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PRESIDENT'S JOTTING

The Hong Kong College of Radiologists is one of the member societies of the International Society of Radiology. I recently attended the 25th International Congress of Radiology in Marrakesh in Morocco. The meeting was well attended. Of particular interest was the keynote address delivered by Dr. Elias Zerhouni, the Director of the National Institute of Health (NIH) of United States of America and Dr. Zerhouni is a radiologist by training. His theme was on the major factors that would force a radical transformation of Medicine and Health. These include - socioeconomic, demographic and global health factors. On top of these are ever evolving public health challenges - shift from acute to chronic conditions, aging population, health disparities, emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases like obesity and malignancies. R & D medical imaging will be relevant at all physical scales and the extensive medical imaging will also change the landscape of disease. As a radiologist, we are all aware of all these evolutions. We have witnessed the rapid technologic advancement of radiology and the forever enlarging armamentariums of oncological treatment. On the other hand, we are also cognizant of the increasing public demand. How can the society, how can we as healthcare professionals embrace all these, and through what health care system that will be acceptable by all? Needless to say we are concern of what health care financing options are available to make all these work. Yes, Government has recently proposed options for long term health care financing. Yet will any options sustain the ever changing social needs, the increasing inflation and the forever-upgraded medical technology?

As I write these jottings, we are in the middle of workup for the Legislative Council election. It is of course our hope that in the process and debates during the election campaigns we can hear wisdoms from our prospective candidates on how they will tackle the issues. From a College point of view, we would like to know how they would propose to support specialty development and continuous professional development. Very few politicians or policies to be have addressed this issue. Yet if they want to represent the profession, if they want to act as a bridge between the profession and the public by continuously raising the standards of professional practice, then this is an area they should not shirk responsibility.

As I write this jotting, I am aware that this will be my last President Jotting as I decided not to accept nomination for office in the forthcoming AGM in September. I am honored to have founded and served the College since its inception in 1990. It hardly seems that 19 years ago when, in my capacity as the President of Hong Kong Society of Diagnostic Radiologists, involved in the discussion of Halnan Report in 1989 and as member of the working group on Postgraduate Medical Education & Training and later, the Preparatory Committee of the Academy of Medicine in 1990. On 24th May 1990, I convened a meeting with Heads of our specialties in public hospitals, Universities and specialty societies to discuss the feasibility of setting up a

College and whether we should group together Radiodiagnosis, Radiotherapy and Nuclear Medicine within one College. The other members in that meeting were Dr. Poon Yeuk Foo, Dr. Damon Choy, Professor Henry Ngan, Professor C. Metreweli, Dr. F L Chan, Dr. M T Chau and Dr. Henry Yeung. We named that committee as Preparatory Committee of Hong Kong College of Radiologists. After much work and many meetings, the Hong Kong College of Radiologists was formed with 1st Council Meeting held on 8th November 1991. The inauguration took place in the Furama Hotel on 12th September 1992 with stage guests like Presidents of Royal College of Radiologists and Royal Australasian College of Radiologists and local dignitaries. Throughout all these years, as all may realize, in addition to changes or formalizing of names of specialties, setting up of training curriculum and working closely with The Royal College relating to continuous expansion of our work, our professional scope and strengthening of our disciplines. Radiological practices are hugely different now than 18 years ago.

For myself, I have many happy memories and proud moments and these I owe to the dedicated Council, the members, the many supporters and supporting organizations. There had been many important milestones of our College but I would like to reminisce a bit here on what I think is truly memorable. Take the example of our membership, we started off with 79 Foundation Fellows and there were no Fellows who had solely dedicated Nuclear Medicine training. Today we have 242 in Radiology, 93 in Clinical Oncology and 17 in Nuclear Medicine Fellows and 136 Members, making a total of 488. When we started our bank account in Hang Seng Bank with 500 dollars that I deposited, it took a lot of convincing to the Bank that our College fund would grow and hoped that they would help us to invest. With generous donation from philanthropists / members, profits from activities and the conscientious effort in investment from Hang Seng Investment Management Limited, our College fund continues to grow and our financial status has been very healthy. Internationally, our College had successfully obtained our independent representation and voting status in International Society and Asian and Oceanian Society of Radiology, something we worked very hard for. I believe we are one of the earliest professional organizations to set up a website and implementation of the "Case of the Month" for CME/CPD accreditation. Despite not always armed with a lot of manpower, we are a College which always participate actively in various activities, like organizing many overseas and local congresses/meetings during which we also gave support to young radiologists from Mainland China and Asian countries to attend. I valued very much my participation in the many large scale international meetings the College organized, like the Roentgen Centenary meeting in 1995 (to celebrate the occasion, our College had a first day cover with a postal chop issued on 8th November 1995, which is a real collectable item now). The valuable experience I had in representing the College in projects and overseas professional societies had broadened my knowledge and view; one of the important projects the College supported is naming a room with permanent exhibit in the Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences. And of course, it has always been the proudest moments for me and for all of us, when we see so many new faces joining the profession as our new Fellows in our Annual Admission Ceremony, and share with them the fruits of their hard work. It is especially touching when informed that our candidates had been awarded medals for their excellent examination results. I am delighted that I had the taste of many such happy occasions, as there had been many of these awards earned by our candidates throughout the years.

After so many wonderful years, at the end of the 5th term of my Presidency, I am delighted to hand over the Hong Kong College of Radiologists as a strong, stable, well supported and vibrant organization to my successor and the in-coming Council. I thank you all for your unfailing support and a special thank to the secretarial staff. The College would not be what she is without all of your enthusiastic support and contributions.

Lilian Leong 28th August 2008

MESSAGE FROM EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Revision of Training Regulations in Clinical Oncology of Hong Kong College of Radiologists

I am pleased to inform you that the revision of the Training Regulations of Clinical Oncology is completed and endorsed by the Council of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine at its meeting held on 20 March 2008. The purpose of this revision is to further review the training curriculum and requirements as well as to reflect the changes in the clinical practice and advancement in technology.

This new regulation has been implemented on 1 July 2008. All trainees recruited since 1 July 2008 should adopt the revised Training Regulations for the full period of training. For the trainees who are in the middle of their period of Basic Training or Higher Training, their training requirement would be remained the same according to the Training Regulations adopted on 10 October 2006.

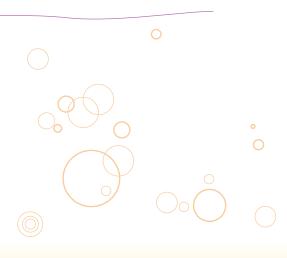
Attention is particularly drawn to the following points:

- The duration of training shall last for a minimum of 6 years, with 4 years of basic specialist training including a minimum of 3 years of full time bedside and practical training in an accredited Clinical Oncology training centre with a structured integrated programme covering radiotherapy, chemotherapy, hormonal therapy, biological therapy and palliative medicine; and 2 years of higher specialist training. Trainees should have a minimum of 80% attendance rate for the structured training courses organized by the College.
- 2. A minimum of 80% attendance on the structured training courses will be required before trainees are allowed to attempt the respective Basic or Intermediate examinations.

The full version of new training regulations is available at our College homepage http://www.hkcr.org. If you have any queries on the training regulations, please do not hesitate to convey them to the College's Secretariat at (852) 2871 8788 or email via admin@hkcr.org.

Peter Choi

Chairman of Education Committee



SOUVENIR COVERS OF HONG KONG COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS

By Dr. C.M. Tong

For those who are interested in collecting souvenirs of our College and especially stamp collectors remember that we have issued two sets of First Day Covers to celebrate the Roentgen Centenary Congress in 1995 and the Radiology 2000 Hong Kong International Congress. Both covers are very welcomed by our members. Particularly the Roentgen Centenary Souvenir Covers have a high collector market value. At that time, there were a lot of people asking our President, Dr. Lilian Leong to sign the covers in order to increase the covers' philatelic value.

1. Roentgen Centenary Congress Covers

To celebrate the event and to pay tribute to Roentgen for his great discovery of X-Ray, our College hosted an international congress from 8 to 12 November 1995. The set of 2 covers were designed by the author and Dr. K.Y. Cheung (Fig. 1 & 2). Thanks for the help of Dr. Peter H.K. Choi and his wife, we could obtain the approval of the Hong Kong Post Office to create an official post mark for the event. It was the first time of the Hong Kong postal history to have this kind of medical souvenir post mark. The covers have received very great attention not only by our College members but also the Hong Kong public and the international philatelic collectors.

2. Radiology 2000 Hong Kong International Congress Covers

In August 2000, our College organized the Millennium Radiology Conference to mark another milestone in Radiology in Hong Kong, and to look back and look forward in the development of Radiology in the Territory. A set of 2 covers were issued by our College to commemorate the event (Fig. 3). The special chop displaying the harmony of science and people was designed by our President. They were also very welcomed by our members, especially the one with the signature of our President.

We still have a little amount of these covers left for sale. Please contact our College executives if you are interested to buy them.

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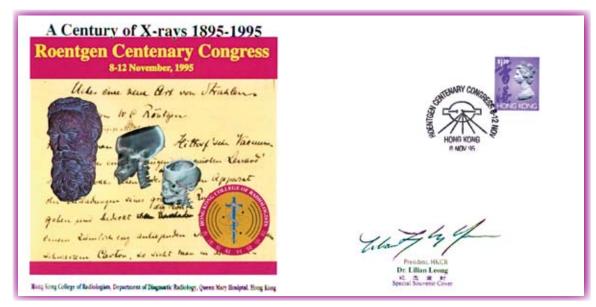


Fig. 1





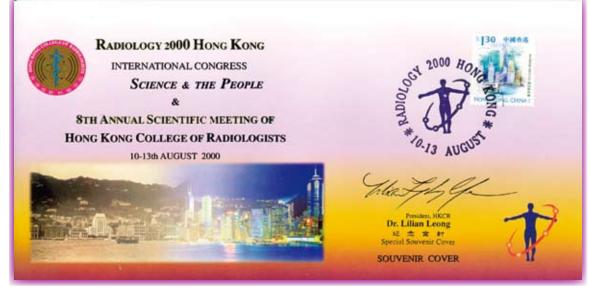


Fig. 3

BREAST CANCER SYMPOSIUM Saturday, 8 March 2008







Our College has successfully organized a half-day Breast Cancer Symposium on 8 March 2008 (Saturday), at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. This Breast Cancer Symposium covers important aspects of the multidisciplinary management for breast cancer patients. The meeting was well attended by over 230 participants including our College members, radiographers' colleagues and other healthcare workers. Special thanks goes to Novartis Oncology for their sponsorship of the event.













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9TH REGIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS CONFERENCE & ISCD BONE DENSITOMETRY COURSE Friday – Sunday, 16 – 18 May 2008



Souvenir presented from Dr. Ip Tai-pang, Chairman of Programme Organising Committee, to Dr. Lilian Leong, President of Hong Kong College of Radiologists

The 9th Regional Osteoporosis Conference was successfully held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on 17-18 May 2008. The Conference was organized by the Osteoporosis Society of Hong Kong and co-hosted with Hong Kong College of Radiologists and Osteoporosis Centre, University of Hong Kong, which was preceded by the ISCD Bone Densitometry Course, co-organised with the International Society of Clinical Densitometry.

Speakers from our College, Professor James F Griffith, Dr. Gregory E Antonio and Dr. William SK Cheung were invited to deliver lectures at the Joint Symposium.

Welcome Message by Dr. Leong Che-hung, Chairman of Elderly Commission



A delegation of 10 attended the CME Congress and International Forum on CPD Accreditation in Vancouver from 29 May – 1 June 2008. Our College representative, Dr. Stephen Cheung, participated in the events.



Photos taken at Congress & Forum

SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR - NEXAVAR: PROGRESS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA Friday, 13 June 2008

A scientific seminar entitled "Nexavar: Progress in the Management of Hepatocellular Carcinoma", co-organised with The Hong Kong Cancer Therapy Society and Hong Kong Society of Clinical Oncology, took place at The Excelsior Hong Kong on 13 June 2008. The event was successfully held and kindly supported by Bayer HealthCare Limited.



Photos taken at Scientific Seminar on 13 June 2008

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The Lung Cancer Symposium will be held on 6 September 2008 (Saturday) at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. It covers important aspects of the multidisciplinary management for lung cancer patients. Please visit the HKCR website (http://www.hkcr.org) for the very exciting scientific programme with a faculty of local speakers who are renowned in the field of lung cancer management. The topics are well-selected, aiming to be practical, comprehensive with deliberation of the state-of-the-art technology and approach. We believe that all participants will benefit a lot and will enrich his/her knowledge in modern-day lung cancer management after this symposium.

Scientific Programme:

2:00 – 2:20pm	Registration		
2:20 – 2:30pm	Introduction		
2:30 – 3:00pm	Radiological staging of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC): From the Mountain to the 7th edition of TNM classification		
	Dr. WH Yeung Department of Radiology, Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital		
3:00 – 3:30pm	First line therapy for advanced nonsmall cell lung cancer		
	Dr. SK Au Department of Clinical Oncology, Queen Elizabeth Hospital		
3:30 – 4:00pm	Minimally invasive surgical treatment of lung cancer		
	Dr. CC Ma Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Queen Elizabeth Hospital		
4:00 – 4:30pm	Coffee Break		
4:30 – 5:00pm	PET/CT in lung cancer management: An update		
	Dr. Frankie PT Choi Department of Radiology, North District Hospital		
5:00 – 5:30pm	Radiotherapy for locally advanced NSCLC - What is the current evidence?		
	Dr. Macy Tong Department of Clinical Oncology, Princess Margaret Hospital		

Please return completed registration form, which is available at HKCR homepage, to College Secretariat for registration.

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HONG KONG COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS 16TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING Saturday & Sunday, 1-2 November 2008

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY!

The 16th Annual Scientific Meeting of Hong Kong College of Radiologists will be held on 1-2 November 2008 (Saturday & Sunday) at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building.

The scientific programme covers special focus sessions including **Paediatric Radiology, Oncology and Nuclear Medicine, Interventional Radiology and Palliative Medicine.** We are very honoured to have eminent speakers to join our Annual Scientific Meeting this time in Hong Kong. The overseas and local faculties are experts in the disciplines of radiology, clinical oncology and nuclear medicine. As technology and information are moving forward at a very fast pace, it is important for healthcare workers to constantly update ourselves on the information and to arm ourselves with the most appropriate techniques in our delivery of service.

We are confident that all participants will benefit from this opportunity to update their knowledge and in keeping up with recent advancement in the various subspecialties of Radiology, Clinical Oncology and Nuclear Medicine.

REGISTRATION FEE

	Fellows & members of RCR or HKCR	Radiographers, Medical Physicists and Nurses	Other Physicians	Students
Full Registration	HKD 1,200 /	HKD 900 /	HKD 1,500 /	HKD 600 /
(2 Days)	USD 165	USD 125	USD 200	USD 85
Day Registration	HKD 600 /	HKD 450 /	HKD 750 /	HKD 300 /
	USD 85	USD 65	USD 105	USD 50
Dinner of the Colleges on 1 st November 2008	HKD 200 / USD 35			

*Registration fees for delegates include a copy of programme book, coffee breaks and lunch during the meeting period. Conference kits are for full registrants only. All bank charges must be pre-paid.

CME/CPD ACCREDITATION

The 2-day meeting is accredited by the Hong Kong College of Radiologists: 10.5 (Cat. A) CME/CPD points for whole meeting (5.5 points for 1st November 2008 and 5 points for 2nd November 2008)

CME/CPD credit points from The Royal College of Radiologists, other Colleges of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, MCHK CME Programme and Radiographers Board of Hong Kong are under application.

Please remember to register for your CME/CPD points on both days of the meeting.

We look forward to your participation and support!

For scientific programme and further details of the meeting, please contact the College Secretariat or visit our College website at http://www.hkcr.org

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STATUS	NUMBER
Honorary Fellow	9
Fellow	352
Member	98
Trainee Member	37
Associate Member	1
Total	497

Our College has the following numbers of members as at 26 August 2008:

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List of Trainee Members admitted from 25 March 2008 till 26 August 2008:

ADMISSION DATE	NAME	SPECIALTY	TRAINING CENTER
25 March 2008	LEUNG On Cheung	DR	ТМН
25 March 2008	LIM Mei Ying	CO	РМН
25 March 2008	MUI Wing Ho	СО	TMH
25 March 2008	PAN Nin Yuan	DR	KWH
25 March 2008	TIN Wing Yan Winnie	CO	ТМН
29 April 2008	CHAN Sum Yin	СО	QMH
29 April 2008	CHAN Wing Lok	CO	QMH
27 May 2008	LAW Ka Suet	CO	РМН
27 May 2008	LI Wing Sum	CO	QEH
26 August 2008	FANG Xin Hao Benjamin	DR	QMH
26 August 2008	HO Grace	DR	QMH
26 August 2008	LEUNG Hoi Ying	DR	PWH
26 August 2008	SHEK Ka Wai	DR	QEH
26 August 2008	SHIU Chun Kit	DR	QEH
26 August 2008	TAM Ka Ying Hillary	DR	NDH
26 August 2008	WONG Wai Yin	DR	QMH

List of Members admitted from 25 March 2008 till 26 August 2008:

ADMISSION DATE	NAME	SPECIALTY	TRAINING CENTER
29 April 2008	AU YEUNG Wai San Andrea	DR	UCH
27 May 2008	CHANG Tien Yee Amy	CO	PYNEH
27 May 2008	HO Pui Ying Patty	CO	QMH
27 May 2008	TAI Yin Ping	CO	QEH
27 May 2008	WONG Lai San	CO	QMH
24 June 2008	CHEUK Yuen Yi	DR	KWH
24 June 2008	LAM Ka On	CO	ТМН
24 June 2008	LEUNG Kwun To Anthony	CO	QEH
24 June 2008	WONG Cheuk Kei Kathy	CO	ТМН
24 June 2008	WONG Yuet Hung	NM	PYNEH
26 August 2008	CHAN Ka Chi	DR	PWH
26 August 2008	LUI Pui Yan	DR	NDH

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CALL FOR APPLICATION OF HKCR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FUND

HKCR Education and Research Fund is now opened for application to support research projects, conference attendance and other activities between Jan 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009

The objective of HKCR Education and Research Fund is to promote and assist career development, continuing education and research activities among members of Hong Kong College of Radiologists (HKCR) and international professional community.

Four Categories of Grants are available from the Fund:

- I. Education grant to assist HKCR members for overseas advanced training and international conventions.
- II. Education grant for Mainland China and overseas radiologists to participate in activities organized by HKCR.
- III. Conference grant to assist HKCR members in organizing educational activities.
- IV. Research grant to assist HKCR members to conduct pilot study in basic and clinical research

The completed application form should be submitted to the Secretariat Office to the attention of the Chairman of the Committee of HKCR Education and Research Fund. Enquiries on details of grants and application forms can be directed to the College Secretariat.

Deadline for Application: October 15, 2008

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS IN 2008

Date	Event	Venue	Website
11-14 September 2008	15 th Symposium of the European Society of Urogenital Radiology	Munich, Germany	www.esur2008.org
15-17 September 2008	Radiology Annual Scientific Meeting of The Royal College of Radiologists 2008	London, UK	www.rcr.ac.uk
13-17 September 2008	Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course of the CIRSE 2008	Copenhagen, Denmark	www.cirse.org
6-8 October 2008	International Cancer Imaging Society Meeting & 8 th Annual Teaching Course	Bath, UK	www.icimagingsociety. org.uk
9-11 October 2008	Series Masters in Radiology: Multidisciplinary Approach to Chest Diseases - A Tribute to Professor Peter Armstrong	Liverpool, UK	www.bir.org.uk
16-19 October 2008	The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists 59 th Annual Scientific Meeting (RANZCR 2008 ASM)	Adelaide, Australia	www.ranzcrasm.com
24-28 October 2008	12 th Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR 2008)	Seoul, Korea	www.aocr2008.org
30 November- 5 December 2008	RSNA 2008	Chicago, USA	rsna2008.rsna.org
5-6 June 2009	The 2 nd Asian Congress of Abdominal Radiology (ACAR'2009)	Seoul, Korea	www.acar2009.org
9-11 July 2009	7 th Asian Oceanian Congress of Neuro-radiology (AOCNR), 18 th International Congress of Head & Neck Radiology (ICHNR), 11 th National Congress of Indonesian Radiological Society (IRS)	Bali, Indonesia	www.aosnhnr.org