Academy News - June 2015

News and Announcement

Invitation to Extraordinary General Meeting

Academy Council has decided to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on Thursday, 18 June 2015 to admit new Fellows.

The EGM will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chamber, 10th Floor, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong. All Fellows are encouraged to attend.

Annual Subscriptions

Demand notes for the 2015 subscriptions have been sent to Fellows in January 2015. Fellows who have not settled their subscription before 30 June should have received a demand note for subscription and surcharge. Please settle as soon as possible.

Reminder:

1. All payments must be received by the Academy before 30 September. According to Bylaw 6.4:

   If a member’s fee or any other moneys due by a member to the Academy is not received by the Academy within 9 months after such payment falls due, despite two written reminders by the Academy to pay, the member shall automatically forfeit his membership.

2. It is Council’s policy that late subscriptions received by the Academy after 30 June will be subject to a surcharge of 5% on the subscription amount.

3. For Fellows who have authorized payment via bank transfer / credit card, payments will be deducted from their bank accounts or credit card automatically.

4. Fellows aged over 70, or have reached 70 before the beginning of the next subscription year, do not need to pay any subscription and will not receive a debit note.

5. Fellows residing outside Hong Kong or have reached the age of 65 and have retired from all remunerative practice/job/business must submit written applications for reduced rates before 31 December if they wish to enjoy the reduced rates next year. For details, please visit http://www.hkam.org.hk/fellows_area/reduced_rate.pdf

President conferred Honorary Fellowship by the Royal College of General Practitioners
Dr. Donald Li was conferred Honorary Fellowship by President of the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), Prof. Mike Pringle during its Awards and Fellowship Conferment of the Spring General Meeting held in London on 15 May 2015.

Honorary fellowship is the College’s most important award, given for outstanding work towards the objectives of the College. It can be awarded to doctors and non-doctors from the UK and overseas.

The citation for President was delivered by Prof. Val Wass, Head of the School of Medicine, Keele University. President is awarded the Honorary Fellowship of RCGP in recognition of his distinguished service and significant contributions to the improvement of global health care through family medicine.

Visit from Health Bureau of Macau SARG, 5 June 2015

A 6-member delegation led by Director of Health Bureau of Macau SARG Dr. Lei Chin Ion visited the Academy on 5 June 2015. A lunch meeting was hosted by the Academy’s Officers to welcome the delegation. Fruitful discussions took place concerning various issues in particular the MOU signed between HKAM and the Department of Health of the Macau SARG for the Academy to provide examiners for its specialist examinations held in Macau. Following the lunch, the delegation visited our state-of-the-art medical simulation training centre, Hong Kong Jockey Club Innovative Learning Centre for Medicine.

Introduction of International Health Insurance Special Offer

HKAM’s Council has approved the offering of a proprietary and premium wise very advantageous medical plan, the composition of which will only be available to all HKAM Fellows and their dependents.

The medical plan offers lifetime guaranteed renewal of cover, which can never be reassessed due to your future medical conditions or claims history.

The plan coverage is worldwide. Even if a medical condition is first diagnosed in Hong Kong, you would have a free choice of being treated in any hospital by any specialist in any country in the world including USA. If you would prefer to
exclude the option to travel to USA for treatment, but keep the right to travel
to all other countries for treatment, your annual premium would be reduced
considerably.

The plan offers 24-hour emergency assistance and direct settlement of in-
patient claims worldwide.

To find the detailed information including enrollment material on this special
plan, please go to [www.martinmereholdings.com/martinmere-insurance.html](http://www.martinmereholdings.com/martinmere-insurance.html)
and click on HKAM. Enrollment can only be submitted directly to the insurer,
so brokers or agents cannot act as intermediaries. To access this dedicated site
exclusively available to HKAM Fellows, please enter using the password
8HkAM8.

If you have any problems accessing the site or have enquiries, please email to
hkam@martinmereinsurance.com.

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**2015 Southern Hemisphere Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme**

The Government has launched the 2015 Southern Hemisphere Seasonal Influenza Vaccination (SH SIV) Programme on 8 May 2015 to provide one dose of free
vaccination to all residents of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs).

The aim of this SH SIV Programme is to protect elders from the possible summer influenza season and to prevent influenza outbreaks in residential care homes for the elderly.

As of 19 May 2015, about 43,000 elders living in RCHEs have consented to receive the vaccine. Other elders will receive the vaccination by phases at designated Elderly Health Centres under the Department of Health
and the General Out-patient Clinics under the Hospital Authority. Elders aged
85 or above will be vaccinated first from 20 May 2015 onwards, followed by
other elders depending on situations.

Centre for Health Protection has set up a dedicated page
([http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/39442.html](http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/39442.html)) for the SH SIV Programme in its website. For enquiries, the elders and their family members
may call the CHP’s Vaccination Office at 2125 2125 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on
weekdays.

Please click [here](http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/39442.html) for the posters and leaflets for the SH SIV Programme.

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**MPS-HKAM Excellence in Patient Safety Award**

"Promoting innovation in risk management,
professionalism and medical ethics"

Nature of the Award

The MPS-HKAM Excellence in Patient Safety Award is
jointly organized by the Medical Protection Society (MPS)
and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM). The
objective of the Award is to encourage medical
professionals to promote the subject of patient safety, risk
reduction, quality and professional standards, and medical
Who is Eligible for the Award?
Medical practitioners registered in Hong Kong, who submit papers on any of the following topics, are eligible for the Award:

- Patient safety
- Risk reduction
- Quality and professional standards
- Medical ethics

A plaque and a cheque for HK$20,000 will be award to the winning author, who will be notified 2 weeks prior to the presentation ceremony.

Application will open on 15 June 2015 and close on 15 September 2015. Please press here for details of application and submission of paper.

The paper, entitled "Transforming quality and patient safety in specimen identification and processing through a novel approach to barcode tracking" by Dr. K.C. Lee was selected in 2014. Dr. Lee received the plaque and cheque presented by the Academy's Editor, Prof. Ignatius Yu.

Prize for Best Original Research by Trainees

The Prize for Best Original Research by Trainees of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine recognizes excellence in research done by doctors who are in specialist training. Submission deadline for the year 2015 award has been extended to 31 July 2015 (postmark). Interested trainee doctors can download the following documents (PDF and MS Word format) for reference and use.

- Information for Prize for Best Original Research by Trainee
- Abstract Form (PDF, Word)
- Sample Abstract

Events Attended by the President

The Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons/ The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd) Fellowship Conferment Ceremony, 6 May 2015

President attended the Ceremony celebrating and congratulating the newly admitted College Fellows on their remarkable accomplishments. The newly admitted College Fellows were inspired by his speech, which addressed the importance of continuous professional development in the complex world of ever changing medical dynamics.
Hospital Authority Convention, 18-19 May 2015

President participated in the HA Convention as a discussant on the panel of "Management of Accident and Emergency Services" chaired by Chief Manager (IEC) of HA Dr. S.H Liu and Professor (Emergency Medicine) of CUHK Prof. Collin Graham. Dr. Li emphasized the importance of early introduction of EM knowledge at the undergraduate level, the importance of EM in disaster response and preparedness, its relationship with family physicians, career path of EM specialists and the manpower issues, etc. Other discussants included Director (Cluster Services) of HA Dr. W. L. Cheung, Vice President of International Federation for Emergency Medicine Prof. James Ducharme, Consultant (A & E Department) of Pol Oi Hospital Dr. K.L. Ong. Participants found the discussions at the Convention intriguing and fruitful.

International Medical Leaders Forum, 20 May 2015

President attended the Forum as an officiating guest and addressed the international participants of the Forum organised by the World Federation of Medical Managers (WFMM). The Forum theme was "Value through Medical Leadership". Dr. Li shared his leadership vision and journey. He emphasized the urgent need for clear, coordinated and time-sensitive leadership structures to maximise quality, efficiency and patient satisfaction. It is not just based on individual performance but a team.

Oration on Child Health, 28 May 2015

The Hong Kong Paediatric Society organised the Oration on Child Health, an event to advance knowledge of childcare professionals and promote child health through public education. The oration, entitled "My Idea of Hospital Service, And Why" was delivered by Vice President (General Affairs) Prof. T.F. Fok. President attended the oration and showed his unwavering support for child-centered care.
President delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the ASC organised by Hong Kong College of Cardiology. Doctors were urged to build up and maintain good doctors-patient relationship, as both sides would need to work together to establish suitable treatment of acute conditions, long-term health maintenance and the provision of primary care. Holistic patient care could be made possible though collaborative effort of cross-disciplinary medical team. The ASC presented some updates on current issues and challenges facing the cardiologists.

Hong Kong Primary Care Conference, 30 & 31 May 2015

President officiated the Opening Ceremony of the HKPCC and delivered a plenary session speaking on "Excellence in Primary Care - Ethical Dilemmas". Dr. Li shared some examples of ethical dilemmas possibly encountered by medical professionals such as peer relationship, confidentiality, money, etc and recommended some solutions to resolve the ethical dilemma. He emphasized, once again, the importance of trust to the practice of medicine and adherence to the codes of professional conduct.

Dr. Li delivered the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Oration at the Conferment Ceremony of the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians. The topic was “Making a Difference: A Journey in Family Medicine”. Newly admitted Fellows and the practicing family physicians were urged to be ambassadors and leader in the unique specialty, keep learning, stay aware of and adopt to the ever-changing environment, stay resilient, and keep making a world of difference in their journeys in Family Medicine. Please click here for the full text of the Oration.

Fellowship

To further enhance the online services for CMECPD, the Academy has developed a mobile application for capturing attendance - iCMECPD App. It is now available at Apple's App Store and Google's Play. Fellows may download the App by scanning the respective QR code below (or search “icmecpd”
from App Store/Google Play) and install it in their smartphone with operating system in iOS (7.1 or above) or Android (3.0 or above).

We have started selecting some CMECPD activities held by the Academy/Colleges at the HKAM Jockey Club Building for trial run. Fellows can either use the App to scan the QR code of the event or use their new Fellowship Card (with QR code) to capture attendance via the iPad/tablet device provided by organiser.

Online CME/CPD

Quizzes from the following Colleges are currently available at iCMEPD website for Fellows to study online for CME/CPD:

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Please visit the CMe-Learning of iCMECPD website (www.icmecpd.hk) for the latest CME/CPD materials.

Publications

Hong Kong Medical Journal

Hong Kong Medical Journal launches a re-styled website (www.hkmj.org) which offers visitors a more user-friendly experience! The new layout is optimised for any screen size such as desktop, tablet or smartphone.

Highlights of the June 2015 issue include:

EDITORIAL
  - Biological safety in the medical laboratory

ORIGINAL ARTICLES
  - Effects of a plasma heating procedure for inactivating Ebola virus on common chemical pathology tests
Activities at HKAM

Treat your Dad to a Yum Cha or Seafood Dinner this Father's Day

To celebrate Father’s Day, book a table early at the Academy and enjoy an exclusive 10% off the menu. The exclusive discount is for HKAM Fellows only.

Yum Cha on Father's Day

Our monthly Yum Cha has been scheduled for 21 June 2015 [from 12:00 noon]. Come and enjoy some delicious dim sum, traditional Chinese tea and a relaxing time with your dearest dad at the Academy. There are ample parking spaces available that are free of charge.

Seafood Dinner Menu for whole month of June

Spoil your dad with some mouth-watering seafood dishes at the Academy. Rather than some traditional Chinese cuisine, a specially designed seafood menu will be served. The menu is valid until the end of June.

Click here for the menu

For reservation and enquiries, please call 2871 8896.

Other Upcoming Conferences / Symposia / Courses

International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare: Asia, 28-30 September 2015

Fellows of the Academy, which is one of the strategic partners of the Forum, can enjoy a special registration rate simply by entering the discount code HKAML40 when doing an online registration. This will activate the 40% Strategic Partner discount (off the full price of US$1,000) making the fee at US$600/2 days.

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**Announcement from DH and MCHK**

Announcements from the Drug Office, Drug Registration and Import / Export Control Division

Please note the following announcements from the Drug Office of Department of Health:

- Epoetin beta: increased risk of retinopathy in preterm infants cannot be excluded
- Warning in relation to 2,4-dinitrophenol (DNP) consumption

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**7th Issue of eHealth News**

The eHealth News is published to help people understand better the latest eHR development. The most recent issue of eHealth News 《醫健通訊》 has been published and is available at the Electronic Health Record (eHR) Office website:
The highlights of this issue are:

- "eHRSS - A Breakthrough in e-Government Initiatives" by Mr Victor Lam, Acting Government Chief Information Office
- "GOPC PPP in Focus" by Dr Gary Au Ka-kui and Dr Li Shun-cheong
- GOPC PPP and Radi Collaboration - A Prelude to eHR Sharing
- CMS On-ramp Works for Better Clinical Workflows
- System Security - Paramount Importance at eHRSS