

Announcement

Change of Fellow Status

Please be reminded that Fellows would like to change your Fellowship status to retired or overseas with effect from 2006, you have to inform the HKAM Secretariat by 31 December 2005.

New Secretary

Our College has recruited a new secretary, Miss Ling Chow replacing Penny's duty. We are certainly willing to help all of you in case you have any queries related to the College business.



College Events Sunday, November 20, 2005

Winter Scientific Meeting

Venue: HKAM Jockey Club Building
Info: College Secretariat
Tel: 2871 8866
Website: <http://www.cdshk.org>
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CDSHK Conferment Ceremony & Annual Dinner

Venue: Run Run Shaw Hall, HKAM Jockey Club Building
Time: 6:30 pm

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

HKAM Jockey Club Building
12:30 pm

Please come to the AGM and Annual Dinner (free for all Fellows & Members)!



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NEWSLETTER

The College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong

Autumn 2005

President's Message

It has been quite sometime since the last newsletter issued in spring and now it looks like autumn is approaching. Was the summer a bit too wet for you? I was told that we had the second wettest August in Hong Kong since 1884 and the amount of rainfall we had in August was more than what Australia used to have for the entire year. Whether you believe it or not, undoubtedly this kind of weather condition would keep us indoor most of the times, much to the disappointment of those who enjoy outdoor activities like myself. Hopefully the coming few months would be dry and cool.

There are a few things that I need to report to you and I wish to do it chronologically. At the end of June, a few Councillors and myself, representing the College, flew to Scotland and attended the Opening Ceremony of the Quincentenary Celebration of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. To mark this special occasion I presented a crystal plaque to Professor Jim McDonald, Dean of the Faculty of Dental Surgery. The scientific programmes, especially those related to dental specialties, were well presented. As I said before, the Closing Ceremony of this celebration will be held in Hong Kong in October 2006. We will liaise closely with the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong, which is the chief organiser of the scientific symposium to be held around the same time. Tentatively this should replace our Winter Scientific Meeting for next year.

You may like to know the progress of the proposed amendment of the Dentists Registration Ordinance to include a specialist register. I understand that the Bill has already been submitted to the Legislative Council by the end of July just before the legislative break and a Bills Committee was formed to look into this matter. It is expected that this issue will be discussed in the coming 05/06 legislative session.

In August, a delegation of experts from the Ministry of Health, Beijing visited the Academy and the Colleges. Among them was Professor Liu Hong-Wei from the School of Stomatology, Beijing University who directly involved in drafting the specialist training programmes for Stomatology in Mainland. I understand that the proposal is a five-year programme with three years basic followed by two years higher training. Together with Dr. Roch Lee, Dr. John Ling and Dr. K.Y. Zee, I met the delegation and presented to them the training programmes of our seven specialties, including the examinations and registration aspects. They also visited two of our training centres, PPDH and the MacLehose Dental Centre. On the whole, the delegation was very impressed by

the specialist training, accreditation and registration system in Hong Kong. Before returning to Beijing, Professor Liu has pledged to continue with the exchange of information and collaboration with our College.

The Autumn Scientific Meeting was held at the Lim Por Yen Lecture Theatre of the Academy on Sunday, 4 September with an attendance of 124. Dr. Lars Salonen from Sweden spoke on the topic of "Reconstructive Dentistry from a Periodontal View". Needless to say, the Council would always welcome your feedback from time to time so as to conduct these CME activities better for the benefit of the fellows and the profession.

As you may be aware by now, this year's Winter Scientific Meeting will be held on 20 November at the Academy with the title "Evidence-based Clinical Practice". Three senior professors from UK and also old friends of the College, namely Professor Malcolm Harris, Professor Fraser McCord and Professor W P Saunders will speak on topics related to Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Prosthodontics and Endodontics which should be of interest to most if not all fellows and members. Please mark this important date, as it is our usual practice to hold the Annual General Meeting, Conferment Ceremony and Annual Dinner on the same day.

This year five new councillors will be elected by the usual postal ballot and will be announced at the AGM, which will be held at the lunch time. Apart from a total of 17 new fellows from the various specialties and three members to be conferred, the Council has decided to confer the Honorary Fellowship of the College to Professor Malcolm Harris at the Conferment Ceremony just before the Annual Dinner. Since last year the Council has decided that the Annual Dinner would be free to all fellows and members, so please come and meet everybody. Your unfailing support to all these events would be deeply appreciated.

Bill Yan
President
October 2005



Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Quincentenary Celebration

The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh celebrated their 500 anniversary this year. The College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong participated by sending a delegation to attend their Quincentenary Celebration at Edinburgh.

Dr Bill Yan, Dr Roch Lee, Dr Tak Chow, Dr Anthony Tse, Professor Hagg, Dr Joseph Chan and Dr Alfred Tsang attended various functions like the Opening Ceremony and the scientific program. We also witnessed several well known persons including The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh was conferred The Companionship and Mr Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations, was conferred the Honorary Fellowship of the Edinburgh College.



Obituary

Dr. William Chien Tai-How passed away peacefully on 19th September, 2005 in Queen Elizabeth Hospital after a long and courageous battle with cancer. In his twilight, he was accompanied by his beloved family.

Dr. Chien graduated from Diocesan Boys' School and was one of the Government's first scholars to study dentistry abroad. After obtaining his BDS from the University of Otago, New Zealand in 1969, he duly returned to serve in the Government Dental Service. His dedicated service was rewarded with a second scholarship for postgraduate training in orthodontics at the University of Sydney, where he attained the MDS (Ortho) in 1978. Within a mere 3 years upon resumption of his government service, in 1981, he was one of the youngest officers, in record, to be appointed as Consultant Orthodontist; a post which he served until 1987.

Apart from his accomplished career, William is well known to be a devoted family man. He always put his family's interest in priority. To spend more time with his young children in Australia, he left his glittering career

in Hong Kong in 1987 for the greener pastures in private practice in Australia. William returned to Hong Kong in 1992, where he continued his successful specialist orthodontic practice.

Dr. Chien had always been held in high regards by his peers & colleagues. He served as Hon Treasurer of the Hong Kong Society of Orthodontists from 1981-1986. He was also conferred the Fellowship of the College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong in Orthodontics in 2000; FCDSHK (Orthodontics). A man of childlike curiosity & genuine quest for knowledge, William was always innovative & never hesitate to embrace new technology & techniques. When he was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2003, he fought his up-hill battle with the same gallant spirit. His relentless fight ended up in composed dignity.

Dr. Chien is survived by his wife Shirley, and his two children Sydney & Carmen. William's legacy, without doubt, will live on vividly in their minds and serve as a role model for his posterity to follow.

Dr. Eddie Yau

College News

CME Sub-committee

CME/CPD Program

It has occurred to the College recently that Fellows are still confused about the two existing continuing education programs in Hong Kong, namely the **CME/CPD Program of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine (HKAM Program)** and the **CPD Program for Practising Dentists in Hong Kong of the Dental Council of Hong Kong (DCHK Program)**.

The **HKAM Program is mandatory for holders of FHKAM and for certain Specialists whom DCHK has approved their use of specialist titles (after May 2003)**. The cycle is from 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2007 and the requirement is 90 points. Details of the Program are contained in the **Principles and Guidelines on CME/CPD** which has been distributed to all Fellows as part of the new edition of the Handbook on CME/CPD. The College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong is the only administrator for this Program. Since this Program is mandatory, participants do not need to enroll with the College which is not charging any fee for its own Fellows and Members.

The **DCHK Program is a voluntary program for non-specialists dentists practising in Hong Kong**. Those who wish to join the Program are required to enroll with **one** of the three Program Administrators appointed by DCHK, namely, CDSHK, HKDA and DH. CDSHK and HKDA are charging their enrollees an administrative fee in order to cover cost whereas DH is only administering for her own Dental Officers. The cycle ends on the same date as the HKAM Program (31 December 2007) and the requirement is 45 points. Details of the Program are contained in the Principles and Guidelines on CPD which has been promulgated by DCHK in June this year. **Those specialists who are doing the HKAM are not required to do the DCHK Program**. When these specialists have complied with the requirements of the HKAM Program they are deemed to have complied with the DCHK Program and shall be issued CPD Certificates and shall be eligible to use the title of "CPD-certified (2008 - 2010)" in the same way as the non-specialists.

I hope the above is able to clarify the situation and if there are any queries Fellows can contact either Miss Ada Houn at tel: 28718891.

2005 Health Manpower Survey

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9 September 2005

Dear Dr Yan,

2005 Health Manpower Survey

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Health will conduct the 2005 Health Manpower Survey (HMS) on dentists in October 2005. The success of the Survey depends very much on the profession's co-operation and participation. In this regard, I would like to solicit your support in conveying this message to members of your organization.

The HMS has been conducted regularly since it was first introduced in 1980, with the aim to collect up-to-date information on the size, characteristics and employment status of healthcare personnel to facilitate the development and planning of health workforce in Hong Kong. Self-administered questionnaires will be sent together with the letters for renewal of practising certificates to all dentists in Hong Kong. The deadline for submission of questionnaire is **31 December 2005**.

We are committed to providing quality client-oriented service

We were asked by the Department of Health to remind all of our fellows to participate in the 2005 Health Manpower Survey (HMS). All registered dentists should have received the questionnaire by now. For those who still do not have the questionnaire, please contact Ms. Wendy Tsang, Research Officer, at 29618566.

Deadline: Dec 30, 2005

