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Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

President's Report, 2001-2002

On behalf of the Council, I would like to summarise in this report the work done in the last year and highlight our plans for the future.

Anaesthesiology training

The training and examination systems in anaesthesiology have been running smoothly. However, there will be future challenges.

The Hospital Authority is in the process of re-organizing its services. Public hospitals will be grouped into 5 mega-clusters. A cluster chief executive will control the clinical services within each cluster. Cluster chiefs of service will be responsible for their specialty within the cluster. Much rationalization and re-organization of services will take place. Certain specialized services will only be provided in a limited number of dedicated centers. It is anticipated that the pace of change will be rapid. Long term employment of newer trainees employed on contract terms will not be guaranteed. These changes will not only affect delivery of services, but will also affect the training and experience of future trainees. In view of these imminent changes, the Education Committee and Accreditation Committee have defined areas of core experiences. A review of logbooks of newly admitted fellows is currently being conducted to provide information on the actual exposure of trainees. In order to safeguard adequate experience for future trainees, modification of the current rotation may be necessary. In order to prepare for these future changes, an in training assessment system will be introduced. The Education Committee is also considering means to improve the effectiveness of the logbook in documenting the experience of trainees. One possible option is to introduce an electronic logbook. A software solution is being actively considered.

Intensive Care Training

Training programme in intensive care continued to run smoothly. A final examination is scheduled for early next year.

The Intensive Care Committee has completed drafting a guideline on withdrawing and limitation of active treatment.

Pain management training

A Dip Pain Mgt examination will be held in early September 2002. The format of the examination will remain the same presently but there is discussion to develop pain medicine training and examination further over the next few years in order to qualify for subspecialty recognition. The Pain Management Committee has also continued to coordinate the quarterly Pain SIG meetings which are being hosted in turns by the different pain units.

Arrangement is currently being made for a meeting between the Pain Management Committee and the Board of Faculty of Pain Medicine of ANZCA during the ANZCA ASM in Brisbane. This will provide an opportunity for a continued dialogue and may lead to future collaboration. In the last year several of our pain trainees and diplomates were attached to the training units in Perth, Adelaide and Sydney.

Guidelines

Dr. Anne Kwan and the guidelines committee have recently reviewed all the College guidelines and made necessary revisions to keep them up to date. Those that were revised will be included in the April issue of the newsletter. A complete set of updated guidelines will be circulated to all members, fellows, and hospitals that perform operations. In order to be environmentally friendly and to save the cost of printing and postage, it will be recorded in PDF format in a CD ROM. They will also be posted on the College homepage.

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

CME is a legal requirement for medical specialists in Hong Kong. Despite the initial teething problems, our College CME programme has been running smoothly. The vast majority of fellows have little problem with achieving the requirements. There has not been much development at the Academy on CPD recently. Please rest assured that the experience of implementing CME would be incorporated into the process of developing CPD.

Optional CME programmes for non-specialists have been started. The Academy has been appointed CME provider and administrator. As a constituent College, we will participate and provide some lectures specifically for non-specialists.

The Medical Council will soon announce the requirement for all medical practitioners to have mandatory CME for renewal of annual practicing certificate. There will be a mechanism for reinstatement. The lead time before implementation will be 2-3 years.

The 2001 Combined Scientific Meeting was held successfully under the leadership of Dr. John Low. This was followed by an equally successful satellite symposium in Beijing. These occasions provided an excellent opportunity for exchange of ideas and development of friendship with colleagues from the overseas and from the mainland.

Preparation for the 2002 Annual Scientific Meeting going at full speed with Dr. Simon Chan leading the team. Some details are announced in the April newsletter.

Institute for Clinical Simulation (ICS)

After much hard work of the staff at the North District Hospitals and fellows who have contributed their time to be instructors, the ICS went into full operation in November 2001. Dr. Brendan Flanagan kindly came from Melbourne to help us with our first 5 Anaesthesia Crisis Resources Management (ACRM) courses. Difficult airway management workshops were also conducted at the excellent facility of the ICS. ACRM courses will be conducted once a month. Fellows and trainees are encouraged to enroll in groups of four and bring their own anaesthetic assistants so that the experience can be brought back to their workplace. However, the course is not limited to groups. There are always individuals that can be put together for a workshop. It may just take some time to build up the number for a group.

The ACRM concentrates mainly on the behavioural and psychological aspects of crisis management. ANZCA has developed a course named Effective Management of Anaesthetic Crisis (EMAC). This course consists of 5 half-day modules. It concentrates more on the medical/technical aspects of management of various types of anaesthetic crisis. It is envisaged that this course will complement the ACRM. Trainees registered with ANZCA will be required to take either EMAC or ATLS. At the time of writing this report, ANZCA has just started to roll out this course and to accredit simulator centres. Our College is in communication with ANZCA to find ways of bringing this course to the ICS in Hong Kong. This will not only benefit ANZCA trainees but our own trainees and fellows also.

Setup of the ICS was funded by the North District Hospital. The visit of Dr. Brendan Flanagan was sponsored by the Hospital Authority as part of 2001 commissioned training. It is unlikely that further public funding will be available. It is anticipated that significant resources will be required for maintenance and upgrade of the equipment and training of EMAC instructors. This will only be possible and justified if there is adequate utilization of ICS. If you have attended any courses at the ICS and find them useful, please encourage your friends to enroll with the courses. This is the best way to support the ICS.

Relationship with China

It has become quite obvious that Hong Kong and the mainland will be one entity after the return of sovereignty. The pace will probably be faster than most people anticipated in 1997. The medical profession is less affected due to the historical segregation and different registration requirements. For the same reason there is very little understanding between our mainland colleagues and us. It is thus important to nurture a relationship to enhance dialogue and mutual understanding.

Some council members of both the College and Society made a visit to Beijing and Shanghai in 1998. Initial contact with the core people of the Chinese Society of Anaesthesiology was established. As we got to know each other better, some collaborative activities are being initiated. Some Fellows were appointed to the editorial boards of their national anaesthesia journals. The satellite symposium after the CSM in 2001 was held in Beijing. More activities are being planned.

There will be a joint scientific meeting in Guangzhou from 19 to 21 July 2002. Anaesthetists from Hong Kong, Guang Dong, Taiwan and Macau will take part. There will be refresher course lectures given by speakers from all 4 regions on 20 July, which is a Saturday. Hospital visits will be arranged on the Sunday morning. The programme is organized to facilitate participants from Hong Kong to attend on the Saturday and Sunday only, if they prefer. This will provide a good opportunity for us to have a better understanding of anaesthesia practice in the mainland. Details of the meeting are enclosed in the April newsletter.

The Chinese anaesthesiologists hold regular annual scientific meeting. A different city is chosen each year. The meeting of 2001 was held in Kunming and was attended by over 1,000 delegates. The trade exhibition was very impressive. In 2002 the national meeting will take place in Nanjing. Tentative dates will be around 14-15 September. Fellows and members are encouraged to take part. Attending the national meeting will be quite different from the experience of the joint meeting in Guangzhou. As this meeting is not catered for an international audience, it is unlikely that announcements will be made overseas. Fellows and members who are interested can contact the College for more details.

International Relations

Our College has always maintained a close relationship with anaesthesiologists from the rest of the world. External examiners from Australasia and the United Kingdoms not only help the conduct of examinations but also enhance our traditional link. Throughout the year, lectures delivered by overseas speakers are organized. The CSM in 2001 was an important event not only for the relationship between our college and ANZCA but also allowed us to establish friendship and renew acquaintance with colleagues from Europe and North America. In 2003, our ASM will be held in conjunction with the Asian Oceanic Society of Anaesthetic Pharmacology (previously Asian Oceanic Society of Intravenous Anaesthesia). Professor Mike Irwin will lead the team for preparation of this meeting. Prominent speakers from Europe and North America will be invited. Professor Eagar has tentatively agreed to be one of the speakers. It is hoped that this meeting will attract delegates from Australasia, South East Asia, Korea and Japan.

In many areas of business, Hong Kong serves as a conduit between the mainland and the outside world. We have the advantages of well built infra structure and long held relationship with overseas organizations. In anaesthesiology, we can serve the same role. By helping with improving the exposure and communication of mainland colleagues with the outside world, hopefully the inevitable future merger with the mainland will be smoother. It was with this in mind that the satellite symposium in Beijing in last year was organized.

Our College is currently providing logistics support for the preparation of a trauma management course named Primary Trauma Care (PTC) to be conducted in 4 cities in China. This is a course designed for developing countries that originated from a group of anaesthesiologists/intensivists based in Oxford. The contact between PTC executives and mainland anaesthesiologists was established during the satellite symposium last year. An instructor course will be conducted in Hong Kong in May and will be followed by provider and instructor courses in Xian, Kunming, Shanghai and Beijing. Funding of these courses will be provided by Australian Society of Anaesthetists. There will be 14 instructors from Hong Kong, including our own fellows, emergency physicians and some surgeons. Most of them are experienced ATLS instructors. One of the founders of this course, Dr. Doug Wilkinson, will address our college at the AGM in May.

Discussion is currently underway to obtain permission from international anaesthetic journals for Chinese translation of their abstracts to be put on our College website. It is anticipated that we will provide the liaison with editorial boards of these journals and the website. The translation will be performed by mainland colleagues. Hopefully this will enhance the flow of information to mainland anaesthesiologists, particularly those practicing in more remote areas.

College finances

As you can see from the financial report, College finance is in good shape. Due to the good attendance, the College made a small surplus after the CSM. As the number of candidates increased, examinations produced small surplus in the last few years. The main expenses were incurred in the maintenance of the College chamber and full time administrative support. These were necessary for the smooth running of the College. The Council will make every effort to ensure that College funds are used purposefully and judiciously.

The homepage

Our webmaster, Dr. P.T. Chui is doing an excellent job of maintaining the homepage. Useful links to resources such as journals and other relevant organizations are provided. It will serve an important function if we can put Chinese translation of journal abstracts on the homepage for the benefit of our mainland colleagues.

Acknowledgements

I am very much indebted to the Council for their support, especially to Dr. P.T. Chui, Hon. Secretary, Dr. Theresa Hui, Hon Treasurer, the Vice-Presidents Dr. John Liu and Professor Tony Gin, Newsletter Editor Dr. Timmy Yuen and Chairpersons of all Boards and Committees. I wish to express my heart felt gratitude to them. They have dedicated much of their precious time to the College. Special thanks must go to Mr. Daniel Tso, our Administrative Executive, who runs the College with admirable efficiency and thoroughness. Lastly we must also thank our Honorary Legal Advisor, Mr. Peter Man for offering us invaluable advice on legal issues.

Dr. T. W. Lee
President
April 2002

Reports from ICS Management Committee

The ICS is now in full function. An airway workshop was held at the ICS in February 2002 and was attended by more than 10 trainees and fellows. The participants all enjoyed the workshop and found a lot of the hands-on sessions of the workshop very interesting experience.

We are also running regular monthly Anaesthetic Crisis Resource Management (ACRM) courses at the ICS now. The first one was held in March 2002. Each workshop can accommodate 4 anaesthesiologists (trainees or fellows) and 2-3 nurses or anaesthetic assistants that come with the anaesthesiologists. We are now booked up to June. Please book early if you want to have your own course soon. We particularly encourage group booking, i.e. come with your friends and colleagues in groups of 4.

This year's ASM will also hold an airway workshop called the SPASM at the ICS. Please consult your ASM brochures for more information.

We look forward to seeing you at the ICS.

Dr KF Ng
Secretary
ICS Management Committee

Annual Scientific Meeting in Anaesthesiology 2002

1 - 3 November 2002
Hong Kong



The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists



The Society of Anaesthetists of Hong Kong

Invitation

Dear friends and colleagues

The Annual Scientific Meeting for 2002 jointly organized by the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists and the Society of Anaesthetists of Hong Kong will be from 1 November 2002 (Friday) to 3 November 2002 (Sunday) at the Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel & Towers, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Theme for the Annual Scientific Meeting 2002 will be "New Frontiers". As the frontiers of medical knowledge are being pushed further outwards as time goes on, we would need to continue to update ourselves for the latest knowledge and technology in Anaesthesia, Pain Medicine and Intensive Care. This forthcoming year's Annual Scientific Meeting will offer a comprehensive scientific programme of Workshops, Refresher Course, Lectures and Symposia covering various topical issues. Overseas speakers prominent in their sub-specialty field together with respected local speakers will be invited.

On behalf of the organizing committee, we look forward to seeing you in November 2002 for this academic but yet exciting and memorable meeting.

Dr. T. W. Lee
President
The Hong Kong College
of Anaesthesiologists

Dr. Simon Chan
Chairman
Organizing Committee

Dr. Y. F. Chow
President
The Society of Anaesthetists
of Hong Kong

Organizing Committee

Chairman:	Dr. Simon Chan		
Scientific Sub-Committee:	Prof. Michael Irwin	Dr. W. H. Kwok	Dr. Bassanio Law
	Dr. Monica Lee	Dr. Vivian Ng	Dr. Tommy Suen
	Dr. Andrew Wong	Dr. Wendy Wong	Dr. Florence Yap
Health Industry Liaison Sub-Committee:	Dr. T. Y. Chan	Dr. S. K. Ng	Dr. Steven Wong
Publicity & Social Sub-Committee:	Dr. T. Y. Chan		
Honorary Advisors:	Dr. Y. F. Chow	Dr. C. T. Hung	Dr. T. W. Lee

Guest Faculty

Dr. Neil Morton

Consultant in Paediatric Anaesthesia & Intensive Care, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, United Kingdom

Dr. William Sibbald

Professor, Department of Medicine & Critical Care, University of Toronto, Canada

Call for Abstracts

The Scientific Sub-Committee of the Annual Scientific Meeting in Anaesthesiology 2002 cordially invites you to submit abstracts for oral presentations. Presentation of abstract at this Meeting may be considered for recognition as a formal project requirement for trainees in anaesthesiology of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists and the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists. A prize will be awarded for the best trainee abstract presented at the Meeting. Abstract must be submitted in English and typed on the official abstract form. The length of the abstract should not be longer than 250 words. A computer generated Times New Roman 12 point font is recommended. The abstract should contain a summarised description of the following: 1. objective of the study 2. methodology 3. results 4. conclusion. Please send the completed abstract to the Secretariat. All abstracts must be accompanied by payment of appropriate registration fee. The deadline for submission of abstract is **31 August 2002**.

Programme

	1 Nov 2002		2 Nov 2002			3 Nov 2002	
Morning	off-site Simulator-based Practical Airway Scenarios Management (SPASM) Workshop	off-site Renal Replacement Workshop	Refresher Course (Part II)	Anatomy Workshop	Neuro- monitoring Workshop	Medical Legal Session	
						Keynote Lecture II	
						Plenary Session II	
						Free Paper Session I	Free Paper Session II
Afternoon	off-site Simulator-based Practical Airway Scenarios Management (SPASM) Workshop	off-site Renal Replacement Workshop	Opening Ceremony			Problem-based Learning Session	ICU Symposium
			Keynote Lecture I				
			Plenary Session I			Plenary Session III	
						Closing Ceremony	
Evening			HKCA Congregation				
			HKCA Congregation Dinner				

Academic Accreditations

CME accreditations have been accredited from the following academic institutions:

	SPASM Workshop	Renal Replacement Workshop	Refresher Course	Anatomy Workshop	Neuro- monitoring Workshop	Meeting
Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists	5 points per hour	18 points	9 points	9 points	9 points	28 points
College of Surgeons of Hong Kong	6 points	6 points	3 points	3 points	3 points	9 points
Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists	3 points	3 points	3 points	3 points	3 points	10 points
Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine	1 point	1 point	2 points	1 point	1 point	6 points
Royal College of Anaesthetists	1 point per hour	5 points	2.5 points	2.5 points	2.5 points	7.5 points

Secretariat

The Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong
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Venue

Ballroom, 3rd Floor
Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel & Towers
20 Nathan Road, Tsimshatsui
Kowloon, Hong Kong

Official Abstract Form

Abstract must be prepared on this abstract form. One hard copy and an electronic copy (file saved on a 3.5 inches PC computer diskette) should be sent to the secretariat by **31 August 2002**. Photocopies of the abstract form will also be accepted.

Title of abstract : _____

Author (s) : _____

Presenter : Prof. / Dr. / Mr. / Ms. _____
Firstname Lastname

Trainee : Yes No

Department : _____

Organization : _____

Address : _____

Tel : _____ Fax : _____

E-mail : _____

Recruitment of examiners 2002

The College is in the process of enlarging the pool of examiners and invites applicants for examinerships. The precise number of examiners is not yet known but envisage approximately:

Two to four Intermediate examiners and two to four Final examiners.

The applicants should be Fellows of the College, and have the following features:

- 1) Five years after Fellowships from the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists.
- 2) Interested and is experienced in teaching trainees in basic science and/or clinical anaesthesia courses
- 3) Previous scholastic achievements and experience as examiner are welcome.
- 4) Had visited FHKCA examination within two years of application.

The Board would prefer that the new examiners be recruited to the Intermediate examination in the first instance, although applicants are welcome to indicate their interest (Intermediate physiology or pharmacology; Final) on the application form.

Please send the completed application form to Mr Daniel Tso at the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists at Room 807, HKAM Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong. The applications will be treated as confidential.

Board of Examination



The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists
APPLICATION FORM FOR EXAMINERSHIP

Applications must be type written or completed in legible block letters

For office use:

Acknowledged

Informed

NAME (English in Full)

Given

Family

NAME (Chinese)

DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YEAR)

ADDRESSES

Work

Home

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND E-MAIL ADDRESS

Work

Home

E-mail

Please indicate your preference:

Physiology

Pharmacology

Both

Should vacancy arise, would you wish to consider examining in the Final HKCA

Fellowship Examination

Yes

No

QUALIFICATIONS (with dates)

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CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION UP-TO-DATE:

YES

NO

SPECIAL SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS (Prizes, awards etc with dates)

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PRESENT AND PAST HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS

(post-Fellowship only with dates)

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EXPERIENCE IN CONDUCTING TRAINING AND EXAMINATIONS (with dates)

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LOCAL AND OVERSEAS COLLEGE EXAMINATIONS VISITED WITHIN 2 YEARS OF APPLYING (with dates)

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SPECIAL CLINICAL INTERESTS

PUBLICATIONS — (Include only those obtained after the fellowship and with particular relevance to training, education or basic sciences)

REFEREES (Name and contact address of 2 referees. Do not append reference letters)

Name:

Title and Post:

Work Address:

Work Phones:

Name:

Title and Post:

Work Address:

Work Phones:

RETURN THE FORM TO: Mr. Daniel Tso, Administrative Executive, Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists, Room 807, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong
Telephone: 852-28718833 Fax: 852-28141029 Email: office@hkca.edu.hk

Guidelines Committee

Guidelines T1 to T7, and P1 to P17 are reviewed. The following amendments are recommended:

T2

"3.6.2 Non-invasive blood pressure measuring device with appropriate sized cuffs"

to replace

"3.6.2 A sphygmomanometer with appropriate sized cuffs."

T6

"1.1 The anaesthetic record is It should record, in a simple and logical manner, either electronically or by hand, all aspects of anaesthetic..."

to replace

" 1.1 The anaesthetic record is It should record, in a simple and logical manner, all aspects of anaesthetic..."

P1

"3.9 Gas monitor

Equipment to monitor the concentration of inhaled anaesthetics must be in use for every patient undergoing general anaesthesia from an anaesthetic delivery system where volatile anaesthetic agents are available. Automatic agent identification should be available on new monitors.

4.0 Other Equipment

When clinically indicated, equipment to monitor other physiological variables should be available."

to replace

"3.9 Other Equipment

When clinically indicated, equipment to monitor other physiological variables should be available."

P3

"3.1.3 Non-invasive blood pressure measuring device with appropriate sized cuffs"

to replace

"3.1.3 A sphygmomanometer with appropriate sized cuffs."

P9

"6.2.3 non-invasive blood pressure measuring device with appropriate sized cuffs"

to replace

"6.2.3 aneroid sphygmomanometer [not mercurial]"

Feb 2002

Board of Censors

Admission of new Fellows and Members

FHKCA (Anaesthesiology) By Examination:

NAME	FHKCA (ANA)
Dr. Yick, Fung Yi	20020220
Dr. Yuen, Man-kwong	20020220
Dr. Lau, Wing-man	20011122

MHKCA

NAME	MHKCA
Dr. Lee, Ka Yee Phoebe	20020109
Dr. Lo, Chor Kwan	20020109
Dr. Wong, Kenneth Yee Kan	20020109
Dr. Kong, Kau Fung Vincent	20020109
Dr. Caves, Natalie Dawn	20020109
Dr. Khoo, Chung Beng	20020327

Dip Pain Mgt (HKCA)

Dr. Mak, Peter Hon Kwong	20020327
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Recruitment for Basic Science Course

We are looking for fellow anaesthetists who are interested in the education of next generation anaesthetist. Currently the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists is organising tutorial courses for candidates taking the Intermediate Examination. If you are interested in giving lectures for topics in physiology and pharmacology or as a mock viva examiner, please contact Mr Daniel Tso at 28718833 during office hours or by e-mail(office@hkca.edu.hk) with your name, contact number and topic of interest.

Thank you for your attention.

Basic Science Course- Organiser
Dr CH Koo
QEH