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Message from the Editors

Our annual event, the Annual General Meeting was just held earlier this month. We will have a detailed account on the AGM in this issue of the Newsletter. On behalf of the House Committee, we would like to wish everyone a joyful Christmas and Happy New Year.

21st Annual General Meeting, Fellows Conferment Ceremony and Annual Dinner on 2 December 2012

The 21st Annual General Meeting was held successfully on 2 December 2012. This also marked the end of the tenure of the Office Bearers. Dr Wong Sik-nin was elected *ipso facto* President, Professor Lau Yu-lung Vice-president, Dr Tse Wing-ye Honorary Secretary and Dr Chan Chi-sik Honorary Treasurer respectively for the years 2012-2015.

Mr Chan Chi-hung was re-appointed as Honorary Legal Advisor and Mr Walter Ma Honorary Auditor.

The 2013 subscription fees would remain the same as in 2012 as follows: HK\$1,800 for Fellows, HK\$900 for Overseas Fellows, HK\$1,200 for Members, HK\$600 for Overseas Members and HK\$600 for Associates. The subscription fee for paediatricians aged 65 or above before 1st Jan., 2013 would continue to be waived.

The Annual General Meeting was followed by the Admission Ceremony of the New Members and the Conferment Ceremony of the New Fellows. This year of particular note was the presentation of certificates to the First Fellows of Paediatric Immunology and Infectious Diseases, the first-ever subspecialty accredited by the College.

The highlight of the day was certainly the Annual Dinner attended by more than 100 members of the College and guests. We were indebted to Professor Raymond Liang, President of the HK Academy of Medicine, Dr WM Ko, Secretary for Food and Health of the HKSAR, the Honorable Dr KL Leung, LegCo Member, Dr SV Lo, Director (Strategy & Planning) of Hospital Authority, the Presidents and representatives of Sister Colleges and statutory organisations, who showered grace to our day's events with their presence and blessings.

With the New Year ahead, we look optimistically to the future of our College as we make bold strides on together.

President's Speech at the Fellow Conferment Ceremony 2012

Professor Raymond Liang, Dr. Ko Wing Man, Professor Lau Wan Yee, Dr. the Honourable Leung Ka Lau, Dr. S.V. Lo, Presidents and Representatives of Sister Colleges, Distinguished Guests, Colleagues, Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to the 21st Conferment Ceremony of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians. I must first congratulate our trainees who have recently passed their intermediate conjoint examination and exit assessment to become new members and fellows of our College. This year, I further extend my congratulations to the First Fellows of the "Paediatric Immunology and Infectious Disease" subspecialty. I have always reminded trainees that although obtaining the diploma is a vital first step in the advancement of your career, it is only the beginning of a life-long learning process. To be a 'good' Paediatrician, you must put the first priority on the well-being of your patients, and use your knowledge and skills to heal the sick and comfort those in distress. You should be equipped with an analytical mind so that you can make the most humane and logical decision under stressful situations. Above all, you must be righteous at heart so as to maintain your moral principles and medical ethics at all times. I can reassure you that Paediatrics is not an easy or comfortable career, but it is undoubtedly the most worthwhile and rewarding one. In addition, my heart-felt congratulations further extend to your families who provided you with unconditional support throughout this challenging and anxious period of training.

Indeed, I would like to thank all my Paediatric Colleagues for entrusting me with the College Presidency in the past 3 years. It has been a great honour and memorable experience to have served you all. A lot has happened in the past 36 months and the College has continued to move forward in all important directions.

Last year, we celebrated our 20th Anniversary. The College was most privileged and honoured to have presidents and representatives of our sister colleges and societies from the Mainland, Taiwan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore and United Kingdom joining us on this very special occasion. The 20th Anniversary Scientific Meeting entitled "Recent Advances in Paediatrics" gave us further insights into the future development of our subspecialties. The 20th Anniversary Monograph archived the achievement and success of Paediatricians in Hong Kong and our College in the second decade of its development.

In the past 3 years, the Accreditation Committee and the Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties, headed by Dr. Chan Chok Wan and Dr. Wong Sik Nin, have worked diligently and meticulously in assisting the College to establish the first paediatric subspecialty of "Paediatric Immunology and Infectious Disease". This is a major milestone in the history of Paediatrics in Hong Kong. The Accreditation Committee and the Working Group have laid down a solid foundation and important groundwork for other paediatric subspecialties to follow. Also, the Committee has finished the important task of accreditation visits for all training centres and I am very pleased to announce that all had exceeded the stringent standards set by the College and Academy.

I must thank the Education Committee, chaired by Dr. Wong Sik Nin and (also) Dr. Chan Hin Bui, for helping the College to set up the "Neonatal Resuscitation Programme (NRP)" in conjunction with the

American Academy of Pediatrics. We have successfully trained 23 trainers in the first diet. The programme is now fully operational and the College has been organising NRP courses since June for our Paediatric trainees, nurses and midwives, and healthcare workers in the Accident and Emergency Department. In order to uphold our standard in training, the College has decided to introduce the NRP as a mandatory module in its curriculum for our trainees in 2013. Also in the past 36 months, the Education Committee jointly organised with our Mainland partners the 2nd and 3rd Hong Kong-Guangdong-Shanghai-Chongqing Academic Exchange meetings in Shenzhen and Shanghai, respectively. Both meetings attracted a large number of participants from the four regions and have further strengthened academic exchanges and friendship with our Mainland colleagues.

My heartfelt thanks further extend to the Examination Committee, chaired by Dr. Chan Hin Bui, which has worked tremendously hard to improve standards of our postgraduate assessments. Throughout the years, the Committee has been organising training sessions for our trainees and conducting postgraduate examinations to the highest standard. In the year 2010, senior Paediatricians from the Mainland came to observe the MRCPCH Clinical Examination, and this format of assessment has since been adopted in selective centres in Shanghai.

I am also indebted to Chairmen (Professor Leung Nai Kong, Professor Y.L. Lau, Dr. So Lok Yee and Dr. Ko Yiu Sham) and members of the House, Membership, Professional and General Affairs, and Review Committee who have done their superb jobs in looking after the development of information technology and managing the College Chamber, meticulously vetting and recommending new members and fellows to the council, defending the rights and safeguarding the welfare of infants and children, and reviewing cases which required arbitration. I must take this opportunity to emphasize that the model of Paediatricians working in primary child care is the most efficient and cost effective way to serve our community, and this paradigm of practice should be maintained at all costs.

I further wish to express my most sincere gratitude to the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians Foundation Committee chaired by Dr. Leung Tze Ching, and the H.M. Lui Memorial Fund chaired by Professor Leung Nai Kong, and the support of the founder, Dr. Arthur Lui. Ever since 2006, the Foundation has been carrying out charity missions and organising neonatal resuscitation programmes in rural areas of the Mainland. In the past three years, the Foundation has further extended its coverage to the mountains of Guizhou and deprived areas of Guangxi. This extraordinary mission has saved many newborns in these remote areas. In recognition of the Foundation's immense contributions to humanity aids, Dr. Leung Tze Ching was awarded the "Hong Kong Humanity Award, 2012" by the Hong Kong Red Cross and RTHK. The College is also indebted to the H.M. Lui Memorial Fund which has been providing traveling sponsorship and precious opportunities to local as well as Mainland Paediatric trainees for postgraduate overseas training. This scheme has greatly benefited the recipients in acquiring advanced knowledge and developing special skills in their respective subspecialties.

Last but not least, I am extremely thankful to the staunch support and encouragement given by the Office Bearers: Dr. Wong Sik Nin, Dr. Winnie Tse, and Dr. Chan Chi Sik, who have assisted me enormously in performing my duty throughout the past 36 months. I must also thank all past presidents for their sound advice and guidance. Above all, views and comments from council members, college fellows, members, associates and secretaries have been invaluable and have always guided me in doing my job efficiently and effectively.

Following the recent tradition of passing on the Presidency after 36 months, it is with great pleasure that I shall pass on my Presidency to Dr. Wong Sik Nin. I shall certainly miss the 14 enjoyable weekends every year attending the conferment ceremonies of sister colleges. I am sure that Dr. Wong will be an excellent president, and you will give him as much support as you have given me. I wish the new President and the College every success!

Membership Committee

The following doctors were approved to join the College as Associates:

DR YAN LAI SIM
 DR CHENG, MAN HIN MARK
 DR CHENG, JAMES WESLEY CHING-HEI
 DR CHIU, TING-GEE ANNIE
 DR HO, STEPHANIE
 DR SO KIN MO
 DR CHUNG FUNG SHAN
 DR WONG CHUNG YAN

Examination Committee

Results of recent examinations

Date	Examination	Pass / No. of sittings	Pass rate
19 September 2012	MRCPCH Part II	10/16	63%
9 October 2012	MRCPCH Part I		
	Part IA	9/14	64%
	Part IB	11/15	73%
	Part IA (DCH)	0/0	/
30-31 October 2012	MRCPCH Clinical	15/31	48%

Entry requirements of written examinations

From 2013 onwards candidates will be able to take the written papers in their order of preference or **simultaneously** if they wish. The MRCPCH Clinical Exam will still be able to be taken only until all written elements have been successfully completed.

Since candidates will be able to take the written exams in any order, the entry requirements for ALL written papers, namely MRCPCH Foundation of Practice, Theory & Science AND Applied Knowledge in Practice, will only be a primary medical degree.

Education Committee

2013 Paediatric Update No. 1

The first Paediatric Update seminar in 2013 has been scheduled on 12th January 2013 (Saturday afternoon) at D-Ground Multifunction Room of Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The seminar will be on “*Developmental Behavioural Paediatrics*”. Prof Ellen Perrin, a visiting specialist in Developmental Behavioural Paediatrics, from Tufts Medical Center, USA, will be presenting along with several local speakers in this field. THREE Category A CME points will be awarded.

We look forward to your support and participation in this College CME activity. (For programme details, please refer to the **Appendix I**) **Please note that the meeting will be held in Queen Elizabeth Hospital (NOT Hospital Authority Building).**

Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP)

As endorsed by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine on 4 Dec 2012, the NRP Provider Course will become a mandatory requirement of Basic Training for all new trainees joining the College on or after 1st July 2013.

Community Paediatric Training

As endorsed by the College Council and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, the College Training Guideline has been revised to allow the 6 months of mandatory training in Maternal and Child Health/ Child Assessment Centres to be undertaken during either Basic Training or Higher Training, as arranged by the Training Supervisors. This new arrangement will apply to all basic trainees with immediate effect.

The relevant section of the Training and Accreditation Guidelines is revised as follows:

Section 7.4. (Basic Training Programme)

b) A 6-months mandatory training in accredited Maternal and Child Health / Child Assessment Centres. This can be deferred to be undertaken during Higher Training. If so, the resulting 6 months slot in Basic Training should be made up by training in General Paediatrics. If mandatory training in Maternal and Child Health /Child Assessment Centres is undertaken during Higher Training, it cannot be counted as fulfilling the requirement of the 6-month mandatory elective training in other local or overseas institutions (refer to 9.5. iii).

Announcement from Working Group for Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties in Hong Kong

This is a brief update of the progress of subspecialty development for our College.

1. The Paediatric Immunology and Infectious Diseases (PIID) Subspecialty has been accredited after a stringent process of vetting the programme, visiting training centres, and interview assessment of First Fellows by External Assessor Prof Andrew Cant from UK and our College. The Subspecialty was endorsed by the HK Academy of Medicine and is now in the process of application to the Medical Council of Hong Kong for inclusion in Specialist Registry. At the Fellows Conferment Ceremony on 2 Dec 2012, twelve First Fellows have received their PIID Subspecialty Certificates. The PIID Subspecialty Board has decided to start the training programme on 1st June 2013 (This will be the cut-off date for admitting First Fellows). A Final

Call for First Fellows applications was announced with deadline on 24 Dec 2012. No application will be accepted after this deadline. (**Appendix II**)

2. The Developmental Behavioural Paediatrics (DBP) Subspecialty accreditation is under full swing. We have invited Prof Ellen Perrin from USA to visit the training centres and interview First Fellow applicants on 8-10 January 2013.
3. The Paediatric Neurology (PN) Subspecialty programme is also being finalized. The invitation of External Assessor is also underway, and it is expected that his/her visit will be in mid-2013.
4. The College has also received application for accreditation of the Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM) Subspecialty. The proposed programme has been uploaded to College website and open consultation of all Fellows, Members and Associates of the College has been announced on 20 Nov 2012. Please send in your opinions and questions by 20 January 2013. (**Appendix III**)

Annual Social Function 2012

Chinese White Dolphin spotting and Tai O

沙洲、龍鼓洲海岸公園中華白海豚觀賞及大澳之旅

The launch tour to Tai O on 11 Nov 2012 was attended by around 40 participants. While the weather was cool and easy for the participants, the white dolphins might find it too chilly and wavy to surface and play. In the end only a fraction of us had a glimpse of a pink dolphin on our way back. We did learn more on the dolphins through the talks and books provided by the guides. After enjoying the specialities in a popular restaurant, we took a short walk to see mangroves, stilt houses and historical relics in Tai O. During our boat ride, we also had a good look at the day and night scenes including the famous bridges, the airport and construction work of the link to Macau and Zhuhai.

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 10 Dec 2012. *Members and fellows are reminded to contact the enquiries listed below for last-minute alterations.*

Jan 2013		
8-11th Jan.	Topic:	CEP Commissioned Training in Respiratory Critical Care
	Venue:	QEH, QMH, TMH, KWH (with video conference)
	Time:	9:30-13:20
	Speaker:	Dr. Bala Totapally / Dr. Venkata Raju
Cat A 3	Organizer:	CEP. HAHO

pts per day	Coordinator:	Dr. Tsoi Nai Shun
	Enquiry:	Tel: 22553485

12 th Jan.	Topic:	2013 Paediatric Update No. 1 – Developmental Behavioural Paediatrics
	Venue:	D-Ground Multifunction Room, QEH
	Time:	14:30-17:35
	Speaker:	Prof Ellen Perrin, Tufts Medical Center, Boston, USA Dr Catherine Lam, Dr Florence Lee and Dr Fung Cheuk-wing
Cat A 3 pts	Organizer:	HK College of Paediatricians
	Coordinator:	Ms. Vanessa Wong
	Enquiry:	Tel: 28718773

13, 20th Jan.	Topic:	Neonatal Resuscitation Program (Identical)
	Venue:	Tang Shiu Kin Hospital
	Time:	8:45-18:00
	Speaker:	Various
Cat A 6 pts for whole course (1 day)	Organizer:	HKCP / HKPNA / HKSNM / HA
	Enquiry:	Tel: 35533300 / email: aetc_rhtsk@ha.org.hk / http://www.ha.org.hk/aetc

Mar 2013		
15-17 Mar.	Topic:	Discovering more in Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology
	Venue:	Kai Chong Tong & Shaw Auditorium, G/F, Postgraduate Education Center, Prince of Wales Hospital
	Time:	9:00-17:00
	Speaker:	Various
Cat. A (Pending)	Organizer:	International Federation of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology & Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Chinese University of Hong Kong
	Coordinator: Enquiry:	Miss Katherine Yiu Tel: 26321530 http://pag.obg.cuhk.edu.hk/congress



Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

2013 Paediatric Update No. 1

Developmental Behavioural Paediatrics

Date: 12 January 2013 (Saturday)
Time: 2:30 pm – 5:35 pm
Venue: **D-Ground Multifunction Room, Queen Elizabeth Hospital**
Chairman: Dr Wing Yee Winnie TSE, Honorary Secretary, HK College of Paediatricians
Dr Catherine CC Lam, Chairman, Subspecialty Board of Developmental Behavioural Paediatrics, HK College of Paediatricians

Programme:

- 2:30 – 3:00 **“Rising childhood morbidities”- Developmental Behavioural Paediatrics in Hong Kong**
Dr Catherine CC LAM, Consultant Paediatrician, Child Assessment Service, Department of Health, HK
- 3:00 – 3:15 **Q & A**
- 3:15 – 3:45 **Local trends and updates in Autism Spectrum Disorders**
Dr Florence MY LEE, Senior Medical Officer, Child Assessment Service, Dept of Health, HK
Dr Cheuk Wing FUNG, Associate Consultant, Dept of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, Queen Mary Hospital, HK
- 3:45 – 4:00 **Q & A**
- 4:00 – 4:20 **Tea Break**
- 4:20 – 5:20 **The birth and early life of a new subspecialty in the US: the development of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics**
Prof Ellen Perrin, Director of Research, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics, Floating Hospital, Tufts Medical Center, Boston , USA
- 5:20 – 5:35 **Q & A**

All College Fellows, Members & Associates are welcome

- CME Credit: Hong Kong College of Paediatricians: **3 points (Category A)**
Hong Kong Academy of Medicine MCHK CME Program for Non-Specialists: under application
- 1) Registration for non-Academy Fellows who wish to claim CME credits under HKAM MCHK CME Program for Non-Specialists
- i) Prior registration is required with payment of \$100 by cheque payable to “Hong Kong College of Paediatricians” and sent to the Secretariat of HK College of Paediatricians, Room 801, HK Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong not later than **31 December 2012**.
 - ii) On-site registration for MCHK CME is **not** available.
 - iii) Quota is limited to 30 (first come first served).
 - iv) Only fully paid registrants will receive HKAM’s MCHK CME credits.
- [The above is not applicable to College Fellows, Members, Associates & Invited Guests.]*
- 2) Parking reservations (not later than 31 December 2012):
- i) Please reserve parking with College Secretariat at Fax 27851850 through Unit or Study Group Coordinators not later than **31 Dec 2012**.
 - ii) Fellows in private practice not belonging to study groups may fax request to College Secretariat at 27851850 for group booking.
 - iii) Individual Fellow may also register for parking by sending an email to enquiry@paediatrician.org.hk, stating his/her name, Fellow Number and vehicle number.
 - iv) The number of parking spaces available is limited.

Appendix II



Hong Kong College of Paediatricians
香港兒科醫學院



26 November 2012

Final Call for Application of First Fellows of the Subspecialty of Paediatric Immunology and Infectious Diseases (PIID)

To All Fellows of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians

As seen in our previous announcements, the College has received an application for the accreditation of the PIID subspecialty and has now completed the formal accreditation process. The PIID Subspecialty has now been formally recognised by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. College has also admitted twelve First Fellows in PIID after a stringent process of accreditation.

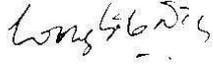
According to the Guideline of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, College will cease admitting First Fellows after the “cutoff date” (i.e. the date when the formal Training Programme starts). The date of starting the formal Training Programme will be determined by the Subspecialty Board, but has to be within 24 months after formal approval of the Subspecialty by the Academy.

For Paediatric Immunology and Infectious Diseases, the Subspecialty Board has decided to start the formal Training Programme on 1st June 2013. **That means no First Fellows will be admitted after this “cut-off date” (1st June 2013).** Thus we would like to make a FINAL CALL for First Fellows application for the PIID Subspecialty. Fellows who wish to be considered for First Fellows in PIID should respond to this Final Call, if they have not already done so. **No application for PIID First Fellows will be accepted after the deadline stated below.**

Interested Fellows please submit the following application documents to the College Honorary Secretary at Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, Wong Chuk Hang Road, Hong Kong **on or before 24 December, 2012.**

1. The First Fellows Application Form (which should be duly signed);
2. Documentary evidence of your supervised training (please give reason if not available);
3. A brief curriculum vitae highlighting your relevant subspecialty experience; and
4. A cheque of \$ 3000 (payable to “Hong Kong College of Paediatricians”).

If you have any queries about the process of subspecialty accreditation, please contact the undersigned or the College secretariat for more information.



Dr Wong Sik Nin
Secretary, Working Group for Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties
For Dr Chan Chok Wan
Director of Subspecialty Boards

Attached documents:

Appendix 1: Guidelines for admission of "First Fellows" in a new subspecialty
Application Form for First Fellows of the Subspecialty of Paediatric Immunology and Infectious
Diseases

Appendix III

To All Fellow, Members and Associates of the College:

Please read this IMPORTANT announcement about the application for accreditation of the Subspecialty of Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM).

As you have been informed before, the College has discussed the development of paediatric subspecialties, and developed a fair system of accrediting subspecialty programme. Announcements have been made in College Newsletters and forums for Fellows and subspecialty groups have been organized to explain the latest development. The College is of the view that accreditation of subspecialties is a serious matter, and it should be stringent and responsible. The definition of a subspecialty has to be based on the pre-requisite criteria set by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and our College. The College also has standard accreditation procedures of a proposed new subspecialty. So far College has accredited the Subspecialty of Paediatric Immunology and Infectious Diseases (PIID) and this has already been approved by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.

We now announce that our College has received an application for accreditation of the Subspecialty of Paediatric Respiratory Medicine (PRM). The application documents (The application forms, proposed training programme, curriculum vitae of external referees and programme leaders, and supporting letters from external referees) have been uploaded onto the College website for your information and downloading. Please follow the link below to access the section on Special Announcements → Announcement from Committees → Working Group on Accreditation of Paediatric Subspecialties in Hong Kong, and scroll down to “Application for Accreditation of Subspecialty of Paediatric Respiratory Medicine s”:

<http://www.paediatrician.org.hk/entcnews.htm>

A full set of the documents is also kept at the College Secretariat at Room 801, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building and interested Fellows can come to read them during office hours from Monday to Friday.

In accordance with the pre-agreed logistics of handling any such application, we are making this announcement and inviting ALL Fellows, Members and Associates to give your comments on this application. This is an important step in the future development of paediatric service and may also have a big impact on paediatric practice in hospitals and in private practice in future.

Please send in your comments on the proposal on or before 20th January 2013. The College will decide the way forward basing on the consensus opinion of our Fellows.

Dr CW Chan
Director of Subspecialty Boards
20th November 2012