

Announcements

Change of Correspondence

In order to ensure close contact between the College and Fellows/Members/Trainees, please report any change in correspondence to our College Secretariat as soon as possible.

Annual Subscription

Please be reminded that it is the Academy policy that all subscriptions will be subjected to a surcharge of 5% if settled **after June 30** of the subscription year. For those who have not received the debit note, please contact the College Secretariat.



Upcoming Event

Conjoint Scientific Congress with Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh)/College of Surgeons of Hong Kong

Date: 10-13 October, 2006

Website: www.cshk.org/congress2006

Venue: HKAM Jockey Club Building

Email: rased-cshk2006@cshk.org

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

HKAM Jockey Club Building

October 13, 2006 (Wednesday)

13:00

Please come to the AGM to support the College!



Have a nice Summer!



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NEWSLETTER

The College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong

June 2006

President's Message

Dear Fellows and Members,

The warm weather is here suggesting the end of spring would not be too far away. With a bit of luck, the coming summer should not be too wet for us this year. After saying that, if you are going for a lot of out-door activities, you would still have to keep an eye on the weather forecast from time to time. Anyway a few things have happened since the last newsletter, which I would like to report to you.

The President of the Academy, Professor Grace Tang has signed the Memorandum of Understanding with Professor Huang Jie-fu, Deputy Minister of Health on 14 April. The ceremony attracted quite a lot of coverage in TV and newspapers. During the discussion with the Academy Council afterwards, Professor Huang expressed the strong desire of the Ministry to collaborate with the Academy and its various Specialty Colleges in the establishment of specialist training and registration in Mainland. Further details of the plan will be worked out by the Ministry and inform the Academy. All Colleges are welcome to work closely with its respective counterpart in Mainland. On a separate occasion I met Professor Wang Xing, the incoming President of the Chinese Stomatology Association during a dinner party hosted by HKDA on 26 April. The message of the Ministry was conveyed to Professor Wang and he was looking forward to have more partnership with the College.



From left to right: Dr. Bill Yan, Prof. Huang Jie-fu, Prof. Grace Tang and Prof. Stephen Wei taken at the MOU signing ceremony on 14 April 2006

Regarding the Amendment Bill to add a specialist register into the Dentists Registration Ordinance, the Bills Committee, after four meetings, has passed back the Bill to the House Committee on 28 April. Hopefully the Bill will have its second and third readings at the Legislative Council and would be passed sometime in May. After that, the Bureau would normally take about three months to commence the new law. Further details would be announced later and the College would keep you informed.

As you all know, the College was incorporated in 1993 as a constituent college of the HKAM with the objectives to promote training and advancement of knowledge in Dental Surgery. In the beginning it was appropriate to spend much efforts in the establishment of various dental specialties but the training needs of our general dental colleagues should not be ignored.

Therefore the College Council has decided to form a Task Force on General Dental Practice (GDP) with representatives from the HKDA, the Faculty of Dentistry and the Government Dental Service to gather information and advise the Council on matters relating to GDP training.

The registration for the coming Spring Scientific Meeting titled 'Implant Treatment in Difficult Cases' by Professor Richard M. Palmer and Dr. Leslie C. Howe has been great. Among the profession there are a lot of interest in dental implantology. The presentations would be very useful and up-to-date. I must thank Professor Edward Lo, the Scientific Meeting Committee and the Specialty in Family Dentistry in helping to organise this function.

During the closing ceremony of the Edinburgh Quincentenary in Hong Kong, a conjoint scientific congress from 11-13 October will be organised jointly by the RCS Edinburgh and College of Surgeons of Hong Kong. As I have mentioned in the last newsletter, there will be a one-day dental symposium during this time. The date has now been fixed to Wednesday 11 October. Since we have to coincide with the Edinburgh event we cannot have the scientific meeting on a Sunday this year. The theme of the symposium is 'Changing Faces and Smiles' with topics related to plastic surgery, restorative dentistry, oral implantology, orthodontics and oral & maxillofacial surgery which would be most interesting to all of us. Furthermore, as there will no more scientific meeting in November this year, the Council has decided to hold the AGM on 11 October. Therefore I would very much urge you to support this function. Please mark **'No Patients'** on your appointment book for that date right now before you forget.

Finally I must congratulate Professor Ian Davies, one of our Past President and Honorary Fellow, on his conferment of Honorary Doctor of Science degree by the University of Hong Kong for his contribution to dentistry and university education in Hong Kong.

Bill Yan
President



College News

Spring Scientific Meeting Sunday, May 21, 2006

We are privileged to have Prof. Richard Palmer and Dr. Leslie Howe from the King's College, London to give a one-day course in our Spring Scientific Meeting. Over 150 participants joined the meeting and most of the participants found the lecture to be informative.



2nd Vice-President Dr. Zee representing the College to give souvenir to Dr. Howe and Prof. Palmer



Prof. Palmer



Dr. Howe



Conjoint Examinations

Examinations	Date	Closing Date
Conjoint Membership in General Dental Surgery (Part I & II) (MGDS RCSEd)	10-12 October, 2006	28 July, 2006
Conjoint Membership in Orthodontics (Part I & II) (MOrth RCSEd)	10-19 October, 2006	28 July, 2006
Conjoint Membership in Restorative Dentistry (Part I & II) (MRD RCSEd)	10-19 October, 2006	28 July, 2006
Conjoint Membership in Oral Surgery (Part I & II) (MOS RCSEd)	10-19 October, 2006	28 July, 2006
Conjoint Membership in Paediatric Dentistry (Part I & II) (MPD RCSEd)	13, 16-17 October, 2006	28 July, 2006



Conjoint Scientific Congress of the RCSEd and CSHK 10 – 13 October 2006, Hong Kong

It is our privilege that the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh has selected Hong Kong to be the venue to hold the closing ceremony of her quinqucentenary anniversary celebration. There will be a conjoint scientific congress between The College of Surgeons of Hong Kong and The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. The Congress will be held in the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building from 11 to 13 October 2006. The theme of the Congress is *“Surgery: East Meets West”*. Local and international speakers will give presentations to share their experience.

Our College has been invited to participate in the captioned congress. **The theme of the dental**

programme is “Changing Faces and Smiles” and the programme is scheduled on 11 October, 2006.

Dental Colleagues can either register just for the one day symposium or for the whole programme. To register for the Congress, you can use the form in the leaflet or the online registration system at www.cshk.org/congress2006.

You can also submit abstracts and make presentations at the Congress. There will be a cash prize awarded to the presenters of the Best Scientific Paper in the field of dental/ maxillofacial surgery.

Should you need any further information or assistance, please contact the Congress secretariat at 2871 8799 or email to rcsed-cshk2006@cshk.org.



Task Force for GDP

With the recent issues relating to the examination and training opportunities for GDP, it is the statutory duty of CDSHK to respond and act appropriately for the well beings of all practitioners in Hong Kong regarding dental education and training.

A task force for GDP Training was formed with the directive of the CDSHK Council and is under the Education Committee.

Chairman: Dr. Bill Yan

Members: Dr. Joseph Chan, Dr. SK Chan, Dr. Tak Chow, Dr. Wiley Lam, Dr. Raymond Lee, Dr. Sigmund Leung, Dr. Anthony Tse, Dr. Chi Wai Wong, Dr. Homer Tso

The taskforce is for information gathering and advisory in nature and the functions are:

- To review and comment the training opportunities (including the FD training pathway) for general dental practitioners in Hong Kong
- To liaise with overseas examination bodies for conducting examination appropriate to the GDP training in Hong Kong
- To recommend to the Council regarding the feasibility of an academic home for general dental practitioners within the CDSHK

The first meeting was held on 13 March 2006.



HKAM CME News

With effect from 1 September 2006, HKAM has a new policy on the requirements for reinstatement of Fellowship.

- Applicants will be required to have obtained at least 90 points within 36 months counting back from the date of application for reinstatement; and
- Of the 90 points required, a pro-rata number of points must be obtained within the period between the date of Fellowship removal and the date of application for reinstatement (the lapse period).

CME Sub-committee

Due to the difficulties for overseas Fellows to have pre-approval of the meetings, we have sought the approval from HKAM to waive such requirement. We are delighted to inform overseas Fellows that it is not necessary to have pre-approval for any overseas dentally related meeting to be considered as Category A. However, the fellows are still required to submit attendance certificate and program in order to have the CME points accredited.

For local Fellows, we are now asking all the specialty boards to provide a list of overseas meeting for pre-approval. Until the list is finalized and approved, could local Fellows please apply for pre-approval before you attend any overseas meeting in order to be accredited as Category A.