

# REPORT FROM THE WARDEN & EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2023 – 2024

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## ***Introduction***

It is with great pleasure that we report our continued success in upholding the standards of our profession over the past year. This achievement is largely due to the invaluable contributions of the members of the Education Committee and its Sub-Committees. (Please refer to Appendix I for the membership details of the Sub-Committees).

## ***Examination and Exit Assessment***

In the Fellowship Examinations, conducted jointly with The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) of the United Kingdom, we observed remarkable success rates. Specifically, the success rate for the Final Examination (Part B) in Clinical Radiology was 92% (23 out of 25 local candidates), and for the Final Examination (Part B) in Clinical Oncology, it was 100% (13 out of 13 local candidates).

The Exit Assessments for completion of training were conducted smoothly in July 2023 and January 2024, with 2 and 24 trainees successfully completing their assessments, respectively. Valuable feedback was received from the assessors.

In the field of Nuclear Medicine, the Final Examination for the Fellowship was held in September 2023, with three candidates passing. We extend our sincere gratitude to Prof. Erik Mittra for serving as the external examiner. The First Examination for the Fellowship in Nuclear Medicine was conducted in December 2023 and June 2024, with two candidates recommended for passing. Our heartfelt thanks go to the local examiners, observers, and Examination-in-charge for their tremendous efforts.

The names of examiners, observers, and successful candidates in various examinations and exit assessments for each discipline are listed in Annexes A and B.

The smooth operation of every key component of the examinations and Exit Assessment was made possible through the dedicated support of the Assessment Panels, external and local examiners, examination invigilators, the working group of examination planning, voluntary helpers from various hospitals, and the College Secretariat. I extend my sincere thanks to all of them for their efforts.

## ***Fellowship***

On 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023, the Hong Kong College of Radiologists (HKCR) and The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) jointly held ceremonies to admit new Fellows in Hong Kong. Dr. Katharine Halliday, President of The Royal College of Radiologists, presided over the admission of 36 new Fellows of the Royal College. Concurrently, our College admitted 33 new Fellows. During the Joint Ceremonies for Admission of New Fellows, Prof. Zhengyu Jin and Prof. Pek-Lan Khong were conferred Honorary Fellowships, and Ms. Rosita Pui Shan Lee was conferred Honorary Membership of the College.

Dr. Wan Fong Ying from the Department of Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology at Queen Elizabeth Hospital was awarded the Dr. FL Chan Medal in the Exit Assessment, January 2024. The award presentation will take place in conjunction with the Joint Ceremonies for Admission of New Fellows on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024.

As of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, our College Fellowship comprised 689 members (472 in Radiology, 188 in Clinical Oncology, and 29 in Nuclear Medicine), in addition to 21 Honorary Fellows and 9 Honorary Members.

### ***Training System and Accreditation***

Throughout the past year, structured training in various specialties has been continuously conducted at accredited training departments, with central training courses organized by the College. The high standards of training are a testament to the dedication of everyone involved in these activities. The College extends its gratitude to all lecturers of training courses, including specialists, medical physicists, technologists, scientists, and the Chairpersons of the three Training Course Sub-Committees.

A meeting with all Training Heads was held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to discuss matters related to training, examination, and membership. Recent updates on training development, including Workplace-based Assessment, Faculty Development, e-Training, and the establishment of the Interventional Radiology Subspecialty, were highlighted.

The scrutiny of trainees' logbooks and training records at fixed checkpoints, implemented since January 2017, continued through 2023 and 2024. I extend my thanks to all assessors from the specialties of Radiology, Clinical Oncology, and Nuclear Medicine for their efforts in upholding training standards and facilitating the Exit Assessment process.

### ***Scientific Activities***

#### ***The 10<sup>th</sup> Joint Scientific Meeting of the Royal College of Radiologists & Hong Kong College of Radiologists & 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of Hong Kong College of Radiologists, 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023***

This event marked the tenth collaboration between the two Colleges in organizing a scientific meeting in Hong Kong, featuring a distinguished faculty comprising speakers from both institutions. The program coordinators were Dr. Danny Hing Yan Cho and Dr. Raman Uberoi. The subspecialty focus sessions included "Urological Malignancies," "Cardiovascular Radiology," "Head & Neck Malignancies," and "Medico-legal Issues," along with a multidisciplinary symposium on "Prostate Cancer." The meeting was attended by 929 participants, with 58 proffered papers accepted (24 for oral presentation and 34 as posters).

Annex C provides the details of the scientific activities held during the year. Annex D lists the organizations and benefactors that the College wishes to thank for their sponsorship of these activities.

### ***Continuing Medical Education / Continuous Professional Development (CME/CPD)***

The new version of CME/CPD guidelines has been in operation since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023. Under these guidelines, the minimum active points required per cycle remains at 15, with a total of 90 points.

As of June 2024, there are 666 Fellows in active practice, registered with HKCR, required to fulfill CME/CPD requirements for the cycle ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. Approximately 8.6% of Fellows have attained less than 4/9 of the required points after the first year and a half of the 2023-2025 cycle.

The number of applications for CME/CPD activities has significantly increased each year. In 2023, the College received nearly 1,800 applications for CME/CPD accreditation. Much effort and gratitude go to Dr. Stephen Cheung, the members of the CME/CPD Sub-Committee, and the College Secretariat for efficiently vetting and handling these applications.

The College has also been regularly uploading "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, allowing our Fellows to earn self-study CME/CPD points online. Members of the Homepage Sub-Committee, Scientific Sub-Committee, and Editorial Board have contributed significantly to this activity.

### ***Education and Research***

The Education and Research Fund, generated from the Radiology 2000 Congress, continued to provide grants to support radiologists from neighboring territories. Supported by the Fund, one doctor from Japan, one from South Korea, two from Malaysia, one from Mainland China, one from Chinese Taipei, and two from Macau participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> Joint Scientific Meeting of RCR & HKCR and the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of HKCR in 2023. The Fund also supported the award for "The Best Original Paper for the Hong Kong Journal of Radiology" during the meeting.

### ***HKCR 15A Travelling Fellowship***

The HKCR 15A Travelling Fellowship aims to provide Fellows of the Hong Kong College of Radiologists with advanced overseas training in the United Kingdom for their continuous professional development. This includes attachments, workshops, short training courses, and study tours. The application for the HKCR 15A Travelling Fellowship 2024 opened in February 2024, with interviews conducted in June 2024. Dr. Grace Ho (Department of Radiology, Queen Mary Hospital) was awarded the grant and plans to undertake a 3-week training program in Fetal MRI in the United Kingdom. I extend my thanks to the HKCR 15A Travelling Fellowship Sub-Committee for overseeing the arrangements.

### ***Acknowledgements***

The Education Committee and its Sub-Committees express their profound appreciation for the support provided by the executive staff of the College and the secretaries of various chairpersons or conveners. The College also extends its gratitude to all Fellows who have actively participated in various activities.

### ***Conclusion***

We look forward to another year of advancing our profession through dedicated training, rigorous assessments, and collaborative scientific endeavors. Thank you for your continued support and commitment.

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Dr. POON Wai Lun  
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