

# **The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists**

## **Council Report, 2016-2017**

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

### **Curriculum and Exam Review**

The first draft of the new HKCA curriculum is underway. The new curriculum includes 7 clinical fundamental modules and 13 specialty modules. Various supervised learning activities (SLEs) are incorporated in the new curriculum as a summative assessment together with in-training assessments (ITAs). The SLEs may be new to some of the SOT's or trainers, and so Train-the-Trainer Workshop will be organized in September 2017. The details will be announced soon.

The Council would like to express their gratitude to members of the Curriculum and Exam Review Working Group for their tremendous effort and time spent in development of the new curriculum.

### **Intensive Care Medicine**

The Board of Intensive Care Medicine has recently reviewed the Vocational Training Guide (VTG) for Intensive Care Medicine. The new VTG can be found on the College's website and will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

The major revisions are:

- Trainees who start their training on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 (or thereafter) are required to complete the Exposure to Anaesthetic Safety and Emergencies (EASE) course.
- The definition of interruption has been defined in clause 3 under "Special Conditions"

### **Pain Medicine**

It is well recognized that pain management experience is an integral part in our daily work. A new module of Pain Medicine will be incorporated to the new curriculum as one of the core modules.

### **Echo Committee**

The Committee is developing a HKCA Focused Echo Training Curriculum which is being considered to be incorporated in the new curriculum. Our college has supported the purchase of an Echo Simulator to facilitate training in TTE and TEE for anaesthesia and intensive care.

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

A Retreat and Strategic Workshop was organised on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to explore the members' views on the role of simulation in anaesthesia training, and to enhance the application and position of simulation in our College. Various internal issues such as the governance structure, faculty development, quality control and evaluation, and research were discussed. New insights and ideas were collected to help us position our CSC in a more competitive and strategic position within the medical fraternity in Hong Kong.

### **Trainee Committee**

To strengthen the communication between trainees and the College, a Trainee Committee has been formed. To ensure the trainees' voice is heard, the Committee is composed of a trainee representative from each training centre, the Training Officer and a council representative. The committee directly reports to the Council. The roles and the duties of the committee are:

- To consider matters referred by Council and College Boards, and to provide feedback or make comments on issues related to trainees affairs;
- To have consultation with trainees regarding issues related to training and education;
- To facilitate communication between the College and trainees.

The Council would like to express their gratitude to Dr Henry Wong and Dr Desmond Lam for their effort towards the formation of the Committee.

## **International Relations and activities**

The HKCA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA) on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2016 in Hong Kong. The areas of collaboration include education, examination and Train-the-Trainers Workshop. By collaborating with the RCoA, the HKCA intends to further develop Hong Kong's anaesthetic workforce in its widest sense: from building the knowledge base of individual practitioners, developing standards of practice to policy developments for the ultimate benefit of patients.

The HKCA delegation paid a visit to the RCoA on 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The visit included various meetings to review the new HKCA curriculum, discuss outlines of a programme for the Train-the-Trainer Workshop and implement the FRCA Final MCQ in Hong Kong to be conducted from 2018. Meetings with RCoA trainees and Vice-Dean of the Faculty of ICM, attendance at the SAQ standard setting meeting, live demonstration of workplace based assessment and visit of the ICM training centre at the Royal Brompton Hospital are highlights which made the overall visitation such a success.

We have also been in contact with the Australasian and New Zealand College (ANZCA) through teleconferences with their president and officials to explore actively various areas which we may collaborate. We will have a clearer picture on some of these areas of collaboration in due course, which may cover areas in examination, training and education.

We also conducted a teleconference with the president of the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland (CAI) to explore potential areas of collaboration, which may include areas such as pain medicine, examination, simulation and research.

The college will strive to improve our standard and image in the international stage. Through the hard work of my colleagues we have ensured that we are engaged in continuous dialogue with various international colleges to work for improvement in our standards in education, training and research.

## **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 and members from the public, private and academic sectors for their continuous contributions.

Our college also showed active support to activities held by the HKAM during the last two years. Examples of such participation include symposium on disaster preparedness, simulator-related programmes, meeting with Chinese health officials, organ donation campaigns and other public activities.

## **Relationship with China**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Cross Straits Four Region Anaesthesia Safely Forum was held in Macau where a group of our representatives attended.

## **College Finance**

The College finance is healthy and resources will be directed to help achieve better support for our colleagues in holding future examinations and implementation of the upcoming curriculum reforms.

## **Acknowledgement**

I am very much indebted to the council for their unfailing support and contribution to the College, especially to Prof. Chi-Wai Cheung and Dr C H Koo (Vice-Presidents) , Dr. Simon Chan (Honorary Secretary), Dr. Anne Leung (Honorary Treasurer), and Chairpersons of all Boards and Committees.

My special thanks go to the staff working at the College office including Ms Kristy Cheung, Ms. Fonia Lam, Ms Dorothy Liu and Ms. Kitty Cheung as well as the hard working staff at the NTEC Simulation and Training Centre. We also would like to thank our Honorary Legal Advisor, Mr. Peter Man, for his invaluable legal advice. Last but not least, I wish to thank all members and fellows, examiners, SOTs, facilitators, advisors who have contributed during the year to support us.

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President  
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