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**Congratulation to Professor Peter Kam
New Book: A Guide to Pain Management
Do you want your masterpiece at the cover?**

Photos taken at March/ April Final Examinations

(Circulation restricted to members & fellows only)

Editorial

Much thanks to the work of the editorial board, hopefully you will see a gradual enrichment of content from this issue onwards. Starting from the covering page, I hope using a photo as the background would be welcomed by most of you. The idea of incorporation of a FORUM section in future is covered in this issue. Considering the lack of any clerical/ technical support, the development of the newsletter is well in its infancy and your input and suggestions are most needed.

Dr. Timmy Yuen

Instruction to Contributors

We welcome contributions from invited guests and members/ fellows of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists. Articles should be prepared with suitable word processing softwares. Figures, table, pictures and photo- micrographs should be saved in the same file. The file could be sent either by e-mail or by post (on a floppy disc or CD) to the Editor. Please indicate if the material has to be returned after the editing processing. The article would be printed in the same way as it is submitted. The accuracy of the materials published is the responsibility of the contributors. The contributors must ensure that the materials submitted do not infringe copyright. The board reserves the editorial right for selection of publication.

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Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

Message from the President

On behalf of the Council, I wish to report to you on the following:

Institute of Clinical Simulation

Monthly ACRM workshops are being conducted. Members and fellows are encouraged to take advantage of this unique training facility. While registration in a group of four is encouraged, individual participants can be paired up with other individuals. It is also desirable to bring your regular anaesthetic assistants to the course. This will enhance the team work involved in crisis management.

The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists has developed a simulator based course called 'Effective Management of Anaesthetic Crisis' (EMAC). It consists of 5 half day modules. It is complementary to ACRM as it concentrates on the medical technical aspects on the management of various situations such as cardiovascular events, airway problems or trauma, while ACRM addresses behavioural issues of crisis management. EMAC is now being rolled out to simulation centres in Australasia. Council is considering bringing this course to Hong Kong because it will also benefit our trainees and fellows. However, there are some unsettled issues such as training of instructors and royalties to be considered before a decision can be made.

ASM 2002/2003

Organisation of the coming ASM in 2002 is progressing well. Invited speakers were confirmed.

Prof. Irwin is actively investigating possible venues for ASM 2003, which will be a joint meeting with Asian Oceanic Society of Anaesthetic Pharmacology. Preparation for the conference will soon start.

Joint meeting on Anaesthesia & Pain Medicine with Guangdong, Taiwan and Macau

The meeting will be held at Guangzhou from 18 to 21 July. There will be a refresher course on 19 July. Four speakers from Hong Kong namely, Professor Mike Irwin, Professor Anthony Ho, Dr. C. T. Hung and Dr. T. W. Lee will contribute to the refresher course. A hospital visit will be arranged on the Sunday morning.

Primary Trauma Care

The 'primary trauma care', which is a course based in Oxford that aims at introducing a trauma management system to developing countries, has conducted courses in China in May 2002. This project was funded by the Australian Society of Anaesthetists. Instructors were recruited from fellows of our College and the College of Emergency Physicians. Our College provided administrative support in Hong Kong. A 2 day instructor course was run at the Prince of Wales Hospital and was followed by courses in Xian, Shanghai, Kunming and Beijing.



It appears that our mainland colleagues are often not involved in the front line management of trauma. Hence if future courses can be conducted in China, it will be likely to be in conjunction with emergency physicians. Contribution from our fellows will still be important as we do have a wealth of experience in trauma management and teaching.



CME/CPD

In its recent newsletter, the Hong Kong Medical Council has made announcement for the requirement of satisfactory CME to renew annual practicing certificates. Further details will be sent to all medical practitioners in Hong Kong. Although it will be several years before implementation, Members and Fellows are encouraged to stay informed.

College Website

We have recently changed to a new Internet Service Provider, which offers a wider range of service at a lower rate. The transition took place in end of May and early June. It appeared to be smooth. If there are any problems with accessing the website or e-mails of the College, please inform the secretariat.

The Chinese Society of Anaesthesiology has recently agreed to put translated abstracts of the journal 'Anesthesia & Analgesia' on our College homepage. Permission from the publisher was obtained earlier. This will hopefully increase the transmission of up date information to our mainland colleagues. It will also make our College more well known to them.

ASM 2002 : “SPASM” (Simulator Produced Airway Crisis Management Workshop)

Cost : \$500

Time : 1000-1300 hours, 1400-1700 hours (repeat session)

Date : 1 Nov, 2002 (Friday)

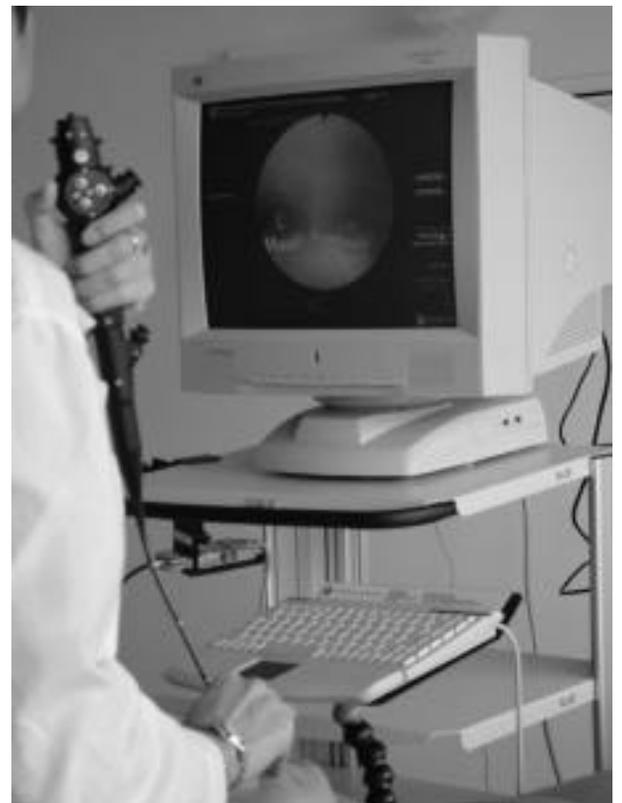
Venue : The Institute of Clinical Simulation, North District Hospital

CME : HKCA 3 points, ANZCA 15 points, RCA 3 points

SPASM is an interactive workshop that provides opportunities to learn, practice and polish up skills related to airway management in patients with predicted or unpredicted difficult airways. Modular approach is adopted in the workshop, with special emphasis on hands-on experience. Participants shall rotate through four different stations after a video-briefing session. These include a practical session on the SIMMAN Simulator for airway crisis scenario management, virtual bronchoscopy training on computer model, practice bronchoscopy on pig's lungs including trial removal of foreign bodies and also demonstration of physiological models of airway with the METI Simulator. Previous airway workshops had proved to be great success with very enthusiastic feedback from participants. Early registration is recommended as places will be limited.



Airway scenario using the SIMMAN



Trainee practicing virtual bronchoscopy

Important Notice to all HKCA Anaesthesiology trainees who are also ANZCA trainees:

Recently ANZCA has re-defined the list of activities that could be recognised as Formal Projects, and this list contains certain activities that are NOT recognised by HKCA as Formal Projects. After extensive debate at the Education Committee and subsequently at College Council, HKCA has resolved to keep to the present list of activities recognised as Formal Projects, as detailed in the HKCA "Guidelines for Completion of the Formal Project" document. Trainees who want to use the same project to satisfy the Project Requirement of both HKCA and ANZCA have to take note of the differences in the definition of a "Formal Project" of both Colleges. You may have to seek the advice from the respective Project Officer (HKCA: Dr. Chandra Rodrigo; ANZCA: Dr. Matthew Chan) for further queries.

Dr CT Hung

Chairman

Board of Education

Report from Intensive Care Committee

Inspections of Intensive Care Units within various hospitals have been carried out in the past year. The following hospitals have been accredited for training in Intensive Care for the qualification of FHKCA(Anae): Prince of Wales Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital, Yan Chai Hospital, Pamela Youde Nethersole Hospital, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Tai Po Nethersole Hospital, Tuen Mun Hospital and North District Hospital. No limit will be placed on the number of trainees in each unit for this purpose. The following hospitals have been accredited for training in Intensive Care for the qualification of FHKCA(IC): Prince of Wales Hospital, Yan Chai Hospital, Pamela Youde Nethersole Hospital, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Tuen Mun Hospital, Tai Po Nethersole Hospital and North District Hospital. The Prince of Wales Hospital duration of training will be two years while all other hospitals accredited for training will be of one year. The number of trainees approved will be three for the Prince of Wales Hospital, two for Queen Elizabeth Hospital and one for all other hospitals.

During the three year basic training period, the two years of training in anaesthesia should be in anaesthesia training posts. This is because if a trainee completes Intensive Care training and subsequently wishes to complete anaesthesia training then by occupying training positions in their prevocational years on returning to complete anaesthesia training, the trainee will be not be disadvantaged.

The 2002 Final Examination for the Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists (Intensive Care) will be held on the 11th November 2002 (written) and the 7th of December, 2002 (Oral/Clinical/Investigations). Closing dates for application will be 30th September, 2002.

College guidelines regarding limitation of therapy in critically ill patients can be found on the College Website.

Application for registration as a vocational trainee in Intensive Care is required by the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists. Application forms can be obtained from the College Office.

Dr Tom Buckley

Chairman

ICU Committee

Report from Pain Management Committee

1. Council has approved an administrative fee of \$5000 for the application of Diploma in Pain Management Ad eundem
2. The next Pain Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting will be hosted by the Queen Mary Hospital team at HAHQ on July 4th. The topic will be:

Use of Potent Opioid on Chronic Non-Cancer Pain Conditions

3. The next Diploma in Pain Management examination will be held on Sep 13th. The deadline of application is 13th August.
4. The Council has approved Dr Mak, Peter Ho-Kwong as new Diplomate in Dip Pain Mgt (HKCA) on March 27th.

Dr PP Chen
Chairman
Pain Management Committee



Dr CC Leung speaking at the SIG on Chronic Back Pain (February 2002)

Board of Censors
Admission of new Fellows and Members

FHKCA(Anaesthesiology) By Examination:

| NAME | FHKCA(ANA) |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Dr. Wong, Yeuk Chi Gigi | 20020521 |
| Dr. Chan, King Chung Kenny | 20020521 |

MHKCA

| NAME | MHKCA |
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| Dr. Li, Tze Yan | 20020424 |

Exit Assessment

| NAME | Date |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Dr. Wong, Yeuk Chi Gigi | 20020521 |
| Dr. Chan, King Chung Kenny | 20020521 |

Successful candidates for the February/March 2002 Intermediate Examination

| Title | Name | Hospital |
|-------|------------------|----------|
| Dr | CHENG, Chi Keung | TMH |
| Dr | TANG, Yee Kwan | PYNEH |
| Dr | HO, Yau Leung | AHMLNH |
| Dr | YU Lin Yau | PWH |
| Dr | TSE, Kin Chung | KWH |

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| Dr | NG, Tse Choi | YCH |
| Dr | LAM, Cheung Kwan Brian | PMH |
| Dr | CHAN, Choi Hung | PMH |
| Dr | FONG Siu Yan | KWH |
| Dr | LEUNG Che Hoe | KWH |

10 out of 21 candidates passed the examination. The College is grateful to Prof. Jennifer Hunter of RCA, and Dr. Peter Lillie of ANZCA for their assistance as External Examiners during the examination.

Final Fellowship Examination March/April 2002

| Title | Name | Hospital |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Dr | KWOK On Ki | KWH |
| Dr | LEE Chung Yin Joanne | TMH |
| Dr | CHOI Wing Yee Regina | PYNEH |
| Dr | POON Ho Yan | PWH |
| Dr | FOK King Yi Kenneth | UCH |
| Dr | LUI Yin Wai Arthur | UCH |
| Dr | NG Wing Kwong Vincent | QEH |
| Dr | MAN King Yuen | TMH |

Eight out of 11 candidates passed the examination. The College is grateful to Dr Leslie Shutt of RCA, and Dr. Edward Loughman of ANZCA for their assistance as External Examiners during the examination.

Newsletter Editorial Group first gathering:



The newsletter is a publication for all fellows and members. The editorial group had their first casual meeting in April exploring ideas and contents in future issues. We are looking for enthusiastic colleagues to inject new energy and thoughts. Suggestions and comments are most welcomed. Please e-mail to the newsletter editorial group at the following address:

HKCANewsletter@yahoogroups.com

From next issue, a new FORUM section dedicated to all members/ fellows will start to take shape. It is meant to be an open channel to enhance communication within our own profession. If you have queries regarding the College's regulation, view to express, schedule of future scientific meetings, valuable photos for posting, websites to recommend.....etc pertaining to College or Academic matter, you are welcome to send

them to the above e-mail address. In response to queries, the editorial group would approach respective authorities for follow up, but unfortunately there can be no guarantee of response.

1. The editorial board reserves the right for selection of material.
2. Anonymous material will not be accepted
3. Published material in the forum section does not represent the view of the Editorial group nor the College's.
4. Contents which resulted in depreciation of other medical practitioners/ professions is not accepted

(The above photo showing from left: Dr Timmy Yuen, Dr Anne Leung, Dr Carina Li, Dr WH Kwok, Dr Douglas Fok and Dr Eric So. Dr Bassanio Law was unable to attend)

Congratulations

Dr. Peter Kam, Honorary Fellow of our College, has been appointed Professor and Chair of Department of Anaesthesia at St. George Hospital, Sydney. St. George Hospital is a Clinical School of University of New South Wales.

(Professor Kam has kindly agreed to conduct both Basic Science Course and Clinical Anaesthesiology Course in HK this year. Schedule for the courses will be announced when available)

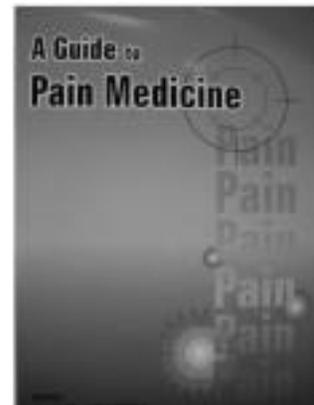
New Book

“A Guide to Pain Medicine”

Publisher: Hong Kong University Press

Edited by Professor Joseph Yang and Dr SL Tsui have been published and can be obtained from major Medical bookshores.

The book is written by the frontier in Pain Management from local experts and shall prove to be valuable for both members, fellows and colleagues preparing for examinations.



Do you want your masterpiece at the cover page?

You are cordially invited to send in digital/ scanned photo to the editors, preferably in portrait, for consideration as newsletter front page cover. We will let you know of the decision as soon as possible. Please note that modification is most likely needed to suit the background tone of the photo as the cover.

March/ April 2002 Final Examination



External examiners and the successful candidates



Group photos of examiners and successful candidates