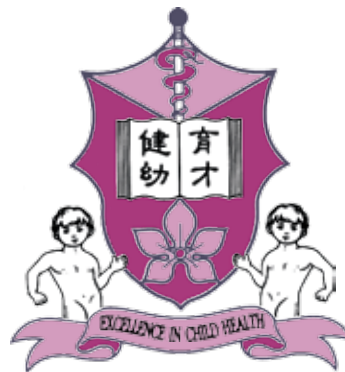


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## Message from the President

First of all, I must thank all members of the College and the Council for your support during my first year of office as the President of the College.

In the past six years, the Council, under the able leadership of my predecessor, Prof. C.Y. Yeung, has established clear guidelines on training, education, accreditation, examination and membership admission. These guidelines have been implemented with good progress. It is gratifying to note that Fellows have taken a positive attitude towards continuing medical education (CME), regarding CME activities as opportunities to update their knowledge and skill and to exchange experience with fellow colleagues. The College, in association with other organisations, has been able to offer a wide range of CME activities to members. The Accreditation Committee undertook the task to accredit the newly established paediatric units and revisit all the other paediatric units which were accredited in 1994. This cycle of accreditation enables the College to collect up-to-date information on service provision, facilities and staffing of all the training institutions. This will facilitate the College in our future exercise on paediatric manpower review. After the rescission of Bylaw 16 of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine on 1 October 1998, all Members of the College will have to sit and pass the exit assessment before being considered for elevation to the Fellowship of the College. The admission to the Fellowship of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine via the "grandfather clause" is no longer applicable. The College will thus hold its first exit assessment in December 1998 for Members who have completed their higher training. The College continues to collaborate with the three Royal Colleges of Physicians in the United Kingdom in holding the MRCP(UK) examination and the Intermediate Examination of our College in Hong Kong. As the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) will take over the examination matters in paediatrics after February 1999, a new Memorandum of Understanding will need to be signed by our College, the RCPCH and the three Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom.

Thanks to the Professional and General Affairs Committee, the College Home Page is now on the Internet. This channel of communication, besides dissemination of the College Newsletter, provides members with up-to-date information on CME activities and special release on health issues whenever appropriate. The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation, incorporated in 1997, is actively seeking membership and planning activities to raise funds for the College. A series of programmes is planned to promote the image of the College through community activities and public health education.

The completion of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM) Building marks a new era in the history of HKAM. All the constituent colleges are now under one roof. Conference and meeting facilities are available in the building. We are on the way to establish a permanent secretariat in the College Chamber which will inevitably incur significant expenses. To mark the opening of the building, the First International Conference of the HKAM was held on 26-29 November, 1998. Our College took an active part in the planning and organisation of the conference and had invited the presidents of our sister colleges/societies of the Mainland, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and the United Kingdom to participate in the conference. A special roundtable discussion on "Postgraduate paediatric training and education" was organised by our College for our overseas guests and local colleagues. It was also a timely and valuable opportunity for our College to reinforce our links and cooperation with our sister organisations in the mainland and overseas.

Our link with the mainland is now further enhanced through formal exchange by the College and other collaboration by paediatric units and individual fellows. The second Guangdong-Hong Kong Paediatric Exchange Meeting held in Guangzhou in June 1998 was a resounding success. We look forward to holding similar programmes in other parts of the country.

The College is establishing closer collaboration with the RCPCH of the United Kingdom, not only in holding joint examinations, but also in other professional matters such as reciprocal recognition of training and education.

The College is in the process of collecting data on subspecialty development in Paediatrics. Hitherto the College has only approved General Paediatrics in the higher training programme, so that Fellows of the College are recognised as 'Specialists in Paediatrics' by the Medical Council of Hong Kong. Our Council will carefully consider the issue of subspecialty training and accreditation and assess the potential impact of subspecialty recognition on the College and the profession.

Paediatricians must act as child advocates. Our College strives to promote and protect the rights and welfare of children in Hong Kong. We therefore support the effort of the Hong Kong Committee on Children's Rights by endorsing the Charter for Children in Hospital. We also support the idea of 'Against Child Abuse' in the establishment of a Child Safety Model Centre in Hong Kong. We actively promote breast feeding through collaboration with the

Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative Hong Kong Association.

Being an organization with a short history, we aim to promote the public image of the College. We must gain recognition as the premier source of information and advice on all aspects of health care for children. We have reflected our views on "ethical considerations for prenatal diagnosis and intrauterine intervention", "umbilical cord blood storage" and other health issues which are of relevance to the profession and to the public. The College Foundation will publish information pamphlets on "guidelines on exercise in school children" to parents and school teachers. At the same time we should further promote a better sense of belonging and comradeship among our members. These are some of our future targets and I count on every member of the College for your support and contribution in achieving the objectives of the College.

**Dr. LEUNG Nai-kong**  
**President**

# Council's Report

In the sixth Annual General Meeting of the College held on 29th November 1997, Dr Nai-kong Leung was elected as President, Professor Tai-fai Fok as Vice President, Professor Louis Chung-kai Low as Honorary secretary and Dr Yen-chow Tsao as Honorary Treasurer. Their term of office would be three years. Dr Man-chun Chiu and Dr Patricia Lai-sheung Ip were appointed by Council to fill the "casual vacancies" in the Council resulting from Professor Fok and Professor Low becoming office bearers. Following a resolution passed during an Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1998, Professor Chap-yung Yeung would remain as a Council member for three years as the Immediate Past President but he would have no right to vote. The Council decided that it would be desirable to involve young Fellows in College affairs and Dr Shu-yan Lam and Dr Ka-ling Yam were co-opted as Council members for a period of one year. Mr Peter Mark and Mr Walter Ma accepted our reappointment as Honorary Legal Advisor and Honorary Auditor respectively.

During the year 1997/98, seven Council Meetings were held during which the six standing committees (Accreditation, Education, Examination, Membership, Professional and General Affairs and Review Committees) as well as the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation made their reports to Council.

## **Rescission of Bye-law 16 of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Regulations and Bye-laws**

After 30<sup>th</sup> September 1998 when Bye-law 16 had been repealed, there will no longer be any provision for the admission as Fellows to the Academy unless the applicant is already a Fellow of the College. The applicant for the Fellowship of the Academy shall have:

- a) completed at least six years of supervised post-registration training in a manner approved by the Academy; and
- b) where appropriate, passed relevant intermediate examination accredited by the Academy; and
- c) passed the exit examination or assessment conducted by our College and accredited by the Academy.

## **Accreditation Visits to Hospitals in Hong Kong**

Two new paediatric units in the Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital and North District Hospital began service in 1998. Both units were visited by accreditation teams appointed by Council and both units have been accredited for two modules of general paediatric training. Both Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital and United Christian Hospital were awarded

accreditation for the full basic training programme. The Accreditation Committee would have finished the reaccreditation of all the paediatric units in Hong Kong by the end of this year.

### **Intermediate Examination and Exit Assessment**

The joint MRCP (UK) examination of the three Royal Colleges of Physicians in the United Kingdom and the Intermediate Examination of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians will continue to be held twice a year in Hong Kong. The paediatric option of Part I of the MRCP(UK) will continue to be available up to and including the first sitting of 1999, after which it will be replaced by Part I of the Membership examination of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH). The paediatric option of Part 2 of the MRCP(UK) will continue to be available up to and including the last sitting of the examination of 2003 for any candidates who have passed the Part I examination up to and including the first sitting of 1999. Any candidate who has passed paediatric Part 1 examination on or before 1/1999 may enter the paediatric Part 2 examination between 1999 and 2003 with a view, if successful, of applying for the award of either the MRCP(UK) Diploma or the MRCPCH Diploma. The Hong Kong College of Paediatricians will renew the Memorandum of Understanding with the three Royal Colleges of Physicians in the United Kingdom. A Memorandum of Understanding between our College and the RCPCH will also be signed.

The first Exit Assessment for Members for consideration of elevation to Fellowship of the College will be held in the week beginning the 7<sup>th</sup> December 1998. The second Exit Assessment will be held during May/June 1999. With effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1998, Members of the College who have completed their three years of Higher Training and any medical practitioners registered in Hong Kong who have acquired the necessary qualifications, experiences and training recognized by the College for higher training in paediatrics will have to sit and pass the Exit Assessment of the College before consideration of elevation to the Fellowship of the College.

### **Continuing Medical Education**

In accordance to Article 7(1)(a) of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Regulations, our College is required by the Academy to develop, maintain and implement programmes of training and continuing medical education (CME) relating to the specialty of paediatrics. The CME activities will be measured in a cycle of 3 years and will commence within 6 months after the admission as a Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. The CME programme of our College began in January 1997. Fellows are expected to submit a summary



of their CME activities to the CME Subcommittee annually within one month from the end of each CME cycle year. In the first exercise, 96.3% and 94.3% of Fellows in the public and private sector respectively had submitted the Annual CME return form. The majority of Fellows managed to fulfill the CME requirements. The second submission of the summary of CME activities was in July 1998. Fellows are urged to participate in CME and to submit their annual returns on time to the CME subcommittee.

### **Specialist Registration**

In accordance to section 20K of the Medical Registration Ordinance, any medical practitioner who is a Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM) or has been certified by the HKAM that he has achieved a professional standard comparable to that recognized by the HKAM for the award of its Fellowship and after having fulfilling the postgraduate medical training and CME requirements of that specialty can apply to the Medical Council of Hong Kong for inclusion in the Specialist Register, since the 15<sup>th</sup> January 1998. A doctor can only be described as specialist in one specialty at any one time. Fellows of our College will have their name included in the specialist Register under the specialty of Paediatrics ( 兒科 ) if their applications to the Medical Council of Hong Kong are successful.

### **Home-page of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians**

The Professional and General Affairs Committee has set up the College Home Page on the Internet and the website address of the College is [www.medicine.org.hk/hkcpaed](http://www.medicine.org.hk/hkcpaed). The home page although still under construction, has information on the history, Council, standing Committees and objectives of the College. In the exclusive section for members only, one can read the College Newsletter and check up on coming category A and category B CME activities. It is hoped that the abstracts of the Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics will become available on-line in the not too distant future. Visit the College website and send in your name, telephone number and Fellowship/Membership number for identification and verification.

### **The New College Chamber**

The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Building in Wong Chuk Hang started for operation in October 1998. The newly decorated College Chamber is located in Room 808 on the 8th Floor of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. Conference facility for up to a maximum of 10 persons is available within the College Chamber. Larger meeting rooms are available within the Academy Building. The telephone number for the College Chamber is 28718871 but enquiries on College affairs should still be directed to the College telephone / fax line

2785 1850 until further notice. The Council would like to thank Dr Alfred Tam and Professor Maurice Leung for their effort in co-ordinating the fit-out work on the College Chamber. The members of the House Committee are:

Dr CW Chan

Dr PLS IP

Professor MP Leung

Dr NK Leung

Professor LCK Low

Dr YC Tsao

### **Second Guangdong-Hong Kong Paediatric Exchange Meeting**

The second Guangdong-Hong Kong Paediatric Exchange Meeting organized jointly by the Guangdong Paediatric Society of the Chinese Medical Association and our College was held on 13 June 1998 in Guangzhou. The Meeting was attended by thirty Fellows and Members and eighty paediatricians from Guangdong Province. There were six plenary presentations from the Hong Kong delegates and six from the local delegates as well as numerous poster presentations. Our College will continue to promote such exchanges with our mainland colleagues in the future.

### **Membership**

By November 1998, there are 313 Fellows, 119 Members, 80 Associates. Since 1998, Overseas Fellows enjoy a 50% reduction in the annual subscription fee. From January 1999, Fellows, Members and Associates over the age of 65 will be exempted from paying the annual subscription.

### **The Bye-laws and Terms of Conditions for Admission of Fellows, Members and Associates that were amended in the past year:**

1. To add to the Bye-laws of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians:
  9. In accordance to Article 7(1)(a) of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Regulations, the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians is required by the Academy to develop, maintain and implement programmes of training and continuing medical education relating to its specialty or specialties in a manner determined by Council.
2. To add to Bye-laws of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians:
  8. Subscription fees

- v) Fellows, Members and Associates over the age of 65 will be exempted from paying the annual subscription fee. This will take effect as from 1999.
3. To amend the Terms and Conditions for the Admission of Fellows, Members and Associates:
- (a) Fellows - No person shall be a Fellow unless he is a subscriber to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College or a Fellow of the Hong Kong College of Physicians elected before the incorporation of the College, who had recognized training and experience in paediatrics, or is a medical practitioner registered in Hong Kong within the meaning of Section 2 of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Chapter 161) and a Member of the College, with at least 3 years of **post-registration** paediatric training in an accredited institution, **holding** such higher professional qualifications as may be recognized by the Council and **with** at least 3 more years of experience in an accredited paediatric institution recognized by the Council **and having passed the exit examination / assessment conducted by our College and accredited by the Academy.**
- (b) Members - No person shall be a Member unless he is a registered medical practitioner registered in Hong Kong within the meaning of Section 2 of the Medical Registration Ordinance (Chapter 161 ) with at least 3 years of **post-registration** paediatric training in an accredited institution and holding such higher qualifications as may be recognized by the Council, or a Member of the Hong Kong College of Physicians admitted before the incorporation of the College, who had recognized training in paediatrics.

**Prof. LOW Chung-kai, Louis**  
**Honorary Secretary**

## Hon. Treasurer's Report

The balance sheet for the year 1/4/97 to 31/3/98 is set out in the Hon. Auditor's Report and it shows a surplus of HK\$390,812.36 for the financial year.

Our total reserve at the end of the financial year was HK\$1,583,901.52.

Income from admission fees and annual subscriptions amounted to \$447,200.00, up from \$407,550.00 for the previous year. This is due partly to increased membership and partly to elevation to fellowship and membership from the existing members.

An extra item of income this year is the interest from fixed deposits. Although the income from this source is relatively small for the current financial year, it will increase substantially next year because of the amount and the duration of the deposits.

We have written off \$3,300 for the postcards printed for the Asian Congress of Paediatrics in March, 1997 as they are now out of date. The leather card holders are still in stock and, like the College ties, may be purchased by our members at their pleasure.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank Glaxo Wellcome Hong Kong Ltd. and Ferring Pharmaceuticals for their generous donations.

Although we have a substantial surplus this year, this will be reduced significantly when we move to our new College premises at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine building later this year. For that reason, it is perhaps necessary for us to consider increasing our annual subscriptions again to a more realistic level.

Once again, I am grateful to Walter Ma & Co. for auditing our account with such courtesy and efficiency and should like to move that we record a vote of thanks to Mr. Walter Ma. I am also happy to note that Mr. Ma is willing to stand for re-election to be our Hon. Auditor and would recommend him wholeheartedly to the General Meeting that he be so re-elected.

**Dr. TSAO Yen-chow**  
**Honorary Treasurer**

# Standing Committees

## Accreditation Committee's Report

Chairman	Dr. CHAN Chok-wan
Hon. Secretary	Prof. LEUNG Ping, Maurice
Members	Dr. CHAN Kwok-hing, Alex
	Dr. CHIU Man-chun
	Prof. FOK Tai-fai
	Dr. TSAO Yen-chow
	Prof. YEUNG Chap-yung
	Dr. LEUNG Nai-kong (ex-officio)

The Committee held six meetings (5/01/98, 23/02/98, 24/04/98, 24/07/98, 1/09/98 and 13/10/98) this year and all meetings were well attended by Committee Members. Following the solid foundation established by Dr. Y. C. Tsao, outgoing Committee Chairman, the Committee conducted a diversified range of activities throughout the year as summarized below.

### 1) Accreditation of New Training Institutions

Accreditation visits were made to the newly established Paediatric Departments in the Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital (AHNH) and the North District Hospital (NDH). Both were accredited with two modules each of training in general paediatrics at basic training and higher training levels. Networking of subspecialties in paediatrics was encouraged for trainees' wider exposure to clinical problems.

### 2) Accreditation Revisits to Approved Training Institutions

According to regulations laid down by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, revisits were scheduled for all training institutions accredited at the beginning of the training programmes. Visits were carried out by the two members responsible for the original accreditation visit, plus a new member recommended by the College Council. A new set of Guidelines and Check-List for Revisits were utilized with the objectives of collecting latest vital data and to compare interval changes in activities between the two visits. Special emphasis was placed on Ambulatory Paediatrics, Neonatology and Acute Emergency Paediatrics. Members of the accreditation team were requested to assess the existing training programme in each of the institutions and to make critical comments and recommendations at the conclusion of the visits. Data so collected would be used for compilation of activities categorized under the subspecialty of Ambulatory Paediatrics, for assessment of the current training curriculum,

and for evaluation of the existing manpower and resources available for Paediatrics. The latter might be used as basis for making Task Force Reports to be used as reference by health administrators in the future. The revisits would be completed before the end of November 1998.

### **3) Accreditation of Overseas Training Institutions**

With the generous help of Professor C. Y. Yeung, we were able to obtain paediatric accredited training centres in Australia and the United Kingdom which were approved by the College Council and endorsed by the Academy Education Committee. The Council further approved the recommendation to accredit all paediatric training institutions currently accredited by the American Board of Pediatrics and the Canada College of Pediatrics.

### **4) Simplified Procedures for Accreditation of Overseas Training**

In order to encourage and to facilitate overseas trainings and in view of the heterogeneous reports received from candidates, the Committee proposed standardization of the report format and a new set of application procedures was recommended as follows:

- 4.1 All applications should be submitted preferably three months prior to the actual training for provisional approval.
- 4.2 A detailed report including training programme (i.e. timetables) and activities, duly endorsed by the overseas trainer/supervisor, has to be handed in after the training.
- 4.3 An evaluation by the local supervisor on the training programme has to be forwarded not later than 3 months after resumption of duties

The recommendations was approved by the College Council and the pervious “Comprehensive Institution Information Sheet” would be abolished from now on.

### **5) Higher Training in Paediatric Subspecialties**

With the smooth launching of the basic and higher training in general paediatrics, the Committee attempted to collect basic information on subspecialty development in Hong Kong for Council's consideration. An open forum was convened on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 1998 at the Grantham Hospital under Dr. N. K. Leung, College President, Dr. C. W. Chan, Committee Chairman, and Professor Maurice Leung, Committee Secretary. 13 paediatric subspecialties were each represented at the forum by either three members of a subspecialty recommended by the Committee or by representatives from their respective subspecialty societies or interest groups. These conveners were endorsed by the College Council to represent their respective subspecialty at this meeting.

- 5.1. During the forum, the President and the Chairman provided the following basic information for discussion:
  - 5.1.1 that according to "the Guidelines for Colleges, Specialties and Subspecialties" issued by the Academy, all disciplines under Paediatrics such as Neonatology, Paediatric Cardiology etc. would be considered as subspecialties only
  - 5.1.2 that information should preferably be collected from three sources for wider reference: international (USA, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia), regional (China, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Japan) and local
  - 5.1.3 that the information to be collected should include:
    - history of subspecialty development in each country
    - current status for subspecialty development
    - who would be qualified as subspecialty specialist?
    - who would be qualified as trainers?
    - training programme (curriculum)
    - criteria for accrediting training centres
    - any examination/assessment system
    - any certification criteria
    - CME programmes for the subspecialty specialists
    - others as relevant for the subspecialty concerned
  - 5.1.4 that the information and suggestions collected from the conveners would be considered by the Committee and Council as reference only
  - 5.1.5 that the Council has yet no agenda on when, how and in what order subspecialties would be established; decisions would be made after careful consideration of the data collected
- 5.2 The following opinions were highlighted during the open discussion:
  - 5.2.1 that general paediatrics should at all times be the foundation for subspecialty development and that general paediatrics should be accredited as a subspecialty itself so that its status would be recognized
  - 5.2.2 that paediatrics should also include community child health and that the College should be active in promoting Community Paediatrics
  - 5.2.3 that promotion of subspecialty should preferably coincide with service needs and service development directions of the Hospital Authority and the Department of Health

- 5.3 The Chairman at the conclusion of the open forum requested all conveners to submit their report by February 1999 which would consist at least of the following basic information:
- 5.3.1 data collection from various regions as mentioned above
  - 5.3.2 development of the subspecialty in Hong Kong - current situation
  - 5.3.3 critical review on indications for subspecialty development in Hong Kong
  - 5.3.4 recommendations on implementation of subspecialty development in Hong Kong
  - 5.3.5 others
- 5.4 The Committee, after careful analysis of the opinion collected from the open forum, resolved the following in a subsequent meeting:
- 5.4.1 to consolidate General Paediatrics as a subspecialty and to review existing training programme already launched for general paediatrics
  - 5.4.2 to collect data on Community Paediatrics and Immunology (the latter to combine with Infectious Disease as one entity for the time being) so that all subspecialties for paediatrics would be included for the data collection
  - 5.4.3 careful analysis of the current situation and development directions would be performed once data input is completed

#### **6) Accreditation of Individual Training Programme**

The Committee vetted all applications for accreditation of training programme both locally and overseas during the year and made recommendations to College Council for successful candidates.

#### **7) Continuing Medical Education (CME) for College Fellows**

The Committee maintained a close link with the CME Subcommittee through Professor Maurice Leung. The Committee recommended to the Council to amend the College Constitution to include CME as a function of the College (which was not stated in the original version) and for the Council to adopt a more flexible and liberal approach towards retrospective recognition of conferences in awarding CME points.

#### **8) Appeal Committee for College Affairs**

The Committee recommended to the College Council to include matters related to Accreditation, Education, CME and Membership Application into the Appeal Committee jurisdiction which currently only deals matter related to Examinations.



**9) Update on Training Information in Institutions**

The Committee updated lists of trainers and trainees in each accredited training institution and continued to compile a computerized data-base for matching trainer/trainees in each institutions.

**10) Assigning Number for each member of the College**

The following prefix and numbers were assigned to fellows, members and associates: fellows: F1-F500; members: FM501-FM1000; associates: FA1001 onwards. Members promoted to become fellows would have the “M” deleted, and for associates promoted to become members, the “A” would be changed to “M”. The number systems would enable each member to retain the same number throughout their membership at different stages within the College.

**11) Certificate of Accreditation**

The Certificate designed by the Committee and approved by the College Council is ready for awarding to accredited institutions after the accreditation revisits.

**12) Budget of the Committee**

The Committee presented information on future requirements by the Accreditation Committee in relation to finance, manpower, resources, storage space and others to the College Council.

**CONCLUSION**

1997/98 has been a year of heavy activities for the Accreditation Committee. We are fortunate to have a competent and cooperative team of committee members including members who also represent other standing committees of the College: Professor C. Y. Yeung (Chairman of Examination), Professor T. F. Fok (Chairman of Education) and Dr. Alex Chan (Chairman of Membership) - an asset which greatly facilitated the Accreditation Committee's ability to work in good harmony in promoting the various aspects of College functions. This together with the instructive guidance from Dr N. K. Leung, College President, the dedicated hardwork of Professor Maurice Leung, Committee Secretary, and the efficient and effective secretariat help from Miss Anna Choy, has contributed to bringing about this year's achievements and to enabling the Committe to fullfill its term of reference: *“that its functions shall be that of assessing the suitability of the various units for training purpose and advising the Council on the training of paediatrics and the development of paediatric subspecialties”*.

**Dr. CHAN Chok-wan**  
**Chairman**

# Standing Committees

## Education Committee's Report

Chairman	Prof. FOK Tai-fai
Hon. Secretary	Dr. LEE Wai-hong
Members	Dr. AU YEUNG Cheuk-lun, Henry Dr. CHIU Cheung-shing, Daniel Dr. LAM Cheung-cheung, Barbara Prof. LEUNG Ping, Maurice Prof. SUNG Yn-tz, Rita Dr. YAU Fai-to, Adrian Dr. YOUNG Wan-yin, Betty

The Committee held 5 meetings in 1998.

### 1. The 1998 Postgraduate Training Program

The 1998 Postgraduate Training Program commenced on January 9 with a course of 26 lectures, 4 quizzes and 17 bed-side teaching sessions. Fellows from the Paediatric Departments of HA Hospitals and the Clinical Genetics and Child Assessment Services of the Department of Health contributed to the teaching program together with 3 invited experts in other fields. A total of 38 trainees had enrolled for the program: 6 trainees withdrew and 3 joined during the course of the program as a result of successes at Part II and Part I examinations respectively. Attendance rate varied from 20% to 82%. The program concluded on 28 August.

### 2. Paediatric Update Series

This year 4 seminars had been conducted on Sunday afternoons as CME activity for Fellows. The seminars were well attended by Fellows, Members and Associates as well as other members of the profession. The topics were:

Date	Topics	Chairman	Attendance
18.1.98	Immunology and Infection	Prof Y L Lau	75
15.3.98	Behaviour and Learning Disorder	Prof V Wong	108
17.5.98	Nephrology	Dr MC Chiu	78
13.9.98	Adolescent Medicine	Dr W Tse	70

On 25.10.98, a joint symposium on Breastfeeding Update (coordinated by Dr P Ip) with the Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists was held as the 5<sup>th</sup> seminar in the series. 48 College Fellows attended.

From March onwards the seminars were held in the Hospital Authority Head Office Building.

### 3. College Lectures & Seminars

The following College Lectures/Seminars were held:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
30.11.97	College Lecture (AGM) Recent Advances in Paediatric Oncology	Prof Alan W Craft Prof of Child Health Sir James Spence Institute Royal Victoria Infirmary Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, UK
18.1.98	Immunology and Infection Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laboratory Investigations of Immunodeficiency</li> <li>• Clinical Approach to Immunodeficiency</li> <li>• Treatment and Prevention of Varicella</li> </ul>	Dr B Jones  Prof Y L Lau Dr C W Leung
15.3.98	Behaviour and Learning Disorder Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neurological Examination of Children with Learning Disabilities</li> <li>• Management of Children with Learning Disabilities</li> <li>• Psychiatrists' views on Behavioural Problems</li> </ul>	Prof V Wong  Dr R Mak  Dr S F Hung
17.5.98	Paediatric Nephrology Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of Urinary Tract Infections</li> <li>• Approach to Glomerulonephritis</li> <li>• Management of Acute Renal Failure</li> <li>• Chronic Renal Failure: Dialysis &amp; Transplantation</li> </ul>	Dr F T Yau Dr S N Wong Dr W Wong Dr M C Chiu
13.9.98	Adolescent Medicine Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronic Illness in Adolescence</li> <li>• Approaches to Management of Girls with Anorexia Nervosa</li> <li>• Parenting the Adolescent</li> </ul>	Dr A M C Tsang Dr C C Lee  Dr S C S Fung

- 25.10.98            Breastfeeding Update  
(Joint meeting with HK College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists)
- Recent Advances on Effects of Breastfeeding            Dr J Newman,  
Director of Breastfeeding  
Clinic, Hospital for Sick  
Children, Toronto
  - Is Exclusive Breastfeeding an Attainable Goal            Dr F Coombes  
Lactation Consultant, Perth
  - China Experience: The Road to Baby-Friendly            Dr J Xu,  
Prof of Pediatrics  
Peking Union Medical  
College Hospital, Beijing

#### **4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Guangdong-Hong Kong Scientific Meeting**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Guangdong-Hong Kong Scientific Meeting jointly organised by the Guangdong Paediatric Society and our College was held in Guangzhou on Saturday, June 13 after months of hard work by the Organising Committee comprising Dr N K Leung (Chairman), Dr M C Chiu, Prof T F Fok, Prof L Low and Dr B Young. 29 Fellows and members attended. 6 plenary papers were presented by College Fellows on the following topics: Child Rehabilitation (Dr Alex Chan), Endocrinology (Dr P T Cheung), Nephrology (Dr M C Chiu), Child Abuse (Dr P Ip), Neonatology (Prof P C Ng) and Kawasaki Disease (Dr Y M Ng). There were also 26 poster abstracts presented by our Fellows & Members. All participants enjoyed a day of enthusiastic academic exchange with our Guangdong colleagues.

#### **5. Additional Training Under Bye-Law 16**

Anticipating the rescission of Bye-law 16 on 30 September 1998 as announced by the Academy of Medicine, the College has invited eligible Members to apply for registration for Additional Training earlier this year. The Committee processed 8 applications from Members for Additional Training which were duly submitted to the Academy for approval. 7 of the 8 applications were endorsed by the Academy and the applicants had commenced their programs in various training Units since October.

A program of Additional Training (for Fellows/Members of the College who possessed higher qualifications prior to 30.6.93 but fell short of the 6 years supervised training) had been in progress to enable eligible Members to fulfil requirements for admission to Academy

Fellowship. Three College Fellows/Members had completed such a program in College-approved institutions and had since been admitted to Academy Fellowship.

## 6. CME

CME activities of the College were coordinated by the CME Subcommittee.

The membership of the CME Subcommittee for the current year was as follows:

Chairman:	Dr Daniel Chiu	
Vice Chairman:	Dr Rita Sung	(Announcements)
Secretary:	Dr S N Wong	(Institutions Coordination)
Members:	Dr Henry Au Yeung	(Monitoring)
	Dr Alex Chan	(Monitoring)
	Dr Anita Chan	(Private Study Group Coordination)
	Prof T F Fok	(ex-officio: College Coordination)
	Dr W H Lee	(ex-officio: College Coordination)
	Prof Maurice P Leung	(Accreditation)
	Dr Alfred Tam	(Newsletter)
	Dr H L Yuen	(Societies Coordination)

The first year of the CME cycle which commenced in January 1997 had drawn to a close. A total of 1192 credit hours of CME activities had been approved by the CME Subcommittee in 1997. Out of 283 local and overseas Fellows registered for this first year of CME, 258 Fellows had submitted their annual return forms with 98.4% having successfully fulfilled more than the recommended minimum annual requirement. A random audit of the annual returns had been conducted by the CME Subcommittee.

In July 1997 a further group of newly admitted Fellows commenced their CME cycle.

## 7. Opinion Survey

With a view to improve the running of the Postgraduate Teaching Program and to plan for next year's program, a questionnaire survey had been conducted in October to poll the opinion of Department Heads and the trainees graduating from the 1998 course. Useful feedback and insight were gained from the survey.

**Prof. FOK Tai-fai**  
**Chairman**

# Standing Committees

## Examination Committee's Report

Chairman	Prof. YEUNG Chap-yung
Secretary	Dr. CHIU Man-chun
Member	Prof. Fok Tai-fai
	Dr. LEE Wai-hong
	Dr. LEUNG Nai-kong
	Prof. LOW Chung-kai, Louis
	Prof. YOUNG Wan-yin, Betty
	Dr. YUEN Man-pan, Patrick

There are several new events introduced to this year's work of the Examination Sub-Committee. First of all, the Committee has elected Professor Louis Low and Dr MC Chiu to represent the College in the MRCP Examination Part I and Part II Boards respectively. These nominations were approved by the Council and the two nominees have since early this year been sitting on the Boards accordingly.

Secondly, the Committee has started to discuss means and format for the Exit Assessment / Examination for qualifying trainee Paediatricians of Hong Kong. This action has been hampered by several unexpected set-backs, such as the sudden reversal of the Council of the Academy on the decision for admitting Fellows by the "grandfather's clause" postponing the deadline to September 30, 1998. As a result, our Committee was given some breathing space before organising such Exit Assessment.

We have now proposed to organise the Exit Assessment / Examination with a team of three Fellow-Examiners for each potential candidate. The assessment would include an interview of about 45 minutes to assess the candidate's competence as a paediatric specialist including reviewing his pro-rotta written reports as well as his clinical performance. It is anticipated that the first such assessment / examination will take place in the week of December 7<sup>th</sup> and subsequently in May each year, i.e. twice a year.

The joint MRCP Part II and Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Intermediate Examinations have continued to be held twice a year in October and February as follows:

	<b>October 1997</b>	<b>February 1998</b>
<b>Examination Centres</b>	Queen Mary Hospital Queen Elizabeth Hospital	Prince of Wales Hospital Princess Margaret Hospital
<b>Examiners</b>	Dr. C. Y. Yeung      HK Dr. Y. L. Lau        HK Dr. W. H. Lee        HK Dr. N. K. Leung      HK Dr. V. Wong          HK Dr. B. Young         HK Sir Roy Meadow      UK Dr. DGD Barr        UK Dr. JP McClure        UK	Dr. P. Yuen            HK Dr. S. Leung          HK Dr. A. Chan            HK Dr. M. C. Chiu        HK Dr. Y. L. Lau          HK Dr. L. C. K. Low      HK Dr. J. McDonald      UK Dr. A. J. Burt         UK Prof. G Haycock      UK
<b>Candidates ( Part II )</b>	Entry :    27 Passed :   15	Entry :    17 Passed :   10

**Prof. YEUNG Chap-yung**  
**Chairman**

# Standing Committees

## Membership Committee's Report

Chairman	Dr. CHAN Kwok-hing, Alex
Hon. Secretary	Dr. SO Lok-yee
Members	Dr. LEE Chi-wai, Anselm
	Prof. LEUNG Ping, Maurice
	Dr. LEUNG Chuk-kwan, Lettie
	Prof. LOW Chung-kai, Louis
	Prof. NG Pak-cheung

The major issue in the year 1997/98 was the rescission of Bye-law 16. A resolution was passed in the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine in November 1997 to repeal Bye-law 16 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 1998. The Membership Committee vetted and made a total of 54 nominations to the Academy for consideration of admission as Fellows of the Academy under the Bye-law before 30<sup>th</sup> September 1998.

Among the nominees, 45 were under Category I and 9 were under Category II. (Definitions of Categories of Fellowship admission under Bye-law 16 had been published in various circulars and last year's annual report of the College ). Successful admission to the Academy would be officiated in the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

With effect from 1.10.98, our College will only admit a doctor as Fellow if he/she has satisfied all of the following criteria:

1. a fully registered medical practitioner in Hong Kong
2. completion of three years full-time post-registration basic paediatric training in an institution accredited by the College
3. in possession of a higher qualification recognised by the College and the Academy
4. completion of three years full-time higher paediatric training in an institution accredited by the College
5. passed the Exit Assessment / Examination of the College

We are in the process of drafting a new set of guidance notes for Fellowship, Membership



and Associateship applications. We are urging all trainees to join the College as Associates as soon as possible so that their basic training could be recognized. We are also urging all Associates to apply for Membership once they have completed their basic training and passed their intermediate examination. The Committee would only recommend paid up Members of the College for Fellowship admission upon completion of higher training.

There are suggestions that the College should admit new Fellows twice a year in order that the College can make more timely nominations to the Academy for Fellowship admission. It is hoped that the next College Council will give more thought to and follow up on this issue.

During the past 12 months, the Membership Committee has recommended to the College Council the admission of 13 Associates, 35 Members and 28 Fellows. Collegiate Membership now includes 80 Associates, 119 Members, and 313 Fellows. The Membership Committee would like to extend its warmest welcome to all the new members and hope to see their enthusiastic support and contribution to College affairs in the coming years.

**Dr. CHAN Kwok-hing**  
**Chairman**

# Standing Committees

## Professional and General Affairs Committee's Report

Chairman	Dr. YOUNG Wan-yin, Betty
Hon. Secretary	Dr. LI Chi-kong
Members	Dr. CHENG Chun-fai
	Dr. CHOW Chun-bong
	Dr. FUNG Hing-piu, Robert
	Dr. IP Lai-sheung, Patricia
	Dr. LEE Chi-wai, Anselm
	Dr. LEUNG Nai-kong
	Dr. TAM Yat-cheung, Alfred
	Dr. YU Chak-man

The Committee held six meetings this year (12.12.97, 18.2.98, 13.5.98, 14.7.98, 9.9.98 and 5.11.98).

### Scope of Work

1. To establish effective communication channel with members of the College.
2. To organize professional and social activities for members of the College.
3. To promote the public image of the College.

### Effective Communication

1. **College Newsletter:** The Committee published newsletters at 3-monthly intervals to disseminate important information to members of the College.
2. **Internet Homepage:** A Homepage was set up on the Internet to introduce to the public and other medical professions about the history and objectives of the College. A separate section on Continuing Medical Education (CME) was established to keep member well informed of all up-to-date local and overseas CME activities. A restricted section for members was also included to improve the flow of information to members and to receive feedback from members.

### Professional Affairs

1. **Breast feeding course:** The course was held on 29 and 30 October 1998. This course was especially organized for doctors with the aim to update the knowledge and skill on breast feeding based on recent scientific advances. The course was co-organized with the Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative Hong Kong Association.
2. The Committee made recommendations to the Council on the following issues;
  - **Practical issues on pre-natal diagnosis and intra-uterine intervention**, in response to the request from the Ethics Committee of the Medical Council of Hong Kong.
  - **Storage of umbilical cord blood by private banking**, at the request from the Hong Kong Medical Association.
3. The Committee published guidelines on:
  - **Sports and physical activities** for children in health and disease
  - **Nonpolio enterovirus (NPEV) infections** in infants and children
4. The Committee supported the following activities organized by other professional bodies:
  - Establishment of the "**Child Safety Model Centre**" in Hong Kong, in support of the idea of "Against Child Abuse".
  - Endorsement of the **Charter for Children in Hospital**, proposed by the Hong Kong Committee on Children's Rights.

### Social Activities

**Hiking:** A hiking trip from the Peak to the University of Hong Kong was organized on 11 January 1998 for members and their families. One of our fellows, Dr Yu Chau-Leung, delivered a talk on "Traditional Chinese Medicine" after the walk.

### Ongoing Activities

**Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course:** This course will be organized in 1999. Two Fellows had attended a PALS Provider Course in the United States and a working group is now in the process of organizing the course in the coming few months.

**Dr. Betty YOUNG**  
Chairman

# Standing Committees

## Review Committee's Report

Chairman	Dr. TSAO Yen-chow
Hon. Secretary	Dr. IP Lai-sheung, Patricia
Member	Dr. CHAN Chok-wan
	Dr. CHENG Man-yung
	Dr. CHIU Lee-lee, Lily
	Dr. KO Yiu-shum, Paul

No appeals or complaints were received during the past one year and so the Review Committee did not meet during the year.

**Dr. TSAO Yen-chow**  
**Chairman**

## **Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation Ltd.**

As directed by the College Council, a working group was formed within the Professional and General Affairs Committee in 1996 to set up the Foundation, the main purposes of which were to raise funds for the College and to promote child health in the community with projects and other related works. The Foundation was formally incorporated on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1997. Charitable status was also obtained from the Inland Revenue Department. At its first General Meeting the following were elected into the Executive Committee:

Chairman	Dr. TAM Yat-cheung, Alfred
Vice-Chairman	Dr. TSAO Yen-chow
Hon. Secretary	Dr. KO Yiu-shum, Paul
Member	Dr. LEUNG Tze-ching, Vincent
	Prof. FOK Tai-fai
	Dr. LEUNG Nai-kong
	Prof. YEUNG Chap-yung

In the past year, the Foundation has raised funds through the sales of a College blazer and the 'Textbook of Pediatrics' (in co-operation with McBarron Books). Its 'Membership Scheme' directed at College Fellows has recently been launched. It is hoped that this effort will generate funding enough to support the running of the College Chamber in the New Academy of Medicine Building. The Foundation is actively looking out for donors in the community at large.

As to child health promotion, the Foundation is in the process of organizing certificate courses in childcare for child care workers. This will be done in co-operation with the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong.

The Foundation also expresses great appreciation to Charles Chiu & Co. for acting as Honorary Legal Advisor and Chan Lai-pang & Co. for being our Honorary Auditor.

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## NEW FELLOWS, MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES

The following doctors were elected as  
Fellows of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians  
on 5 December 1998

<i>DR CHAN MIU LAN</i>	陳妙蘭醫生
<i>DR CHAN SHEK CHI</i>	陳碩志醫生
<i>DR CHAN TAK YAN, NORMAN</i>	陳德仁醫生
<i>DR CHANG KAI ON</i>	鄭啟安醫生
<i>DR CHENG WAI FUN, ANNA</i>	鄭慧芬醫生
<i>DR CHEUNG CHIU PING, JAMES</i>	張釗平醫生
<i>DR CHEUNG YIU FAI</i>	張耀輝醫生
<i>DR CHIU CHUN KEUNG</i>	趙鎮強醫生
<i>DR CHUI KIT MAN, KITTY</i>	徐潔文醫生
<i>DR FONG NAI CHUNG</i>	方乃聰醫生
<i>DR HO YOK CHIU</i>	何鈺照醫生
<i>DR HUI, HENRY</i>	許嘉恩醫生
<i>DR HUI HON LAM, STEPHEN</i>	許漢琳醫生
<i>DR HUNG CHI CHUEN</i>	洪致全醫生
<i>DR HUNG YUK TONG</i>	孔沃棠醫生
<i>DR LAI DAN HO, HOWARD</i>	黎丹灝醫生
<i>DR LAM CHING CHOI</i>	林正財醫生
<i>DR LEUNG CHIK WA</i>	梁赤華醫生
<i>DR LEUNG KWOK CHU, ALEXANDER</i>	梁國柱醫生
<i>DR LEUNG YAM KEE</i>	梁蔭基醫生
<i>DR LI KIT YU</i>	李潔如醫生
<i>DR LO FAI MAN</i>	盧輝文醫生
<i>DR MA KWOK CHIU</i>	馬國超醫生
<i>DR NG KWAN WAI, ALAN</i>	吳鋆焯醫生
<i>DR OU, YVONNE</i>	吳綺華醫生
<i>DR SHIU YIU KEUNG</i>	蕭耀強醫生
<i>DR WONG KAI CHIU</i>	王啟超醫生
<i>DR YUNG WING YAN, ADA</i>	楊穎欣醫生

**The following doctors were admitted as  
Members of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians  
on 5 December 1998**

<i>DR CHAN MOON CHEUNG, DAVID</i>	陳滿章醫生	<i>DR LIM CHUI LING, ELSIE</i>	林翠玲醫生
<i>DR CHENG PIK SHUN</i>	鄭碧純醫生	<i>DR LO SHING KEI</i>	羅誠基醫生
<i>DR CHU WAI PO</i>	朱蔚波醫生	<i>DR MA CHE KWAN, LOUIS</i>	馬子軍醫生
<i>DR CHUI KIT MAN, KITTY</i>	徐潔文醫生	<i>DR MA KWOK CHIU</i>	馬國超醫生
<i>DR CHUNG CHUK YIN, LISETTE</i>	鍾竹英醫生	<i>DR MAK HON KWONG, ROBERT</i>	麥漢光醫生
<i>DR FONG CHEUK MING</i>	方卓明醫生	<i>DR MOK KWOK WING, SIMON</i>	莫國榮醫生
<i>DR FUNG LAI WAH, EVA</i>	馮麗華醫生	<i>DR NG KWOK LEUNG</i>	吳國樑醫生
<i>DR FUNG WAI CHING</i>	馮偉正醫生	<i>DR PEI YUK SAU, ANN</i>	邊毓秀醫生
<i>DR HUI CHUN MING</i>	許振明醫生	<i>DR SIU LUEN YEE, SYLVIA</i>	蕭鑾儀醫生
<i>DR HUNG CHI CHUEN</i>	洪致全醫生	<i>DR TAM SING YU, ANITA</i>	譚醒虞醫生
<i>DR KWONG KAR SHUN, WILSON</i>	鄺家信醫生	<i>DR TANG WING KUEN, DANNIS</i>	鄧永權醫生
<i>DR LAU KA FAI, TONY</i>	劉家輝醫生	<i>DR TSE YIN CHU, CATHERINE</i>	謝燕珠醫生
<i>DR LAU KWONG HUNG, KEITH</i>	劉廣洪醫生	<i>DR WONG SHEH WAI</i>	黃錫偉醫生
<i>DR LAU WING FAI, MICHAEL</i>	劉永暉醫生	<i>DR WONG YAN WING, JACKSON</i>	黃恩永醫生
<i>DR LEE, VINCENT</i>	李偉生醫生	<i>DR WOO CHI WAI</i>	胡志為醫生
<i>DR LEUNG KING TUNG</i>	梁勁冬醫生	<i>DR WU SIU MAN, FELIX</i>	胡少文醫生
<i>DR LEUNG KWOK CHU, ALEXANDER</i>	梁國柱醫生	<i>DR YEUNG MAN CHOW</i>	楊文秋醫生
<i>DR LI NAI HAE</i>	李乃器醫生		

**The following doctors were admitted as  
Associates of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians  
in 1997/98**

<i>DR CHAN TANG TAT</i>	陳騰達醫生	<i>DR LI KA WAH</i>	李嘉華醫生
<i>DR CHEUNG WAI YIN, EDDIE</i>	張蔚賢醫生	<i>DR MA KAM HUNG</i>	馬錦雄醫生
<i>DR CHUNG PUI HONG</i>	鍾沛康醫生	<i>DR MO KIT WAH</i>	毛傑華醫生
<i>DR HO SHING FAI</i>	何成輝醫生	<i>DR SO KIT WING, WILLIAM</i>	蘇傑榮醫生
<i>DR HUI NING TAT, HAMILTON</i>	許寧達醫生	<i>DR WONG CHI KEUNG, MICHAEL</i>	黃志強醫生
<i>DR LAM HO FAI, KENNETH</i>	林浩輝醫生	<i>DR YIM WAI SHUN</i>	嚴偉遜醫生
<i>DR LEUNG LAI CHUN</i>	梁麗珍醫生		