

**REPORT FROM THE WARDEN  
& EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
2012 - 2013**

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We would be delighted to report our continuing success to discharge the duty of upkeeping the standards of our profession in the past year, thanks to the contribution from members of the Education Committee and its Subcommittees (Please refer to Appendix I for the membership of the Subcommittees).

***Examination and Exit Assessment***

In the Fellowship Examinations held jointly with The Royal College of Radiologists of United Kingdom, the success rates were 81.25% (13 out of 16 local candidates) for the Final Examination in Clinical Radiology, and 60% (9 out of 15 local candidates) for the Final Examination in Clinical Oncology.

The First Examination for the Fellowship in Nuclear Medicine was also held in October 2012 and March 2013 respectively. The sole candidate of each sitting was awarded a pass.

The Third Palliative Medicine Board Examination was held on 14 March 2013. All 5 candidates were awarded a pass.

The exercise of Exit Assessment for completion of training was held in July 2012 and January 2013 with 3 and 24 successful trainees respectively. My thanks go to the Assessment Panel.

The names of examiners, observers and successful candidates in the various examinations and exit assessments for each discipline were listed in Annexes A and B.

In Clinical Radiology, the electronic examinations in the Anatomy Module of First FRCR Examination and the rapid reporting and reporting sessions of the Final FRCR Part B Examination were conducted in the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. The College sought to ensure smooth running of every key components of the examinations. This was achieved through dedicated support by the working group led by Dr. Lui Chun Ying, Dr. Stephen Cheung, Dr. Lai Kwok Chung, Dr. Samuel Lau and Dr. Wong Yiu Chung as well as the College's secretariat team. I would like to express my sincere thanks to them, voluntary helpers from various hospitals and College Secretariat for their efforts.

The changes to digital examination in the Oral component of the Final FRCR Part B Examination in Clinical Radiology had been implemented in London from Spring 2013 sitting. The materials for viva component would be presented digitally on computer screen, rather than using films and light boxes, in order to keep in line with current practices in radiology. It had been planned to introduce this mode of delivery in Hong Kong in the coming future. Our College had nominated Dr. Stephen Cheung to attend the Osirix training held on 4 June 2013 in London to learn more about the software and hardware set-up and logistics of this electronic examination arrangement. Our trainers and trainees will be informed of the various changes and development.

For Clinical Oncology, RCR had made changes to the number of attempts available to candidates taking Final Part A/ Final Part B Examination in Clinical Oncology. Our College was informed by RCR that a number of HK candidates who were successful in the FRCR Part A examination in Spring 2011 would soon be affected by the examination regulation which stipulates that success in the Part B examination must be obtained within five sittings. In this regard, the Fellowship Examination Board of RCR recently took the decision to increase the permitted attempts at Part B following a pass in Part A from five to six attempts. This extended the eligibility of the concerned candidates to the Autumn 2013 sitting of the Joint Final Part B Examination in Hong Kong. The College would like to acknowledge the Fellowship Examination Board's special consideration of the HK candidates and its endeavor in making the changes.

In light of the on-going changes to various components of FRCR examinations format and training curriculum, our College will keep on monitoring the development and reviewing the current training and examination arrangement.

### ***Fellowship***

Hong Kong College of Radiologists (HKCR) and The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) jointly held ceremonies in Hong Kong to admit new Fellows on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Dr. Jane Barrett, President of The Royal College of Radiologists was present to preside over the admission of 22 new Fellows of the Royal College. In the same evening, our College admitted 25 new Fellows. Dr. Timothy Yip was conferred Honorary Membership of our College during the Joint Ceremonies for Admission of New Fellows of the RCR and HKCR on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

Dr. WAN Wing Suet from Department of Radiology of Tuen Mun Hospital and Dr. CHEUNG Ka Wai Alice from Department of Clinical Oncology of Tuen Mun Hospital were awarded

the Rohan Williams Medal in the Autumn 2012 Fellowship Final Examination in Clinical Radiology and Clinical Oncology, respectively. The award presentation will be held in conjunction with the Joint Ceremonies for Admission of New Fellows of the RCR and HKCR on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013.

On 30 June 2013, our College Fellowship stood at 441 (306 in Radiology, 116 in Clinical Oncology, and 19 in Nuclear Medicine). In addition, there were 13 Honorary Fellows and 5 Honorary Members.

### ***Training System and Accreditation***

In the past year, structured training in the different specialties had been continuously conducted at the various accredited training departments and central training courses were organized by the College. For Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, Part I (Basic) and Part II (Intermediate) Courses had been in place for many years. For Clinical Oncology, Part I (Basic) was in place for many years and Part II (Intermediate) Training Course started since 2004. The standards of training build on the dedication of everyone involved in various training activities. The College would like to thank all specialists, medical physicists, technologists and scientists contributing towards these courses.

In response to a number of queries received from the trainees and training centres on the calculation and definition of accepted leave of trainees during the training period, the College's Council and Education Committee discussed and resolved that a trainee absent from their training post for any period in excess of culmination of 3 months (i.e. 90 days) during the period of Basic Training, or culmination of 2 months (i.e. 60 days) during the period of Higher Training, apart from annual leave and pre-approved conference leave, should notify the College for corresponding adjustment of the training period requirement. In addition, the respective training centre should notify the College if a trainee had taken the continuous leave of more than 14 calendar days. Continuous leave and culmination of 14 calendar days leave are applicable to sick leave and maternity leave.

Concerning the gradual movement of the service provision in Hospital Authority from hospital-based to cluster-based, some subspecialty services would be performed mainly or even solely in some non-accredited training centres. The Education Committee have initiated the process to review the Training Regulations and existing accreditation system of training centres, so that the training period of trainees working in these centres could be accredited.

### ***Scientific Activities***

#### ***20<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of Hong Kong College of Radiologists, 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2012***

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The subspecialty focus sessions for this meeting were "Neuroradiology" and "Head & Neck Cancers", and two multidisciplinary symposia on Neuro IR and Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma were organized. Overseas speakers included Drs. Jane Barrett, Peter Bliss, Matthew Bull, Richard de Boer, Profs. Duncan Ettles, David Goldstein, Robert James Grieve, Zhengyu Jin, Ajit Kumar Padhy,

Alain Ravaud and Dinesh Varma. Local faculty were Drs. Jimmy YW Chan, Edwin P Hui, Michael KM Kam, Elaine Kan, Prof. Ann King, Dr. TK Kong, Mr. Derek WH Kwan, Drs. John CK Kwok, Vincent Lai, Prof. Linda Lam, Drs. Raymand Lee, Anne WM Lee, Yolanda YP Lee, Eric YL Leung, SF Leung, Prof. YH Leung, Drs. Johnny KF Ma, Henry KF Mak, TY Ng, Karen KT Pak, WL Poon, John SF Shum, Deyond YW Siu, Henry Sze, CP Wong and KY Yam. The meeting was attended by over 640 participants. 78 proffered papers were accepted, 36 for oral presentation and 42 as posters.

The Education Fund generated from the Radiology 2000 Congress, sponsored 1 delegate from PPRA-RTOG, Mainland China and 1 delegate from India to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting and also supported the award for “The Best Original Paper for Hong Kong Journal of Radiology” at the meeting.

Annex C lists the details of the scientific activities held during the year. Annex D lists the organizations and benefactors that the College would like to thank for their sponsorship of the activities.

### ***Continuing Medical Education / Continuous Professional Development (CME/CPD)***

Under the leadership of Dr. Stephen Cheung, our College’s CME/CPD Principles and Guidelines have been revised in line with the spirit of the HKAM for the development of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) for operation in cycle 2014-16, which was endorsed by the Academy Education Committee in October 2012. In the new guidelines to be implemented from 1 January 2014, the minimum active points a Fellow has to obtain in a cycle remains at 15 while the total number of points is still 90. To acknowledge the great effort of the trainers of our College’s Fellowship training courses in preparing the lecture and teaching materials, it was decided that 1 Category A (Active) CME/CPD point per hour of lecture up to a maximum of 5 points per cycle would be accredited for the trainers in the structured training courses in Radiology / Clinical Oncology / Nuclear Medicine organized by Hong Kong College of Radiologists for radiology trainees, under the category of “Postgraduate Teaching”. For accreditation of self-study activities, the Council and Education Committee endorsed the principles to award Category A (Active) CME/CPD point(s) to those self-study activities that are partially related to our specialties provided that the learning points are relevant to our specialty daily practice. The pre-approved list of self study activities on web-based CME/CPD programme has also been updated. In addition, in order to reduce secretariat workload and simplify the procedures of vetting the application for Clinico-radiological conferences, Case Management Meetings, Grand Rounds (Local/Overseas) / Case Conference and Morbidity and Mortality Meeting where an interesting or sentinel case is presented, the College endorsed that starting from the new cycle of 2014-2016, the accreditation of these activities would be valid till the end of the CME/CPD cycle in which the approval was granted instead of every calendar year such activities. The College might check and verify the continuity of these activities during the accreditation period if necessary while the accreditation principles would remain the same as previous practice. Much effort and gratitude goes to Dr. Stephen Cheung and the members of CME/CPD Subcommittee.

As of March 2013, a total of 401 Fellows in active practice and registered with HKCR are required to fulfill CME/CPD requirements for the new CME/CPD cycle ended on

31 December 2013. Only about 3% of Fellows have attained less than 4/9 of the required CME/CPD points after the second year of the 2011-2013 cycle.

The College had also been regularly putting up “Case of the month” and other educational materials on the International Network for Continuing Medical Education & Continuous Professional Development (iCMECPD) of the Academy of Medicine for our Fellows to score self-study CME/CPD points on line. Members of the Homepage Subcommittee, Scientific Subcommittee and Editorial Board had been contributory towards this activity.

### ***Education and Research***

The Education and Research Fund continued to provide grants to support radiologists from neighbouring territories. One doctor from PPRA-RTOG, Mainland China and one doctor from India are supported by the Fund to participate in the Annual Scientific Meeting of our College in 2012. The Fund had also supported the award for “The Best Original Paper for Hong Kong Journal of Radiology” in the meeting.

### ***HKCR 15A Travelling Fellowship***

The HKCR 15A Travelling Fellowship aims to provide Fellows of Hong Kong College of Radiologists with advanced overseas training in United Kingdom for their continuous professional development, which may include attachment, workshops, short training courses and study tours. The application for the HKCR 15A Travelling Fellowship 2013 was opened in February 2013 and the interview was convened in May 2013. Three candidates, Dr. CHANG Tien Yee Amy (Department of Clinical Oncology of Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital), Dr. KAN Yee Ling Elaine (Department of Radiology of Kwong Wah Hospital), and Dr. WONG Chun Wai (Department of Radiology of Kwong Wah Hospital), were successful in obtaining the grant. Dr. Chang planned to receive training in Clinical Oncology on gynecologic oncology with focus on image guided brachytherapy for cervical cancers at Addenbrooke’s Hospital in Cambridge, Dr. Kan and Dr. Wong would pursue training in Fetal Neuro-imaging at St Thomas’ Hospital in London and Breast Imaging in both screening and diagnostic settings at Nottingham Breast Institute, respectively. My thanks go to Dr. CK Law and his team.

The Education Committee and its Subcommittees earnestly express their appreciation of the support provided by the executive staff of the College and the secretaries of the various chairpersons or convenors. The College would also like to thank all Fellows who had been actively participating in various activities.



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