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Message from the President:

Kung Hei Fat Choy! On behalf of the Council, I would like to wish you all a very successful and prosperous year of the Rat.

In our last Emergency General Meeting held on 17th January 1996, the College Bye-Laws have been amended to allow the admission of Fellows of our College in Intensive Care, F.H.K.C.A.(I.C.) in short. This has opened up another era for our College. In the next few months, the College would invite applications for admission of Intensive Care Fellows *ad eundem*, details of which could be found elsewhere in this Newsletter. After enough trainers have been identified, The College can then commence a formal training programme in Intensive Care. This training programme will be divided into basic and advanced training. Apart from anaesthetists, this could also attract non-anaesthetists interested in Intensive Care into our training programme after completion of their basic training. The Fellowship in Intensive Care will be granted after completion of all training requirements, including an examination.

After much deliberation, the Pain Management Committee headed by Prof. J. Yang has drafted up *post-fellowship* one-year training programme for Pain Management, leading to a Diploma in Pain Management for our Fellows. Pre-fellowship anaesthetic trainees can also spend time in accredited Pain Management Units and that part of training would be counted towards the 72 months of vocational training required. This training programme is being carefully considered and will be finalised in the next few months. At present, apart from the American Board of Anaesthesiologists who has a Pain Diploma programme up and running, and ANZCA who have just promulgated their training programme, our College will be the next in line to do so. The establishment of a Pain Management training programme is going to improve the standard of Pain Management in Hong Kong.

The long awaited CME programme of the College is now in its final stages of preparation, pending approval by the Education Committee of the Academy. This CME programme will be in line with the Principles and Guidelines on CME laid down by the Academy, which has been publicised in the January 1996 Academy Newsletter. Our Fellows will have to accumulate a minimum of 90 points over a three year period. If the programme can be approved by Academy in early March, we would anticipate to start the CME programme from 1st July 1996 onwards. As all CME meetings organised by training institutions recognised by the College will gain CME credit points, staff working there should have little trouble in gaining the required CME points. For Fellows working in non-training institutions, we are now looking into simple ways where they can have access to enough CME meetings and gain CME points. Once all these are in order, Fellows will be informed about the whole package.

Recently some of the newspapers have again repeatedly referred anaesthetists as“麻醉師”. The College, together with Society of Anaesthetists of Hong Kong have insisted by writing to all the newspapers concerned that our proper Chinese name is “麻醉科醫生”and that “麻醉師” is a misnomer. This issue is not trivial at all because it reflects the public’s perception of our profession. When we are still trying at ways to improve our public image and to improve the recruitment of young graduates into our speciality, all those newspaper coverage could be

a fatal blow to all the good things that we have done. One of the factors that influences whether a young graduate will settle in anaesthesia is how the seniors are being treated or looked upon by colleagues of other disciplines and the public. We will have to stand firm on this issue. If we could improve our image, we stand a higher chance of recruiting young graduates into our specialty and ameliorate the manpower shortage problem.

With Best Wishes

Dr. CT Hung
President
25th February 1996.

Highlights of Council Meetings

57th Council Meeting held on 28th November, 1995.

ICU Committee

Intensive care training programme was presented by Dr. Buckley. The ICU committee will proceed to admit fellows *Ad Eundem* and appoint trainers after amendment of College Bye-Laws. It was agreed that a representative from the ICU Committee will be appointed to the Education Committee and Boards of Censors, Accreditation and Examination.

Education Committee

Dr. Lo presented a draft CME programme while some amendments were made. This will be submitted to the Education committee of the HKAM for approval.

Draft guidelines for the project requirement was presented. Dr. Rodrigo was appointed Assessor.

Supervisors of training subcommittee had its first meeting. Appointments of Dr. R Lo as chairman and Dr. TW Lee as secretary was approved.

Pain Management Committee

Prof J Yang presented the draft guidelines on accreditation for training in pain management and on training programmes for pain management specialists and as part of pre-fellowship vocational training. A final draft was adopted.

It was agreed that a Diploma in Pain Management will be awarded to fellows who has completed the Pain Management Specialist Training Programme.

Board of Accreditation

Six hospitals will be due for their bi-annual review. Hospital data will be collected and re-inspection will be arranged should there be substantial changes in their circumstances.

Membership and fellowship

In the presence of over three quarters of council members, 18 members and fellows were deleted from the HKCA registry as their fees were overdue for over 15 months despite reminders and warning notices.

58th Council Meeting held on 27th December, 1995.

Manpower Committee

Council approved the manpower requirement forecast of the manpower committee. President requested the manpower committee to make recommendations to reduce the shortfall of anaesthesiologists in Hong Kong. Chairmen of Board of Accreditation and Education Committee were appointed as ex-officio members of the manpower committee.

Pain Management Committee

Council approved nomination of the Pain Management Committee for the following

Board of Censors	Dr. TW Lee
Board of Examinations	Dr. SL Tsui
Board of Accreditation	Dr. A Kwan
Education committee	Dr. KK Lam

The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

The Academy has circulated the floor plan of the Academy building. The HKCA will have an office space of 50 square metres based on the number of fellows.

Education Committee

Dr. R Lo reported that the HKCA CME guidelines has been revised in accordance with the HKAM guidelines. The HKAM will not accept undergraduate teaching as CME activities so as not to disadvantage specialists of non-teaching hospitals.

26 candidates applied to attend the Basic Science Refresher Course.

Guidelines Committee

Council approved the guideline on “ the Handover of Responsibility During Anaesthesia”.

59th Council Meeting held on 30th January, 1996

Resuscitation Committee

The Council is considering the possibility of having courses on airway management or other forms of resuscitation courses. The option of cooperating with emergency physicians or surgeons will also be explored. Whether going through these courses will be a requirement for fellowship will be decided by the education Committee.

Basic Science Refresher course

Dr. Peter Kam agreed to conduct a Basic Science Refresher Course for next year. However, because of his commitment as a primary examiner for ANZCA next year, the course will take place in early December this year.

Academy of Medicine

The Council agreed to install telephone plugs for connection of a modem and a Fax machine in our future office in the Academy Building. Further plans for partition and fittings will be considered when it is near completion.

Our CME programme has to wait for approval by the Education Committee of the Academy.

Pain Management Committee

An EGM will be held to adopt the new administrative instructions governing the Diploma in Pain Management.

ICU Committee

Dr. Dennis Kerr has left Hong Kong. Dr. Ian Tan and Dr. Karl Young were admitted to the ICU committee.

Appointments of the following members of the ICU Committee were approved:

Dr. T Buckley	Education Committee & Board of Examination
Dr. HY So	Board of Accreditation
Dr. Anandaciva	Board of Censors

There will be call for admission to fellowship *ad eundem* so that trainers and training centres can be approved.

Board of Accreditation

Re-inspection of hospitals due for re-assessment will be conducted in March/April together with ICU training units.

Examination Committee

External examiners have been appointed by the RCA and ANZCA for both the intermediate and final examinations.

Reports from Boards and Committees

Board of Accreditation

1. Integration has been the keyword in the following areas:-

- (a) Dr. Hing So joins the Board of Accreditation from the Intensive Care Committee. He will participate in the inspection of hospitals where new intensive care units or old ones being upgraded need inspection either for intensive care training for the FHKCA (IC) or for the ICU component of HKCA anaesthesiology training programme (compulsory 3 months & optional elective).

- (b) Dr. Anne Kwan joins the Board of Accreditation in relation to future inspection of hospitals which require approval of training for the Diploma in Pain Management (DPM) organized by the HKCA. The criteria for the approval of training for the DPM will be set out in the Administrative Instructions written by the Pain Management Committee.
- (c) In conjunction with the Board of Education and the Intensive Care Committee, the Board of Accreditation will define more clearly what should be achieved in the compulsory 3 months ICU training for the 6 year anaesthesiology training programme.
2. Re-inspection of QMH, QEH, UCH PWH and KWH involve inspection of new ICU's or upgraded ones and Dr. Hing So from the Intensive Care Committee will be one of the inspection team. Inspections will take place in April after data collection from the involved hospitals are completed.
 3. There will be revision of the Administrative Instructions in the following areas:-
 - (1) Criteria for the approval of anaesthesiology training posts
 - (2) Criteria for the approval of intensive care training posts:-
 - (a) for FHKCA (IC)
 - (b) for FHKCA
 4. There will be a new Administrative Instruction on how to conduct an inspection and accreditation procedure for a hospital requesting approval of training posts. Once finalised it will be detailed in the Administrative Instructions under the Board of Accreditation after final approval of Council.

Education Committee

The main issue dealt with by the Education Committee since last reporting has to do with the preparation for the introduction of the Continuing Medical Education (CME) Programme under the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM).

Continuing Medical Education Programme

As you are aware, the Education Committee has been looking at the Continuing Medical Education (CME) Programme for over a year but has to await the guidelines from HKAM for further fine-tuning before our proposed programme can be submitted for endorsement by the HKAM.

We submitted our programme in January 1996 but minor amendments are needed before the HKAM would accept the document. Your Council has made the required amendments and we are submitting the final draft for endorsement in March. It is anticipated that the programme is to be implemented from July 1996 when endorsed.

The full CME Programme document and ancillary papers will be sent to you after HKAM approval so you will be able to see the actual details of the requirements and how you can achieve those requirements. The possibility of private practice anaesthesiologists taking part in CME programmes in public hospitals approved for training for CME accreditation is being worked out. You will be advised of the details when the arrangements are known. It should be realized that CME accreditation will be equally easy (or difficult!) under the HKAM for specialists in all specialties in private practice.

The issue of maintenance of CME accreditation for overseas Fellows is being considered. If you have any comments, please send them to the Chairman of the Education Committee (Dr. Ronald Lo, c/o Queen Mary Hospital, H.K.)

Change in Structure of the Education Committee

Because of the promulgation of Intensive Care training in the College, the Education Committee needs to be revamped to include Intensive Care under its umbrella. Your Council has agreed in principle that this should be so. The exact form that it will take will be decided later.

Vocational Training Programme

The Guidelines for Project Requirement for trainees has been promulgated since December 1995. In summary, all trainees completing Fellowship requirements in or after 1997 will need to submit a project paper according to the Guidelines for Project Requirement and achieve the required standard in their submitted project before Fellowship can be granted. Dr. Chandra Rodrigo has been appointed Project Officer. If you have any questions on this matter, please direct your queries to Dr. Rodrigo or the Chairman of the Education Committee.

Call for admission to Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists (Intensive Care) Ad Eundem

The Intensive Care Committee of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists now invites medical practitioners with the appropriate qualifications, as listed below to apply for admission ad eundem to the Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists (Intensive Care) FHKCA (IC).

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION AD EUNDEM

1. Fellows of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists (FHKCA) who have fulfilled the criteria listed below may be considered for admission to the Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists (Intensive Care) (FHKCA (IC)) ad eundem in accordance with the bye-laws.
 - 1.1 Possession of the Diploma of Fellow of the Faculty of Intensive Care of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists: FFICANZCA. Also formerly known as Fellow of the Faculty of Anaesthetists, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons: FFARACS (Int Care), OR
 - 1.2 Currently working in an Intensive Care Unit and spends at least one third of his/her working time in Intensive Care, and has been doing so for the past three years, OR
 - 1.3 Possession of such other diplomas as the Council on the recommendation of the Board of Censors, may, from time to time, consider as equivalent to 1.1.

2. Fellows of other Academy Colleges of Hong Kong who have fulfilled the criteria listed below may also be considered for admission to the Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists (Intensive Care) (FHKCA (IC)) ad eundem in accordance with the bye-laws.
 - 2.1 Possesses Critical Care Certification from his/her respective Hong Kong College, AND
 - 2.2 Currently working in an Intensive Care Unit and spends at least one third of his/her working time in Intensive Care, and has been doing so for the past three years, AND
 - 2.3 Has made an outstanding contribution to the training of anaesthetic trainees in Intensive Care acceptable to the Council.
3. Clause 1.2 will cease to apply after 1st June 1996.
4. Clause 2 will cease to apply after a date to be determined by the College Council.

APPLICATIONS

Application forms are available from Dr P.T. Chui, c/o Dept of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care, Prince of Wales Hospital; or Dr H.Y. So, c/o Department of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care, Yan Chai Hospital. Applicants should forward the completed Fellowship Application Form and supporting documents to Dr. S.L. Tsui, Chief Censor, HKCA, c/o Department of Anaesthesiology, Queen Mary Hospital.

New Appointments

Consultants

Dr. A O'Regan	QMH
Dr. Gwen Fok	UCH

Senior Medical Officers

Dr. Bukunola Babatunde	QMH	Dr. Chan Tsz Yeung	QMH
Dr. Hui Wan Chun, Theresa	QMH	Dr. Kua Seng Wee, Jeffrey	PYNEH
Dr. Wong Ho Shan, Steven	QEH	Dr. Tan Yuen Heng, Peggy	PWH

Lecturer

Dr. Ross Calcroft	PWH
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Professor Joseph Yang was appointed adjunct Professor of Anesthesiology, Columbia University, New York, USA.

New Members and Fellows

Council approved admission of the following as Members of the College:

Dr. Yick, Fung Yee
Dr. Yu, Sui Cheung
Dr. Lam, Wang Leuk
Dr. Ng, Kwong Yiu

Dr. Chan, Ka Lai
Dr. Kong, Suet Kei
Dr. Lo, Kevin Shing

Council approved admission of the following as Fellows of the College:

Dr. Chan, Tsz Yeung

Dr. Chua, Ka Ping David

Glaxo-Wellcome Continuing Education Scholarship 1996

The Glaxo-Wellcome Continuing Education Scholarship 1996 is now open for application. It is jointly organised by the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists, the Society of Anaesthetists of Hong Kong and Glaxo(HK) Ltd. There will be two scholarships each of HKD\$26,000 for overseas training. One will be granted to a trainee, while the other will be granted to a fellow for post-fellowship training. Overseas post-fellowship training of less than 8 weeks will also be considered.

Further details can be obtained from the Convenors:

Dr. C. Rodrigo of the HKCA (c/o Department of Anaesthesia, Prince Philip Dental Hospital) and Dr. Tong Wai-Nung of the SAHK (c/o Department of Anaesthesia, Tsan Yuk Hospital).

Deadline for application will be end of April.