

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2023 - 2024

In the past year, the College has taken several major steps to implement a long-term agenda for continuous development and advancement of the standard of radiology practice in Hong Kong. I am delighted to report on the achievements and activities from August 2023 to July 2024. Details of our activities can be found in the reports of the College's respective officers.

In the local context, our Council has taken a very active role in shaping the community of Hong Kong at large by expressing our views in healthcare issues. In the front of consultation on the proposed legislative amendments for referrals of diagnostic imaging and laboratory tests from Chinese Medicine Practitioners, and various recommendations on prevention and screening for cancers, medical and radiological procedures and standards, we have participated in detailed deliberation with various stakeholders with the aim to let our voice be heard in the policy development process.

As part of the mission, our College has extended the scope in education and training. Importantly, we have embarked in new venture of our ongoing activities as well as commencing the development of training faculty of College. We recognise the importance of competency-based education in enhancing the quality of postgraduate medical education (PGME). Along the way, workplace-based assessments (WBA) have already been adopted as essential components to drive self-directed learning through formative feedback by trainers and reflection by trainees. In the future, the College will incorporate WBA tools into various facets of its training progressively. Given the importance of trainers in the role of upholding the quality of PGME, the College has organised two educational courses in May 2024 for faculty development to help trainers putting competency-based learning theories into practice. The College Warden, Dr. WL Poon & his team in Education Committee and the Working Group on WBA in Radiology convened by Dr. Kevin Fung deserve our highest praise for their tireless efforts devoted in this important training development. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Hong Kong Jockey Club Innovative Learning Centre for Medicine, especially the faculty led by Dr. HY So and Dr. YF Choi who have contributed enormously.

Another major milestone of training development is the establishment of an Interventional Radiology (IR) subspecialty in Hong Kong. The subspecialty of IR was formally established under the College in February 2024 with the endorsement from the College Council, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and Medical Council of Hong Kong. As of July 2024, a total of 69 First Fellows and 3 First Batch Specialists were admitted, and a total of 3 applicants were admitted as Transition Fellows and were recommended to undergo Additional 6-month Supervised Training and Special Viva Voce for admission as First Fellows in IR. The IR Subspecialty Training Programme is scheduled to commence on 1st October 2024. The College is very grateful to the IR Subspecialty Board chaired by Dr. WL Poon, and the assistance of an external assessor in the accreditation exercises to provide us with valuable recommendations.

It is clear that we are making tremendous progress on post-graduate education of Radiology, but we have more to do in the future. From Autumn 2024 onwards, there will be new changes on the marking system for the Joint Final (Part B) Examination in Clinical Oncology and Clinical Radiology. 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. 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.

2023 was a year of changes and momentous happenings. While the society was emerging from the raging effects of COVID pandemic, many normal functions of the College, especially in organizing the Joint Examinations and Joint Admission Ceremonies of our new Fellows, were still significantly undermined by social distancing and travel restriction. Yet we succeeded in overcoming the challenges through the sheer determination of the Council, as well as our adaptive ability to adopt innovative technology in tackling practical difficulties. This underscores the solid collaboration between the HKCR and RCR and testifies the wise quote about friendship: Distance means so little when the friendship means so much. We are grateful to the unwavering support from the RCR with the physical presence of the Madam President, Dr. Katharine Halliday, and two Vice-Presidents, Dr. Stephen Harden & Dr. Tom Roques, as well as the Examiners to officiate the Joint Fellowship Admission Ceremonies and conduct the Joint Final (Part B) Examination in Clinical Radiology in Hong Kong for the first time being resumed for physical events. We would also like to express our heartiest appreciation and gratitude to our Honorary Fellows, Prof. Zhengyu Jin and Professor Pek-Lan Khong, and Honorary Member, Ms. Rosita Lee, for receiving the Honorary Fellowship and Honorary Membership at the Joint Admission Ceremonies in person.

Scientific activities are the backbone of any professional colleges. The Fourth Lilian Leong Oration on 18 November 2023, together with the 10th Joint Scientific Meeting of RCR & HKCR and 31st Annual Scientific Meeting of HKCR on 18-19 November 2023 were successfully held physically. My sincere appreciation also goes to Professor Pek-Lan Khong, for delivering an inspiring Oration on *"MRI services for underserved populations in South East Asia"*. These events would not have been so successfully without our members' and colleagues' full support and whole-hearted participation. Dr. Danny Cho and his Scientific Sub-Committee 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.

We have also made real gains in expanding of roles in various international and regional academic and professional events activities of Radiology, thanks for the efforts of many College Council and Fellows representatives. These include – the Launching Ceremony of Shenzhen Medical Specialist Training, 16th Congress of Asian Congress of Asian Society of Cardiovascular Imaging (ASCI 2023) in Indonesia, 14th Asian Oceanian Congress of Neuroradiology (AOCNR 2023) in Singapore, 7th AOSOR Youth Club (AOSOR-YC-2023) in Korea, 8th Asian Oceanian Radiology Forum (AORF 2023) at 79th Korean Congress of Radiology (KCR 2023) in Korea, 109th Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting of Radiological Society of North America (RSNA 2023) in USA, European Congress of Radiology (ECR 2024) in Austria, The 9th Asian Oceanian Radiology Forum (AORF 2024) during 22nd Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOOCR 2024) in Chinese Taipei, The 6th Asian Radiology Summit (ARS) during Japan Radiology Congress 2024 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 Sub-Committees.

While we have been kept busy in resuming our schedule back to normalcy and engaging in the packed programmes of various Radiology activities, we do not forget the need to cultivate our next generation. 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. Kevin Fung and Dr. Edwin Wong. Dr. Kevin Fung and Dr. Edwin Wong represented our College in the Young Fellows Chapter (YFC) of the Academy in 2023-2024. Dr. Joyce Chan and Dr. Kelvin Bao were nominated by our College and awarded by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine to be the Distinguished Young Fellows in 2023.

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. To support a greener future and embrace digital advances, HKJR has switched to an online-only format starting from 2024; and for the first time, HKJR achieved a journal impact factor of 0.2 (Clarivate, 2023). 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 and sustain a continuous growth in our reserve at the same time. Our heartiest appreciation goes to our Honorary Auditor, Mr. Charles Chan, and his colleagues, Ms. Pammy Fung and Ms. Penny Chan, for their expert support and advice; and our financial manager, the Hang Seng Investment Management Limited, in particular from Ms. Diana Ferreira Cesar, Ms. Rosita Lee, Mr. Wilfred Sit, Mr. Patrick Wong, Mr. Victor Tse, Ms. Elaine Chan, Mr. Gary Chan and Ms. Zoe Chan. My thanks also go to the Finance Committee led by our Honorary Treasurer, Dr. KO Lam.

The story of success of College is not preordained. It is the result of well-administered policies and that owes very much to the immense support from a large number of persons and organizations. Let me express my deepest gratitude to the excellent leadership of my respectful predecessors, including our Founding President & Senior Advisor, Dr. Lilian Leong, and Immediate Past President, Dr. CK Law, for their contribution of laying a solid foundation of College. I am also grateful to the wise counsel of our Honorary Legal Advisor, Mrs. Mabel Lui, who has given us much timely advice in tackling different issues that came up in College operations. Our College would not be so successful if not for their contributions. Also we treasure very much the support from Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, Hong Kong Hospital Authority and our sister Colleges and Societies. I am deeply indebted the very committed and hardworking Council, in particular our Warden, Dr. WL Poon, supported by Dr. Stephen Kwok; our Honorary Secretary, Dr. Alta Lai; our Honorary Treasurer, Dr. KO Lam; our Vice Presidents, Dr. KK Yuen and Dr. Danny Cho; and the honorary advisors and members of various Committees and Sub-Committees; trainers, teachers, tutors, examiners, lecturers, assessors, and sponsors. Thank you for their unfailing support and trust on me. It is a blessing for me to work with such an engaging and supportive team. A special thank goes to our Secretariat, headed by our very dedicated Executive Officers, Ms. Karen Law and Ms. Phyllis Wong.

We are ushering in an era full of challenges and opportunities. The defining issue of our time is how to keep development in the right track in face of new changes. The College will strive hard to make adequate preparation to ensure that we shall embrace the various future possibilities. I look forward to furthering our success in the years to come.



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