

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

2023 - 2024

I am pleased to present the 2024 annual report, which highlights the significant achievements and developments of the year. Our College has experienced growth, with a total of 689 Fellows: 472 in Radiology, 188 in Clinical Oncology, and 29 in Nuclear Medicine. Additionally, we have 223 Members, 52 Trainee Members, 8 Associate Members, 21 Honorary Fellows, and 9 Honorary Members.

Our commitment to education and professional development has remained steadfast. In addition to smoothly delivering various training courses and examinations, this year the Education Committee has made significant progress in establishing a new subspecialty in Interventional Radiology (IR). The IR Subspecialty Board conducted rigorous assessments for the First Fellows/First Batch Specialists and Transition Fellows applications, subsequently processed the accreditation of IR Subspecialty Training Centres and followed by the enrolment of IR Fellows, thereby initiating IR Subspecialty Training on 1 October 2024. Concurrently, the Working Group on Workplace-based Assessment in Radiology was established to guide the College on the implementation and direction of Workplace-Based Assessment (WBA) in Specialist training in Radiology and IR Subspecialty training. Furthermore, in recognition of rapid advancements in artificial intelligence (AI), we have established the Artificial Intelligence Sub-Committee to navigate the integration of AI in our field while harnessing its benefits.

The 10th Joint Scientific Meeting of RCR & HKCR and the 31st Annual Scientific Meeting of HKCR was a veritable success. We were pleased to host these events in person for the first time post-pandemic at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. The Organising Committee and Scientific Sub-Committee provided invaluable support, ensuring a seamless experience for all attendees. This year's scientific focus addressed critical issues in medico-legal matters. In addition to a multidisciplinary symposium on prostate cancer, specialized focuses included urological malignancies, cardiovascular radiology, and head & neck malignancies. A notable highlight was Professor Pek-Lan Khong's speech on MRI services for underserved populations in South East Asia during the 4th Lilian Leong Oration.

Our College continues to foster strong collaborations with international, regional, and local societies such as the Asian Society of Cardiovascular Imaging (ASCI), Asian-Oceanian Society of Neuroradiology and Head & Neck Radiology (AOSNHNR), and the European Society of Radiology (ESR), among others. We are privileged to actively participate in major international meetings including the European Congress of Radiology, Radiological Society of North America, and Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology. Our Scientific Sub-Committee played a pivotal role in supporting or planning various academic activities, including the HKCH Visiting Professorship on Interventional Oncology by Prof. Afshin Gangi, ISRRT World Congress 2024, 32nd Annual Scientific Congress of Hong Kong College of Cardiology, Annual Scientific Meeting of The Hong Kong Society of Interventional Radiology 2023, 10th Annual Hong Kong International Oncology Symposium, the HKCR Paediatric Radiology Training Network Grand Rounds, and Uro-Oncology Asia 2024.

I extend heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated College Secretariat, comprising Ms. Karen Law, Ms. Phyllis Wong, Ms. Kelly Tai, Ms. Angel Li and Ms. Candy Wong, whose commitment and diligence have been instrumental in overcoming challenges related to rapid manpower turnover. Their dedication is truly creditable. I also express sincere appreciation to our College President, Dr. YC Wong, for his exceptional leadership. The contributions of our College Council, Committees, and Sub-Committees have been invaluable in propelling our College forward. Special recognition goes to our Honorary Legal Advisor, Mrs. Mabel Lui, and Honorary Auditor, Mr. Charles Chan, for their unflinching support.

In conclusion, as we reflect on a productive year, I anticipate the upcoming year to bring new opportunities and achievements for our College. With unwavering dedication and a collaborative spirit, let us continue to lead advancements in radiology, oncology, and nuclear medicine, striving for excellence in education, research, and clinical practice. Together, we will uphold our commitment to innovation and quality, making lasting contributions to the healthcare community and beyond.



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Honorary Secretary
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