

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

2022 - 2023

A Year of Growth and Celebration

I am delighted to present to you the 2023 annual report, highlighting the remarkable achievements and exciting developments that have taken place throughout the year. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, our College has thrived, adapting to the changing landscape and continuing to make significant strides in the field of medicine.

Membership Flourishes

I am pleased to announce that our College membership has reached new heights, with a total of 667 Fellows. Radiology has the highest number of specialists, with 456 Fellows, followed by Clinical Oncology with 184 Fellows, and Nuclear Medicine with 27 Fellows. Additionally, we have 197 Members, 55 Trainee Members, and 7 Associate Members. We warmly welcome Professor Pek-Lan Khong as an Honorary Fellow and Ms. Rosita Lee as an Honorary Member, bringing our total count to 20 Honorary Fellows and 9 Honorary Members.

A Grand Soiree: 30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

To commemorate the third decade of our College, we organised a spectacular 30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on June 17th, 2023. The event was an absolute success, with nearly 300 fellows and guests coming together to revel in an evening of music, culinary delights, and nostalgic moments that celebrated our College's founding and growth.

Examinations, Virtual and In-Person

Our commitment to education and professional development remained unwavering, as evidenced by the smooth delivery of various examinations. The 2022 Autumn sitting Joint Examinations for the Fellowship in Clinical Radiology & Clinical Oncology were seamlessly conducted in a virtual format, exclusively for local trainees. We had 25 local candidates in Clinical Radiology and 18 in Clinical Oncology participating in the RCR and HKCR Joint Final (Part B) Examination for the Fellowship. Furthermore, the Palliative Medicine Board Examination took place in March 2023 without a hitch. Notably, we successfully conducted the First Examination for the Fellowship in Nuclear Medicine in person, with 5 local candidates.

Interventional Radiology Takes Center Stage

This year, the Education Committee spearheaded the development of a new subspecialty in Interventional Radiology. With a focus on integrating valuable experiences from different training centers, we have established a robust training framework that promises to shape the future of this exciting field.

30th Annual Scientific Meeting: A Virtual Triumph

Despite the constraints imposed by social distancing measures, we hosted a highly successful 30th Annual Scientific Meeting. While the meeting took place virtually at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, we were thrilled to have 946 registrants join us remotely. The Organising Committee and Scientific Subcommittee provided invaluable support, ensuring a seamless experience for all attendees. This year, our scientific focus centered around the hot and rising topic of artificial intelligence, as well as quality and safety in oncological imaging. The Conjoint Session with The Korean Society of Radiology was particularly stimulating, and the multidisciplinary symposium on lung cancer proved to be educative.

Collaborations and Engagements

Our College continued to foster strong collaborations with international, regional, and local societies, including the Asian Society of Cardiovascular Imaging (ASCI), Asian Oceanian Society of Neuroradiology and Head & Neck Radiology (AOSNHNR), Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR), the British Institute of Radiology (BIR), British Society of Neuroradiologists (BSNR), European Society of Radiology (ESR), Korean Society of Radiology (KSR), The Hong Kong Society of Interventional Radiology (HKSIR), International Society of Radiology (ISR), and many more. Our Scientific Subcommittee provided support for various meetings, some of which were held in person for the first time in three years. These included the European Congress of Radiology 2023, the 21st Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR 2023), the 59th RST-RCRT Annual Scientific Meeting, 14th Asian-Oceanian Congress of Neuroradiology, 16th Congress of Asian Society of Cardiovascular Imaging, and the long-awaited 2023 ACR Institute for Radiologic Pathology (AIRP) Course.

A Special Tribute

I would like to extend a heartfelt tribute to our dedicated College Secretariat, Ms. Karen Law, Ms. Phyllis Wong, Ms. Candy Wong and Ms. Angel Li, whose unwavering commitment and hard work have been instrumental in overcoming the challenges of rapid manpower turnover. Your dedication is truly commendable. I also express my sincere gratitude to our College President Dr. CK Law for his exceptional leadership and guidance. The contributions of our College Council, Committees, and Subcommittees have been invaluable in driving our College forward. I would be remiss not to acknowledge the steadfast support of our Honorary Legal Advisor Mrs. Mabel Lui and Honorary Auditor Mr. Charles Chan. Lastly, I extend my deepest appreciation to all our Fellows and Members for their invaluable input and contributions to the advancement of our field.

Looking Ahead

As we bid farewell to an eventful year, I am filled with optimism for the future. May the upcoming year be one of new discoveries, groundbreaking advancements, and continued growth for our College. Together, let us forge ahead and make a lasting impact on the field of medicine.



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