

Hong Kong College of Community Medicine
College News Update
October 2014

Annual Scientific Meeting and Fellowship Conferment Ceremony

The Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) titled “Public Health at the Crossroads – Where do we go from here?” was held on 20 September 2014(Saturday) and there were more than 200 participants this year.

The winner of the President’s Prize for Best Paper is Dr Wong Miu Ling and the title of her presentation is “A norovirus outbreak among Hong Kong and Taiwan tourists linked to a restaurant in the Republic of Korea”.

The winners of the College Prizes for Poster are Ms To Kit Ching of the Department of Health with her poster titled “Assessment of Dietary Pattern in Primary Schools : A Questionnaire Survey on Knowledge, Attitude and Practice among Students, Parents and Schools” and Dr Liao Qiuyan of the School of Public Health of the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, University of HK with the poster titled “Parental Decision-making regarding Vaccination Against Seasonal Influenza for Young children in Hong Kong: A Longitudinal Study, 2012-2013”.

The keynote presentations are available on the following link:
http://www.hkccm.org.hk/index.php?route=news/news/get_list&category_id=91

Fellowship Conferment Ceremony

Fourteen new Fellows and four new Associate Fellows were admitted this year. We had the honour to have Professor John CY Leong to deliver the EK Yeoh Oration titled “Driving Medical & Health Care” at the Conferment Ceremony.

Prof Leong’s Oration is available on the following link:
http://www.hkccm.org.hk/index.php?route=news/news/get_list&category_id=116



Liasion with overseas Colleges and Organizations

Professor Fung Hong was invited to attend the following conferences/meetings in Singapore, UK and Australia in the past months.

UK Faculty of Public Health Annual Conference 2 - 3 July 2014 Manchester

Prof Fung met the new President of the Faculty of Public Health Prof John Ashton and was invited to join the Faculty's Annual Dinner to meet the Faculty's officers and other members of the Board.

9th Singapore Public Health and Occupational Medicine Conference 28-29 August 2014 Singapore

Prof Fung was invited to deliver the Plenary Lecture on "Reforms in Health Services Delivery – Lessons from Hong Kong" at the Conference.

Prof Fung was also invited to give a talk on "Medical Leadership in a changing Health System" at the "Visiting Academician Lecture for Fellows".



***2014 RACMA Annual Conference
10-12 September 2014, Sydney***

Prof Fung attended the RACMA's Annual Conference and made a presentation on "Integrated ICT in Hong Kong" at the Conference's Plenary Session.

Prof Fung was also invited to attend the RACMA's Board meeting and presented a report on the Administrative Medicine Training in Hong Kong to the RACMA Board.

Prof Fung also took the opportunity to sign a renewed Memorandum of Understanding with the President of RACMA Dr Lee Gruner to continue the College's collaboration with the RACMA on training and examination in Administrative Medicine for another five years.

Dr Joseph Lui was admitted RACMA Fellow at the Fellowship Conferment Ceremony during the Conference.

The plenary lectures and presentations will soon be available on RACMA's website.



HKAM Activities

Launching Ceremony and Scientific Seminar of Hong Kong Jockey Club Disaster Preparedness and Response Institute (HKJCDPRI)

20 August 2014

The HKJCDPRI was set up under donation of the HK Jockey Club with the HK Academy of Medicine taking the lead, and in collaboration with Harvard University, Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and University of Hong Kong (HKU). Our College would collaborate with HKAM and both universities to develop the Senior Clinical Program aimed to enhance the training of specialists from all specialists in disaster response. The Program includes disaster response planning, crisis leadership, resource management and crisis communication.

Prof Fung Hong attended the Launching Ceremony of the HKJCDPRI on 20 August which was officiated by the Chief Executive of HKSAR, the Hon C.Y. Leung.

HKAM Council Dinner with distinguished young fellows 18 September 2014

Dr Janet Kwan, winner of the Dr Kathleen So's Prize for outstanding candidates in 2013, was nominated to attend the HKAM's Council Dinner with distinguished young fellows. The dinner was hosted by the HKAM as a recognition of distinguished young fellows of the 15 Colleges.

Student Exhibition 27 September 2014

The College participated in the Student Exhibition 2014 “Climbing the Healthcare Ladder” targeted for Secondary 5-6 students, as well as medical and dental university students. There was an exhibition booth displaying the training program and work of our fellows, with pamphlets and souvenirs from the Department of Health, Hospital Authority and the Labour Department. Dr Thomas Tsang, our Vice President, also made a presentation to introduce the training program and work of our College.

Activities with local health organizations

World Health Day 2014 Publicity and Public Education Campaign

Prof Fung Hong attended the press conference on 3 April 2014 which marked the kick-off of the Publicity and Public Education Campaign to combat the threat posed by vectors and vector-borne diseases.

Dr Thomas Tsang, Vice President, attended the interview for the Now TV 杏林在線 programme as part of the publicity and public education campaign, and the interview was broadcast on 21 April 2014.



World No Tobacco Day, 31 May 2014

Both Dr Thomas Tsang, Vice-President and Dr Mak Sin Ping, Council member, were invited and represented the College to attend the event organized by the Council on Smoking and Health.

7th Cross-strait Conference on Tobacco Control, 2 - 3 September 2014

Dr Thomas Tsang, Vice President, represented the College to attend the 7th Cross-strait Conference on Tobacco Control organized by the Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health.

Dr Mak Sin Ping, Council member, was invited by COSH to be the Chairman of the Scientific Committee and moderator for one of the sessions at the Cross-strait Conference on Tobacco Control.

Joint press conference with Centre for Health Protection 30 September 2014

Prof Fung Hong joined the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health in a Joint Press conference to make appeal to the target groups for seasonal influenza vaccination. Other participating organizations included the HK Academy of Medicine, the HK College of Family Physicians, the HK College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, the HK College of Paediatrics and the HK College of Physicians. The joint press conference was well received and covered by media.



Renaming of the Occupational Medicine Subspecialty

The OM Subspecialty Board of the College proposed to rename the Subspecialty in Occupational Medicine as Subspecialty in Occupational and Environmental Medicine to follow the international trend and to reflect better the content of the training programme.

The proposal was endorsed by the Academy's Council on 18 September 2014 and took effect on that day. The HKAM has written to the Medical Council of Hong Kong (MCHK) to inform them of the renaming. It is expected that the MCHK will amend the Specialist Register accordingly.

CME report

The first annual report for the CME Cycle 2014-2016 will be due on 31 December 2014. A copy of the CMECPD Principles and Guidelines for the 2014-2016 CME Cycle was sent to all fellows on 29 August 2014.

The CMECPD report will soon be sent to all fellows for completion.

Revision of Examination fees

Taking into consideration the inflation and increase in the cost of living in the past years, as well as the fact that the examination fees have not been revised since the set up of the College, the College Council at its meeting on 16 April 2014 decided to revise the examination fees of Fellowship examinations with effect from 1.1. 2014, as follows:

Examination	Existing rate	Revised rate (wef 1.1.2015)
Part I Fellowship examination	HK\$6000	HK\$8000
Part II Fellowship examination (AM, PHM)	HK \$10000	HK\$10000 (no change)
Part II Fellowship examination (OM) Written and Clinical	HK \$10000	Written Exam HK\$10000*
		Clinical Exam HK \$10000*
Exit examination	HK\$6000	HK\$10000

The revision will take effect from 1 January 2015.

* Approved at the Council meeting on 12 October 2012 to take effect for the Clinical examination from January 2015 for existing OM trainees.

Charging of Administrative Fees

Taking into consideration the experience of other Colleges, the College Council at its meeting on 16 April 2014 decided that an administrative fee would be charged for the following requests from members:

Request for a copy of an official receipt : HK\$50

Request for a certification letter on membership/traineeship status : HK\$100

The above new charges took effect from the date of the Council decision on 16 April 2014.

Annual Subscription for 2014-2015

The invoice for annual subscription 2014-2015 will be sent to all members in October 2014. If you are going to retire from all remunerative practice/job/business in the coming months, please send written applications to the College Secretariat for paying the retiree rate in 2014/15.

If you are having your 65th birthday soon, you can also apply to pay the reduced rate of annual subscription by sending a copy of your Identity Card to the College Secretariat.

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