

CITATION FOR HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

Dr Roger Goucke



Dr. Roger Goucke was born in the United Kingdom and received his medical training in Liverpool, qualifying Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery in 1972. He also qualified MRCS and LRCP in the same year. As an adventurous young man, he spent some time travelling through Africa finally ending up in Australia. He then studied Tropical Medicine at the University of Sydney, and went on to use these skills working in Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu. He continued his overseas adventure by working in South Korea for 2 years where he met his wife, or vice versa.

He started his vocational training in Anaesthesia in Perth, Western Australia, obtaining his Fellowship of the Faculty of Anaesthetists, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FFARACS) in 1986. He was awarded the Fellowship of the Australia and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (FANZCA) in 1992 and has been a consultant at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Perth, Western Australia since 1989. With a burgeoning in pain medicine, he was appointed the Head of Pain Medicine at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital in 1994 and held that post for 20 years. Roger is a Foundation Fellow of the Faculty of Pain Medicine, ANZCA and the Australian Chapter of Palliative Medicine of RACP. He served as the President of the Australian Pain Society from 2000 to 2003 as well as the Dean, FPM of ANZCA from 2006 to 2008. A particular interest, probably stemming from his early career adventures, is pain management in resource scarce countries. Integrating his wide experience from working in these countries, Roger developed the "Essential Pain Management" course, starting in the Pacific Islands. This course integrates the principles of pain management with adult learning and specifically addresses the difficulties in providing pain management in resource scarce countries. The course has been taught in over 41 countries in Asia, Africa and South America where literally thousands of people have been trained. It has become very popular now not only in the developing world but also for undergraduate medical students in developed regions.

Roger has a strong bond with Hong Kong and contributed significantly to our development of pain medicine. He has encouraged and supported pain training for Hong Kong doctors and many of us have had clinical attachments, as visiting pain fellows at his department since the early 1990s. In 1996, Professor Teik Oh invited him to Hong Kong as a visiting scholar at Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital and at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). Roger has served as an external examiner for the Diploma of Pain Management examination of HKCA in 2000 and 2004. In 2005, he was involved in discussions relating to the development of the Hong Kong Pain Society and provided advice & guidance to our College as we went through the process of establishing Pain Medicine as a subspecialty. He generously shared his wide experience from Australia and other countries. In 2008, the HKCA also initiated a discussion on setting up pain fellowship training in Hong Kong. A forum "Future Development of Pain Medicine in Hong Kong" was held and Roger was invited to give his opinions and advice. He became an honorary advisor while our college was planning and establishing the pain fellowship program. He was also part of the panel for the special assessment for Foundation Fellows of Pain Medicine of HKCA in 2012. In view of his significant contribution to Hong Kong and his valuable experience in Pain Medicine, he was appointed as an Honorary Professor in the Laboratory and Clinical Research Institute for Pain at The University of Hong Kong in 2012.

Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I present to you Dr. Roger Goucke for the award of Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists, honoris causa.

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