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Editorial

This is the best time, this is the worst time. We know more, but there are also more that we are less certain.

The main theme for HA Convention 2003 is 'Changing for Sustainability'. Our college has already taken the initiative to establish exchanges with other colleges and societies and there are bound to be more. In the Message from the President, the president has given us a better idea of what has and what will be done in the future. Our recent delegation to the Annual Meeting of Chinese Society of Anaesthesiology reported here is one of the examples.

Professor Peter Kam, who is well known to us, is not only a famous international scholar, but also has close ties with our local anaesthetic community. In our interview with Professor Kam, we can understand why such a demanding and harsh tutor in the eyes of his students, is also a marvellous friend to many of us.

The majority is always considered silent. It is very encouraging to hear the personal view from one of our fellows in our forum this time. We sincerely hope that it is just the beginning, not the end of meaningful discussions among fellows and members.

Last but not the least, on behalf of the editorial board, I wish you all a prosperous and happy year of the Goat.

Dr. Eric So

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Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

Message from the President

Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists

Message from the President

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

ASM 2002

ASM 2002 was successfully held from 1-3 November. The attendance was similar to previous years, although the number of overseas participants has increased. This was due to the hard work of the organising committee lead by Dr. Simon Chan.

The meeting for next year will be held in late September. It will be a joint meeting with the Asian Oceanic Society of Anaesthetic Pharmacology. Prof. Mike Irwin will lead the organising committee.

Examination results

Three candidates passed the Diploma in Pain Management examination held in September. Dr. Mathew Crawford from Sydney was the external examiner. He contributed some of the questions and came to Hong Kong to meet the local examiners to decide on the final marks. He also delivered two lectures. His trip was supported by the industry. One candidate passed the Intensive Care Fellowship examination. Dr. Stephen Edlin from Royal Perth Hospital represented the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of ANZCA and RACP to be the external examiner. Congratulations to the successful candidates.

Continuous Education Material

By this time, you have received a CD ROM containing materials of the International Anesthesia Research Society meeting lectures. This is in place of the ASA refresher course books that were bought on behalf of Members and Fellows as this was

considered good value for providing up to date information on important subjects of our specialty.

Council has also decided to purchase 'Pocket Guide to Teaching for Medical Instructors' published by British Medical Journal. This will be distributed to all Fellows. There will be enough copies for new Fellows in the next few years. This is a small book that provides information on adult learning and teaching techniques. It is hoped that this will encourage and facilitate Fellows to participate in teaching of our future generations.

Relationship with the Mainland

Approximately 10 Fellows attended the annual meeting of the Chinese Society of Anaesthesiology in Nanjing in mid-September. There were refresher courses, lectures and hospital visits. Participation in this sort of activities is a first step in increasing interchange with our mainland colleagues. It is only by having more personal interaction that understanding can be improved.

The translation of abstracts of Anesthesia & Analgesia has been going smoothly in the last few months. It was made possible by the effort of Prof. Dajin Sun of Shanghai. Interested Members and Fellows can read them on our College website. They are available in both simplified and traditional Chinese characters.

I have just received the news from Primary Trauma Care Foundation that funding may be available from a charitable organisation to run more courses in China for the next two years. It is hoped that our Fellows will be able to contribute their time and expertise as last time. This will provide an opportunity to not only help with training our mainland colleagues but also to work with overseas instructors and the emergency physicians.

International Relations

It can be anticipated that the relationship between Hong Kong and the mainland will become closer. The medical profession will have to go with the general trend. It is therefore important to improve exchange with them. However, that does not mean that we should not nurture our relationship with other countries. On the contrary, this becomes more important as we can still be an important bridge between the mainland and the international community.

Our international interchange takes different forms. We have been having expatriate anaesthetists working in Hong Kong for a long time. This will become more difficult with HA regulations and increased local supply of qualified specialists. Regular visits of external examiners play an important part in our links with the United Kingdom and Australasia. One of the examples of our role as a bridge is in running courses in China with participation of overseas instructors.

Organising international meetings can be a very useful way of enhancing our international contacts. Our joint meeting with ANZCA last year was a good example. More speakers from North America and Europe are being planned for our meeting for next year. The possibility of having a satellite meeting for the World Congress of Pain to be held in Sydney in 2005 is being actively considered.

The SAHK is actively considering hosting the World Congress of Anaesthesiology 2012. Anticipated attendance will be approximately 8000. The bidding will be decided at the World Congress 2004 in Paris. To compete with strong potential contenders, the College and the Society will have to work closely together. When a decision is made to go ahead, it will be necessary to form a bidding committee. By that time, an appeal will be made for your participation.

TW Lee
President

Board of Censors

Admission of new Fellows and Members

FHKCA(Anaesthesiology) By Examination:

NAME	FHKCA(ANA)
Dr. Chan, Kin Wai	20021010
Dr. Ku, Shu-wing	20021010
Dr. Kwok, Fung Kwai	20021010
Dr. Lim, Huey Sing	20021010
Dr. Tay, Teik-guan	20021010

FHKCA(Anaesthesiology) *ad eundem*:

Dr. Kong, Suet-Kei	20021010
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MHKCA

NAME	MHKCA
Dr. Lam, Tat Shing Ernest	20021010
Dr. Njo, Kui Hung Anthony	20021010
Dr. Tang, Kin Bong	20021010
Dr. Yeung, Lok See Cheryl	20021010

Exit Assessment

NAME	FHKCA(ANA)
Dr. Chan, Kin Wai	20021010
Dr. Ku, Shu-wing	20021010
Dr. Kwok, Fung Kwai	20021010
Dr. Lim, Huey Sing	20021010
Dr. Tay, Teik-guan	20021010

Dr. Kong, Suet-Kei	20021010
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Exit Assessment Dates 2003

09 January 2003 (Thu)

03 April 2003 (Thu)

10 July 2003 (Thu)

09 October 2003 (Thu)

Trainees who are qualified to apply for fellowship are recommended to have their respective applications received at the HKCA office at least 21 days before the scheduled Exit Assessment dates, to allow ample time for processing.

A/Prof. M Irwin

Chairman, Board of Censors

Board of Examinations

Examinations Schedule 2003

Intermediate Fellowship Examinations 2003
Examination Fee: \$ 7,000

March / April	Date
Written	07 March 2003 (Fri)
Oral	11/12 April 2003 (Fri/Sat)
Closing Date	07 February 2003 (Fri)

July / August	Date
Written	04 July 2003 (Fri)
Oral	15/16 August 2003 (Fri/Sat)
Closing Date	04 June 2003 (Wed)

Final Fellowship Examinations in Anaesthesiology 2003
Examination Fee: \$ 11,000

March / April	Date
Written	21 March 2003 (Fri)
Oral/OSCE	25/26 April 2003 (Fri/Sat)
Closing Date	21 February 2003 (Fri)

July / August	Date
Written	25 July 2003 (Fri)
Oral/OSCE	29/30 August 2003 (Fri/Sat)
Closing Date	25 June 2003 (Wed)

Final Fellowship Examinations in Intensive Care 2003
Examination Fee: \$ 11,000

March / April	Date
Written	10 November 2003 (Mon)
Oral/Clinical	6 December 2003 (Sat)
Closing Date	10 October 2003 (Fri)

Examinations in Diploma in Pain Management
Examination Fee: \$ 5,000

March / April	Date
Written	17 October 2003 (Fri)
Closing Date	17 September 2003 (Wed)

Application forms are available from Supervisors of Training and HKCA Office.

Diploma of Pain Management Examination

Successful candidates for the 13 September 2002 Diploma of Pain Management Examination

Title	Name	Hospital
Dr.	LI Ching Fan, Carina	QMH
Dr.	LIM Huey Sing	PWH
Dr.	LAI Kin Wah, Aaron	QEH

3 out of 3 candidates passed the examination. The College is grateful to Dr. Matthew Crawford of ANZCA for his assistance as External Examiner for the examination.

Prof Aun, Cindy
Chairperson, Board of Examination

Board of Accreditation

I would like to keep college members update on activities of the Board of Accreditation (BOA).

We have reviewed data on the Duchess of Kent Hospital, and have made recommendations which were subsequently endorsed by the Council. Secondary to Tsan Yuk Hospital's relocation, we have looked at the impact on the workload and training at QMH and recommended no change.

New Supervisors of Training (SOT) have been appointed at a few institutions, with a view to ensure continuity of standards and training. The Board is grateful to all the SOT's, past and present, for their unfailing support.

There are tough times ahead. The Board of Education (BOE) will be critically reviewing our present training systems and modules, and major changes may be on the way. The BOA will give the BOE full support in their endeavours to provide more meaningful and better training for our future trainees. The clusters (mega or not) will have profound impact on both the pattern and opportunities of work for our trainees. New and innovative ideas are needed to ensure appropriate exposure of trainees to a broad spectrum of work.

A table summarising the status of all training units in HKCA is enclosed for your reference:

HKCA Training Unit Update (December 2002)

	Training Unit Accredited	No. of Posts Approved	Duration for Each Post	SOT	Date of Recent Approval	Expiry Date	CAT
A1	TMH	14	36 months	K. Mui	7 th Aug 2001	31 st Dec 2005	A
B1	QEH	21	36 months	Y.F. Chow	7 th Aug 2001	30 th Jun 2006	A
B2	UCH	13	24 months	T. Suen	7 th Aug 2001	30 th June 2006	B
B3	HK Eye	1	3 months	S.M. Wong	1 st Oct 2001	30 th Sep 2006	C
C1	QMH	20	36 months	Vivian Ng	7 th Aug 2001	30 th Jun 2006	A
C2	PYNEH	10	24 months	Onsiong	7 th Aug 2001	30 th Jun 2006	B
C3	Grantham	2	3-12 months	Aitken	7 th Aug 2001	30 th Jun 2006	C
C4	DKH	1	6 months	B.Chow	1 st July 2003	30 th Jun 2005	C
C5	RH/TSK	1	6 months	B.Ho	1 st Oct 2001	30 th Sep 2006	B

<i>D1</i>	<i>KWH</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>24 months</i>	<i>Gigi Wong</i>	<i>1st Jan 1998</i>	<i>1st Jan 2003</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>D2</i>	<i>PMH</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>24 months</i>	<i>F.M.Lai</i>	<i>7th Aug 2001</i>	<i>30th Jun 2006</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>D3</i>	<i>CMC</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>24 months</i>	<i>K Greenland</i>	<i>1st Apr 2000</i>	<i>1st Apr 2005</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>D4</i>	<i>YCH</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>12 months</i>	<i>T Y Chan</i>	<i>7th Aug 2001</i>	<i>1st Jul 2004</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>E1</i>	<i>PWH</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>36 months</i>	<i>Simon Chan</i>	<i>7th Aug 2001</i>	<i>30th Jun 2006</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>E2</i>	<i>AHNH</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>24 months</i>	<i>J. Yap</i>	<i>7th Aug 2001</i>	<i>1st Apr 2003</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>E3</i>	<i>NDH</i>	<i>2 to 3</i>	<i>12 months</i>	<i>K.M. Ho</i>	<i>1st Jul 1999</i>	<i>1st Jul 2004</i>	<i>B</i>

I also like to express my appreciation to all members of the BOA for their hard work, patience and dedication. Without them the work would be very difficult, if not impossible. My gratitude also goes to Mr. Daniel Tso, the College Administrative Commander, without him many things will either be missing or falling apart!

John Liu
Chairman, Board of Accreditation

Board of Education

Mandatory CME for all practising anaesthesiologists:

Hong Kong Medical Council (HKMC) has introduced a reform to make CME mandatory for all practising doctors and shall be linked to renewal of practising certificate. This change will take effect from 1st January 2005 when the amendment of Medical Registration Ordinance have been completed.

Academy Fellows in Anaesthesiology:

The Academy of Medicine has already required all Academy Fellows to undertake the Academy of Medicine CME programme and obtain 90 points in each 3 year cycle. Fulfilling this requirement will enable those doctors whose names are included in the HKMC Specialist Register to keep their names in the respective Specialist Register, as well as qualifying for the renewal of practising certificate. Those doctors who are not Academy Fellows but whose names have been included in the Specialist Register are also required to undertake the Academy of Medicine CME programme in a manner similar to Academy Fellows.

Because of the link to practising certificate and to the Specialist Register, Academy of Medicine would like to shorten the duration between end of cycle and reporting to Medical Council about non-compliance to three months. All Fellows are requested to keep a good log of your CME activities and report all those to the College in time. The Academy MLMS website, if you have registered, will allow you to keep a good track of your submitted CME points.

Doctors undergoing Specialist Training

1. Specialist trainees are also affected and they have to obtain 90 CME points in each 3-year cycle for renewal of practising certificate. As specialist trainees cannot join the Academy of Medicine CME programme, they will have to join the CME programme of Hong Kong Medical Council. This HKMC CME programme is similar but NOT identical to the Academy of Medicine CME programme. They differ in the way CME points are counted and you can have a detailed study of the HKMC CME programme at the HKMC website (www.mchk.org.hk).
2. Medical Council has asked 4 CME Programme Administrators to assist in running the programme. The Administrators will be responsible for vetting, documenting and calculating the CME scores for doctors registered with them during the CME cycle and reporting the total CME credit points to the Medical Council. Doctors who are not taking the Academy of Medicine CME programme have to register with ONE of the administrators and report to the administrator regularly on their CME activities and points obtained. The 4 administrators include:
 - Hong Kong Academy of Medicine
 - Hong Kong Medical Association
 - Doctors Union

- Department of Health
3. Apart from being a CME Programme Administrator for Medical Council, Academy of Medicine is also a CME Programme Accreditor, and a CME Programme Provider for the Medical Council CME Programme. As Colleges are part of the Academy, different CME programmes organised by an Academy College (Formal College Approved Postgraduate Meetings) could be accredited to attract CME points for the Medical Council CME Programme, provided that the programme:
 - must be available to all (notified before hand), AND
 - with attendance properly recorded AND
 - accredited by the College.
 4. It would be more convenient for the Specialist Trainees to choose the Academy of Medicine as their CME Administrator. By so doing, they could attract CME points by attending the CME activities of their training institutions and the College.
 5. *Note to CME Organisers:*
To enable the HKMC CME Programme Accreditor (Academy and other bodies) to accredit the College CME activities, CME Organisers of respective training institutions should open up certain FCAPM and submit such information to Hospital Authority (another CME Provider) or Academy for CME accreditation. Enough CME activities should be opened up so that specialist trainees could accrue enough CME points throughout the cycle.

Anaesthesiologists not belonging to either categories:

Non-Fellow Non-trainee anaesthesiologists working either in the institutions or in private sector are also affected. They will have to undertake the Medical Council CME Programme to fulfill the CME requirement and register with one of the HKAM CME Programme Administrators in a manner similar to specialist-trainees.

You are welcome to contact me (29586176) if you have any queries about the CME requirements for anaesthesiologists.

CT Hung
Chairman, Board of Education

Pain Management Committee

News in Brief

Congratulation to Dr Li Ching Fan, Carina, Lim Huey Sing and Lai Kin Wah, Aaron for passing the Diploma in Pain Management Examination in September, 2002.

The next examination will be in October, 2003 (Please refer to notice from Board of Examination).

Professor L Atkinson, Dean of Faculty of Pain Medicine, ANZCA was in town for a few days in November 2002 and some members of PMC and HKCA Council members met up with him for dinner and meeting.

Statistics Updates (December 2002):

	Training posts	Supervisor of Training
QMH	2	Dr SL Tsui
PWH	1	Dr PP Chen
UCH	1	Dr A Kwan
QEH	1	Dr CT Hung

Number of Dip Pain Mgt trainees: 1997/98 = 3, 1998/99 = 2
1999/00 = 4, 2001/02 = 3

Number who have passed Dip Pain Mgt examination: 11

Number who have completed DPM project: 6

Number of Dip trained in HK since 1997: 5

Pain Mgt holders admitted by Ad eundum: 1 (Year 2001)

PP Chen

Chairman Pain Management Committee

Institute of Clinical Simulation

The ICS is now in its second year of service. Under the leadership of Dr TS Sze, the ICS Management Committee has had a very successful year. Ten Anaesthetic Crisis Resource Management (ACRM) workshops (including 5 which were part of HA commissioned training) have been organized in past year. The participants in these courses ranged from trainees preparing for final fellowship examination to highly experienced consultant anaesthesiologists, and from anaesthesiologists working in public hospitals to private practice anaesthesiologists. Most participants find the course useful and interesting and have given us very encouraging feedbacks. To register for future ACRM courses simply contact Mr Daniel Tso at 28718833. The course fee for 2002-03 will stay at \$2000.

Difficult airway management courses (DAAM) have also been organized at the ICS. These courses are also extremely popular. Future dates for DAAM workshops will be announced in the College newsletter as well as on the HKCA homepage so please remember to check that out. A CDROM introducing the ICS has been distributed to all participants at ASM 2002. If you have not received that, feel free to contact us or approach one of your colleagues to make a copy.



ACRM
Participants
with the
certificates

Financially, the ICS has been self-sufficient in its first year of service. The major source of income remains to be course fees from ACRM and DAAM courses and your continuous support is highly appreciated. Dr KK Lai has been elected as the new Chairman of the ICS Management Committee for the coming year. We look forward to continuing to provide innovative and interesting simulator-based educational activities to you at ICS.

A/Prof. KF Ng

November 2002

Interviewer: Dr. WH Kwok, Dr. Bassanio CW Law

Interviewee: Professor Peter Kam

Face to face with

Professor Peter Kam – a great mentor, teacher and marvellous friend of the Hong Kong Anaesthetist.

Professor Peter Kam, currently the Professor of Anaesthesia and Academic Head of Department of Anaesthesia at St George Hospital (Sydney NSW), a principal teaching hospital of the Faculty of Medicine, University of New South Wales.



Prof. Peter Kam or “Peter” is well known to most anaesthetists in Hong Kong for his popular “Peter Kam Tutorial Course”, Through Peter Kam’s course, a vast number of anaesthetists have been nurtured and become key figures in anaesthetic field locally and worldwide. To many trainees, Peter Kam Course is a ‘must’ to attend before sitting for

their exam. In November 2002, Peter was in Hong Kong again. Apart from the usual 2 weeks Basic Science Tutorial course for trainees preparing for Basic Science Exam., Peter was also kind enough to start a 6 days' Clinical Anaesthesiology Crash Course for trainees preparing for their final Anaesthesia Exam. Both courses, with no surprise, were well received and attracted an overwhelming numbers of participants.

The newsletters group of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiology is grateful to Peter for this interview to share with the Hong Kong Anaesthesia Community some of his thoughts and visions:

Professor Peter Kam started off talking about his training in Anaesthesia first in Malaysia, then UK and finally Australia. After migrating to Australia, he had worked in different hospitals including Westmead, Royal Prince Alfred, Royal North Shore Hospitals and currently at St George Hospital. He has vast range of anaesthesia interests include paediatric and adult cardiac, neuro, vascular, hepatobiliary anaesthesia, acute pain medicine, research, writing papers and books...and the list is endless. The following is a discussion of his contribution to teaching of trainee anaesthetist both in Australia and overseas (especially Hong Kong).

As a famous anaesthesia teacher in Hong Kong, can you tell us why you like teaching so much?

I started teaching in Hong Kong since 1980's, when Dr Justin Chan (Dr. Chan was the Consultant IC of anaesthesia in the whole of Hong Kong) invited me to come to give tutorials to Primary exam candidates, during which I also gave some tutorials to final exam candidates. I still remember some of the first batch of my students, such as Hing So, Amy Cho, Alice Chow and SL Tsui. Since then, I have been conducting courses in HK almost every year except for a period when I was the FANZCA examiner. I am happy that I can contribute to teaching of anaesthesia in Hong Kong.

Apart from Hong Kong, where have you been teaching anaesthesia subjects?

I have been teaching in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore for both primary and final examination candidates. Frequently I have to use my annual leave to teach overseas because I have run short of study leave

I regularly conduct teaching sessions at least once a week in my hospital, either in form of a lecture or tutorial. I always treat the student as my friends and sympathize with them the stress and difficulties of combining work and study

Can you share your philosophy of teaching?

The most important part of teaching process is to stress to the students that it not so important to memorize facts, but to understand concepts. I try to teach them how to deduce and analyze, and apply concepts to clinical situations, rather than just memorize things. HK candidates are overall very intelligent, but often not able to express clearly and confidently, and to think laterally. This may be partly because of their command in the English language and partly because they do not understand the important concepts in physiology or pharmacology. My role is to clear their concepts and to encourage them to express, and justify their answers. The course is also aimed to give them ideas of what to expect for the exam. Being brought up in an environment where education is mostly spoon-fed may have shaped the way they think.

Who should involve in teaching the trainees?

I believe *all anaesthetists* should contribute to teaching. I sincerely wish that more and more people could take up the job of teaching because it is the role, the obligation and a duty of being a fellow of any college.

As a previous college examiner, can you give some advice to those candidates facing a difficult question during their exam?

In case a difficult question is asked, it is important that the candidate can display his ability to deduce from basic concepts and principles. Examiners will usually try to guide the candidate. Leading questions may be asked to help the candidate to arrive at the correct answer. Candidates should NOT be paranoid and feel that the examiner is trying to “lead him or her astray or trick the candidate.” Most examiners are there to guide the candidates, not to ‘trick’ them.

A candidate should demonstrate his understanding of basic concepts and his ability to apply those concepts.

As we all know that you publish widely in anaesthesia literature, how do you get so many ideas to write about?

I enjoy writing. Sometimes the idea of research comes from reading. I read widely, both anaesthesia and non-anaesthesia articles to get ideas for my writing and research topics.

In other times, the idea of research arises from a clinical problem. I will usually do a literature search to find the solution to that clinical problem. This may eventually become a paper.

There is good response to your published physiology book.

Yes. It is aimed to summarize my teaching and to fill a “gap” in available material in physiology for anaesthetists studying for the primary.

Can you share some of your future project and research topic?

At present, my main project is on hyperthermic intraperitoneal perfusion chemotherapy. My future research topics include platelet physiology during anaesthesia and improvement of quality in anaesthesia. The anaesthetic department at St George Hospital is actually very clinical orientated. One of my jobs is to improve the research/academic component of that department.

I am also planning to write a book for Final examination candidates.

Being a chaired professor, are you having to do more administrative work?

Being an academic gives me more freedom to decide what I want to do. My fellow clinical colleagues share some of the departmental administrative duties.

We are hearing that ANZCA is introducing a new training programme? Can you tell us what is so special about this new drafted FANZCA training programme?

Basically, the new programme is a modular based training system. ANZCA believes that modular system is more systematic for training. Moreover, the new programme also includes more non-anaesthesia topics in the modules (social, human, ethical, administrative aspects). It is more structured and systematic. The trainee has to develop a learning portfolio, not just a logbook. Based on this portfolio, candidate can *reflect* on his work and be able to identify both strong and weak points, which the candidate can develop or correct accordingly.

It is still a draft document, but I believe that it will probably be introduced eventually and it will be successful if both the trainers and trainee work together.

Some opinions expressed that modular based anaesthesia training is not practical in Hong Kong. What do you feel if Hong Kong eventually leaves FANZCA training?

I certainly will be very sad indeed if Hong Kong were to leave FANZCA program. I feel it is so important to maintain the relationship between these 2 Colleges so that knowledge can be shared and ideas can be exchanged.

Modular system and problem-based learning are the two modern and efficient methods of teaching. Many medical schools have established these methods of teaching in the undergraduate curriculum. Even the Canadian and UK anaesthesia training have changed to modular based quite similar to the new FANZCA program.

Quotes of the wisdom:

- I treat the students as my friends.
- I sincerely wish that more fellows could take up the job of teaching because it is a duty of being a College Fellow.
- Examiners guide the candidates, not to 'trick' them.
- Modular system and problem-based learning are the two modern and efficient ways of learning and teaching.

- Hong Kong Anaesthetists should be innovative and review changes occurring elsewhere to improve training, teaching and research in Hong Kong.

Professor Peter Kam was receiving the Honorary Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists





Professor Peter Kam was the external examiner of HKCA Intermediate Examination
March 2002



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Annual Scientific Meeting in Anaesthesiology 2002- Highlights

1-3 November 2002

Jointly organized by the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists
and the Society of Anaesthetists of Hong Kong

1 November, 2002

Simulator-based Practical Airway Scenarios Management (SPASM)
Workshop



Practicing advance skills in
Fibreoptic Brochscopy



Dr Simon Chan (center), Dr Wendy
Wong (left) and Ms Ma



Dr KM Ho (Course modulator)
presenting certificate to a
participant

Dr Steven Wong
(demonstrating Virtual
Bronchoscopy)



Annual Scientific Meeting in Anaesthesiology 2002

SAHK Cup Golf Tournament 2002

The SAHK Cup Golf Tournament was successfully held on 31st October 2002 in Kau Sai Chau Public Golf Course. There were altogether 9 players from different hospitals and trade industry. Despite the heavy rain the day before the tournament, 31st October turned out to be the perfect day for golf.

Most of the players reached the golf club well before the official tee-off time for some practices in the driving range and putting green. For many of the players, this event was their first formal golf tournament.

The best gross of 90 strokes is set by Dr. Tay Beng-leong, senior medical officer of Tseung Kwan O hospital, followed by 91 strokes of Dr. Karmakar and Dr. Chan Tsz Yeung. For the SAHK Cup, Dr. Chan and Dr. Tay both scored 31 stableford points with Dr. Chan won on the count-back.

The prize presentation was held during the dinner. There were altogether 10 prizes. Dr. Karmakar won 3 “Nearest to Pin” while Mr. Paul Vibert of ABBOTTs’ Laboratories won the fourth one. He also won the “Nearest to Pin 2nd Shot”. One of the “Nearest to Pin” was actually “Nearest to the Green” as nobody was on green after 9 swings! The two “Longest Drives” were shared by Dr. Dick Lee and Dr. Chan Tsz Yeung. The bogey prize belonged to Dr. Cheng Hung Kai. He won a golf instructional video.

Workers from ABBOTTs’ Laboratories contributed enormously to the success of this event. Without the snack and drinks they prepared we would all be starved to death.

We are looking forward to the third SAHK Cup to be held next year. We hope we would have more participant after the training course held this year.

Dr TY Chan, Golf Tournament Organizer

Forum

The future for anaesthesia specialists--- a question of matching or guessing ?

In Hong Kong the medical profession is facing unprecedented changes in both the conditions of work and the level of pay. Within the HA all new recruits have been employed on contract basis , and no renewal of contract will be guaranteed upon completion of specialist training. This poses several problems . First , for departments with a high proportion of trainees on contract terms , the senior trainees will have to leave for private practice once they have acquired specialist status. The seniors' positions will be replaced by totally new recruits , with detrimental effect on the quality of service. Second, the constant efflux of anaesthesia specialists from the HA into the private sector in the next 5 to 6 years will rapidly saturate the already tight private market , possibly leading to cut-throat competitions. It is estimated that the number of private anaesthetists will be doubled in 6 years' time. Some specialists may resort to becoming GP's, with all their training wasted. Third , the bulk of anaesthetic work within the HA will have to be managed by an aging workforce. Some middle rank staff are particularly hard hit in that they are the bottom pile of the "experienced" staff , thus taking most of the on-call duties and supervision of trainees (if there are still trainees willing to train!)

This gloomy picture is not fiction , and it is happening fast. So what does the future hold for our specialty ? What can the college and our profession do about it?

Our college did have a manpower plan some years ago. It was thrown down the drain because our prediction was said to be unrealistic , and that overseas figures could not be taken to represent local needs. Hong Kong is always unique. The proposed expansion in ICU and some pain centres never materialize , and there has never been an unlimited expansion of surgical specialties. The poor current economic form and over-reliance of the public on the HA system for all medical needs is putting tremendous pressure on the HA. There is only one objective now in the HA : not to cut waiting lists, not to improve service (unless you can improve without new money) , but to CUT COSTS and to correct the budget deficit ! With this background in mind , our college needs to critically look at the training system and mechanisms for quality assurance. Moreover , the number to be trained should not grossly exceed the manpower need , lest all the training will be wasted . Skeptics might say, however, in tune with a local Medical School Dean , that " the more, the better " , or is it " the more , the cheaper " ?

The views expressed are all personal. Fellows with experience in looking at the crystal ball are welcome to join in this discussion.

Anonymous Fellow, HKCA

Website recommendations

Education

- 1) <http://www.qldanaesthesia.com/>
Queensland Anaesthesia
- 2) <http://gasnet.med.yale.edu/>
GASNet
- 3) <http://www.virtual-anaesthesia-textbook.com/>
The Virtual Anaesthesia Textbook
- 4) http://216.185.112.41/currents_issues.html
Emergency Cardiovascular Care Programs
- 5) <http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=1200000>
American Heart Association
- 6) <http://www.manbit.com/mcq.htm>
Anaesthesia MCQs
- 7) <http://www.int-med.uiowa.edu/education/abg.htm>
Introduction to interpreting arterial blood gas

Future Meetings

March 2003

Dunedin

New Zealand 2003 ANZICS NEW ZEALAND REGIONAL MEETING

4 - 7 March Theme: "Ventilation, Hypothermia and Ethical Dilemmas". Venue: Dunedin. Key Speakers: Prof Andrew Bersten, Australia, Dr Mary Kate Fitzpatrick, USA, Dr Katherine Hall, NZ, Prof Giorgio Lotti, Italy and Prof Graeme Rocker, Canada. Contact: Pat Johnston, Dunedin Conference Management Services. Tel: 64 3 477 1377 Fax: 64 3 477 2720 Email: pat@dcms.co.nz Website: www.dcms.co.nz/anzics

London

UK OBSTETRIC ANAESTHETISTS' ASSOCIATION CONTROVERSIES IN OBSTETRIC ANAESTHESIA.

5 March Venue: London. Contact: OAA Secretariat, PO Box 3219 Barnes, London SW13 9XR. Tel: 44 20 8741 1311 Fax: 44 20 8741 0611 Email: registrations@oaa-anaes.ac.uk Website: www.oaa-anaes.ac.uk

Melbourne

VIC 2003 DEPARTMENT OF ANAESTHESIA, ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL ANNUAL WORKSHOP

7 March Theme: "Beyond the Comfort Zone". Venue: St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne. Contact: Assoc. Prof. Michael Davies - Director, Department of Anaesthesia, St Vincent's Hospital, 41 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy Vic 3065. Tel: 03 9288 4253 Fax: 03 9288 4255 Website: www.svhm.org.au

Christchurch

New Zealand THE COMBINED AUSTRALIAN PAIN SOCIETY 24TH ASM AND NEW ZEALAND PAIN SOCIETY 10TH ASM

9 - 13 March Theme: "A Fresh Approach to Pain Management". Key Speakers: Professor Steve Linton, Sweden; Professor Edward Ernst, UK and Professor Janice Morse, Canada. Venue: Christchurch Convention Centre. Contact: Dianna Crebbin, D C Conferences, PO Box 571, Crows Nest NSW 1585. Tel: 02 9954 4400 Fax: 02 9954 0666 Email: mail@dcconferences.com.au Website: www.apsoc.org.au

Auckland

New Zealand CLINICAL RISK MANAGEMENT MASTERCLASS CONFERENCE

12 - 19 March Venue: Cruise on Regal Princess from Auckland to Sydney. Key Speakers: Mr Michael Gorton, Russell Kennedy Solicitors; Elizabeth Mullins, Senior Risk Consultant HRR; Dr Bruce Cornell, Ambri Australia and Dr Eric Visser, Royal Perth Hospital. Contact: Marie Brown, National Network Conference and Incentives, 45 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia 3000. Tel: 03 9654 4000 Fax: 03 9654 7333 Email: marie@ntravel.com.au * This meeting has been approved for 11 hours of CME (code 111) and 10 Hours of QA (code 211) under the ANZCA MOPS Program.

San Francisco

USA OBSTETRICAL ANESTHESIA 2003.

13 - 15 March Theme: "The Sol Shnider, M.D., Obstetrical Anesthesia Meeting". Venue: Grand Hyatt Hotel, Union Square, San Francisco, California. Contact: University of California-San Francisco, Judy L. Johnson, Department of Anesthesiology, Box 0648, Room C-450, San Francisco, CA 94143 0648. Tel: 1 415 476 2922 Fax: 1 415 476 9516 Email: judy_johnson@anesthesia.ucsf.edu

Sun City

South Africa SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY OF ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS NATIONAL CONGRESS 2003

14 - 20 March Venue: Sun City Resort. Contact: Yvonne Pyne-James, RSVP Event Management, PO Box 1105, Cramerview 2060, South Africa. Tel: 27 11 463 4046 Fax: 27 11 463 1041 Email: rsvp@yebo.co.za Website: www.acaciasasa.com

Brussels

Belgium 23RD INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INTENSIVE CARE AND EMERGENCY MEDICINE

18 - 21 March Venue: Brussels Congress Center. Contact: Department of Intensive Care ,Erasmus University Hospital, Route de Lennik 808 B-1070 Brussels Belgium. Tel: 32 2 555 32 15 Fax: 32 2 555 45 55 Email: sympicu@ulb.ac.be Website: www.intensive.org/main

Chicago

USA 22ND ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PAIN SOCIETY

20 - 23 March Venue: Hyatt Regency, Chicago. Contact: American Pain Society 4700 W. Lake Ave. Glenview, IL 60025 USA. Tel: 1 847 375 4715 Fax: 1 877 734 8758 Email: info@ampainsoc.org Website: www.ampainsoc.org

New Orleans

USA 77TH CLINICAL AND SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ANESTHESIA RESEARCH SOCIETY

22 - 26 March Venue: New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. Contact: International Anesthesia Research Society, 2 Summit Park Drive, Suite 140, Cleveland Ohio 44131-2553. Tel: 216 642 1124 Fax: 216 642 1127 Email: iarshq@iars.org Website: <http://www.iars.org>

April 2003

Glasgow

UK 36TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE UK PAIN SOCIETY

1 - 4 April Venue: Glasgow. Contact: The Pain Society, 9 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3RE, UK. Tel: 44 20 7631 8870 Fax: 44 20 7323 2015 Email: meetings@painsociety.org Website: www.painsociety.org

San Diego

USA AMERICAN SOCIETY OF REGIONAL ANESTHESIA AND PAIN MEDICINE 28TH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING.

3 - 6 April Venue: Sheraton Harbor Island, San Diego, California. Contact: ASRAPM, PO Box 11086, Richmond VA 23230. Tel: 1 804 282 0010 Fax: 1 804 282 0090 Email: asra@societyhq.com Website: www.asra.com

Melbourne

VIC THE ROYAL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL CME MEETING

4 April Theme: "Obstetric Anaesthesia". Venue: ANZCA House. Contact: Department of Anaesthesia, Royal Women's Hospital, 132 Grattan Street, Carlton 3053. Tel: 03 9344 2213 Fax: 03 9347 2464

Melbourne

VIC THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CME MEETING

4 April Theme: "Perioperative Issues in the Care of Children". Venue: Royal Children's Hospital. Key Speakers: Dr David Sainsbury. Contact: Department of Anaesthesia, Royal Children's Hospital, Flemington Road, Parkville 3052. Tel: 03 9345 5233 Fax: 03 9345 6003

Whangarei

New Zealand CECANZ SINGLE THEME MEETING

4 - 5 April Theme: "Anaesthesia on Edge" - Risk Management and Quality Assurance. Venue: Whangarei Key Speakers: Dr Paul Preston, USA; John Myberg, Sydney; Dr Forbes Bennett, NZ and Prof Alan Merry, NZ. Contact: Dr Rod Harpin, Anaesthetic Department, Whangarei Area Hospital, P.O. Box 742, Whangarei, New Zealand. Tel: 64 9 430 4101 Fax: 64 9 430 4134 Email: rodh@nhl.co.nz Website: www.cecanz2003.co.nz * This meeting has been approved for 6 hours of CME (code 111) and 3 1/4 hours of QA (code 211) of the ANZCA MOPS Program.

Noosa

QLD ANZICS 5TH ANNUAL MEETING ON CLINICAL TRIALS IN INTENSIVE CARE

4 - 6 April Venue: Noosa. Contact: ANZICS, 233 Rathdowne Street, Carlton VIC 3053. Tel: 03 9639 4717 Fax: 03 9639 4717 Email: tracey.higlett@anzics.com.au

Brisbane

QLD CARDIOVASCULAR WORKSHOP

12 April Venue: Royal Brisbane Hospital. Contact: Dr Michael Fanshawe, Department of Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine, Royal Brisbane Hospital, Herston Road, Hertson QLD 4029. Tel: 07 3636 7154 Fax: 07 3636 1308 Email: michael_fanshawe@health.qld.gov.au

Melbourne

VIC 8TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

22 - 27 April Theme: "Exploring the Boundaries of Medicine". Venue: The University of Melbourne. Contact: Bronwen Hewitt, Conference Management, The University of Melbourne, Victoria 3010. Tel: 03 8344 6389 Fax: 03 8344 6122 Email: bhewitt@unimelb.edu.au Website: www.conferences.unimelb.edu.au/medicine

Istanbul

Turkey 8TH FEAPA SYMPOSIUM AND 2ND TURKISH PAEDIATRIC ANAESTHESIOLOGY AND REANIMATION CONGRESS

25 - 27 April Venue: Istanbul. Contact: Dr. Güner Kaya, İstanbul University CTF Anesteziyoloji 34303 Istanbul-Turkey. Tel: 90 212 5608187 Fax: 90 212 5295600 Email: pedanest@turkpedanest.org Website: www.turkpedanest.org

Florida

USA SOCIETY OF CARDIOVASCULAR ANESTHESIOLOGISTS ANNUAL MEETING.

26 - 30 April Venue: Fountainebleau Hilton Resort and Tower, Miami Beach Florida. Contact: SCA, PO Box 11086, Richmond VA 23230 1086. Tel: 1 804 282 0084 Fax: 1 804 282 0090 Email: sca@societyhq.com Website: www.scahq.org

May 2003

Hobart

TAS ANZCA ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING.

3 - 7 May Venue: Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hobart. Contact: Conference Design, PO Box 342, Sandy Bay, TAS 7006. Tel: 03 6224 3773 Fax: 03 6224 3774 Email: mail@cdesign.com.au Website: www.cdesign.com.au/anzca2003 * Simulator Courses will be approved under code 613 of the ANZCA MOPS program. PEARL and PBLD workshops will be approved for 2 CME and 1 QA point per hour. Please see your registration brochure for further information.

Brisbane

QLD RACS ASC.

4 - 9 May

Melbourne

VIC 13TH WORLD CONGRESS ON DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MEDICINE

6 - 10 May Theme: "Vision 2020". Venue: Hotel Sofitel, Melbourne. Contact: The Meeting Planners, 91 - 97 Islington Street, Collingwood Victoria 3066. Tel: 03 9417 0888 Fax: 03 9417 0899 Email: wcdem@meetingplanners.com.au Website: www.wcdem2003.com

Boston

USA 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON AMBULATORY SURGERY

8 - 11 May Venue: Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts. Contact: Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia, 520 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068-

2573, USA. Tel: 1 847 825 5586 Fax: 1 847 825 5658 Email: samba@asahq.org Website: www.sambahq.org

Phoenix

**USA SOCIETY OF OBSTETRIC ANESTHESIA AND PERINATOLOGY
ANNUAL MEETING.**

14 - 17 May Venue: Pointe Hilton at Squaw Peak, Phoenix, Arizona. Contact: SOAP, 1910 Byrd Avenue, Ste. 100, PO Box 11086, Richmond, VA 23230 1-86. Tel: 1 804 282 5051 Fax: 1 804 282 0090 Email: soap@societyhq.com Website: www.soap.org

Jasper

Canada 5TH ALBERTA MEETINGS ON MEDICAL EDUCATION.

14 - 17 May Theme: "Interprofessional Education", Venue: Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alberta. Contact: Linda O'Dowd-Brown, Division of Studies in Medical Education, 2J3.08 Walter Mackenzie Centre, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2R7. Tel: 780 492 6776 Fax: 780 492 5487 Email: Linda.Brown@ulberta.ca

Toronto

Canada 2003 CONFERENCE OF THE CANADIAN PAIN SOCIETY

22 - 24 May Theme: "Pain: The Silent Epidemic". Venue: The Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel. Contact: Canadian Pain Society, 268 Grosvenor Street, London, ON N6A 4L6, Canada. Tel: 905 668 9545 Fax: 905 668 3728 Email: smsemb@idirect.com Website: www.canadianpainsociety.ca/toronto2003

Prague

**Czech Republic ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION
OF CARDIOTHORACIC ANAESTHESIOLOGISTS (EACTA).**

25 - 28 May Venue: Prague. Contact: Jarka Krizkova, Guarant Ltd, Opletalova 22, Praha 1, 110 00. Tel: 420 2 8400 1444 Fax: 420 2 8400 1448 Email: eacta@guarant.cz Website: www.guarant.cz/eacta2003

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TAS RACP ASM.

26 - 28 May

Miscellaneous

Formal Project approved by HKCA

30th September 2002 Dr. Rebecca FK Kwok

Preoperative small-dose ketamine improved postoperative analgesia after laparoscopic gynaecologic surgery

4th October 2002 Dr. Law Man-Shun

Sevoflurane maintenance anaesthesia in paediatric day patients: comparison with isoflurane

7th November 2002 Dr. Cheng Kam Wah

Survival in COPD patients following ICU admission: a retrospective study of the determinants

11th November 2002 Dr. Michelle Cheung

The effect of co-administration of phenylephrine on systemic hypotension caused by propofol induction of anaesthesia in patients over 55 years old

26th November 2002 Dr. Derek LS Chan

Low dose subcutaneous ketamine infusion: a dose finding study for postoperative analgesia

A/ Prof. C Rodrigo Assessor of Formal Projects



Annual meeting of the Chinese Society of Anaesthesiology in Nanjing 14th September to 16th September, 2002



PRC President Jiang's Calligraphy



Participants of the meeting