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# Editorial

Thanks to the work of the Editorial Board, this issue finally comes out.

With effect from 1st January 2005, the Hong Kong Medical Council will be introducing compulsory CME that is linked to the renewal of Annual Practising Certificate. This is detailed under the "Important Notice" section in this issue.

Our first "Forum" section was successfully launched in the last issue. It was encouraging to hear the views of a fellow concerning the future of our profession in Hong Kong. In the current issue, a resident member expressed his/her thoughts on similar area, but from a different perspective and provided some constructive suggestions. It is our hope and intention to provide a means or channel for College fellows or members, to freely express their personal views and concerns about our profession. We sincerely hope that we can attract more voices and interest in the future Newsletters.

Dr. Edmond Chung

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# Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

## Message from the President

On behalf of the Council, I wish to report to you on the following:

### ASM 2002/2003

The accounts indicate that the 2002 ASM has left a healthy surplus. This will be put to good use for the College and Society.

The preparation of the ASM 2003 has started in earnest. Being a joint meeting with AOSIVA, we will expect more overseas speakers. The format will be slightly different from previous meetings. Please watch out for the notices.

### Institute of Clinical simulation

The Institute of Clinical Simulation has been well utilised. Apart from regular ACRM courses, a Difficult and Advanced Airway Management workshop was held recently. Subject to the final decision of the Organising Committee, if an airway workshop will not be held in conjunction with the ASM, it will be organised separately. The possibility and logistics of introducing the EMAC course designed by ANZCA is being considered actively.

### Continuous Medical Education

The Medical Council has decided that from January 2005 all medical practitioners will be required to have satisfactory CME as a condition of renewal of their annual practicing certificates. CME for specialists has been running well for several years with different groups having different starting times of their cycles. These will have to change to synchronise with this starting date. There is a separate notice in this newsletter that gives the details. Early notice is given so that Fellows can plan their CME activities to meet the pro-rata requirements leading up to December 2004.

### Fellowship *ad eundem*

There is an important notice in this newsletter concerning admission of Fellows *ad eundem*. Our College has been unique amongst Academy Colleges in that we admit Fellows *ad eundem* regularly in significant numbers. This was due to the shortage of supply of anaesthetists and the regular employment of specialists from overseas. It would be beneficial to the development of the specialty in Hong Kong to include them in our College. The existing rule that governs the number of Fellows that can be admitted this way has always been exercised in a manner that does not hinder their admission.

As our own training system matures, we are producing our own specialists steadily. It will become hard to justify regular admission of Fellows without going through our own training system. Furthermore, the rules in the Hospital Authority have made it very difficult to employ new specialists from overseas. The need will decline. After much debate, Council has decided that the number of Fellows admitted each year will be limited and will be subject to review regularly. This will allow flexibility to admit individuals who will have a significant contribution to our specialty. A notice giving all the details is published in this newsletter.

This does not affect medical practitioners who received training under other systems to obtain specialist status in Hong Kong. The specialist register is controlled by the Medical Council. While fellowship of the academy means automatic entry into the specialist register, non-Fellows may apply to Medical Council for assessment of their training and qualification. If these are considered comparable, specialist status will be granted.

## **Examinations**

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There is a record number of candidates for both the Intermediate and Final Examinations. These examinations will be run with the same number of external examiners and the structures as before. Due to the number of candidates, the arrangement for the OSCE may have to be altered slightly.

This is my last message as President of our College. I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Council of my last two terms and the Boards and Committees. They have given me advice and support in the last four years. The development of the College depends on a large number of Fellows and Members who generously gave their time and effort for the betterment of the anaesthetic community. I would also like to thank Dr. Timmy Yuen and the editorial board for their effort in making this newsletter more readable. Lastly, but not the least, the College would not have functioned properly without the tireless and efficient management of Mr. Daniel Tso.

Dr TW Lee President

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### CME for Academy Fellows

With effect from 1st January 2005, the Hong Kong Medical Council will be introducing compulsory CME that is linked to Practising Certificate, and the renewal of Practising Certificate will be done on a 3 yearly basis to fit in with the CME cycle. To streamline the logistics of reporting CME compliance and practising certificate renewal, Academy Council has decided to synchronise the CME cycle period with the period covered by the Practising Certificate. This means the 3 year CME cycle will start and end at the same time with the 3 year-Practising Certificate. The arrangement will take effect from 1 January 2005 and fixed CME cycles will be adopted in future. To achieve this end, all CME cycles for existing Academy Fellows shall end on 31st December 2004 and a new cycle shall start afresh from 1 January 2005. The compliance to the CME cycle ending on 31st December 2004 will be determined by counting the CME points on a pro-rata basis according to the following table:

CME Cycle starting on	CME points to be accrued on 31st December 2004 to be CME compliant
1st January 2002	90
1st July 2002	75
1st January 2003	60
1st July 2003	45
1st January 2004	30
1st July 2004	15

All Fellows are advised to take note of the above arrangement and plan their CME activities accordingly. The Academy has announced this in the AcademyFocus and the monthly web news, and shall continue to remind Fellows of this before January 2005.

Dr. CT Hung Board of Education

# New Policy on “Fellow ad eundem”

## A. Introduction:

The regulations regarding admission of Fellow ad eundem as governed by the By-laws of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists stipulates that:

- “2.3.5 Election of candidates as Fellow ad eundem shall be by the Council.
- 2.3.6 Such election shall be held at the meeting of the Council prior to the Annual General Meeting in each year but so that the number of Fellows ad eundem so admitted in each year shall not exceed a number to be determined each year by the Council;
- 2.3.7 Such election shall be by ballot and to be admitted a candidate shall receive the favourable vote of three quarters of the number of the members of the Council present.”

HKCA recognises the importance and contribution of anaesthesiologists possessing overseas anaesthesia qualifications who have decided to come and work in Hong Kong. On the other hand, HKCA has to address the issue of supply and demand of specialist anaesthesiologists. At the present moment, HKCA is able to produce enough specialist anaesthesiologists to satisfy the needs of Hong Kong people. It would be reasonable to set a quota for the number of “Fellows ad eundem” to be admitted each year.

## B. After the Annual General Meeting of 2004, the procedure for election of “Fellow ad eundem” will follow strictly By-law 2.3.6 and

- B.1 Not more than 5 will be admitted at such occasion.
- B.2 Each application will be vetted according to the spirit laid down in By-law 2.3.2.7, which stipulates that the applicant should have demonstrated a contribution to the advancement of the pursuits of the College in practice, education or research.
- B.3 If there are more than 5 applications, the most deserving ones, according to By-law 2.3.2.7 will be admitted. The total number of admissions may be less than 5.
- B.4 Unsuccessful applicants may appeal to the Appeals Committee against the decision of the Board of Censors, or they may apply again in future when their contributions may have increased over time.
- C. Procedures for application:
  - C.1 The deadline for the annual application for admission as “Fellow as eundem” will be announced 6 months in advance.
  - C.2 Applicants should complete the Fellowship Application Form and send it to the College secretariat together with supporting documents before the prescribed deadline.
  - C.3 All applications will be considered together.
  - C.4 Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an “Exit Assessment”
  - C.5 Successful applicants will be informed in due course.

# Admission of New Fellows and Members

## FHKCA (Anaesthesiology) By Examination:

NAME	FHKCA(ANA)
Chan, Lim Sun Derek	20030109
Cheng, Kam Wah	20030109
Chui, Kai Yeung	20030109
Kwok, Keen Man	20030109

## FHKCA (Anaesthesiology) ad eundem:

Dr. Lim, Tuc-hwai David	20030109
Dr. Suen, Sai Tsz	20030109

## MHKCA

NAME	MHKCA
Dr. Lim, Tuc-hwai David	20030109

## Exit Assessment

NAME	FHKCA(ANA)
Chan, Lim Sun Derek	20030109
Cheng, Kam Wah	20030109
Chui, Kai Yeung	20030109

## Exit Assessment Dates 2003

09 January 2003 (Thu)  
03 April 2003 (Thu)  
10 July 2003 (Thu)  
09 October 2003 (Thu)

*Trainees who are qualified to apply for fellowship are recommended to have their respectively applications received at the HKCA office at least 21 days before the scheduled Exit Assessment dates, to allow ample time for processing.*

Professor M. Irwin Board of Censors



## **What makes a Trainee in Anaesthesiology Different?**

Anaesthesiology is specialty filled with worries. An anaesthetist should identify problems, anticipate risks and prepare to deal with crisis. This is our bread and butter.

“居安思危” is the motto.

If we extend this mentality to our professional development, what will you anticipate?

The current problems stemmed from the over supply of manpower on top of an anaemic financial budget.

It is now clear that HA will fire those who cannot get the part one examination in the first three years of contract. It is not a melodramatic threat and I really think that it will happen. If you are lucky enough you can have your contract renewed after you pass the examination. How about if you failed? You will be forced into private practice.

It is also clear that HA will possibly fire those contract staffs with fellowship qualification in the coming few years in order to “produce” vacancies for new graduates. It means that you, probably, will be forced into private practice as well.

The message is clear. No matter how smart we are, we will be in private practice soon.

In majority of time, we are dealing with unconscious patient or patient in crash. Our training is so specialized that we are “indivisible” from hospital but unfortunately not an indispensable part of hospital. During our training period, we are fully supported by our seniors. Even a fellow may sometimes need help from consultant. Once in private practice, we will be the one who are solely responsible for the patient outcome. Are we confident enough for that?

Worse-still, the business in private sector is now in recession. The no. of GA cases is decreasing because more and more patients are moving to public sector due to various reasons. It is a common consensus that the imbalance of health care utilization between the public sector and private sector will persist further until one day our policy maker wakes up and imposes health care reform. Obviously, we are running out of time to wait for this happens.

One of the unique nature of our specialty is that we can not practice alone. In another words, we cannot practice without surgeons. It will impose additional difficulties in our private practice.

After identifying all these risk factors, how can we prepare ourselves to deal with this potential crisis? Besides private practice, are there any way out?

For the junior trainee, I hope you will pass the examination as early as possible including the H.K and Australia examination. Australia examination is quite essential because it provides opportunity for us to work overseas or even receive further training.

For those who are just “exited”. Try to be friend with the anaesthetists in private practice as well as the surgeons. You cannot operate without their help. If you know nothing about private practice right now, you’d better to develop a channel or network.

For those who are almost “exited”. Try your best to gain experience from different sub-specialties. Put all the stuffs into your log book as detail as possible because it is the only evidence that you are well trained with wide exposure.

Finally, saving money is always a merit. Reduce all kind of unnecessary spending. It definitely will improve your survival fitness.

“持盈保泰” is the principle.

Our profession is now in critical condition. Our morale is in historical low. Under the current system, all of us will suffer but some will suffer more than the others. Only those who anticipate well and be prepared survive.

Mao Mao Mao A Resident

## **The 1st Peter Kam's Clinical Anaesthesiology Course 2002**



Professor Peter Kam was very kind to agree to lead a new 6-days crash course for our Final Fellowship Examinations candidates In November last year. (23/11 to 29/11/2002 including Sunday!) The course followed immediately after the 2-weeks annual Basic Science tutorial course, one which many of our present Fellows no doubt benefited from. The format of this new course was somewhat similar to the Basic Science Course, with informative materials (more clinically orientated) and more interactive viva sessions.

The course received tremendous support from our Final candidates. Over 40 candidates applied and the College selection criteria had to be imposed as the maximum capacity was set at 30. The venue was held at QEH & it ran smoothly except for the intermittent interruption from the construction work nearby. Overall it proved to be an invaluable experience for all who attended. A special note of thanks must go to Dr HT Chan 'the class captain' & Dr D Chong for their support & assistance lent to the organisers.

We hope this event will continue to run in the coming years. As it was stated in our last issue of Newsletter, Peter indeed is a great Mentor, teacher and friend.



*Course Coordinators  
Dr. Douglas Fok / Eric So*

## Recent Meetings

**Dunedin  
New Zealand**

4 - 7 March

### 2003 ANZICS NEW ZEALAND REGIONAL MEETING

Theme: "Ventilation, Hypothermia and Ethical Dilemmas"

Venue: Dunedin

Key Speakers: Prof Andrew Bersten, Australia, Dr Mary Kate Fitzpatrick, USA, Dr Katherine Hall, NZ, Prof Giorgio Lotti, Italy and Prof Graeme Rocker, Canada

Contact: Pat Johnston, Dunedin Conference Management Services

Tel: 64 3 477 1377 Fax: 64 3 477 2720

Email: [pat@dcms.co.nz](mailto:pat@dcms.co.nz) Website: [www.dcms.co.nz/anzics](http://www.dcms.co.nz/anzics)

**London  
UK**

5 March

### OBSTETRIC ANAESTHETISTS' ASSOCIATION CONTROVERSIES IN OBSTETRIC ANAESTHESIA

Venue: London

Contact: OAA Secretariat, PO Box 3219 Barnes, London SW13 9XR

Tel: 44 20 8741 1311 Fax: 44 20 8741 0611

Email: [registrations@oaa-anaes.ac.uk](mailto:registrations@oaa-anaes.ac.uk) Website: [www.oaa-anaes.ac.uk](http://www.oaa-anaes.ac.uk)

**Melbourne  
VIC**

7 March

### 2003 DEPARTMENT OF ANAESTHESIA, ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL ANNUAL WORKSHOP

Theme: "Beyond the Comfort Zone"

Venue: St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne

Contact: Assoc. Prof. Michael Davies - Director, Department of Anaesthesia, St Vincent's Hospital, 41 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy Vic 3065.

Tel: 03 9288 4253 Fax: 03 9288 4255 Website: [www.svhm.org.au](http://www.svhm.org.au)

**Christchurch  
New Zealand**

9 - 13 March

### THE COMBINED AUSTRALIAN PAIN SOCIETY 24th ASM AND NEW ZEALAND PAIN SOCIETY 10th ASM

Theme: "A Fresh Approach to Pain Management"

Key Speakers: Professor Steve Linton, Sweden; Professor Edward Ernst, UK and Professor Janice Morse, Canada

Venue: Christchurch Convention Centre

Contact: Dianna Crebbin, D C Conferences, PO Box 571, Crows Nest NSW 1585

Tel: 02 9954 4400 Fax: 02 9954 0666

Email: [mail@dcconferences.com.au](mailto:mail@dcconferences.com.au) Website: [www.apsoc.org.au](http://www.apsoc.org.au)

**Auckland  
New Zealand**

12 - 19 March

### CLINICAL RISK MANAGEMENT MASTERCLASS CONFERENCE

Venue: Cruise on Regal Princess from Auckland to Sydney

Key Speakers: Mr Michael Gorton, Russell Kennedy Solicitors; Elizabeth Mullins, Senior Risk Consultant HRRI; Dr Bruce Cornell, Ambri Australia and Dr Eric Visser, Royal Perth Hospital

Contact: Marie Brown, National Network Conference and Incentives, 45 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia 3000

Tel: 03 9654 4000 Fax: 03 9654 7333 Email: [marie@nntravel.com.au](mailto:marie@nntravel.com.au)

*\* This meeting has been approved for 11 hours of CME (code 111) and 10 Hours of QA (code 211) under the ANZCA MOPS Program.*

**San Francisco  
USA**

13 - 15 March

### OBSTETRICAL ANESTHESIA 2003

Theme: "The Sol Shnider, M.D., Obstetrical Anesthesia Meeting"

Venue: Grand Hyatt Hotel, Union Square, San Francisco, California

Contact: University of California-San Francisco, Judy L. Johnson, Department of Anesthesiology, Box 0648, Room C-450, San Francisco, CA 94143 0648

Tel: 1 415 476 2922 Fax: 1 415 476 9516 Email: [judy\\_johnson@anesthesia.ucsf.edu](mailto:judy_johnson@anesthesia.ucsf.edu)

**Sun City  
South Africa**

14 - 20 March

### SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS NATIONAL CONGRESS 2003

Venue: Sun City Resort

Contact: Yvonne Pyne-James, RSVP Event Management, PO Box 1105, Cramerview 2060, South Africa

Tel: 27 11 463 4046 Fax: 27 11 463 1041

Email: [rsvp@yebo.co.za](mailto:rsvp@yebo.co.za) Website: [www.acaciasasa.com](http://www.acaciasasa.com)



<b>Brussels</b> <b>Belgium</b>  18 - 21 March	<b>23rd INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INTENSIVE CARE AND EMERGENCY MEDICINE</b> Venue: Brussels Congress Center Contact: Department of Intensive Care ,Erasmus University Hospital, Route de Lennik 808 B-1070 Brussels Belgium Tel: 32 2 555 32 15 Fax: 32 2 555 45 55 Email: <a href="mailto:sympicu@ulb.ac.be">sympicu@ulb.ac.be</a> Website: <a href="http://www.intensive.org/main">www.intensive.org/main</a>
<b>Chicago</b> <b>USA</b>  20 - 23 March	<b>22nd ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PAIN SOCIETY</b> Venue: Hyatt Regency, Chicago Contact: American Pain Society 4700 W. Lake Ave. Glenview, IL 60025 USA Tel: 1 847 375 4715 Fax: 1 877 734 8758 Email: <a href="mailto:info@ampainsoc.org">info@ampainsoc.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.ampainsoc.org">www.ampainsoc.org</a>
<b>New Orleans</b> <b>USA</b>  22 - 26 March	<b>77th CLINICAL AND SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ANESTHESIA RESEARCH SOCIETY</b> Venue: New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA Contact: International Anesthesia Research Society, 2 Summit Park Drive, Suite 140, Cleveland Ohio 44131-2553 Tel: 216 642 1124 Fax: 216 642 1127 Email: <a href="mailto:iarshq@iars.org">iarshq@iars.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.iars.org">http://www.iars.org</a>
<b>Sydney</b> <b>NSW</b>  29 March	<b>ASA NSW MEDICOLEGAL CONFERENCE</b> Theme: "The Medicolegal Maze: Putting the pieces together" Venue: Astra Zeneca Centre, North Ryde Contact: Australian Society of Anaesthetists Ltd PO Box 600 Edgecliff NSW 2027 Tel: 02 9327 2958 Fax: 02 9327 7666 Email: <a href="mailto:chargreaves@fed.asa.org.au">chargreaves@fed.asa.org.au</a> <i>* This meeting has been approved for 3 hours of CME and 2 hours of QA under the ANZCA MOPS Program.</i>
<b>Glasgow</b> <b>UK</b>  1 - 4 April	<b>36th ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE UK PAIN SOCIETY</b> Venue: Glasgow Contact: The Pain Society, 9 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3RE, UK Tel: 44 20 7631 8870 Fax: 44 20 7323 2015 Email: <a href="mailto:meetings@painsociety.org">meetings@painsociety.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.painsociety.org">www.painsociety.org</a>
<b>San Diego</b> <b>USA</b>  3 - 6 April	<b>AMERICAN SOCIETY OF REGIONAL ANESTHESIA AND PAIN MEDICINE</b> <b>28th ANNUAL SPRING MEETING</b> Venue: Sheraton Harbor Island, San Diego, California Contact: ASRAPM, PO Box 11086, Richmond VA 23230 Tel: 1 804 282 0010 Fax: 1 804 282 0090 Email: <a href="mailto:asra@societyhq.com">asra@societyhq.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.asra.com">www.asra.com</a>
<b>Melbourne</b> <b>VIC</b>  4 April	<b>THE ROYAL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL CME MEETING</b> Theme: "Perioperative Issues in the Care of Children" Venue: Royal Children's Hospital Key Speakers: Dr David Sainsbury Contact: Department of Anaesthesia, Royal Children's Hospital, Flemington Road, Parkville 3052 Tel: 03 9345 5233 Fax: 03 9345 6003 <i>* This meeting has been approved under code 700 of the ANZCA MOPS Program for 10 CME points and 5 QA points.</i>
<b>Melbourne</b> <b>VIC</b>  4 April	<b>THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CME MEETING</b> Theme: "Perioperative Issues in the Care of Children" Venue: Royal Children's Hospital Key Speakers: Dr David Sainsbury Contact: Department of Anaesthesia, Royal Children's Hospital, Flemington Road, Parkville 3052 Tel: 03 9345 5233 Fax: 03 9345 6003

<b>Noosa QLD</b> 4 - 6 April	<b>ANZICS 5th ANNUAL MEETING ON CLINICAL TRIALS IN INTENSIVE CARE</b> Venue: Noosa Contact: ANZICS, 233 Rathdowne Street, Carlton VIC 3053 Tel: 03 9639 4717 Fax: 03 9639 4717 Email: <a href="mailto:tracey.higlett@anzics.com.au">tracey.higlett@anzics.com.au</a>
<b>Sydney NSW</b> 4 - 6 April	<b>WESTMEAD ANAESTHETIC SOCIETY MEETING</b> Theme: "Review of Perioperative Transoesophageal Echocardiography" Venue: Radisson Plaza Hotel, Sydney Contact: Barbara Brazenall at Westmead Hospital or Beverley Jacobson at Phillips Medical Systems Tel: 02 98457653 Email: <a href="mailto:beverley.jacobson@philips.com">beverley.jacobson@philips.com</a>
<b>Whangarei New Zealand</b> 4 - 5 April	<b>CECANZ SINGLE THEME MEETING</b> Theme: "Anaesthesia on Edge" - Risk Management and Quality Assurance Venue: Whangarei Key Speakers: Dr Paul Preston, USA; John Myberg, Sydney; Dr Forbes Bennett, NZ and Prof Alan Merry, NZ Contact: Dr Rod Harpin, Anaesthetic Department, Whangarei Area Hospital, P.O. Box 742, Whangarei, New Zealand Tel: 64 9 430 4101 Fax: 64 9 430 4134 Email: <a href="mailto:rodh@nhl.co.nz">rodh@nhl.co.nz</a> Website: <a href="http://www.cecanz2003.co.nz">www.cecanz2003.co.nz</a> <i>* This meeting has been approved for 6 hours of CME (code 111) and 3 1/4 hours of QA (code 211) of the ANZCA MOPS Program.</i>
<b>Brisbane QLD</b> 12 April	<b>CARDIOVASCULAR WORKSHOP</b> Venue: Royal Brisbane Hospital Contact: Dr Michael Fanshawe, Department of Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine, Royal Brisbane Hospital, Herston Road, Hertson QLD 4029 Tel: 07 3636 7154 Fax: 07 3636 1308 Email: <a href="mailto:michael_fanshawe@health.qld.gov.au">michael_fanshawe@health.qld.gov.au</a>
<b>Melbourne VIC</b> 22 - 27 April	<b>8th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE</b> Theme: "Exploring the Boundaries of Medicine" Venue: The University of Melbourne Contact: Bronwen Hewitt, Conference Management, The University of Melbourne, Victoria 3010 Tel: 03 8344 6389 Fax: 03 8344 6122 Email: <a href="mailto:bhewitt@unimelb.edu.au">bhewitt@unimelb.edu.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.conferences.unimelb.edu.au/medicine">www.conferences.unimelb.edu.au/medicine</a>
<b>Istanbul Turkey</b> 25 - 27 April	<b>8th FEAPA SYMPOSIUM AND 2nd TURKISH PAEDIATRIC ANAESTHESIOLOGY AND REANIMATION CONGRESS</b> Venue: Istanbul Contact: Dr. Güner Kaya, Istanbul University CTF Anesteziyoloji 34303 Istanbul-Turkey Tel: 90 212 5608187 Fax: 90 212 5295600 Email: <a href="mailto:pedanest@turkpedanest.org">pedanest@turkpedanest.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.turkpedanest.org">www.turkpedanest.org</a>
<b>Florida USA</b> 26 - 30 April	<b>SOCIETY OF CARDIOVASCULAR ANESTHESIOLOGISTS ANNUAL MEETING</b> Venue: Fountainebleau Hilton Resort and Tower, Miami Beach Florida Contact: SCA, PO Box 11086, Richmond VA 23230 1086 Tel: 1 804 282 0084 Fax: 1 804 282 0090 Email: <a href="mailto:sca@societyhq.com">sca@societyhq.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.scahq.org">www.scahq.org</a>
<b>Hobart TAS</b> 3 - 7 May	<b>ANZCA ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING</b> Venue: Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hobart Contact: Conference Design, PO Box 342, Sandy Bay, TAS 7006 Tel: 03 6224 3773 Fax: 03 6224 3774 Email: <a href="mailto:mail@cdesign.com.au">mail@cdesign.com.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.cdesign.com.au/anzca2003">www.cdesign.com.au/anzca2003</a> <i>* Simulator Courses will be approved under code 613 of the ANZCA MOPS program. PEARL and PBLD workshops will be approved for 2 CME and 1 QA point per hour. Please see your registration brochure for further information.</i>

<b>Brisbane QLD</b> 4 - 9 May	<b>RACS ASC</b>
<b>Melbourne VIC</b> 6 - 10 May	<b>13th WORLD CONGRESS ON DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MEDICINE</b> Theme: "Vision 2020" Venue: Hotel Sofitel, Melbourne Contact: The Meeting Planners, 91 - 97 Islington Street, Collingwood Victoria 3066 Tel: 03 9417 0888 Fax: 03 9417 0899 Email: <a href="mailto:wcdem@meetingplanners.com.au">wcdem@meetingplanners.com.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.wcdem2003.com">www.wcdem2003.com</a>
<b>Boston USA</b> 8 - 11 May	<b>5th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON AMBULATORY SURGERY</b> Venue: Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts Contact: Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia, 520 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068-2573, USA Tel: 1 847 825 5586 Fax: 1 847 825 5658 Email: <a href="mailto:samba@asahq.org">samba@asahq.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.sambahq.org">www.sambahq.org</a>
<b>Sydney NSW</b> 10 May	<b>NSW ANAESTHETIC CONTINUING EDUCATION MEETING</b> Theme: 'Just Make A Decision! - Decision-making and Risk Management in Clinical Anaesthetic Practice' Venue: Four Seasons Hotel Key Speakers: Prof J Eisenkraft, USA Contact: Ms Jan Taylor, NSW Regional Administrative Officer, 117 Alexander Street, Crows Nest NSW 2065 Tel: 02 9966 9085 Fax: 02 9966 9087 Email: <a href="mailto:nsw@anzca.edu.au">nsw@anzca.edu.au</a>
<b>Phoenix USA</b> 14 - 17 May	<b>SOCIETY OF OBSTETRIC ANESTHESIA AND PERINATOLOGY ANNUAL MEETING</b> Venue: Pointe Hilton at Squaw Peak, Phoenix, Arizona Contact: SOAP, 1910 Byrd Avenue, Ste. 100, PO Box 11086, Richmond, VA 23230 1-86 Tel: 1 804 282 5051 Fax: 1 804 282 0090 Email: <a href="mailto:soap@societyhq.com">soap@societyhq.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.soap.org">www.soap.org</a>
<b>Jasper Canada</b> 14 - 17 May	<b>5TH ALBERTA MEETINGS ON MEDICAL EDUCATION</b> Theme: "Interprofessional Education" Venue: Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alberta Contact: Linda O'Dowd-Brown, Division of Studies in Medical Education, 2J3.08 Walter Mackenzie Centre, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2R7 Tel: 780 492 6776 Fax: 780 492 5487 Email: <a href="mailto:Linda.Brown@ulberta.ca">Linda.Brown@ulberta.ca</a>
<b>Toronto Canada</b> 22 - 24 May	<b>2003 CONFERENCE OF THE CANADIAN PAIN SOCIETY</b> Theme: "Pain: The Silent Epidemic" Venue: The Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel Contact: Canadian Pain Society, 268 Grosvenor Street, London, ON N6A 4L6, Canada Tel: 905 668 9545 Fax: 905 668 3728 Email: <a href="mailto:smsemb@idirect.com">smsemb@idirect.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.canadianpainsociety.ca/toronto2003">www.canadianpainsociety.ca/toronto2003</a>
<b>Prague Czech Republic</b> 25 - 28 May	<b>ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF CARDIOTHORACIC ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS (EACTA)</b> Venue: Prague Contact: Jarka Krizkova, Guarant Ltd, Opletalova 22, Praha 1, 110 00 Tel: 420 2 8400 1444 Fax: 420 2 8400 1448 Email: <a href="mailto:eacta@guarant.cz">eacta@guarant.cz</a> Website: <a href="http://www.guarant.cz/eacta2003">www.guarant.cz/eacta2003</a>
<b>Hobart TAS</b> 26 - 28 May	<b>RACP ASM</b>

<b>Glasgow Scotland</b>  31 - 3 June	<b>EUROANESTHESIA 2003 - 11th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS WITH THE EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY, EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY AND HOSTED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF ANAESTHETISTS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND</b> Venue: Glasgow Contact: Secretariat, European Society of Anaesthesiologists 32 ave de Tervueren bte 30, 1040 Brussels, Belgium Tel: 32 2 743 3290 Fax: 32 2 743 3298 Email: <a href="mailto:secretariat.esa@euronet.be">secretariat.esa@euronet.be</a> Website: <a href="http://www.euroanesthesia.org">www.euroanesthesia.org</a>
<b>Montreal Canada</b>  4 - 8 June	<b>SOCIETY FOR EDUCATION IN ANAESTHESIA ANNUAL SPRING MEETING</b> Venue: Hilton Montreal Bonaventure, Quebec Contact: SEA, 520 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068-2573 USA Tel: 1 847 825 5586 Fax: 1 847 825 5658 Email: <a href="mailto:sea@asahq.org">sea@asahq.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.asahq.org">www.asahq.org</a>
<b>Cardiff UK</b>  5 - 6 June	<b>OBSTETRIC ANAESTHETISTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING</b> Venue: Cardiff Contact: OAA Secretariat, OP Box 3219 Barnes, London SW13 9XR Tel: 44 20 8741 1311 Fax: 44 20 8741 0611 Email: <a href="mailto:registrations@oaa-anaes.ac.uk">registrations@oaa-anaes.ac.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.oaa-anaes.ac.uk">www.oaa-anaes.ac.uk</a>
<b>Boston USA</b>  8 - 12 June	<b>4th WORLD CONGRESS ON PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE</b> Venue: Boston, Massachusetts Contact: Children's Hospital Boston Website: <a href="http://www.pic2003.com">www.pic2003.com</a>
<b>Sydney NSW</b>  15 - 19 June	<b>6th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PAEDIATRIC PAIN</b> Theme: "Pain in Childhood: The Big Questions" Venue: The Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour Contact: DC Conferences, PO Box 571 Crows Nest NSW 1585 Tel: 02 9439 6744 Fax: 02 9439 2504 Email: <a href="mailto:mail@dcconferences.com.au">mail@dcconferences.com.au</a>
<b>Ottawa Canada</b>  20 - 24 June	<b>CANADIAN ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS' SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING</b> Venue: Congress Centre, Westin Hotel, Ottawa Ontario Contact: Canadian Anaesthesiologists' Society, Susan Wilson, 1 Eglinton Avenue, Suite 208, Toronto ON M4P 3A1 Tel: 1 416 480 0602 Fax: 1 416 480 0320 Email: <a href="mailto:meetings@cas.ca">meetings@cas.ca</a> Website: <a href="http://www.cas.ca">www.cas.ca</a>
<b>Melbourne Vic</b>  4 - 7 July	<b>ANZAME 2003 ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b> Theme: "A Question of Quality?" Venue: The Novotel, St Kilda Key Speakers: De Ian Hart, Canada Contact: Linda Santamaria, School of Orthoptics, La Trobe University, VIC 3086 Tel: 03 9479 1808 Fax: 03 9479 3692 Email: <a href="mailto:l.santamaria@latrobe.edu.au">l.santamaria@latrobe.edu.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.anzame.unsw.edu.au">www.anzame.unsw.edu.au</a>
<b>Broadbeach QLD</b>  11 - 13 July	<b>27th ANNUAL COMBINED CME MEETING OF QUEENSLAND</b> Theme: "Perioperative Medicine: The Anaesthetist's Role" Venue: Conrad Jupiters Contact: Joyce Holland, QLD Regional Administrative Officer, 50 Water Street, Spring Hill QLD 4000 Tel: 07 3831 6686 Fax: 07 3839 5604 Email: <a href="mailto:qld@anzca.edu.au">qld@anzca.edu.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.qld.anzca.edu.au">www.qld.anzca.edu.au</a>
<b>Melbourne VIC</b>  18 July	<b>THE VICTORIAN ANNUAL REGISTRARS' SCIENTIFIC MEETING</b> Venue: ANZCA House Contact: Ms Corinne Millane, VRC Administrative Officer, ANZCA, 630 St Kilda Road, Melbourne Vic 3004 Tel: 03 9510 6299 Fax: 03 9510 6786 Email: <a href="mailto:vic@anzca.edu.au">vic@anzca.edu.au</a>



<b>Melbourne VIC</b> <i>19 July</i>	<b>24th ANNUAL COMBINED ANZCA/ASA CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION MEETING</b> Theme: "Clinical Update: Perioperative Anaesthesia in 2003" Contact: Ms Corinne Millane, VRC Administrative Officer, ANZCA, 630 St Kilda Road, Melbourne Vic 3004 Tel: 03 9510 6299 Fax: 03 9510 6786 Email: <a href="mailto:vic@anzca.edu.au">vic@anzca.edu.au</a>
<b>Leura NSW</b> <i>16 - 17 August</i>	<b>NSW ANAESTHETIC CONTINUING EDUCATION MEETING</b> Theme: "Blood & Bone - Orthopaedic & Acute Care Update" Venue: Peppers Fairmont Resort, Leura Contact: Ms Jan Taylor, NSW Regional Administrative Officer, 117 Alexander Street, Crows Nest NSW 2065 Tel: 02 9966 9085 Fax: 02 9966 9087 Email: <a href="mailto:nsw@anzca.edu.au">nsw@anzca.edu.au</a>
<b>Helsinki Finland</b> <i>16 - 20 August</i>	<b>27th CONGRESS OF THE SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY AND INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE</b> Venue: Marina Congress Center, Helsinki Contact: Congrex/Blue and White Conferences Oy, PO Box 81, FIN-00371 Helsinki, Finland. Tel: 358 9560 7500 Fax: 358 9560 75020 Email: <a href="mailto:ssai2003@congrex.fi">ssai2003@congrex.fi</a> Website: <a href="http://www.congrex.fi/ssai2003">www.congrex.fi/ssai2003</a>
<b>Edinburgh Scotland</b> <i>20 - 22 August</i>	<b>16th EDINBURGH ANAESTHESIA FESTIVAL</b> Venue: Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Contact: Mrs C. M. Middleton, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, 1 Lauriston Place, Edinburgh, EH3 9YW, Scotland Tel: 44 131 536 3652 Fax: 44 131 536 3672 Email: <a href="mailto:cindy.middleton@ed.ac.uk">cindy.middleton@ed.ac.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.anaes.med.ed.ac.uk/univ/festival.html">www.anaes.med.ed.ac.uk/univ/festival.html</a>
<b>Queenstown New Zealand</b> <i>22 - 24 August</i>	<b>THE 7th CME MEETING OF THE CARDIOTHORACIC, VASCULAR AND PERFUSION SIG</b> Venue: Millennium Hotel, Queenstown Contact: Ms Helen Morris, ANZCA, 630 St Kilda Road, Melbourne VIC 3004 Tel: 03 9510 6299 Fax: 03 9510 6786 Email: <a href="mailto:hmorris@anzca.edu.au">hmorris@anzca.edu.au</a>
<b>Hong Kong</b> <i>24 - 28 August</i>	<b>12th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INTRACRANIAL PRESSURE AND BRAIN MONITORING</b> Venue: Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre Contact: Division of Neurosurgery, Department of Surgery, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Prince of Wales Hospital, Hong Kong Tel: 852 2632 2951 Fax: 852 2647 3074 Email: <a href="mailto:icp2003@cuhk.edu.hk">icp2003@cuhk.edu.hk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.surgery.cuhk.edu.hk/icp2003">www.surgery.cuhk.edu.hk/icp2003</a> <i>* to be followed by a satellite Symposium on Neurochemical Monitoring on 29 August 2003.</i>
<b>Queenstown New Zealand</b> <i>25 - 26 August</i>	<b>ADVANCED TRANSOESOPHAGEAL ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY WORKSHOP</b> Venue: The Copthorne Hotel Contact: Ms Helen Morris, 630 St Kilda Road, Melbourne VIC 3004 Tel: 03 9510 6299 Fax: 03 9510 6786 Email: <a href="mailto:hmorris@anzca.edu.au">hmorris@anzca.edu.au</a>

## Website Recommendation: Useful learning material

[http://www2.kumc.edu/instruction/sah/NurseAnesthesia/nura833/systems\\_new%20.htm](http://www2.kumc.edu/instruction/sah/NurseAnesthesia/nura833/systems_new%20.htm)

Queensland Anaesthesia

<http://www.qldanaesthesia.com/>

Australian Anaesthesia

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/su/anaes/anaes.html>

GASNet

<http://gasnet.med.yale.edu/>

The Virtual Anaesthesia Textbook

<http://www.virtual-anaesthesia-textbook.com/>

Emergency Cardiovascular Care Programs

[http://216.185.112.41/currents\\_issues.html](http://216.185.112.41/currents_issues.html)

AHA Scientific statements & Guidelines

<http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=2158>

<http://www.acc.org/index.htm>

Anaesthesia MCQs

<http://www.manbit.com/mcq.htm>

<http://www.frca.co.uk/Misc/>

Introduction to interpreting arterial blood gas

<http://www.int-med.uiowa.edu/education/abg.htm>

Anaesthetic Machine

<http://www.udmercy.edu/crna/agm/01.htm>

ECG Library

<http://www.ecglibrary.com/ecghome.html>

<http://www.paedcard.com/>

[http://endeavor.med.nyu.edu/courses/physiology/courseware/ekg\\_pt1/ekgmenu.html](http://endeavor.med.nyu.edu/courses/physiology/courseware/ekg_pt1/ekgmenu.html)

<http://endeavor.med.nyu.edu/student-org/erclub/ekghome.html>

<http://www.embbs.com/ekg/fileroom.html>

<http://sprojects.mmi.mcgill.ca/heart/ecghome.html>

College sites

<http://www.anzca.edu.au/>

<http://www.hkca.edu.hk/>

<http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/>

Good search engines for journals

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi>

<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/servlet/useragent?func=showHome&open=398>

Good general search engine

<http://www.google.com/>

## Miscellaneous

### Approved Formal Projects

**Dr. Fong Bik Ki, Tuen Mun Hospital**

The pressor response and ProSeal laryngeal mask airway insertion: A comparison with endotracheal intubation

**Dr. Arthur Lui, United Christian Hospital**

Intrathecal morphine for post-caesarian analgesia: A prospective audit of 1750 cases

**Dr. Regina Choi, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital**

EMLA cream versus dorsal penile nerve block for post circumcision analgesia in children

**Dr. Kenneth Fok, United Christian Hospital**

A Comparison of two mobile patient-controlled analgesia devices

Project Assessor A/Professor C Rodrigo



*Dr. Lesley Bromlwy and Professeur Duncan Blake at the peak Lookout together with the other Intermediate Fellowship examiners after a busy examination day*