



# Hong Kong College of Paediatricians NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Editors

As we say good-bye to the Year of Horse, on behalf of the House Committee, we would like to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous Year of Goat!

## Accreditation Committee

The College has noticed a trend of application for accreditation of overseas clinical attachment (as an observer) as part of the Higher Paediatric Training. While this may be due to reasons beyond the trainee's control, such as medical licence restrictions and medical insurance issues, the College is concerned that being an observer without hands-on experience and direct patient responsibility for too long a duration may not be beneficial to the trainee's training experience.

Therefore, other than the pre-requisite that such an application must be submitted with the supervisor's recommendation and the details of the training program and training centre prior to undertaking the overseas training, the Accreditation Committee has recommended and the Council has endorsed that overseas training has to be comparable to that provided in Hong Kong in terms of quality, scope and depth of direct clinical exposure. The Council at its 152nd Meeting on 25th September 2014 endorsed the guiding principle that if the overseas training program under application cannot provide training experience comparable to our local training programme, including hands-on patient care and on-call duties, the maximum period recognized should be capped at 3 months.

Trainees may wish to take this into consideration when planning and discussing the overseas training programme with their Training Supervisors. The arrangement applies to all new applications with effect from January 2015.

## Subspecialty Boards

### Appointment of new Director of Developmental-Behavioural Paediatrics (DBP) Subspecialty Training Program

Upon the recommendation of the Committee for Subspecialty Boards, the College Council has endorsed and appointed Dr Florence MY Lee as the Program Director of the DBP Subspecialty Training Program with effect from 27 August 2014. The Council also sincerely thanks Dr Catherine CC Lam for her tremendous contribution to the Subspecialty under her directorship and wishes her a very happy and fulfilling retirement.

## Education Committee

### 2015 Paediatric Update No. 1

Please be informed that the first Paediatric Update seminar in 2015 will be held in **April 2015 (Sunday afternoon) from 2:00pm to 5:00pm** at the Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, M Block of **Queen Elizabeth Hospital**. The seminar will be on "**Clinical Pharmacology**". Several exciting talks will be delivered by our local experts. The date and the programme will be confirmed soon. **THREE** Category A CME points will be awarded.

Please note that an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) will be held during this seminar for revision of College Articles and Bye-Laws and admission of new College Fellows who passed the exit examination in December 2014. Formal notice of EGM will be sent out in due course.

**The 2015 Paediatric Update No. 2** has been scheduled in **July 2015**. **The 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting** will be held on **5 and 6 December 2015**.

## Examination Committee

### Results of recent examinations

Date	Examination	Pass / No. of sittings	Pass rate
28-29 October 2014	MRCPCH Clinical Exam	7/14	50%
18 December 2014	33 <sup>rd</sup> Exit Assessment	8/9	89%

### 34<sup>th</sup> Exit Assessment

The 34<sup>th</sup> Exit Assessment will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The closing date for receipt of completed application forms and associated documents is **31<sup>st</sup> March 2015**. Details of application and forms can be downloaded from the College website.

### Best Dissertation Prize

From 2015, dissertations submitted for Exit Assessments will be considered for the Best Dissertation prize awarded by the College every year. Case reports will not be considered for the prize.

## Membership Committee

The charging of annual subscription fee for newly admitted Members and Fellows has been amended, and it applies to newly admitted Members and Fellows with effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014. New members and new Fellows have to pay Admission Fee too.

1. New Member: For an Associate promoted to Member (passed Intermediate examination and completed 3 years Basic Training), he or she has to pay annual subscription fee of a Member. If the admission is in the first half the year, the full year subscription of Member should be charged.

For admission of Member in second half of the year, he or she has to pay the difference of subscription fee between Associate and Member for 6 months (the Associate should have paid the annual subscription fee for Associate at start of the calendar year).

2. New Fellow: When a Member passes the Exit Examination and is admitted either at AGM or EGM of the College, the Member is then formally promoted to Fellow. The new Fellow should then start paying annual subscription of a Fellow. For newly admitted Fellows at AGM (usually in December), he or she should start paying Fellow subscription fee from January of the following year. For admission at EGM (usually in April or May), the new Fellow will pay the difference of subscription fee between Member and Fellow for 6 months starting from July (the member should have paid the annual subscription fee for Member at start of the calendar year).

## Message from Honorary Treasurer

**To: All Fellows / Overseas Fellows / Members / Overseas Members / Associates**

### **1st REMINDER –2015 Annual Subscription**

Further to my notice dated 12 December 2014 together with our Debit Note requesting for payment of Year 2015 annual subscription, please be informed that there are still some Fellow members who have not yet sent in their subscriptions. If you have not sent in your payment, please send in your subscription fee **immediately**.

Once again, for your information, the Year 2015 subscription fees for Hong Kong College of Paediatricians are as follows:

Fellows: HK\$1,800

Fellows, Members and Associates over the age of 65 before 1 January 2015 (i.e. date of birth on or before 31 Dec 1949): Waived

Overseas Fellows: HK\$900 (with approved overseas status)

Members: HK\$1,200

Overseas Members: HK\$600 (with approved overseas status)

Associates: HK\$600

Please make your cheque **payable to “Hong Kong College of Paediatricians”** and send to the College Chamber at your earliest convenience:

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Honorary Treasurer  
Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building  
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road  
Aberdeen, Hong Kong

Kindly **please ignore this reminder if you have already paid** your subscription.

## Information from Department of Health on Youth Drinking

Youth drinking is a rising health and public concern. The Non-communicable Disease Watch of the Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health has recently issued a comprehensive account of youth drinking. You will find the relevant information and helpful advice in the following websites.

English version:

[http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/ncd\\_watch\\_dec2014.pdf](http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/ncd_watch_dec2014.pdf)

Chinese version:

[http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/ncd\\_watch\\_dec2014\\_chin.pdf](http://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/ncd_watch_dec2014_chin.pdf)

## HM Lui Memorial Fund

The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians established the HM 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 HM Lui Fellowship, which will be awarded to residents of Hong Kong SAR who are able to meet the following minimum criteria:

### The HM Lui Fellowship

The HM Lui Fellowship will be awarded to paediatricians for education, training and research in overseas countries **in any field of Paediatrics**, preferably liver diseases and gastroenterology in the year 2015. 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\$12,000-HK\$15,000.
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 31 March 2015.**

Application forms are available on the College website at [www.paediatrician.org.hk](http://www.paediatrician.org.hk) or contact Ms Connie Lui, College Secretary of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians, Room 801 Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong at Tel: (852) 2871 8772 / Fax: (852) 2785 1850 / Email: [connie.lui@paediatrician.org.hk](mailto:connie.lui@paediatrician.org.hk).

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## 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. The information below is abstracted from the College Web site on 23 Jan 2015. *Members and fellows are reminded to contact the enquiries listed below for last-minute alternations.*

<b>Feb 2015</b>		
12 Feb	Topic:	<b>Neurodevelopmental Conference</b>
		<b>Giftedness: Early Identification and Local Resources</b>
	Venue:	Queen Elizabeth Hospital
	Time:	19:30-21:30
	Speaker:	Various
Cat. A 2 pts	Organizer:	The HK Society of Child Neurology & Developmental Paediatrics
	Coordinator:	Dr. Florence Lee Mun Yau
	Enquiry:	Tel: 22466642

25 Feb	Topic:	<b>Bone health in non-ambulatory cerebral palsy children</b>
	Venue:	Queen Elizabeth Hospital
	Time:	18:30-19:30
	Speaker:	Dr. Ko Chun Hung / Dr. Cheng Sze Wing
Cat. A 1 pt	Organizer:	Paediatric Neurology Association of HK
	Coordinator:	Dr. Ma Kam Hung
	Enquiry:	Tel: 51457621

28 Feb – 1 Mar	Topic:	<b>HKPADS Int'l Symposium 2015</b>
	Venue:	United Christian Hospital
	Time:	Day 1: 9:30-17:30 Day 2: 9:00 -17:00
	Speaker:	Various
Cat. A 12 pts (6 pts per day)	Organizer:	The HK Paediatric and Adolescent Dermatology Society
	Coordinator:	Ms. Vivian Chow
	Enquiry:	Tel: 27885868

<b>Mar 2015</b>		
4 Mar	Topic:	<b>High flow nasal cannula therapy - is it the magic bullet</b>
	Venue:	Prince of Wales Hospital
	Time:	13:00-14:00
	Speaker:	Prof. Colin Morley
Cat. A 1 pt	Organizer:	CUHK
	Coordinator:	Dr. Albert Li
	Enquiry:	Tel: 26322982

7 Mar	Topic:	<b>Paediatric ECG Workshop 2015</b>
	Venue:	Queen Elizabeth Hospital
	Time:	9:00-17:00
	Speaker:	Various
Cat. A 5 pts	Organizer:	HK Society of Paediatric Cardiology
	Coordinator:	Dr. Dora Wong
	Enquiry:	Tel: 35066656

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