

REPORT FROM THE WARDEN & EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2019 – 2020

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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 (RCR) of the United Kingdom, the success rates were 87.5% (14 out of 16 local candidates) for the Final Examination (Part B) in Clinical Radiology, and 100% (7 out of 7 local candidates) for the Final Examination (Part B) in Clinical Oncology.

The exercise of Exit Assessment for completion of training was held in July 2019 and January 2020 with 2 and 20 trainees successful in the respective sittings. The conduction of Exit Assessment was smooth and valuable feedbacks were received from assessors.

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.

The College sought to ensure smooth running of every key components of the examinations and Exit Assessment, and this could only be achieved through dedicated support by the Assessment Panels, external and local examiners, examination invigilators, working group of examination planning and voluntary helpers from various hospitals as well as the College Secretariat. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of them for their efforts.

In view of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and with the concerns on the medical safety of candidates and all those involved in the process, the examinations of the three specialties of College scheduled in the first half of 2020 have been cancelled. The College has closely monitored the situation and has been liaising with The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) about the examination rearrangement for local candidates.

Fellowship

Hong Kong College of Radiologists (HKCR) and The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) jointly held ceremonies to admit new Fellows on 16th November 2019 in Hong Kong. Dr. Jeanette Dickson, President of The Royal College of Radiologists was present to preside over the admission of 21 new Fellows of the Royal College. In the same evening, our College admitted 24 new Fellows.

Dr. Chan Wai from Department of Clinical Oncology of Tuen Mun Hospital was awarded the Dr. FL Chan Medal in the Exit Assessment, January 2020. The award presentation will be held in conjunction with the Joint Ceremonies for Admission of New Fellows of the RCR and HKCR on 14th November 2020.

On 30th June 2020, our College Fellowship stood at 602 (410 in Radiology, 169 in Clinical Oncology, and 23 in Nuclear Medicine). In addition, there were 18 Honorary Fellows and 8 Honorary Members.

Training System and Accreditation

In the past year, structured training in different specialties had been continuously conducted at the various accredited training departments and central training courses were organized by the College. The standards of training build on the dedication of everyone involved in training activities. During the COVID-19 outbreak, the College has established alternative means to conduct those central training courses while compiling with infection control measures, such as on-line broadcasting of live lectures or recorded lectures. The College would like to thank the contribution of all the lecturers of training courses including all specialists, medical physicists, technologists and scientists and Chairpersons of the three Training Course Subcommittees.

A meeting with all Training Heads was arranged on 12th June 2020 detailing matters about the training impacts during COVID-19 outbreak, training matters, examination and membership.

The mid-term revision of the Training Guidelines in Radiology, Clinical Oncology and Nuclear Medicine has been completed and endorsed by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. The revised training guidelines have aligned the key training requirements across the three specialties with the objective of ensuring consistency in all documents of College documents. To address the recent development of recruiting overseas doctors via limited registration to serve in the Hospital Authority, the new guidelines have covered revision on the requirements for co-trainers to delineate how overseas specialists could contribute in training in different Training Centres. In parallel to the revision of training guidelines, the Education Committee has also revised the Working Principles for Accreditation of New Training Centres by introducing a new category named “Centres for Designated Training” to pave way for training accreditation of centres that provide highly specialized clinical services in Hong Kong.

Scrutiny of Trainees’ logbook / training records for comprehensive & relevant training at fixed check points was implemented in January 2017 and continued to be conducted in 2019 and 2020. I would like to thank the contribution and effort from all assessors from specialties of Radiology, Clinical Oncology and Nuclear Medicine to uphold the standard of training and to facilitate the Exit Assessment by improving the workload of assessors in reviewing the enormous information in training logbooks.

Our College published the Second Edition of Clinical Referral Guidelines in Radiology in 2019, which provides a useful reference for the medical specialists to choose the most optimal radiological tools for the effective delivery of comprehensive and quality patient care, and for a better understanding of the roles and limitations of Radiology in specific clinical scenarios. A working group led by Dr. Francis Tang have successfully developed a new mobile application which serves as a pocket-size interactive companion for the printed version and is ready to be launched for our College members. Our College would like to express our sincere gratitude to the members of the working group and edit team for their contribution and effort in developing the mobile application of HKCR Clinical Referral Guidelines in Radiology.

Scientific Activities

The 8th Joint Scientific Meeting of the Royal College of Radiologists & Hong Kong College of Radiologists and 27th Annual Scientific Meeting of Hong Kong College of Radiologists, 16th – 17th November 2019

This was the eighth time that two Colleges jointly organized a scientific meeting in Hong Kong, with a faculty forms by speakers from both Colleges. The programme co-ordinators were Prof. Mark Callaway and Dr. Wai Lun Poon. The subspecialty focus sessions for the Eighth Joint Meeting were “Artificial Intelligence”, “Genitourinary Malignancies”, “Paediatric Radiology” and one multidisciplinary symposium on “Carcinoma of Rectum” was organized. Overseas speakers included Dr. Ranjana Chaudhuri, Dr. Jeanette Dickson, Dr. Bernie Foran, Dr. Katharine Halliday, Dr. Mark Harrison, Prof. Dr. med. Christian Jackisch, Prof. Minkyu Jung, Prof. Tchoyoson Lim, Prof. Dr. Bart Morlion, Dr. Paddy Niblock, Dr. Declan O’Regan, Prof. Keunchil Park, Prof. Gaurav Saigal, Prof. Sathi Anandan Sukumar, Dr. Erik P Sulman and Dr. Thomas Taylor. Local faculty were Dr. Ting Kun Au Yong, Prof. Jing Cai, Dr. Dominic Chun Wan Chan, Dr. Oscar Siu Hong Chan, Dr. Timmy Chi Wing Chan, Dr. Kenneth Kai Yat Cheung, Dr. Vincent Yuk Tong Cheung, Dr. Benjamin Xin Hao Fang, Dr. Esther Hiu Yee Hung, Dr. Elaine Yee Ling Kan, Prof. Spring Feng Ming Kong, Dr. Alta Yee Tak Lai, Dr. Andrew Siu Ho Lai, Dr. Ka On Lam, Dr. Tai Chung Lam, Dr. Elaine Yuen Phin Lee, Prof. Suet Yi Leung, Dr. Jacky Yu Chung Li, Prof. Brigette Bui Yue Ma, Dr. Neeraj Mahboobani, Ms. Suzanne So Shan Mak, Dr. Jeffrey Sheung Ching Ng, Dr. Tracy Shui Yu Shum, Dr. Francis Nin Fai Tang, Mr. Teddy Chung Ting Tang, Dr. Kevin Yue Kie Wong, Dr. Sam Kwan Kit Wu, Dr. Jeremy Yip and Dr. Ben Yu. The meeting was attended by over 690 participants. 76 proffered papers were accepted, 35 for oral presentation and 41 as posters.

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)

The new version of CME/CPD guidelines had been in operation since 1st January 2020. Under the new guidelines, the minimum active points a Fellow has to obtain in a cycle remains at 15 while the total number of points is still 90.

For the CME/CPD cycle ended on 31st December 2019, there was a total of 581 Fellows registered with HKCR, of which 15 have retired and 2 have resigned from HKAM Fellowship before the end of June 2020. 564 Fellows are in active practice and required to fulfill CME/CPD requirements. 15 Fellows failed to comply with the CME/CPD requirements and fell into the group of remediable non-compliance. The remaining 549 Fellows fulfilled the pro-rata minimum requirement of CME points.

The applications for CME/CPD activities had been increased significantly every year. In 2019, the College had received more than 1,400 applications for CME/CPD accreditation. Much effort and gratitude goes to Dr. Stephen Cheung & the members of CME/CPD Subcommittee and the College Secretariat for vetting and handling all these applications efficiently.

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, generated from the Radiology 2000 Congress, continued to provide grants to support radiologists from neighbouring territories. One doctor from Chinese Taipei was supported by the Fund to participate in the 8th Joint Scientific Meeting of RCR & HKCR and 27th Annual Scientific Meeting of HKCR in 2019. 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 2020 was opened in February 2020 and the interview was convened in June 2020. Two candidates, Dr. CHOW Chung Hang James (Department of Clinical Oncology, Queen Elizabeth Hospital) and Dr. WONG Kin Hoi (Department of Radiology, North District Hospital) were successful in obtaining the grant. Dr. Chow planned to have 8 weeks training programme in Head and Neck cancer research (Clinical and Translational) and Dr. Wong would pursue 8 weeks training programme in Oncology Imaging and Intervention in the United Kingdom. My thanks go to Chairman of the HKCR 15A Travelling Fellowship Subcommittee, Dr. WL Poon, and his team for overseeing the arrangement of the Travelling Fellowship.

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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