

The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

Council Report, 2018-2019

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

Anaesthesiology

The new competency based training curriculum has been implemented for a year. To encourage trainers to conduct Workplace Based Assessment (WBA) with trainees, CME point is accredited for being an appraiser for WBA. In addition, a workshop will be organised in December 2019 for frontline trainers from all training centres to enhance their skills and knowledge on conducting WBAs.

An examiner's workshop conducted by Prof Matthew Chan was held on 18th August 2018 at Prince of Wales Hospital. It covered the examination format, examining technique, marking and setting examination questions.

Intensive Care Medicine

Both Board of Intensive Care Medicine (ICM), of HKCA and Board of Critical Care Medicine (CCM), of the Hong Kong College of Physicians, share the same view of the importance of having a joint training curriculum to align with the curricula of ICM, and CCM. Hence the Working Group on the Joint Curriculum in Intensive Care Medicine decided to develop a joint training curriculum, by sharing the resources between the two Colleges, which would be beneficial to the future development of ICM training in Hong Kong.

An app has been developed to replace the logbook for capturing the attendance of trainees at the ICM tutorial.

Pain Medicine

The relationship between Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM) of Australian and New Zealand College (ANZCA) and HKCA remains strong. The inaugural Spring Meeting in Pain Medicine collaborated by FPM ANZCA and HKCA was held in Cairns, Australia on 19th –21st October 2018. The College would like to express heartfelt gratitude to the contributions of the members of Organising Committee including Dr Timmy Chan, Dr Tony Ng and Dr Clara Wong, and the speakers including Dr Wing-sang Chan, Prof Chi-wai Cheung, Dr Huey-sing Lim and Dr Steven Wong. The preparations for the next Spring Meeting to be held in Hong Kong on 26th – 27th September 2020 are underway.

Clinical Simulation Committee (CSC)

A new Clinical Simulation Committee (CSC) was formed in 2018. With the formation of the new CSC, it was hoped that HKCA would continue to lead the medical simulation in Hong Kong by organising high standard courses, promoting research and development for anaesthesiologists and health professionals in the pursuit of patient safety and quality healthcare. The members of the Committee include:

Chair: Dr Benny Cheng

Vice-chair: Dr Patricia Kan

Ex-officio: Prof Cheung Chi Wai, Dr Anne Leung

Members:

Dr Albert Chan

Dr Yu-Fat Chow

Dr Leonard Sin

Dr Kenny Chan

Dr Carmen Lam

Dr Hing-Yu So

Dr Phoon-Ping Chen

Dr Chung-Wai Lau

The College appreciate the Committee members' contribution and support.

Echocardiography Committee

Focused echocardiography has been incorporated into the new competency based training curriculum. Echocardiography Committee have provided e-learning platform and have organised workshop to facilitate the training. The College's echocardiography dual simulator has been rotated to the College's training centres (in cluster based) during November 2018 to June 2019 for training. By July 2019, 42

echocardiography trainers working in HA have been accredited for the purpose of workplace focused echocardiography supervision. The College has sponsored additional 24 trainers to attend the Train-the-trainer Course co-organised with CUHK.

International Relations and Activities

The College has maintained strong external relationships with the international colleges since the Memoranda of Understanding were established with Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA), The College of Anaesthesiologists of Ireland (CAI) and Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA). Prof CW Cheung, President, Dr Simon Chan, Honorary Secretary, Dr John Low, Council Member and Ms Kristy Cheung, the CEO of the College had meetings with the Presidents and the CEOs of ANZCA, CAI and RCoA in Kuala Lumpur during ANZCA Annual Scientific Meeting. More international activities will be undertaken in partnership with the international colleges in near future.

Dr Meredith Craigie, Dean of Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM) ANZCA paid us a visit in August 2018. Dr Craigie has reinforced that the relationship is of mutual benefit between FPM and HKCA, in particular around pain education and training, examination, continued medical education.

Dr Rodney Mitchell, President of ANZCA, and Dr Vanessa Beavis, Vice-President of ANZCA, paid us a visit during 8th -10th May 2019 and engaged in constructive discussion with our fellows and trainees. The discussions explored the potential collaborations and partnerships between the two Colleges on different areas such as joint academic events and cooperation on policy level.

The 2nd Tripartite Meeting co-badged with the RCoA, the CAI and the HKCA will be held in Manchester, United Kingdom on 18th – 20th May 2020. RCoA will be responsible for organising the 2nd Tripartite Meeting with the input from the CAI and the HKCA.

Relationship with China

The 8th Cross Straits Four Regions Anaesthesia Safety Forum was held in Fuzhou, China in which a group of our representatives participated.

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.

Acknowledgement

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Professor Chi-Wai Cheung
President
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