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Editorial

The board welcomes Dr Chung Kin Nam, Edmond who agreed to be our Secretary. His experience in The Society of Anaesthetists of Hong Kong would certainly enhance the smooth production of the newsletter. We are very grateful to have Dr Amy Lam who kindly agreed to be interviewed and be our maiden guest. This issue also incorporates future meeting dates and useful websites which should prove to be valuable to all colleagues. If you have materials to contribute, it would be most welcomed.

Dr Timmy Yuen

Instruction to Contributors

We welcome contributions from invited guests and members/ fellows of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists. Articles should be prepared with suitable word processing softwares. Figures, table, pictures and photo- micrographs should be saved in the same file. The file could be sent either by e-mail or by post (on a floppy disc or CD) to the Editor. Please indicate if the material has to be returned after the editing processing. The article would be printed in the same way as it is submitted. The accuracy of the materials published is the responsibility of the contributors. The contributors must ensure that the materials submitted do not infringe copyright. The board reserves the editorial right for selection of publication.

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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

Organisation of the coming ASM in 2002 is progressing well. Meeting brochures have been distributed. Apart from local participants, we have also received free paper submission from both the mainland and overseas countries.

Examination results

In our recently held Intermediate examination, nine candidates passed out of sixteen. Ten out of 13 candidates passed the final examination. Congratulations to the successful candidates.

CME/CPD

Hong Kong Medical Council has made announcement for the requirement of satisfactory CME to renew annual practicing certificates from 2005. The system of CME for specialists remains essentially the same, except that it will be linked to the issue of annual practising certificate rather than the specialist register.

The Academy has developed a web-based CME system called MLMS. In future it will enable Fellows to use a smart card to register attendance at CME activities. Their CME status will be accessible and updated on the internet. Some CME materials will be available on the internet. It is envisaged that eventually this will be linked to other international providers of CME/CPD.

Relationship with the Mainland

Joint meeting on Anaesthesia & Pain Medicine with Guangdong, Taiwan and Macau was held in Guangzhou from 18 to 21 July. Approximately 10 fellows and members attended. Professor Mike Irwin, Professor Anthony Ho, Dr. C. T. Hung and Dr. T. W. Lee lectured at the refresher course on 19 July. The group visited three hospitals.

A group of Fellows will attend the annual meeting of the Chinese Society of Anaesthesiology to be held in Nanjing in mid-September. Whilst meeting arrangement is not quite the same as international meetings, and a language barrier does exist for many of us, it is hoped that more Fellows and Members will be able to participate in interchange with our mainland colleagues. Mutual understanding can be improved by more personal interaction.



Prof. M Irwin speaking at the Guangzhou meeting

Primary Trauma Care

The Primary Trauma Care Foundation has agreed to hold a symposium and PTC course in collaboration with the Chao Yang hospital in Beijing. It is likely that funding will be available from the industry. There will be active participation from our Fellows who have an interest in trauma management. Although most anaesthesiologists in Beijing are not involved in the front line management of trauma, our participation may set an example for some of anaesthesiologists' roles outside the operating theatres.

Chinese Translation of Anesthesia & Analgesia

The work on translation of abstracts of Anesthesia and Analgesia was started in July. Colleagues in the mainland have organized teams of anaesthesiologists for the task. July and August issues of that journal are now available on our website. Dr. P. T. Chui, our Webmaster, has made them available in both simplified and traditional version of Chinese characters.

Board of Censors

Admission of new Fellows and Members

FHKCA(Anaesthesiology) By Examination:

NAME	FHKCA(ANA)
Dr. LI, Ching Fan Carina	20020808
Dr. SHUM, Kim Ping	20020808
Dr. HUI, Ki Ling	20020808

MHKCA

NAME	MHKCA
Dr. CHEUNG, Wing Kee	20020808
Dr. CHOW Chee Yuen	20020808
Dr. YUNG, Viki	20020912
WONG, Lai Sze Grace	20020912
TONG, Kam Chiu	20020912
MA, Yuen Leung Elina	20020912
LUKE, David Baw	20020912
LEUNG, Ka Ki	20020912
LAU, Chung Wai	20020912
LAM, Yee Ming Alice	20020912
LAM, Kit Ying	20020912
KAN, Kwok Yee	20020912
CHIU, Ming Ming Denise	20020912
CHAN, Chi Wing	20020912

Exit Assessment

NAME	FHKCA(ANA)
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Dr. LI, Ching Fan Carina	20020808
Dr. SHUM, Kim Ping	20020808
Dr. HUI, Ki Ling	20020808

Dip Pain Mgt (HKCA)

Dr. CHAN, Simon Kin Cheong	20020703
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A/Prof. M Irwin Chairman, Board of Censors

Board of Examination

Successful candidates for the July/August 2002 Intermediate Examination

Title	Name	Hospital
Dr	YIP Kim Ho	AHMLNH
Dr	CHOW Sze Ming	NDH
Dr	NG Yuen Chong	PWH
Dr.	LAM Kar Yee Katherine	PYNEH
Dr	FUNG Nga Yin	QMH
Dr	CHAN Hing Tsuen	QMH
Dr	WONG Ian Yee Yan	UCH
Dr	WONG, Chak Man	UCH
Dr	WU Wai San Janet	YCH

9 out of 16 candidates passed the examination. The College is grateful to Dr. Leslie Bromley of RCA, and Dr. Duncan Blake of ANZCA for their assistance as External Examiners during the examination.

Successful candidates for the August/September 2002 Final Fellowship Examination

Title	Name	Hospital
Dr	LAM Mo Chi Eric	CMC
Dr	LEE Hon Ming	PWH
Dr	MAN Kwan Yin	PWH
Dr	LEE Sumin	PWH
Dr	CHENG Pui Gee Bonnie	PYNEH
Dr	CHENG Man Tung Tony	QEH
Dr	CHEUNG Wing Wai Rochelle	QEH
Dr	LEE Ha Yun	QMH
Dr	KU Shu Wing	QMH
Dr	LAW Man Shun	UCH

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Prof Aun, Cindy Chairperson, Board of Examination

Recent CME meetings:

The Society of Anaesthetists of Hong Kong

Annual Scientific Meeting and AGM, 20th June, 2002

Guest Speakers:

1) Professor Laurence E. Mather, University of Sydney at Royal North Shore Hospital

Topic: New Drug- Old Use

2) Dr Michel MRF Struys, Department of Anaesthesia, University Hospital, De Pintelaan, Belgium

Topic: Keep the balance balanced- Optimal use of inhaled anesthetics



Dr YF Chow (Chairman), Dr
Michael Struys and Professor
Laurence E. Mather

The meeting was well
attended by over 100
colleagues



Pain SIG: Use of potent opioids on chronic non-cancer pain conditions

Date: 4th July 2002

Speakers: Dr Timmy Yuen, Dr Carina Li, Dr KY Chui
Dr Amy Fung (Senior clinical psychologist, QMH)

Chairman: Dr SL Tsui



INTERVIEW



Then & Now – Amy Lam the Giant : A Personal Perspective.

Eric HK So/ Douglas KT Fok

Dr Amy Lam probably needs no introduction to our fellow colleagues. She is renowned for her enthusiasm, energetic mind, and dedication to anaesthesia as well as for her management skills; which has won her awards like the “ Outstanding Staff Award” not only in QEH, but also in HA. She also led the Department of Anaesthesiology to attain the highest score amongst all departments of the hospital in Performance Evaluation and win the “Chairman’s Award for Excellence” for 3 successive years.

We understand we may not be the best candidates to interview and write an account on Dr Lam, afterall, she was our boss! Nevertheless as the title denoted, we are writing from our own perspectives. In our hearts, she was and always will be a Giant in many ways.

Year 2000 marked not only the turn of a century, but also the year where Dr Lam was officially retired in September from public service. Thirty-odd years is probably a life

time for many, but for Dr Lam, after 35 years at QEH, life goes on and is as exciting and as fulfilling as ever. What are her secrets? What are her motivations?

“I enjoy most of the things that I do,” Dr Lam says. “ I am still learning new things every day. I am a keen learner.” This more or less sums it up.



Best performance 2000

If you speak to Dr Lam about sport or music, she can go on for at least an hour. If you talk to her about anaesthesia in Hong Kong in the 70s and 80s, or about loving, sharing and caring, you might want to cancel the rest of your appointments. That’s not to say it is a bad thing, for this is exactly the kind of enthusiasm you would get from Dr Lam.

“I was very fortunate to be able to witness and participate in the immense transformation of Anaesthesiology over these years, and I am very proud of the specialty,” she contends. Indeed, Dr Lam has gone through the ‘Era of low tech & high touch’ in the 70s, through the ‘Era of technological boom’ in the 80s, to the ‘Era of high tech & outreaching’ in the past decade. As she has always taught us and insisted that anaesthetists are not technicians but specialists in preoperative management of patients.

The Past

“Things were much simpler then.”

“Human senses were the only monitors we had....keeping a finger on patient’s pulse, eyes on their colour, pupils and tears, and feeling their skin temperature were mandatory.”

In her junior postgraduate years, Dr Lam rotated between O & G and Paediatrics Departments in QEH and QMH. In 1967, she settled in the Anaesthetic Department at QEH and started a new chapter in her medical career. It was not fashionable to take examinations in those days; nevertheless, Dr Lam and several colleagues studied together, they were the first group of successful holders of the Fellowship of the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FFARACS) in Hong Kong.

“There were only a few books on physiology and pharmacology,” Dr Lam recalls. “They were the Atkinson’s ‘*A Synopsis of Anaesthesia*’, Churchill Davidson’s ‘*A Practice in Anaesthesia*’ and Gray-Nunn’s ‘*General Anaesthesia*’ ... exams were not as hard as these days.”

Soon after her exams success, she was promoted to SMO in 1974 and Consultant in 1977. “I was not one with a lot of ambitions,” she says. “I did not plan my career path, but opportunities just stood right in front of me, so I took them.”



Farewell party to Dr Kenneth Thompson 1981

Things went smoothly until Dr SW Kwong retired and Dr. Lam was appointed as Consultant-in-charge of the Department in 1982. “It was a frightening and thrilling experience to face the greatest challenge of my life,” Dr Lam recounts. “I used to be a very passive, almost submissive person, but being the leader of the Department, I have to act in the best of its interests. Sometimes it meant direct confrontations with others. One could ill-treat me but no one should bully my staff.” Dr. Lam speaks with much sincerity and she confides a gradual change in her character over the years, becoming a stronger and more confident person.

The introduction of 'preoperative patient assessment' to the Department immediately following her new appointment was a tough start. The implication of staying longer after theatre work was naturally resisted by many colleagues. The idea of relieving staff early for preoperative assessment came about then, as well as the introduction of floor-in-charge and emergency day-in-charge. Such deployment of resources and manpower, and distribution of responsibilities were reinforced for improvement in quality patient care. "Although it was a difficult start, it was proven to be a most rewarding return for us," Dr. Lam says. "Our image as a technician was gradually changing to that of a physician, as we moved outside the confinement of OT setting."

Dr. Lam claims her management skills at the time were like a pupil in kindergarten. "There were no formal courses or workshops, you just pick things up as you go, and there were quite a number of bad falls," she says. One most regrettable incident she recalls was having strong words exchanged with a staff in front of others over some administrative issues and the staff later resigned. Since then, Dr. Lam always discuss sensitive issues with staff privately and calmly (perhaps over a cup of coffee!). A lesson was learnt the hard way.

Towards the late 80s and early 90s, our specialty has ventured more outside the Operating Theatres. Dr. Lam felt we are privileged in the wide spectrum of medical personnel we are in close contact with everyday. This provides invaluable opportunities of developing inter-personal relationship and communication skills.

"The more I talk to different people, the more I realize what a great joy I have gained in knowing them. Moreover, in feeling their needs," she continues, "a trusting relationship is developed through a giving, accommodating and caring spirit." 'Dominating surgeons' and 'submissive anaesthetists' are terms for the ancient past. She believes that 'conversation' should replace 'confrontation', and 'counterparts' turning into 'partners'. She adds, "On the other hand, within the Department, safety and quality are our top priorities, continuous quality improvement remains our crucial agenda. We must excel ourselves by providing superlative quality service to meet or exceed the expectation of our patients and our working partners."



As such, over the last decade, Dr. Lam has reorganised the structure of the senior staff of the Department into subspecialty teams, in order to accommodate the expanding provision of anaesthetic services in QEH. Within the Operating Theatre, in addition to general surgery, orthopaedics, neurosurgery, obstetric and gynaecological surgery, dental/ENT/eye surgery; there are also cardiac surgery, thoracic surgery, ambulatory surgery, acute and chronic pain procedures. The roles of anaesthesiologists also move outside Operating Theatre setting to a full spectrum of perioperative physicians, intensivists, pain physicians, services to interventional radiology, cardiology, trauma care, resuscitation, and airway management throughout the hospital.



The team 1988

Over and over again, Dr.Lam attributes all these achievements to a very strong, dedicated and committed Department team, especially to the highly professional and supportive senior staff. “ They are just the finest group of excellent people who have supported me all along, sharing the same vision and moving on together despite of all the difficulties.”

Everything seems to fall into place. Any unhappy or sad moments for her?

Dr. Lam paused for a moment and replied, “ The most upsetting moment was in 1992 over the loss of a staff, and a very dear friend of our Department...” her eyes filled with tears. It was a very touching moment, for – Dr. Herbert Chan – also a great friend and teacher to one of the authors, succumbed to terminal lung tumour at the age of 36. Herbert’s never-say-die and fighting attitude was an inspirational story to all who knew him.

Dr. Lam put a lot of emphasis on training staff. She believes strongly in distributing work according to their capabilities. Therefore nothing hurts her more than capable staff leaving the Department. “ In reality, I know they had valid reasons and were doing in the best interest for their own career, but their departure meant great losses for the Department and for the hospital.” How about difficult staff? She replies, “I treasure them the same. You cannot expect everyone do things your way, although it can be a headache sometimes, it is good to see things from a different perspective. Sometimes they may be right!” In return, she feels happy to see changes gradually coming along in the lives of

these staff.



Farewell party to Dr Justin Chan 1988

Dr. Lam was ready to accept new challenges. As the Hospital Authority took over the management of all public hospitals in Hong Kong in early 1990s, clear lines of management were established. “The world is not static, and is changing continuously; we need to move in step with it.” She added, “With HA, there are many positive reforms in the healthcare system., as well as more training in leadership, resource management and quality patient care. These exposures have inspired me to take up positive changes in the Department in line with all the Hospital developments.”



QEH Alumni Gathering 1998



Farewell party to Dr Eileen Au 1998

Indeed it is often by looking back that we can truly comprehend and cherish where we are today. Dr. Lam worked diligently in developing a reputation for our Department. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that it was through her continuing effort and advocacy that we are strongly and closely adhered together. As we stand in this point in time, we see ahead of us another century that no doubt will continue to bring changes, but her spirit shall remain for many years to come.



Y2K rollover

The Present & the Future

So two years has passed by since Dr Lam's official retirement from QEH, how is her life?

“ I am very grateful to a lot of people,” she says. “My family aboveall have been very supportive to my decisions. I must also thank my successor CT Hung and his superb and committed team for such a smooth transition. The Department, I know, is in capable hands. At present, my mind is at ease. I feel free and relieved.” What is the philosophy to life after retirement? Dr Lam smiles, “Life is simply beautiful.”

Dr Lam is now an Honorary Consultant at QEH and is keeping herself in touch with clinical practice and friends in the Department. She had also been working at PYNEH temporarily. She joined a voluntary Christian Medical Foundation in a surgical mission and had visited Luoyang twice, provided anaesthesia to the poverty locally. Outside anaesthesia, Dr. Lam is a member of a Church choir and is keeping fit by various sport games, Tai-chi, dancing and the list goes on...



Luoyang Mission 2002

Dr. Lam is most grateful for all God’s blessings and love in giving her strength everyday, both in the past and present, to live a fulfilling life with the support of her husband and

family.



What are her coming plans? Dr. Lam thinks she is ready to withdraw from clinical anaesthetic practice when other commitments comes along. As for the future, “ I would like to contribute more in the care of the needy people, especially on the spiritual side. Hopefully, I can inject more life to these people through faith, love, caring and sharing. Life is certainly beautiful for everyone.

So you see, again and again, Dr.Lam still wishes to devote her life and time for others. No wonder one of her most favourite quotes from the Bible is :

*“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve;
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

Matthew 20 : 28

Website recommendations

The editors' choice:

Some useful sites for the computer novice. Play around and search with your computer and you will be surprised what you can learn.

Educational materials

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

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

<http://www.trauma.org/>

College

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

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

Search Engines

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov:80/entrez/query.fcgi?db=PubMed>

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

Calender of some of the local and overseas meetings (September 2002 – March 2003)
There may be changes that we are unable to anticipate. Please check with the responsible organising committees

**Christchurch
New Zealand**

18 - 20 September

CECANZ ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING.

Theme: "Anaesthesia Outside the Square". Venue: Christchurch Convention Center . Key Speakers: Prof Michael Pinsky, Pittsburgh; Assoc. Prof John Ellis, Chicago and Dr Alison Lilley, Melbourne. Contact: Conference Innovators, PO Box 1370, Christchurch. Email: joy@conference.co.nz Website: www.cecanz2002.org.nz

**Bournemouth
UK**

19 - 20 September

ASSOCIATION OF ANAESTHETISTS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING.

Venue: Bournemouth International Centre. Contact: 9 Bedford Square London WC1B 3RE. Tel: 44 20 7631 1650 Fax: 44 20 7631 4352 Email: meetings@aagbi.org Website: <http://www.aagbi.org/>

**Seattle
USA**

20 - 22 September

THE DIFFICULT AIRWAY COURSE.

Venue: Seattle WA Westcoast Grand Hotel. Contact: Julie Vissers, Airway Management Education Centre. Tel: 1 866 924 7929 Fax: 1 352 692 1002 Email: jvissers@theairwaysite.com Website: www.theairwaysite.com

**Canberra
ACT, Australia**

21 - 22 September

ANZCA/ASA ACT COMBINED CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION MEETING

Theme: "Art of Anaesthesia". Venue: Australian War Memorial. Contact: Dr David Kinchington. Tel: 02 ACT 6285 4023 Email: david.kinchington@act.gov.au

**Hamilton Island
QLD, Australia**

27 - 29 September

26TH ANNUAL COMBINED CME MEETING OF QUEENSLAND

Theme: "Paediatric Anaesthesia". Venue: Hamilton Island. Contact: Rebecca Fielding, St Andrew's Heart Institute, 457 Wickham Terrace, Brisbane 4000. Tel: 07 3834 4351 Fax: 07 3832 6006 Email: rfielding@sawmh.com.au Website: www.sawmh.com.au/26thAnnualMeeting.html

**Barcelona
Spain**

29 - 2 October

15TH ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE.

Venue: Barcelona. Contact: European Society of Intensive Care Medicine, Congress Secretariat, 40 Avenue Joseph Wybran, B-1070 Brussels. Tel: 32 2559 0350 Fax: 32 2527 0062 Email: public@esicm.org Website: www.esicm.org

**Orlando
USA**
12 - 16 October

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANESTHETISTS ANNUAL MEETING.

Contact: ASA, 520N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068-2573
Tel: 847 825 5586 Fax: 847 825 1692 Email: mail@sashq.org

**Perth
WA, Australia**
16 - 20 October

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING ON INTENSIVE CARE.

Venue: Perth. Contact: ANZICS, 233 Rathdowne Street, Carlton VIC 3053. Tel: 03 9639 3699 Fax: 03 9639 4717 Email: anzicsoc@ozemail.com.au

**Lorne
VIC, Australia**
18 - 20 October

TEACHING ANAESTHESIA - THEORY AND PRACTICE WORKSHOP

Venue: Cumberland Lorne Conference and Leisure Resort. Contact: Ms Corinne Millane, VRC Administrative Officer, ANZCA, 630 St Kilda Road, Melbourne Vic 3004. Tel: 03 9510 6299 or 03 8517 5313 Fax: 03 9510 6786 Email: vic@anzca.edu.au

**Adelaide
SA, Australia**
26 - 30 October

61ST ASA NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS

Venue: Adelaide Convention Centre. Key Speakers: Professor Peter Rathjen, University of Adelaide; Dr Michael Hodgson, President ASA; Professor Michael Harmer, University of Wales; Professor Peter Slinger, University of Toronto and Professor Alan Merry, Green Lane Hospital. Contact: Festival City Conventions, PO Box 949, Kent Town SA 5071. Tel: 08 8363 1307 Fax: 08 8363 1604 Email: asa2002@fcconventions.com.au Website: www.asa.org.au * Sessions on Risk Management and Ethics have been approved under code 211 for 3 QA points per hour. Several Simulator Workshops approved under code 613. Other sessions are approved under code 111 of the ANZCA MOPS Program.

**Tsim Sha Tsui
Hong Kong**

HONG KONG COLLEGE OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS AND THE SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS OF HONG KONG ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 2002.

1 - 3 November

Venue: Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel and Towers. Contact: The Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong Conference Organising Service, 4/F Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong. Tel: 852 2527 8898 Fax: 852 2866 7530 Email: cos@fmshk.com.hk

* The Anesthesia Simulator Workshop has been approved under code 613 for 5 CME and 5 QA points per hour. All other sessions are code 111, Major CME Meetings for 3 points per hour.

**Devonport
TAS, Australia**
1 - 3 November

TASMANIAN INSTITUTE OF CRITICAL CARE: CRITICAL CARE CONTROVERSIES 2002.

Venue: Devonport Entertainment & Convention Centre, Rooke St, Devonport. Key Speakers: Dr David Coursin, USA: Dr Douglas

Coursin, USA; Prof Anatoliy Efremov, Russia; Prof Luciano Gattinoni, Italy and Dr Michael Murray USA. Contact: Ms Yvonne Mason, Conference Secretary PO Box 6, Devonport TAS 7310. Tel: 03 6426 5340 Fax: 03 6423 6772 Email: tasicc@southcom.com.au Website: www.tasicc.com.au

**Brisbane
QLD, Australia**

9 November

6TH ANNUAL REGISTRARS' CONFERENCE

Theme: "Registrar Presentations and an Introduction to Specialist Practice". Venue: College House, 50 Water Street, Spring Hill. Contact: Joyce Holland, QLD Regional Administrative Officer, PO Box 50, Spring Hill QLD 4004. Tel: 07 3831 6686 Fax: 07 3839 5604 Email: qld@anzca.edu.au Website: www.qld.anzca.edu.au

**Jerusalem
Israel**

10 - 15 November

VIII INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF CARDIOTHORACIC AND VASCULAR ANESTHESIA.

Contact: Rina Kinris: Kenes, PO Box 50006 Tel Aviv 61500 Israel. Tel: 972 3 514 0014 Fax: 972 3 514 0077 or 517 5674 Email: conventions@kenes.com Website: www.kenes.com

**London
UK**

25 - 27 November

OBSTETRIC ANAESTHESIA AND ANALGESIA

Venue: London, United Kingdom. Contact: Obstetric Anaesthetists' Association, OAA Secretariat, PO Box 3219, Barnes London SW13 9XR, UK. Tel: 44 20 8741 1311 Fax: 44 20 8741 0611 Email: registrations@oaa-anaes.ac.uk Website: www.oaa-anaes.ac.uk

**Shatin
Hong Kong**

9 December

CONTROVERSIES IN TRAUMA RESUSCITATION

Venue: Shaw Auditorium, Postgraduate Education Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin, N.T. Contact Ms. Ellen Chan Tel: 852 2632 1033 Email: ellenchan@cuhk.edu.hk

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**California
USA**

*31 - 2
February*

41 st CLINICAL CONFERENCE IN PEDIATRIC ANESTHESIOLOGY

Venue: Disneyland Resort Hotel, Anaheim, California. Contact: Herbert Zarco, Conference Coordinator, Pediatric Anesthesiology Foundation. Tel: 1 323 669 2262 Fax: 1 323 660 8983 Email: hzarco@chla.usc.edu

**Christchurch
New Zealand** **THE COMBINED AUSTRALIAN PAIN SOCIETY 24TH ASM AND NEW ZEALAND PAIN SOCIETY 10TH ASM**

9 - 13 March

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 Website: www.apsoc.org.au

San Francisco USA **OBSTETRICAL ANESTHESIA 2003.**

13 - 15 March 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

Brussels Belgium **23RD INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INTENSIVE CARE AND EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

18 - 21 March 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: sympicu@ulb.ac.be Website: www.intensive.org/main

New Orleans USA **77TH CLINICAL AND SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ANESTHESIA RESEARCH SOCIETY**

22 - 26 March 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: iarshq@iars.org Website: <http://www.iars.org>

The Institute of Clinical Simulation
(A collaboration between the HKCA and NDH)

Anaesthetic Crisis Resource Management (ACRM) Workshops

Announcement

Due to the overwhelming support from members and fellows of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists, the ICS Committee has resolved to continue the ACRM courses. The dates have tentatively set to be the first Saturday of every month. While every effort will be made to have the ACRM held on the scheduled dates, circumstances may dictate otherwise.

The tentative dates are listed on the accompanying ACRM Application Form.

Event:	Anaesthetic Crisis Resource Management (ACRM)
Frequency:	first Saturday of each month - Starting December 2002
Time:	0800 - 1800
Venue:	Institute of Clinical Simulation
CME points:	HKCA 10 points
Max participants:	4
Fee:	HK\$2000 per head
Format:	Each registrant will participate in <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. An introduction on the METI Simulator, the anaesthetic machine for use in the workshop and the theories of crisis managementii. Allocated time for hands-on crisis scenario management on the METI Simulator, rotating through different roles and handling different scenariosiii. A group debriefing session at completion of each scenario

“Group” registration welcome if you can find your own partners to form a group of 4. Mutually agreed dates may be arranged.

Sessions will be videotaped. All participants in the workshop will be required to sign a confidentiality statement.

The Institute of Clinical Simulation
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Anaesthetic Crisis Resource Management (ACRM) Workshop

Application Form

Particulars of applicant:

Name: _____
(Title) (Surname) (Names)

Hospital: _____

Contact Tel: _____

Contact Fax: _____

Email: _____

Status with HKCA (please): Fellow Member

Anaesthesia experience in years: _____

Have you taken ACRM before (please): Yes No

Preferred Dates of Workshop (1 being the most preferred, 2, 3 alternate dates):

5 Oct 2002	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Mar 2003	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 Dec 2002	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 Apr 2003	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Jan 2003	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 May 2003	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 Feb 2003	<input type="checkbox"/>	7 Jun 2003	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date

Signature

Please return the completed form together with a crossed cheque of HK\$2,000.00 made payable to ***“The Hong Kong College of***

Anaesthesiologists” as early as possible, preferably 4 weeks before scheduled workshops to:

Administrative Executive
Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists
Room 807, HKAM Jockey Club Building
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road
Aberdeen, Hong Kong

Photos: September Final Examination 2002



Back Row: Dr C Lai, Dr S Fung, Dr E Ho, Dr C Young, Dr Das, Dr A Ho, Dr HY So, Dr SK Ng, Dr A Kwan, Dr V Yeo, Dr YF Chow
Front Row: Dr T Hui, Dr A O'Regan, Dr TW Lee, Prof. C Aun, Dr N Webster (RCA), Dr G Mullins (ANZCA), Dr CT Hung, Dr K Mui





10th World Congress of Pain, August 17-22, 2002, San Diego

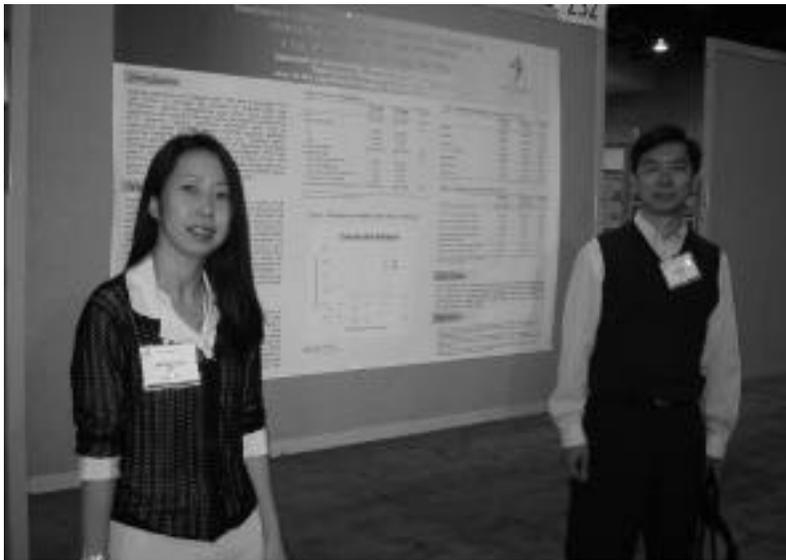
Congratulations to Dr PP Chen and Dr J Yap for their presentations in the meeting:

Randomized Comparison of Different Anesthetic Techniques on Chinese Patients after Total Knee Arthroplasty

(J Yap, PP Chen, C Chu, HH Hung, MS Wong. Anesthesiology, Intensive Care & Operating Services, Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital)

A Prospective Audit of the Cessation OF the Cessation OF Acute Pain Service

(PP Chen, M Ma, W Fung, J Chen, MC Chu, S Chan, T Gin Dept Anaesthesia & Intensive Care, Chinese Univ of Hong Kong, PWH and Dept Anaesthesiology, Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital)



(Also attending the Conference included Dr TW Lee, Dr Edwin Tong, Dr CT Hung, Dr J Yap, Dr T Li, Dr PP Chen and Mr KK Law. Dr T Yuen being the photographer)



Miscellaneous

News on Annual Scientific Meeting 2003

The ASM 2003 will be a joint meeting with HKCA, SAHK, Asia Oceanic Society for Intravenous Anaesthesia (AOSIVA) & International Society for Anesthetic Pharmacology (ISAP). There will also be some input from EUROSIVA. The dates are 26-28th September 2003 & the theme will be Anaesthetic Pharmacology. There will be an interesting program with a distinguished panel of international speakers. Venue not yet confirmed.



M Irwin, Chairman ASM 2003

Professor P. Kam's course

Both the Basic Science Course (Primary) and Clinical Anaesthesiology Course (Final) to be tutored by Prof. Peter Kam has been confirmed. The **Primary** Course will run from *11 - 23 November* while the **Final** Course will run from *24 - 29 November 2002*.

Notices of the above courses would be circulated to the SOT and COS of respective training hospitals.

Reminder for submission of CME.

To facilitate processing of Continuous Medical Education documentation claim forms, I would appreciate if all fellows take note of the followings:

- 1, Make sure that you write down your name in block letter. Some claim forms contain only the signature of the claimant, which render the owner of the CME points untraceable;
- 2, For fellows who claim self-study CME points, please be reminded one can only claim up to a maximum of 10 points per program per year;

3, For fellows who claim CME points for publication, please enclose a photocopy of the first page of the article showing the title of the journal and all the names of the author(s). Only the first six authors are entitled to claim CME points and only the first author can claim 10 CME points;

4, Please add up the total CME points you want to claim.

Dr Koo Chi Kwan Chairman, CME subcommittee

Formal Project approved by HKCA

1. 23rd July 2002 Dr. LI Chin Fan Carina, Queen Mary Hospital,
The Effect of Adding Fentanyl to 0.2% Ropivacaine in Epidural Anaesthesia during Labour
2. 20th March 2002 Dr. Kwok K. M., Tuen Mun Hospital,
Parental presence during recovery from anaesthesia in children undergoing ambulatory surgery: the anxiety level of the parents and child
3. 29th July 2002 Dr. KONG Suet-Kei, Pamela Youde Nethersole Hospital,
Use of intrathecal morphine for post-operative pain after elective laparoscopic colorectal surgery
4. 9th July 2002 Dr. T.G.Tay, United Christian Hospital,
Epidural analgesia: A prospective audit of epidural pethidine 4 mg/ml and ropivacaine 0.2% with fentanyl 2mcg/ml
5. 9th October 2002 Dr. Chan Kin Wai, Queen Elizabeth Hospital,
An in vitro evaluation of carbon dioxide in saline

A/Prof. C Rodrigo Assessor of Formal Projects

Death

Council noted with regret the death of our fellow Dr Choy Tak Chiu