

The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

Council Report, 2015-2016

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

Election of HKCA Council (2015-2017)

Council members were duly elected in August 2015 and the office bearers commenced work on college matters soon afterwards

Relationship with China

Relations with China continued smoothly. A group of our delegates together with SAHK colleagues attended the Chinese Society of Anaesthesiology Annual Meeting in Xi'an during September 2015 and had good exchanges with many professional colleagues there. There is also the 5th Cross Straits Four Region Anaesthesia Safety Forum in Chang Zhou where a group of our representatives also attended. It is hoped that the college will act as a platform for more exchanges and collaborations with our Chinese counterparts.

International Relations and activities

The College signed an affiliation agreement with The British Journal of Anaesthesia (BJA) and Oxford University Press (OUP) on 14 November 2015 during the ASM Opening Ceremony. Fellows are able to access all content from BJA and BJA Education online. The online CPD exercises have been recognised by the College, and CME points will be awarded for passing marks.

On education, examination and curriculum reforms, the college is in a dialogue with The Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA) about organising a Train-the-Trainer Workshop to familiarize college trainers on new training and assessment methods. RCoA will share their experience on Workplace Based Training and many other aspects of their appraisal methods to help us build our new curriculum and assessment system. Officials from both colleges will have further meetings during the WCA 2016 to map out more substantive future plans.

ASM 2015

The very first "SimBattle" was introduced in the ASM 2015 and received overwhelming positive feedbacks. It is a simulation exercise that involved competing teams to demonstrate their communication, teamwork, clinical management, and problem solving skills. Photo Contest is another highlight at ASM 2015 and we did receive a number of high quality anaesthesia-related photos, and the event was a great success. Overall, the ASM received good attendance and was well received.

Publicity

Social Media is a trend for publicity and sharing of information. To engage our College's Fellows and Members, a Facebook page for the College has been created as an additional medium for sharing College's news, announcements and event updates.

A series of interviews with Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) Radio 1 were conducted to enlighten the public on the role of anaesthesiologists. Topics included:

- Anaesthesiologists' Daily Routines
- Monitored Anaesthesia Care (MAC)
- The History and Development of Anaesthesia
- The Myth of Anaesthesia

Train-the-Trainer Sedation Course with College of Surgeons of Hong Kong (CSHK)

The College is in the process of co-organising the Train the Trainer Sedation Course with College of Surgeons of Hong Kong (CSHK) for the CSHK fellows. It is a one day course at the weekend and it is expected 4 sedation courses per year will be organised.

Echo Committee

The College continues to promote peri-operative use of echocardiography for anaesthesiologists. The Echo Preceptorship Courses will be organised again this year in view of the need and the positive feedback received. The materials for the Moodle e-learning platform are being collected and produced and the e-learning platform will be launched soon. The committee also developed HKCA Focused Echo Training Curriculum to cover the requisite training.

Intensive Care Medicine

Board of Intensive Care Medicine is reviewing and updating the documents and guidelines governing the Intensive Care Medicine training. The Board has also planned to review the training programme for Intensive Care Medicine.

Pain Medicine

Our fellows continued to embrace Pain Medicine which is an important and essential element of our daily work. The application for the Fellowship in Pain Medicine as a quotable qualification by the MCHK has met with initial failure, and the Board has launched an appeal. Nevertheless, our fellows continue to play a pivotal role in all aspects of pain management to benefit our patients, and the Board is working very hard to maintain the standards and range of our participation in daily patient management.

Clinical Simulation Committee (CSC)

The newly formed CSC continued to organize simulation training for our budding anaesthesiologists and also played important roles in training simulation instructors for different disciplines. Some of these courses are sponsored by the Hospital Authority for trainees, while many joined the courses as self-financed participants.

The ADAM-A course is mandatory for trainees who joined our training programme from July 2015 onwards, and elementary ultrasound courses were delivered with good responses.

The CSC administrative support is also undergoing re-structuring to make it more efficient and cost-effective to fit the needs of tomorrow. We are grateful for everyone's hard work.

Curriculum and Exam Review

The review of curriculum and exam for anaesthesia is under way. It is anticipated that the new curriculum will be implemented in late 2018 or early 2019, depending on the progress we made.

New Policy on Fellowship Admission Ad Eundem

The College has reviewed and updated the Policy on Fellowship admission ad eundem. The List of Recognized Overseas Qualifications and the Bye-laws are amended and updated accordingly for endorsement in the coming AGM 2016.

Resuscitation Council Hong Kong (RCHK)

The college continued to contribute to the RCHK in promoting high quality resuscitation practice in Hong Kong. Our college has also rendered administrative, secretariat and financial support in the past, and will hope to continue some contributions.

Public issues

Our College representatives, along with colleagues from many specialties, continued to assist the Food and Health Bureau to develop the first set of legislative papers regulating ambulatory facilities in order to safeguard patients' welfare. I would like to thank our representatives from council, public, private and the academic sectors in their continuous contributions.

Our college also showed active support to HKAM activities in disaster preparedness, simulator-related programmes, meeting Chinese health officials, organ donation and other public activities.

College Finance

The College finance is healthy and resources will be directed to help achieve better support for our colleagues in future examination running and curriculum reforms.

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Dr. John Liu
President
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