



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHT 2011 **ISSUE JUNE TO DECEMBER**

Dear Fellows and Members,

This Council Highlight aims to keep all Fellows and Members updated of the College news and development. We do hope you can enjoy reading it on prominent events held in the second half of year 2011.

The College's Role in Public Education

To advocate public education, our College was very pleased to be invited to contribute a series of Chinese articles on various health issues of our six specialties, namely Cardiothoracic Surgery, General Surgery, Neurosurgery, Paediatric Surgery, Plastic Surgery and Urology, as well as the latest medical advancements, which had been published in the Health Column on Apple Daily and The Sun, as well as free daily newspapers AM730 and Metro Daily in the last quarter of year 2011. We believe these publications will take a lead to arouse interests from the public on the health issues as well as the medical advancement in surgical field.

Annual Scientific Meeting 2011

Every year, the Annual Scientific Meeting is a significant and conspicuous event of the College in which outstanding scientific programme of interest to all surgical specialties are showcased professionally by a number of prominent speakers from multiple specialties and sub-specialties in surgery.

This year was not an exception that the Annual Scientific Meeting was successfully co-organized by The College of Surgeons of Hong Kong and Macau Surgical Association with the theme "Reconstructive Surgery in Focus" during 17 and 18 September 2011. Over 300 delegates from 50 local and overseas faculties were attracted to join this important event. We were very pleased to have invited Prof. Ian GOUGH, the Immediate Past President of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, to deliver the GB Ong Lecture "New Paradigms in Surgical Education" during the meeting.

Diploma Conferment Ceremony 2011

Another prominent event of our College annually, namely the Diploma Conferment Ceremony, had been held on 17 September 2011. Over 200 guests had been invited to witness this memorable moment. Mr. Anthony WU Ting-yuk, GBS, JP, Chairman of Hospital Authority, had delivered the Arthur LI Oration at the Ceremony.

This was such a remarkable occasion on which Honorary Fellowship had been conferred to prominent figures Prof. Joseph Wan-ye LAU and Prof. Ian GOUGH with outstanding contributions to their profession and to the College. New Fellows and Members of the College had received their Diplomas. Dr Yan-hon WONG was awarded for LI Shield's Medal while Dr Chung-kei NG for the Best Original Paper Award. Dr Peter Yat-ming WOO and Dr Chi-chung FOO were awarded for the first and second prizes respectively for the Best Research Award. The College was very grateful for the generous support from Councilors, Hospitals, COSs and fellows for table reservation, making the event well-received with over 200 participants.



Group photo of Stage Party during the Diploma Conferment Ceremony



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Collaboration on China Affairs

With an aim of enhancing the standard of surgical training in Mainland China, our College has working hands in hands with the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh to accredit the qualified training centers in China. Recently, Dr Chi-wai MAN, Dr Bill WONG and Dr Ming-kwong YIU had already paid a pre-accreditation visit to Nanjing at The First Affiliated Hospital of Nanjing Medical University, as well as Hangzhou at The First Affiliated Hospital, College of Medicine, Zhejiang University on 29 Oct and 30 Oct 2011 respectively for the accreditation of their Urology training programme in China. Following this pre-accreditation visit in China, an inspection was organized on 26 Nov 2011 at Academy in Hong Kong with the Edinburgh College.

For General Surgery, so far eight centers have been accredited and later on a total of fourteen centers are targeted to be accredited in Mainland China. All these accredited centres are the top elite centres in China. With the recognition from and collaboration with the Edinburgh College, the College was honoured to be a centre of monitoring the training and examination system in mainland China.

Mandatory basic and advanced laparoendoscopic courses for higher urology trainees

With effect from 1 July 2010, the Basic Laparoendoscopic Urology Course had been incorporated into the mandatory higher surgical training curriculum in the Specialty of Urology. The two-day Basic Laparoendoscopic Urology Course, in which Higher Urology Trainees admitted from 1 July 2010 onwards were required to attend within their first two-year of training, was successfully conducted in Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital in September & October 2011. The Urology Board expected the advanced one would be organized in the coming 2012 for those Higher Urology Trainees who had attended the basic one before.

The Development of Simulation Training Programme

The College has further taken initiative on the Development of Simulation Training and has started the working group meeting since the beginning of the year 2011. Almost 30 working group members under the leadership of Prof. Chung-kwong YEUNG had been drafting and consolidating Syllabus & Modules on this programme which has almost come to the final stage, the College owes a gratitude to their hard work which involved considerable time and effort in the whole development process. The Council agreed to incorporate these simulation training modules into the existing mandatory courses which would require further discussion with Hospital Authority for implementation matters. The College is thrilled to have such a big development on the introduction of the simulation training programme.



Wish you all a prosperous and fruitful year of Dragon!

President

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