

# **The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists**

## **Council Report, 2014-2015**

On behalf of the Council, I would like to report a number of highlights of the work done last year.

### **HKCA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The College and The Society of Anaesthetists of Hong Kong (SAHK) jointly celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary respectively in 2014. Commemorative books “125 Years of Anaesthesia in Hong Kong – Past, Present and Future” were published to review the history and envisage future development of anaesthesiology in Hong Kong, memorial stamp packs were issued and a video of “History of HKCA and SAHK” was produced. For public engagement, a series of radio interviews were conducted on Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK), poster exhibition took turn showcased at major hospitals and a video of “Patient Care and Anaesthesiologists” was broadcasted. International Scientific Meeting in Anaesthesiology (ISMA) co-organized by HKCA, SAHK, the Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA) and the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland (CAI) made a bright finale for the celebration with support from representatives of overseas and regional sister colleges and organizations.

### **Education and Examination**

The College has developed closer collaboration with leading international colleges in our training framework, curriculum and assessment. An examiners’ workshop was organized with Dr Chris Leng, the external examiner from RCoA as one of the instructors. The workshop provided our new examiners with helpful insights.

### **Echo Committee**

The College continues promoting peri-operative echocardiography for anaesthesiologists. The Echo Committee organized a clinical attachment programme in collaboration with the Department of Cardiology, Ruttonjee Hospital in 2014 and 2015. The committee also developed HKCA Focused Echocardiography Training Curriculum to cover the requisite training. Echo-A workshops were well received and supported by the Hospital Authority. We have collaborated with CUHK for adopting Moodle e-learning platform.

### **Intensive Care Medicine Training**

The Board had a retreat workshop in October 2014 to discuss the future direction of the sub-specialty. We received a record number of trainees taking the Final Fellowship Examination in Intensive Care this year. The ECMO working group has developed a document of Basic Training Requirement for doctors in conduct of Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) to address the standards and training of ECMO in Hong Kong.

### **Pain Medicine Training**

With the conclusion of Special Assessment as First Fellows in Pain Medicine, a total of 42 First Fellows were admitted. The College then held the inaugural Final Fellowship Examination in Pain Medicine in April 2015. Four candidates passed.

## **Continuing Medical Education/ Continuous Professional Development (CME/CPD)**

The College and the British Journal of Anaesthesia (BJA) agreed in principle for our affiliation on subscription and CME/CPD activities. The College will be the first organization outside Europe other than RCoA and CAI to get BJA association. The College logo would be printed in the Journal and we can have representation in the Editorial Board.

## **Clinical Simulation Committee (CSC)**

As the College no longer ran the simulation centre in the North District Hospital, Institute of Clinical Simulation (ICS) together with its management committee was renamed as Clinical Simulation Committee. We concentrated on course development, organization and delivery in different simulation centres of Hong Kong while NTEC simulation centre maintained our core simulation training base.

Our College also led the establishment of the Hong Kong Society for Simulation in Healthcare with our Speciality as the founding chairman.

CSC pioneered the Hong Kong Simulation Instructor Course; training simulation instructors for different specialties / disciplines. We continued to deliver another 11 types of courses with a number of them being financially supported by the Hospital Authority.

Elementary US guided regional anaesthesia workshop was developed and delivered to our trainees this year. The Advanced and Difficult Airway Management Workshop for Anaesthetists (ADAM-A) course was made mandatory for the trainees who joined the College's training programme after 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

## **Quality and Safety**

Over the last few years, our College contribute to establish a collaborative platform for Chinese anaesthesia communities in Mainland China, Taiwan Hong Kong and Macau representing Cross Strait Four Regions for quality of anaesthesia practice and patient safety. The Cross Strait Four Regions Anaesthesia Quality Meeting was incorporated to the International Scientific Meeting in Anaesthesiology on 22-23 November 2014.

## **Credentialing**

The College followed the lead by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM) for judicious introduction of credentialing framework in Hong Kong related to our practice focussing high risk areas. The College responded and commented on the paper proposed by the HKAM.

## **Resuscitation**

The College contributed towards the establishment of the Resuscitation Council of Hong Kong with the Secretary of Food and Health Bureau as the Honorary President and our College being the founding chairman. With concerted efforts, the Council promotes resuscitation practice and training in Hong Kong and represents Hong Kong in regional and international resuscitation platform. Hong Kong College of Family Physicians succeeded the Chairmanship this year.

## **Public Issues**

In response to several medical blunders occurred in ambulatory facilities in Hong Kong, the Government worked on the review of the regulation of ambulatory facilities. The College has assisted the Food and Health Bureau to develop the first legislative paper on defining high risk medical procedures in areas related to our field that require regulation in ambulatory facilities. The College has set up a project committee involving council, public, private and universities representation to help the Government in further legislation and regulation on this area.

The College also responded to a number of public issues including Hospital Authority review, HKSAR Chief Executive Policy Address 2015, anti-smoking and anti-alcohol campaign, as well as reduction of salt and sugar in food. The social advocate for the Hong Kong Anaesthesia day last year was to promote peri-operative cessation of smoking.

### **Relationship with China**

Together with the SAHK, the College continues to maintain professional exchanges with Chinese Society of Anesthesiology (CSA). Opportunities for clinical attachment and multicentre research in mainland China were promulgated via College platform. The Hong Kong anaesthetic community have been working closely with CSA for the coming World Congress of Anaesthesiologists 2016 in HK, first ever organized in a Chinese city to make it a showcase for all.

### **International Relations**

An Intention of Collaboration between CAI and HKCA was signed at the ISMA. A delegation of HKCA representatives then paid a visit to CAI in March 2015. The programme of the visit included sharing of HKCA's and CAI's current examination and training system, observing the CAI Membership Examination, visiting the training hospitals and simulation centre and meeting with CAI executives. Business meeting with the President of RCoA and the RCoA executives was held at the ISMA to discuss possible future cooperation between the two Colleges.

### **College Finances**

The College finances are healthy. More resources will be allocated to instructor development and other educational purposes and activities.

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