

The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

Council Report, 2017-2018

On behalf of the Council, I would like to report some of highlights of last year.

Implementation of New Training Curriculum

2018 has been the historic year for the College as the new competency based training curriculum has been endorsed by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and was implemented on 1st July 2018. The new curriculum consists of 7 core modules and 13 specialty modules together with various workplace based assessments. A new electronic portfolio system has been developed to cater for the workplace based assessments. The Council would like to express their gratitude to the members of the Curriculum and Examination Review Working Group for their tremendous time and effort spent in development of the new curriculum.

Intensive Care Medicine

A Working Group on the Joint Curriculum in Intensive Care Medicine has been formed to develop a combined curriculum for the training of specialists in intensive care medicine. The Working Group is composed of the representatives from Critical Care Medicine of HK College of Physicians, Hong Kong Society of Critical Care Medicine and Board of Intensive Care Medicine of the HKCA.

Pain Medicine

The Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM) of Australasian and New Zealand College (ANZCA) training programme will be continued in Hong Kong. To strengthen our collaboration with FPM ANZCA, the Board of Pain Medicine and FPM of ANZCA will jointly organise a scientific meeting in pain medicine in Hong Kong in 2020, and three HKCA fellows have been nominated to be members of the organising committee for the FPM Spring Meeting to take place on 19-21 October 2018 in Cairns.

Clinical Simulation Committee (CSC)

Following the Strategic Planning meeting in June 2017, Council has formed a HKCA Simulation Development Taskforce to review the governance structure and recommend to the Council the future direction of simulation-based education and training. The terms of reference of the new CSC are to:

- report to the Council;
- optimize resources related to simulation to fulfil needs of education, assessment, research and systems integration for fellows and trainees
- ensure quality of instructors, course design, development and implementation
- collaborate with local & overseas institutes and stakeholders in relation to simulation.

Scientific Committee

In order to encourage scientific research in Hong Kong, a Scientific Committee has been established under HKCA. The main aim of the Scientific Committee is to support research in Hong Kong. Advice as well as support in conducting research will be offered to fellows and members. International collaboration is also encouraged in order to maintain our international status. ANZCA will have a member joining the committee who will also help to assess the formal projects of our trainees.

International Relations and Activities

The HKCA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ANZCA on 11th September 2017 in Hong Kong. The areas of collaboration include education, examinations, research and a combined scientific meeting expected to be held in Hong Kong in 2022.

The HKCA has been working closely with The Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA) since the signing of the MoU, with RCoA sharing their views and feedback on the HKCA new curriculum. Two Train-the-trainers Workshops were held on 13th -14th and 16th October 2017 with the help of RCoA to share their insights and experience of workplace base assessment with the fellows of the College. The first FRCA Final MCQ was held on 6th March 2018 in Hong Kong.

The College will strive to improve our visibility and image on the international stage. Through the hard work of our 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.

Relationship with China

The 7th Cross Straits Four Regions Anaesthesia Safety Forum was held in Wuhan which a group of our representatives attended.

College Finances

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

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President
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