seng Heart Centre, Grantham Hospital Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Organizer: Paediatric Cardiac Centre, Grantham Hospital & Dept. of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, The University of Hong Kong
CME Cat. A 2 pts	Enquiry: Ms Au Wai Kwan, Tel: 25182134

4 th Jan; 11 th Jan; 18 th Jan; 25 th Jan (Sat)	Topic: Certificate Course on Paediatric Respiratory Medicine Venue: Lecture Theatre, 10/F, New Wing, Kwong Wah Hospital Time: 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm Organizer: Department of Paediatrics, Kwong Wah Hospital
CME Cat. A 2 pts/day	Enquiry: Ms Annie Young, Tel: 27815055

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15 th Feb; 22 nd Feb (Sat)	Topic: Certificate Course on Paediatric Respiratory Medicine Venue: Lecture Theatre, 10/F, New Wing, Kwong Wah Hospital Time: 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm Organizer: Department of Paediatrics, Kwong Wah Hospital
CME Cat. A 2 pts/day	Enquiry: Ms Annie Young, Tel: 27815055

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Dates of 2003 Examinations

	Examination	Date
1.	MRCPCH/Intermediate Examination Part I Written	28th January 2003 (Tue)
2.	MRCP(UK)/MRCPCH/Intermediate Examination Part II Clinical Examination	25th-26th February 2003 (Tue & Wed)
3.	Exit Assessment	20th June 2003 (Fri)
4.	Joint MRCP(UK)/MRCPCH/Intermediate Examination Part II Written Examination	12th August 2003 (Tue)
5.	Joint DCH Examination (Written Examination)	4th September 2003 (Thur)
6.	MRCPCH/Intermediate Examination Part I Written	23rd September 2003 (Tue)
7.	MRCP(UK)/MRCPCH/Intermediate Examination Part II Clinical Examination	13th-14th October 2003 (Mon & Tue) (<i>Tentative</i>)
8.	Joint DCH Examination (Clinical Examination)	15th-16th October 2003 (Wed & Thur) (<i>Tentative</i>)
9.	Joint MRCP(UK)/MRCPCH/Intermediate Examination Part II Written Examination	9th December 2003 (Tue)
10.	Exit Assessment	16th December 2002 (Tue)

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Guidance Notes

Application for Support of Temporary Medical Registration of Overseas Doctors for the purpose of Clinical Teaching in a Private Hospital

1. According to the Medical Registration Ordinance Section 14B, an application for Temporary Medical Registration (TMR) of overseas doctors for the purpose of clinical teaching in a private hospital will need the support of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (See Appendix I).
2. Such applications for support of TMR for overseas doctors lodged by the Medical Superintendent of a private hospital must comply with the requirements listed in the Guidance Notes approved by the Academy Council in January 1998 (see Appendix I). The application together with the relevant information should be submitted to the relevant College, which shall then make a recommendation to the Academy Education Committee.
3. The application for support by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine for TMR for an overseas doctor undertaking clinical teaching in a private hospital should come from the hospital and signed by the Medical Superintendent or the Chairman of the relevant specialist Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee.
4. A defined programme of clinical teaching or research should be submitted:
 - a) Detailed description of the background, objectives and outline of the clinical teaching programme and whether it is available locally in Hong Kong.
 - b) The dates and duration of the proposed engagement which should not normally be more than two weeks; applicants must take into consideration that the accreditation process takes time.
 - c) The number of local doctors who would have access to the programme. In the case of specialized procedures, information on the experience and qualifications of local doctors required to participate in the programme should also be provided.
 - d) Specify the number and type of patients or other subjects likely to be involved in the programme. State whether the patients who are the subjects of the clinical teaching programme would be charged by the private hospital concerned for services and cost of the procedure, drug, appliance or device.
 - e) Specify the procedures to be involved, potential hazards to subjects, precautions to be taken to minimize these hazards, and discomfort or distress likely to be entailed by these procedures.
 - f) State the personal experience of the applicant for TMR and a full curriculum vitae of the applicant must be submitted. Where the demonstration of a

special procedure performed on patients is involved, the personal experience and competency of the applicant in such procedures must be submitted with the application.

- g) If the use of a drug, appliance or device is still regarded as experimental, ethics approval must be obtained from the institution Ethics Committee or institution Review Board.

State the manner in which the patients consent will be obtained; information leaflets to patients and consent forms in both English and Chinese should be submitted where appropriate.

- h) If the project involves the use of a drug, appliance or device, state its exact regulatory status, i.e., whether it is registered in Hong Kong, or a Clinical Trial Certificate or Exemption or a Product License, is obtained. In the case of an appliance or device state if it is approved by a regulatory body overseas, such as the FDA, for use in humans. Is the study sponsored or initiated by an industrial company? What arrangements, if any, for compensation in the event of injury to subjects (where there is no fault) have been made?

In the case of a pre-marketing study of a drug initiated or sponsored by an industrial company, the company should provide a written statement that it accepts the Guidelines: Clinical trials – compensation for medicine-induced injury, of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABFI) (1983) or the Association's code of practice for research on healthy volunteers or the equivalents in other countries, as appropriate.

Where a study is undertaken on patients with a marketed drug for an indication not yet licensed, the drug company should accept liability for injury.

- i) State the financial arrangements including sponsorship from pharmaceutical industry, governmental or non-governmental agencies, learned medical societies, course fees, teaching honorarium and other remunerations to the teacher.
- j) The applicant is advised to submit any additional material and information which may facilitate our College in the processing of the application.

5. Upon receipt of the application for support of TMR by the College Secretariat, the information will be sent out for review by three specialists in the area (preferably one from the two Universities, one Hospital Authority specialist and one specialist practising in the private sector) and two Fellows of the College practising in other specialty areas. The application together with the submitted information and reviews by local specialists will be scrutinized by members of the Accreditation Committee of our College. The recommendation by the Accreditation Committee will be approved by our College Council who will then make a recommendation to the Education Committee of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.