

Announcement

New Fellows

The following Fellows were recently admitted to our College and the Academy of Medicine:

Fung Kin Yue	Lo John	Tse Pui Yee, Agnes
Law Chi Ming	Ng Chi Hong	Wong Shu Hing, Louise
Law Kwok Tung	Ng Pong Yin, Robert	Yip Hak Kong
Lee Dae Hyun	She Tsang Tsang	Yiu Bun Ka
Leung Yuen Chong, Fiona	Shum Mei Yan, Lily	Yu Chun
Liu Chi Yung, Simon	Sun Chung San, Frank	

Congratulations to all. The current number of Fellows in our College has now increased to 199.



Change of Fellow/Member Status

The following fellows/member have recently changed their status:

Fellows: Ho Hung Fun, Albert (overseas),
Chien Tai How, William (resigned)
Kwan Lim, Elizabeth (resigned)

Member: Siu Hin Ho (resigned)



Change of Correspondence

In order to ensure close contact between the College and Fellows, please report any change in correspondence address, email, telephone and facsimile number to our College Secretariat in writing as soon as possible.



Upcoming Events

7th Asian Congress on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ACOMS)

Date: 6-9 November 2006
Venue: HK Convention and Exhibition Centre
Info: Agnes Chung/Daniel Chok
Tel: 2871 8896/2871 8815
Website: <http://www.acoms2006.org>
Email: info@acoms2006.org

21st Congress of International Association of Paediatric Dentistry (IAPD)

Date: 14-17 November 2007
Venue: HK Convention and Exhibition Centre
Info: Agnes Chung/Daniel Chok
Tel: 2871 8896/2871 8815
Website: <http://www.iapd2007.com>
Email: info@iapd2007.com

CDSHK AGM

Sunday November 20, 2005
Please mark your diary for the event

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NEWSLETTER

The College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong

Spring 2005

President's Message

Although there are still snow and chilly weather in many parts of the Northern Hemisphere, the warm and humid climate has slowly but finally come to Hong Kong. I hope you all had enjoyed your Easter holidays. There were a few things that happened after the last newsletter, which I would be glad to report to you.

Together with the other stakeholders of the dental profession, I represented the College at a meeting with Dr. York Chow, the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food on January 18. The Bureau has secured a slot at the coming session of the Legislative Council and was seeking our views on using the opportunity to amend the Dentists Registration Ordinance (DRO) by introducing the specialist register to the ordinance. At the meeting I pointed out that our College, which has the training pathways for seven dental specialties already in place, would strongly support the proposal. I also support the view that the whole DRO should be eventually revamped at a later date after further consultation with the profession. As you might concur with me, the proposed specialist register would not only provide statutory recognition and control of dental specialists in Hong Kong, but also enhance the image of the dental profession. Our colleagues in the general dental practice should not regard this as a threat but rather an affirmation that their patients with complex oral problems could receive the highest standard of care. Your Council has decided to promulgate the merit of this legislative amendment to both the legislators and the other dental colleagues. Your support and assistance is very much appreciated.

Professor Grace Tang, the newly elected President of the Academy, attended the initial part of our Council Meeting on 25 January. Apart from getting to know the Council, she took the opportunity to brief us on the various tasks that the Academy has decided for the next few years. Among these, the one that would relate to us most is deeper collaboration with Mainland China. For many years the College has established close relations with our Chinese counterparts. Deans and former Deans of a few key dental schools in China are already our Honorary Fellows. Candidates from the mainland have taken our conjoint examinations or attended our CME meetings and courses. The College and the dental specialties have been and will be promoted to the dentists in mainland through various channels. Certainly there are rooms for more collaboration. Therefore as a first step, I will join the official delegation of the Academy to visit Beijing in April to meet the officials of

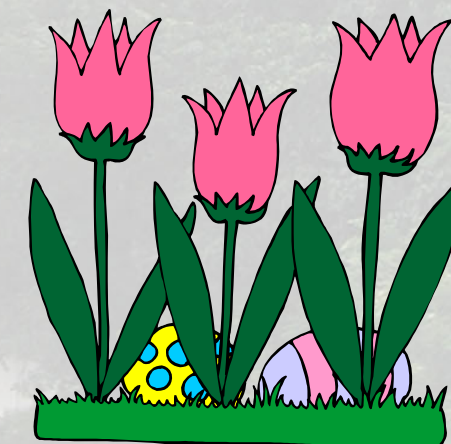
the Ministry of Health and the various Chinese academies and associations. Special arrangements have been made to meet the Dean of the Beijing School of Stomatology and Secretary-General of the Chinese Stomatology Association. After that the Council will then define on the ways forward. As regards the other future tasks of the Academy, your Council has decided that private hospitals may not be suitable for most of our trainings but would contribute as much as possible to manpower planning.

Please be reassured that the endeavor on public educations and relations of the College will continue. Planning is underway for our representatives to appear in the health phone-in programme of RTHK radio channel 1. Your contribution both in service or ideas are very much welcome.

The next scientific meeting of the College has been scheduled in September on the topic of dental practice management. Further details will be announced as soon as possible. The Winter Scientific Meeting will be held on 20 November together with the AGM as usual.

Finally may I conclude by saying that the College always values your support and input. You are welcome to write to the Council and me. May I wish you all a pleasant summer.

Bill Yan
President
March 2005



HKAM Beijing Tour

The Academy Council, following its resolution in a strategic workshop held in August 2004 to have deeper collaboration with the Mainland, sent a delegation to visit Beijing from 11 – 14 of April 2005. The delegation led by the President, Professor Grace Tang, has succeeded in achieving the goal in establishing contacts with relevant medical bodies



on the Mainland. It is understood that the Ministry of Health has planned to establish specialist registration system on the Mainland and would desire to exchange views with the Academy. Dr. Bill Yan represented the College in this delegation. Apart from participating in all the activities of the delegation, he also met Professor Yu Guang-yan, Dean of the Beijing School of Stomatology and Professor Yan Jing-fang, Vice-President and Secretary-General of the Chinese Stomatology Association to learn the progress of the development of dental specialist training and accreditation. Both Prof Yu and Prof Yan were positive in communicating and collaborating with the College on this matter.



College News

IT Committee

The Faculty of Medicine and the University Library System of the Chinese University of Hong Kong at the Li Ping Medical Library have jointly established the Hong Kong International MEDLARS Centre (HKIMC). The centre aims to serve the health professionals of Hong Kong by providing one-stop journal article delivery services. The web pages (<http://www.medlars.cuhk.edu.hk>) contain all the necessary information on registration and services details. Interested fellows can visit the web pages for further information.



Annual Subscription

Fellows of the HKAM should have received a debit note for the 2005 subscriptions. Please be reminded that it is the Academy policy that all subscriptions will be subject 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 Office.



College News

CME Sub-committee

MLMS

Automatic accreditation is the College intention's to simplify the process of CME accreditation procedure for the benefit of our Fellows. After attending and signing at the reception desk of pre-approved / approved scientific meetings, appropriate CME point(s) will automatically be recorded onto each and every Fellow's personal profile. In order to give reassurance to all Fellows, our CME Subcommittee has pledged, within two weeks after the scientific meeting(s), to ensure that the respective CME point(s) will appear on the Academy's *Membership and Learning Management System* (MLMS).

If you have attended and signed at a meeting and if after two weeks your CME point(s) have not appeared on the Academy's MLMS (from your computer via the internet), simply give our College Secretariat a call (tel. no.: 2871 8866), and we shall take the necessary follow-up actions.

At the 99th Council Meeting held on 21 May, 2003, on the recommendation of the CME Subcommittee, the

Council endorsed the setting up of *on-line Self Study* and *on-line learning* using the (MLMS) of the Academy.

Specialty Boards of our College have agreed in principle, to provide the title of one or two articles from indexed dental journal, bimonthly, together with some true/false questions for our Fellows to tackle. Only the title but not the whole article will be uploaded onto the MLMS because of copyright. After reading the article, each and every Fellow has **one** chance to answer the *True or False questions*. In obtaining at least 50% correct answers, the Fellow will get 1 CME point per article instantly and be credited to his/her personal profile automatically.

Similarly, *on-line learning* is also scheduled so that Fellows can view selected video-programmes of College-organized scientific meetings. After answering the *True or False questions* and with at least 50% correct answers, the Fellow will also get one CME point instantly under online Passive Learning.



Fellows' CME Related Documents

Over the years, our College Secretariat has collected and filed quite a substantial amount of CME related records, which may include letters of correspondence, certificates of attendance, booklets (or photocopies of such) of the conference etc. They have occupied quite a lot of office space, and have a continuous tendency to expand.

Ways of keeping of these CME documents was discussed during quite a number CME Subcommittee meeting during the past few years. Eventually it was agreed that the hard copies of those documents belonging to the most recent CME cycle would be kept in the office; all previous documents should be destroyed, if a soft copy of each and every document could be made and stored in the computer.

Thanks to the advances in digital technology, our secretarial staff has already started storing such information using electronic means. Once the exercise can be completed, which has taken a few months so far and is still under processing, these documents can either be returned to our Fellows, or destroyed by shredding.

In this connection, we wish to make an announcement that if any Fellow who would like to retrieve and keep his/her own old CME records, please inform Ms. Penny Pang, Secretary at the our College's office, by calling 2871 8866, and she will retrieve those relevant documents for your collection.

As these documents, after all these years, can be quite heavy and costly for posting, so only personal callers will be entertained, applicable to all Fellows. Please either send in your own messenger (personal or commercial one), or turn up at the College office yourself, for such retrieval.

If our Secretarial staff does not hear from you on or before August 31, 2005, all your CME files, up to the end of the **previous cycle**, will be destroyed without further notice.

