



# Hong Kong College of Paediatricians NEWSLETTER

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## Ninth Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 9th AGM was held on 30th November 2000 at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. At the meeting, the following office bearers were elected:

President: Professor Leung Nai-Kong  
Vice-President: Professor Fok Tai-Fai  
Hon. Secretary: Professor Low Chung-Kai, Louis  
Hon. Treasurer: Dr Ko Wai-Keung  
Mr Peter Mark was appointed Hon. Legal Adviser and Mr Walter Ma as the Hon. Auditor.

Dr Tsao Yen-Chow stepped down as the Hon. Treasurer after nine years of invaluable service and the College would like to thank Dr Tsao for his tremendous contribution.

## Congratulations

Our heartiest congratulations go to Professor Yeung Chap-Yung, the founding President of our College, for being elected the first Honorary Fellow of our College in recognition of his immense contributions to the College and to the development of paediatrics in Hong Kong.

## From the Hon. Treasurer

It was resolved that with effect from 1st January 2001, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine will undertake to collect their own Fellows/Overseas Fellows annual subscriptions directly. The Academy will notify you of their subscription fees and payment methods in due course.

As for our Year 2001 College Fellows/Overseas Fellows/Members/Associates subscriptions, they will remain same as last year, ie, HK\$1,500, HK\$750, HK\$1,000 and HK\$500 respectively. Kindly send in your cheque promptly to the attention of Dr Ko Wai-Keung, Honorary Treasurer, Hong Kong College of Paediatrician, Room 808, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong at your earliest convenience.

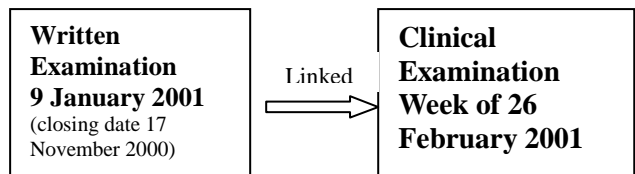
## From the Examination Committee

### MRCPCH/MRCP (UK) Part II Examination in Paediatrics:

We would like to announce a number of changes to the Part II examination of the MRCPCH/MRCP (UK) Examination in Paediatrics from May 2001.

- The written examination will be separated from the clinical examination. A pass in the written examination will allow the candidate to take the clinical exam up to three times within two years before having to retake the written examination. This will reduce the number of times candidates have to retake the written examination even if they are unsuccessful in the clinical examination.
- The number of questions in the written examination will be increased.
- The period of training requirements (more than 2½ years from graduation, minimum of 12 months involving emergency paediatric care within last 5 years) will apply to the time when the clinical examination is taken. Candidates will be able to take the Part II Written Examination at any time after they have passed the Part I Examination.
- The dates of the written examination have been altered to allow candidates who have passed the written exam more time to arrange to take the clinical examination. In 2001 there will be 4 written papers to avoid these changes possibly hindering candidate's career plans.

### Dates for 2001



## Written examination from May onwards

Press carried forward for 3 clinical exams within 2 years

Examination date	Closing date for application
1 May 2001	23 March 2001
5 July 2001	25 May 2001
14 Nov 2001	21 September 2001
2002 onwards: March July November	

## Clinical examination

Examination date (UK, week starting)	Closing date for application
18 June 2001*	23 March 2001
22 October 2001	31 August 2001
2002 onwards: February June October	

\*Candidates wishing to take this clinical examination must apply at the same times as for the May written exam.

- The format of the clinical exam will remain unchanged until February 2002.

## Fees

The fees for 2001 will be adjusted to take account of the reduced number of sittings of the Written Examination.

Written examination		Clinical examination	
Dates	Fees	Dates	Fees
9 Jan 2001	£220	Feb 2001	£260
1 May 2001	£220	June 2001	£260
5 July 2001	£225	October 2001	£325
14 Nov 2001	£225		

RCPCH Examination Committee  
MRCP (UK) Policy Committee

## From the Education Committee

**Call for submission of Annual Return Forms for the year 2000 before January 31, 2001.**

One important change this year is that, to satisfy the requirements of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, all Fellows have to submit the following documents:

1. Completed Annual Return Form;
2. Copies of Attendance Certificates of Overseas Meetings attended;
3. Copies of their Log Book entries of CME

activities for the year (for Categories A, B, C, and D).

These documents can be sent by mail to Professor Louis Low at the following address:

Professor Louis Low  
Room 808  
Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Building  
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road  
Aberdeen, Hong Kong  
Fax: (852) 2785 1850  
Tel: (852) 2871 8871

Please note that the College Secretariat will fax you a notice of receipt after receiving your submission. If you do not get the notice within a week, your forms might not have reached the College Secretariat safely and I would advise you to call and check the status.

## New Channel for Applications of Accreditation of CME Activities

All applications for CME accreditation can be submitted to the College Secretariat. The detailed procedure of CME accreditation can be found in the CME Section of College Homepage. Standard application forms for individual Fellows or organizing bodies can also be downloaded from the Homepage. You are also encouraged to apply by completing the standard application forms and submitting by email.

## From the Information Technology Committee

The Information Technology Committee is a newly formed committee at the order of the Council on 14th September 2000 to study, explore, and recommend to the Council how modern knowledge of information technologies could aid the College and our Fellows to pursue our objectives. Two subcommittees share the functions. The Database Management Subcommittee is responsible for establishing, maintaining and improving the database of our College, thereby facilitating the co-ordination and running of various Committees and subcommittees through information technologies. The Internet and Web Subcommittee is responsible for maintaining, upgrading and improving the Website of the College and for promoting the use of information technologies among Fellows for life long education.

## Obituary

We are sorry to learn that one of our Fellows, Dr Chung Chuk-Yin, Lisette, passed away in November. We would like to send our condolences to her family and friends.

There are several projects undergoing. With the help of Dr WONG Yat-cheung, Charles, we have designed the prototype of an electronic registration programme of CME attendance. Dr KO Po-wan will coordinate a review on the College database. A survey recently performed by Professional and General Affairs Committee helped to shed some lights on the priority areas that our colleagues concerned in our College Website. Such information will be helpful in enhancing the content of our College Website, which will be coordinated by Dr CHIU Cheung-shing, Daniel.

The committee is still green. It is very important to have your ideas, suggestions and advice. You may direct any comments to the following Fellows of the Information Technology Committee.

Chairman	Dr CHIU Cheung-shing, Daniel (danchiu@hkstar.com)
Hon Secretary	Dr KO Po-wan
Members	Dr CHAN Hin-biu Prof LEUNG Nai-kong Dr TSOI Nai-shun Dr WONG Yat-cheung, Charles Dr YOUNG Wan-yin, Betty

### Survey on Use of Internet among Paediatricians

PGA Committee performed a questionnaire survey on the above issue in November 2000. The response was encouraging. A total of 553 questionnaires were sent out by fax. We received 151 replies (27%) in 4 weeks. Of all the respondents, 84% are our College Fellows. 11% are our Members and 5% are our Associates. 45% are working in Public Hospitals. 42% are working in Private Sector. 7% are working in Department of Health and 6% are working in Universities. The results of the survey are enlisted as below:

- 1. Where do you access Internet mostly?**
  - At home (25%)
  - In my office (27%)
  - Both (43%)
  - Do not have Internet access (5%)
- 2. How often would you check your email?**
  - Several times a day (24%)
  - Once a day (29%)
  - Several times a week (29%)
  - Irregular (17%)
- 3. How kind of Internet connection are you using?**
  - Modem (68%)
  - Broadband (20%)
  - LAN (12%)
- 4. How often have you visited the College homepage:**

<http://www.medicine.org.hk/hkcpaed/>

Daily (1%)  
Every few weeks (34%)  
Every few months (24%)  
Never (41%)

- 5. The importance of the following content in a College Homepage. (in decreasing order)**
  - CME activities / Calendar events
  - Practice guidelines / Official statements
  - College Newsletter
  - Handout / Audio-visual content of CME lectures
  - Useful links to other on-line resources
  - Educational material to parents
  - Discussion forum
  - Operational circulars of standing committees
- 6. Further enhancements that Colleagues would prefer in our College website? (in decreasing order)**
  - Online registration of lectures / workshops
  - Online CME activities
  - Web-based discussion board
  - Free Webmail service
  - Mailing list / List server (for group discussion)
- 7. The importance of the elements that attract our Colleagues to visit a website. (in decreasing order)**
  - Up-to-date content
  - Rich audio-visual content
  - Domain name that is easy to remember
  - Membership discount / privilege
  - Attractive homepage design
  - Lucky draws / gifts

The results of this survey are valuable to our planning in electronic communications and designing the content of our College website. This survey also tells us what priority area we should concentrate in. We are glad to see that we can contact many of our Colleagues via eMail. However, the fact that 59% of the respondents had not visited our College Website simply showed us that we still need more work to promote the site. Six Colleagues expressed their wishes to help in the Home Page design and maintenance. We'll contact them in due course. It was very encouraging to receive valuable suggestions and kind comments from many of you. If you have any suggestion, please feel free to contact the College at: [hkcpaed@netvigator.com](mailto:hkcpaed@netvigator.com). Thank you once again in participating in the survey.

**Wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

## CME Category A Activities

<b>December 2000</b>	
6th Wednesday  CME Cat A 1 pt	<b>Topic: Air Pollution and Childhood Asthma</b> <b>Venue:</b> Seminar Room, 1/F, Nursing Quarter, KWH <b>Time:</b> 7:30pm-8:00pm <b>Speaker:</b> Dr Gary Wong <b>Organizer:</b> Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Respiriology <b>Enquiry:</b> Dr TY Miu, (Tel: 2958 6656)
8th -11th Friday - Monday  CME Cat A points Dec 8: 2 pts Dec 9: 1+3 pts Dec 10: 3+3 pts Dec 11: 1 pt	<b>Topic: Annual Scientific Meeting: Lanuage Development Learning Disorders &amp; Brain Plasticity</b> <b>Venue:</b> Dec 8: QEH, M Block Dec 9: AM Session: CKCAC, PM Session: QEH, M Block Dec 10: QEH, M Block Dec 11: HK Academy of Medicine Building <b>Time:</b> Dec 8: 20:00 – 22:00 Dec 9: 11:30 – 12:30; 14:00 – 17:00 Dec 10: 9:30 – 13:00; 14:00 – 17:00 Dec 11: 20:00 21:00 <b>Speakers:</b> Professor A Galaburda, Professor Susana Camposano <b>Organizer:</b> Hong Kong Society of Child Neurology & Developmental Paediatrics <b>Enquiry:</b> Ms Yvonne So, Tel: 2599 8888
11th Monday  CME Cat A1 pt	<b>Topic: Clinical Implication of Genetic Abnormalities in Neuroblastoma</b> <b>Venue:</b> Block B, 1/F, Room 5, QEH <b>Time:</b> 5:45pm-7:00pm <b>Speaker:</b> Professor Thomas Look <b>Organizer:</b> Hong Kong Paediatric Haematology & Oncology Study Group <b>Enquiry:</b> Dr CF Chan, Tel: 2855 4091
11th - 15th December  CME Cat A 1 pt for each lecture & case presentation Total 11 points	<b>Topic: Course in Paediatric Epilepsy/Epilepsy Surgery</b> <b>Subjects:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Frontal lobe epilepsy and its management</li> <li>2. Hemispheric epileptic disease and palliative procedures in children</li> <li>3. Patient selection and workup in Paediatric epilepsy surgery</li> <li>4. Pathogenesis and patterns of EEG abnormalities in epilepsy</li> <li>5. New EEG research in epilepsy</li> <li>6. Surgical management of epilepsy in children</li> <li>7. Management of spasticity in Cerebral Palsy</li> <li>8. Management of Craniosynostosis - Neurosurgical aspects</li> </ol> <b>Venue:</b> Kwong Wah Hospital <b>Time:</b> Dec 11: 10:30-12:00; 13:30 – 14:30; 17:30 – 18:30 Dec 12: 15:00-17:00; 17:30-18:30 Dec 13: 13:30-14:30; 17:30-18:30 Dec 14: 13:30-14:30; 15:00 – 17:00; 17:30 -18:30 Dec 15: 13:30-14:30 <b>Speakers:</b> Professor Peter Wong, Dr Mary Connolly, Professor Paul Steinbok <b>Organizer:</b> Kwong Wah Hospital <b>Enquiry:</b> Dr Ho Che Shun, Tel: 2781 5055, Fax: 2781 5261
13th Wednesday  CME Cat A 1 pt	<b>Topic: Viral Causes of Gastroenteritis in Children</b> <b>Venue:</b> Seminar Room 3, 2/F, Clinical Sciences Wing, Prince of Wales Hospital <b>Time:</b> 6:30pm - 7:30pm <b>Speaker:</b> Dr Roger Glass <b>Coordinator:</b> Professor Tony Nelson <b>Enquiry:</b> Ms Florence Kei, Tel: 2632 2849; Fax: 2636 0020

17th Sunday	Topic: <b>2000 Eddie Wang International Surgical Symposium - Lecture on Minimally Invasive Surgery in Children</b>
CME Cat A 2 pts on Dec 17 pm	Venue: Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre Time: 2:00pm-3:30pm Speaker: Professor CK Yeung Organizer: Department of Surgery, Prince of Wales Hospital Enquiry: Ms Michelle Cheng, Congress Secretariat Tel: 2632 2952 Fax: 26473074

<b>5 Dec postponed to 19 Dec Tuesday</b>	Topic: <b>Stanford University School of Medicine, Medical Teleconference Programme- Topics in Neonatology</b>
CME Cat A 2 pts	Venue: Lecture Theatre, Multicentre Block B, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital Time: 8:00am - 9:30am Discussants: Dr Heather Carriedo, Dr Tai Shuk-Mui and experts from Stanford University Moderators: Dr HT Ho, Dr Phyllis Dennerly Enquiry: Ms Erica Chung, Tel: 2595 6410, Fax: 29045371

19th Tuesday	Topic: <b>Prenatal Diagnosis of Double Outlet Right Ventricle</b>
CME Cat A 1pt	Venue: IE Seminar Room, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Prince of Wales Hospital Time: 5:15pm - 6:15pm Speakers: Professor To Ka Fai, Dr Yam Man Ching Organizer: Prenatal Diagnosis & Therapy Team, Department of O&G, CUHK Coordinator: Dr Leung Tak Yeung Enquiry: Ms Alice Lai, Tel: 2632 2810, Fax: 2636 0008

<b>January 2001</b>	
10th Wednesday	Topic: <b>Cow Milk Protein Allergy</b>
CME Cat A 2 pts	Venue: Room 5, 1/F, Block B, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm Organizer: The Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition Enquiry: Dr KS Ip, Tel: 2595 6707

11 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Topic: <b>Current Understanding &amp; Management of Atopic Dermatitis</b>
CME Cat A 1 pt	Venue: 4/F, Ching Room, Sheraton Hotel, Kowloon Time: 7:20pm - 8:30pm Organizer: Hong Kong Paediatric Society Speaker: Dr John Harper Enquiry: Ms Bonnie Hon, Tel: 2371 0622

12th - 14th Friday - Sunday	Topic: <b>Hong Kong Allergy Convention Challenges in the New Millennium</b>
CME Cat A 6 pts Each day	Venue: Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre Time: Jan 13: 8:30am - 9:00pm Jan 14: 9:00am - 7:00pm Organizer: Hong Kong Institute of Allergy & American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Enquiry: Sandy Chung, Convention Secretariat, Tel: 25278898

<b>February 2001</b>	
6th -9th Tuesday - Friday	Topic: <b>Sixth Congress of Asian Society of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery</b>
CME Cat A	Venue: Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre
2 pts on Feb 7 am,	Time: Feb 7: 09:00-17:30
2 pts on Feb 8 am,	Feb 8: 09:00-22:00
2 pts on Feb 8 pm	Feb 9: 09:00-13:00
and 2 pts on Feb 9	Organizer: Department of Surgery, Prince of Wales Hospital & The Asian Society of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery
	Enquiry: Ms Michelle Cheng, Tel: 2632 2951/2 , Fax: 2647 3074

## Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (HKCPaed) Category B Activities

Approved Regular Continuing Medical Education (CME) Meetings (updated on 12.12.2000)

<i>Name of Hospital/ Organiser</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>CME Points/ session</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>	<i>Remark</i>
Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital	Lecture/ Case presentation	Room 7, 7/F, Block E AHNH, 11 Chuen On Rd, Tai Po	Every Wednesday	2:30 - 3:30 pm	1	Dr Yam Ka Ling (2689 2286 Janet)	Note 1
Caritas Medical Centre	Seminar / Journal Club	Library Conf. Room Wai Oi Block, 1/F	Every Friday	11:30 am - 12:30 pm	1	Dr Alex Chan (2310 7452 Angela)	
Child Assessment Centres	Journal / Clinical presentation	Ha Kwai Chung CAC 77 Lai Cho Road Ha Kwai Chung, NT	Second Saturday & Fourth Monday each month	9:00 - 10:00 am	1	Dr Florence Lee (2246 6634 Carol)	Note 1
Genetic Counselling Unit	Journal Club	Clinic Genetic Service Centre (conference room)	Every Monday	9:00 - 10:00 am	1	Dr Stephen Lam (2304 2063 Margaret Wong)	
	Postgraduate seminar		Every Wednesday	9:00 - 10:00 am	1		
Grantham Hospital	Lecture / Cardiac Conference	Lecture theatre, G/F Kwok Tak Seng Centre	Every Friday	9:30 - 10:30 am	1	Dr Yung Tak Cheung (2518 2629 Anna)	
Kwong Wah Hospital	Clinical presentation/ Journal Club	Lecture Room, 1/F Nurses' Quarters	Every Thursday	2:00 - 3:00 pm	1	Dr Robert Yuen (2781 5055 Annie)	
North District Hospital	Journal Club	Lecture Rm 1, 1/F	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	12:00 – 1:00 pm	1	Dr Wong Tak Wai  (2683 7578 Secretary)	
	CME meeting		Every Thursday	2:30 – 3:30 pm	1		
NTS Cluster Hospitals	NTS Cluster Paediatric Clinical Meeting	PMH, CMC, YCH in rotation (please enquire for each meeting)	Third Wednesday of each month	1:00 - 2:00 pm	1	Dr Leung Chi Wai (2990 3402 Julie)	
Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital	Journal Club/ topic discussion	Conference room, D6 ward	Every Wednesday	1:30 - 2:30 pm	1	Dr So Lok Yee (2595 6409 Lisa Chim; 2595 6410 Erica Chung)	
	X-ray meeting	Conference room, Dept of Diagnostic Radiology, Main Blk	Last Friday of each month	1:00 - 2:00 pm	1		
Prince of Wales Hospital	Journal Club	Seminar Room, 6/F,  Clinical Science Bldg	Every Monday (except 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of even month)	1:00 - 2:00 pm	1	Dr Rita Sung  (2632 2849 Florence)	
	Clinical Meeting		Every Tuesday (except last Tuesday of each month)	2:15 – 4:00 pm	1		

**Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (HKCPaed) Category B Activities**

Approved Regular Continuing Medical Education (CME) Meetings (updated on 12.12.2000)

<i>Name of Hospital/ Organiser</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>CME Points/ session</i>	<i>Contact Person</i>	<i>Remark</i>
Princess Margaret Hospital	Update / clinical Presentation	Room 615, Block G	Every Monday	2:00 - 3:00 pm	1	Dr Chan Kwok Yin (2990 3757 Julie)	Note 1
	Journal Club	Room 604-5, Block G	Every Wednesday	12:00 - 1:00 pm	1		
Private Practising Paediatricians Study Group	Paediatric Updates/ Lectures	Banquet Suite Eaton Hotel, 2/F 380 Nathan Road	Second Friday of each month (or if it is PH, the following Friday)	2:00 - 3:00 pm	1	Dr Cheng Chun Fai (2385 5655)	Note 1
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	Seminar/ Journal Club	M4 Library Discussion Room	Every Monday	12:00 - 1:00 pm	1	Dr Shirley Ho (2958 6741 Elena)	
	Grand Round	A Ground Seminar Room	Every Wednesday	12:45 - 2:00 pm	1		
Queen Mary Hospital	Journal Club	Seminar Room Paediatric Department 1/F New Clinical Building	Every Monday	12:30 - 2:00 pm	1	Dr Louis Low (2855 4091 Jessica)	
	Grand Round		Every Thursday	8:30 - 9:30 am	1		
Tseung Kwan O Hospital	Case presentation – Journal Club / Review Topic	Department Conference Room 4/F	Every Friday	1:30 – 2:30 pm	1	Dr Huen Kwai Fun (2208 1057 Winnie)	
Tuen Mun Hospital	Topic review/ Case presentation	Seminar Room AB1038, 1/F Main Block	Every Tuesday	2:00 - 3:00 pm	1	Dr Wong Sik Nin (2468 5392 Johanna)	Note 1
United Christian Hospital	X-ray meeting	Radiology Dept. Block S, B1	Every Wednesday	8:30 - 9:30 am	1	Dr V K Sugunan (2379 4861 Carmen Chui)	Note 1
	Journal presentation / Topics	Seminar Room 3/F Block S	Every Thursday	2:15 - 3:15 pm	1		
Yan Chai Hospital	Grand Round	B12N & B12S ward 12/F Block B	Every Monday	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	1	Dr C.B. Chow (2417 8358 Rachel Yeung)	
	Case presentation – Journal Club / Review Topic	Conference room 1 3/F Block B	Every Thursday	1:00 – 2:00 pm	1		

Note 1: Prior registration essential