

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## 2022 - 2023

The year 2022 marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your College's inauguration, and as we march into our 31<sup>st</sup> year, I am delighted to report on the many achievements and activities from August 2022 to July 2023. These were made possible by the committal effort of many devoted colleagues whom I am honored to work with. Details of our activities can be found in the reports of the College's respective officers.

As a start, no 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary is complete without a reunion dinner. The celebration dinner was originally scheduled in late 2022, but owing to the pandemic, we postponed the dinner to 17 June 2023 for celebrating our Thirty + One anniversary. To make this event more memorable, we have designed a special set of souvenirs including a bag designed by Dr. Lilian Leong and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative stamps of which Dr. Billy Lai and representatives from HKCR Young Fellows Network meticulously handpicked photographs and designed them. My special thanks go to the Organising Committee led by Dr. Jennifer Khoo, and the many team leaders and helpers, who accomplished this mammoth task within very tight time and manpower constraints.

The Distinguished Contribution Awards in 2023 were presented to Dr. Jennifer Khoo and Dr. TM Chan during the celebration dinner to recognise and honour their significant contributions to the College on the development and advancement of our specialties over a long period of time. My congratulations again to Dr. Khoo and Dr. Chan.

With the delegated statutory power to determine training and to vet training for radiology, your College is conscious of our role to maintain the good practice of radiology by ensuring the highest professional standards of competence and ethical integrity with local and international needs. This year therefore witnessed the completion of reviews of training regulations and guidelines for all our 3 specialties. The guidance of appropriate use of ChatGPT or other AI-based tool, the importance of academic honesty, the recognition of overseas clinical experience for non-locally trained doctors as well as the updated trainer to trainee ratio have been incorporated in the training guidelines with all effective from June 2023. I am glad to report that all these revisions have been endorsed by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. Our Warden, Dr. WL Poon and his team in the Education Committee deserve our highest praise.

The task and role of the College would not have been so meaningful without the support and assistance of The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) in organising the Fellowship examinations in Clinical Radiology and Clinical Oncology. As anticipated, there would be changes especially when we are in the electronic and digital era. From Autumn 2023, there will be changes to the exam format and marking system for the Joint Final (Part B) Examination in Clinical Oncology. Our trainers and trainees are constantly informed of the various changes and developments. We are especially grateful for the contributions of a delegated team led by the Warden and Chairman of Examination Board, comprising of our Examination Board members, examiners, observers and secretarial staff who has been working closely with the RCR Examination team via regular virtual meetings on preparing the logistics and the technical requirements for online examinations. In addition, we had successfully organised the 6<sup>th</sup> Palliative Medicine Subspecialty Board Examination in March 2023, though in a different format with all Examiners and candidates far separated in place and time zone. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our Warden, Dr. WL Poon, and Chairman of Examination Board, Dr. Stephen Cheung, as well as all examiners, observers, invigilators and helpers who have contributed enormously.

Another major milestone was certainly the initiative of establishment of an Interventional Radiology (IR) subspecialty in Hong Kong. In response to the growing demand for interventional radiologists, a working group was convened by Dr. WL Poon and Dr. Danny Cho, under the auspices of our College in July 2022 to undertake this task. Over several meetings, the key elements of the IR subspecialty training programme and curriculum were thoroughly discussed amongst the members. The College is also very grateful to have the assistance of an overseas external assessor to help us review our proposed IR training programme, visit our potential IR training centres, and provide us with valuable recommendations. His presence and precious inputs were most valuable to enable the establishment of a new subspecialty and provide important insights in refining the future training system of our College.

It has been a long and challenging three years of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has had a significant impact on our lives. It is particularly challenging in organising events. The College remains active in supporting, participating and organising educational programmes and scientific seminars within Hong Kong. Following the Joint Final Examinations, we conducted the Joint Admission Ceremonies & the 19<sup>th</sup> Ho Hung Chiu Lecture on 12 November 2022 in hybrid format, together with the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of HKCR on 12-13 November 2022 virtually. We are grateful to the unwavering support from the RCR with the virtual presence of the Madam President of the RCR to officiate the Joint Fellowship Admission Ceremonies again. My sincere appreciation also goes to Professor Way Kuo for delivering an inspiring Oration on "*Survivability for Energy and Environment*". The ACR Institute for Radiologic Pathology (AIRP) course in Hong Kong was finally conducted on 26-28 May 2023 after repeated postponement in the past few years. These events would not have been so successfully without our members' and colleagues' full support and whole-hearted participation. We always have good attendances and Dr. Danny Cho and his Scientific Subcommittee members are commended on the success of their hard work. We are especially grateful to our sponsors for supporting many of our educational and scientific activities. The full list of other scientific activities is enclosed in Annex C of the Report from Warden and Education Committee.

In addition to our local activities, our College Council and Fellows representatives participated in many international and regional academic and professional events both physically and virtually – the 4<sup>th</sup> AMM-AMS-HKAM Tripartite Congress and 55<sup>th</sup> Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine in Singapore, 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Oceanian Radiology Forum at 20<sup>th</sup> Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology cum 78<sup>th</sup> Korean Congress of Radiology in Korea, 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of Macao Radiology Association, The 7<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong-Shenzhen International Oncology Conference, RANZCR 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting in Australia, European Congress of Radiology in Vienna, International Assembly of the International Society of Radiology, 21<sup>st</sup> Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology and the 59<sup>th</sup> RST-RCRT Annual Scientific Meeting in Thailand, Asian Radiology Summit during Japan Radiology Congress 2023 in Japan. Our College continues to have close collaboration with other organisations like AOSR, AOSNHNR, ASCI, BIR, KSR, BSNR, etc. for various academic and scientific exchange.

As one of the 14 founding constituent Academy Colleges, our College is active in supporting various activities organised by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and participating in various working groups. The full list of representations is enclosed in the Membership list of Committees and Subcommittees.

Our College's Young Fellows Network (YFN) was formed in November 2017 with the objective to enhance communication between the Young Fellows and the College, to encourage more Young Fellows to contribute to the College and community, to nurture the Young Fellows in professional development and College involvement, as well as to organise activities that are in line with the objectives of the College. Fellows who have been awarded Fellowship of HKCR within the past 10 years are considered "Young Fellows" and automatically become members of the Young Fellows Network. Many thanks go to the Executive Committee of YFN, co-convened by Dr. Billy Lai and Dr. Edwin Wong. Dr. Billy Lai and Dr. Johnny Lau represented our College in the Young Fellows Chapter (YFC) of the Academy in 2022-2023. Dr. Kevin Fung and Dr. Jeremy Wong were nominated by our College and awarded by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine to be the Distinguished Young Fellows in 2022.

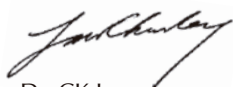
In addition, our Newsletter, our website and our Journal under the direction of Dr. Shiobhon Luk, Dr. Neeraj Mahboobani and Prof. Winnie Chu, respectively, have complemented very well with the aforementioned activities for the purpose of members' communication and education as well as scientific progress. For the Journal, the Editorial Board has been striving for excellence in its quality. I would like to thank Prof. Chu and the Editorial Board members for their hard work.

A healthy and transparent financial operation is a requisite of an accountable institution. We have been able to fund many activities, maintain a robust financial status for our College and sustain a continuous growth in our reserve at the same time. We are very grateful to Hang Seng Investment Management Limited for their invaluable expertise and advice, in particular from Ms. Diana Ferreira Cesar, Ms. Rosita Lee, Mr. Wilfred Sit, Mr. Chris Tam, Ms. Elaine Tse, Mr. Gary Chan and Ms. Zoe Chan. We also thank our Honorary Auditors, Mr. Charles Chan, Ms. Pammy Fung and Ms. Penny Chan, who have been helping us to manage the detailed monthly financial report prepared by our accountant. Our thanks also go to our expert advisors, Dr. KO Lam and members of the Finance Committee.

My report here does not allow me to digress in all the work done, nor could I thank all organisations and individuals who have supported our College and contributed in various ways to this successful year of the College. Our sincerest gratitude to our Honorary Legal Advisor, Mrs. Mabel Lui, for her many expert legal advice. We also treasure the cooperation with and are grateful to the support from the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, the Hong Kong Hospital Authority and our sister Colleges and Societies. As for myself, I would like to thank all our hard working and committed Council, in particular our Warden, Dr. WL Poon, supported by Dr. Stephen Kwok; our Hon. Secretary, Dr. Alta Lai; our Vice Presidents, Dr. YC Wong and Dr. KK Yuen; as well as the honorary advisors and members of various Committees and Subcommittees; trainers, teachers, tutors, examiners, lecturers, assessors, and sponsors. A very special vote of gratitude goes to our Secretariat, headed by our very dedicated, efficient and tireless Executive Officers, Ms. Karen Law and Ms. Phyllis Wong. I am truly grateful to the entire fraternity of our College, which has reached 956 in membership, ranking the fourth largest College in the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine.

I write this last Presidential Report as I have decided that I will not be seeking election for any office bearer of the College in the forthcoming AGM. I have served this College as President for 5 terms, and it has been indeed an honour, privilege and pleasure to serve and work with all of you. I am most grateful for all the support and encouragement from my advisors, my colleagues, my friends, the professions and the many academic organisations, both locally and overseas. It has been a great time and a rewarding experience. I must say that we owe the continuing success of the College, in quality training, professional leadership, financial stability and international reputation, to our highly respected and internationally renowned Founding President, Dr. Lilian Leong, who has been serving the College with selfless devotion, enthusiasm and dedication over the past 3 decades, firstly laying a solid foundation and then making it grows from strength to strength.

Lastly, may I wish the incoming Council and our beloved College all the successes in the years to come.



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