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Chairman's Report

November 2003 – November 2004

In the year 2003 to 2004, our Society further increases our commitment to:

1. Advance academic nephrology in Hong Kong and to establish a prestige of Hong Kong nephrology in the international renal arena
2. Promote patient activities to improve patient rehabilitation and care
3. Enhance the link of the Society with other nephrologists in China, Asia Pacific region and other parts of the world

I. Academic Aspects

This year's academic aspects of the Society cover the following:

1. Hong Kong Society of Nephrology Research Grant

Report of the HKSAN Research Grant 2004

The reviewers of this year were Prof. Liu Zhi Hong (Nanjing, China), Prof. Rafael Selgas (Spain), Dr. Tsang Wai Kay (PMH) and Dr. Mak Siu Ka (KWH). The awardees were:

Dr. Lui Sing Leung*	Basic Science	TWH	Effect of Rapamycin on severity of glomerular and interstitial injury in murine adriamycin nephropathy
Dr. Szeto Cheuk Chun	Basic Science	PWH	The Relationship between β 1-Adrenergic Receptor Polymorphisms and Cardiovascular Disease in Peritoneal Dialysis Patients

Dr. Chung Kwok Yi	Clinical	AHNNH	A Study of Cardiac Iron Overload in Long-term Chinese Hemodialysis Patients
Dr. Kwan Ching Ha Bonnie	Clinical	PWH	Cross Sectional Study of Occult Hepatitis B Virus Infection Among End Stage Renal Failure Patients on Maintenance Hemodialysis
Dr. Wong Kim Ming Francis	Clinical	QEH	Screening of Asymptomatic Renal Dysfunction and Proteinuria in Chinese HIV-infected Patients
Ms. Cheng Yuk Yee	Nursing	UCH	An open labeled prospective randomized controlled study on Hypertonic Saline versus Povidone Iodine for the treatment of Pseudomonas exit site infection complicating peritoneal dialysis

*Dr. Lui Sing Leung was awarded the Joint Hong Kong Society of Nephrology/Hong Kong Kidney Foundation Research Grant.

2. Scientific Meetings:

- 8 Jan 2004 “Calcineurin inhibitor withdrawal. Why, when and how.”
Speaker Chris Dudley, UK.
(This was a joint symposium with the Hong Kong Transplantation Society). Attendance: 90.
- 11 Jan 2004 “Renal and Vascular Ultrasonography”. (Jointly organized by Central Renal Committee of Hospital Authority, Hong Kong Society of Diagnostic Radiology). Attendance: 240.
- 23 Feb 2004 “Management of Anemia in dialysis patient”. Attendance: 60
- 23 April 2004 “Scientific Symposium on Nephritis”. Speaker: Prof. Li Lei-Shi and Prof. Liu Zhi-Hong from China, Prof. Peter Mathieson from UK. Attendance: 200.
- 24 May 2004 “Workshop on Prevention of Renal Disease”. Co-organized by Hong Kong Medical Association. Speakers: Drs. Francis Wong, YL Cheng and Sydney Tang. Attendance: 216.
- 7 June 2004 “Vascular Access Surveillance and Central Hemodynamics During Hemodialysis: Methodology and Clinical Outcomes”. Speaker: Dr. Nikolai Krivitski, USA. Attendance: 170.

- 21 Sept 2004 “AGE less – Preserving the Peritoneal Membrane”. Speaker Professor John Williams, UK. Attendance: 196.
- 13 Oct 2004 “Worm, Sea Urchins and PKD”. Speaker: Prof. David Lee, USA.
- 8 Nov 2004 “10 years clinical experience of Mycophenolate Mofetil in Organ Transplantation”. Speaker: Dr. Richard D Mamelok. (Jointly organized with the Hong Kong Transplantation Society).

3. Inter-hospital Renal Meetings

The inter-hospital meeting is a regular educational activity of the Society. The venue of the meeting is in the Seminar Room of Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Nephrology trainees and experts in related field had presented in the meetings. There were only 6 meeting in 2004 because some meetings clashed with other educational activities.

4. Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology

The Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology is entering its 6th year of publication.

Members of the Editorial Board include:

Founding Editor: Dr. Li Kam-cao, Philip,
Chief Editor: Dr. Yu Wai-yin, Alex
Deputy Editor: Dr. Szeto Cheuk-chun
Assistant Editors: Dr. Lui Sing-leung
Dr. Mak Siu-ka
Dr. Sydney Tang
Dr. Tsang Wai-kay
Dr. Wong Kim-ming, Francis

An electronic version of the Journal and home page has been established: www.hkjn.org. Past issues of the Journal can be accessed through this website site or the link with the website of the publisher, Elsevier at www.asia.elsevierhealth.com/hkjin/. Electronic submission of manuscript is also made possible through the e-mail: hkjin@hkjn.org.

Manuscripts for HKJN have been received from almost all over the world: These include the Asian Pacific countries such as China, Japan, Australia, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippine as well as from Iran, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Greece, Poland and Italy, not to mention our friendly supporter from UK, Canada and USA. A total of 135 manuscripts have been received since the establishment of the Journal.

We are also proud that Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology was granted the right to publish the abstracts of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) 2004 Conference on Prevention of Progression of Renal Disease that was held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, June 29-July 1, 2004. This helps to promote and fulfill the mission of this Journal serving as a communication channel among nephrologists from Hong Kong and the international communities.

The Journal has been indexed with CAB ABSTRACTS this year besides EMBASE. The success is attributed to the dedication of a prestigious panel of Editorial Board members including prominent nephrologists, scientist and academicians from American, Europe, Australia and Asia.

5. Nephrology Journal

The Society continues to be one of the sponsoring societies of the Nephrology Journal, the official journal of the Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology. We have subscribed the journal and distribute it to all members for free.

6. Young Nephrology Investigator Scholarship

We have granted a total of 5 scholarships to one member (Dr. Chak Wai Leung from QEH) and 4 associated members (Lam Man Ying from PWH, Leung Kam Chi Dora from TMH, and Poon Kam Kau and Rebecca Chan from PWH), to allow them to present their research results in overseas meetings.

7. Sponsoring members to attend overseas conference

To allow our members to keep abreast of the recent development in nephrology and allow them to present their research results, the Council has been continually supporting members to attend local and overseas nephrology-related meeting.

8. The Hong Kong Renal Nursing Courses

The 2nd Hong Kong Renal Nursing Course was jointly organized by Hong Kong Society of Nephrology, Institute of Advanced Nursing Studies (IANS), Hospital Authority and Hong Kong Kidney Foundation HKSN, HKKF and IANS held the second Hong Kong Renal Nursing Course from April 2004 to March 2005. Nurses from both public and private sectors participated in the educational event. It comprised of two modules followed by practicum. Drs. K.F. Chau, Francis Wong, CB Leung and all the nurse representatives were the chief organizer for the course with a lot of input from the IANS.

9. Annual Scientific Meeting and Annual General Meeting

The Annual Scientific Meeting will be held on November 28, 2004. There will be 3 plenary speakers: Paul Terasaki (USA) and Michael Rocco (USA) and Dr. Philip Li. Dr. Ho Yiu Wing will present the Hong Kong Renal Registry data. On Nov 27, 2004, A Workshop on “Current status and Future of Transplant Registry – American and Hong Kong Perspective” will be held as part of the Pre-programme of the Annual Scientific Meeting. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Nov 28, 2004.

II. Patient Related Activities

The council has continued on promoting patients’ rehabilitation with better treatment outcome.

1. The 7th Hong Kong Renal Patient Sports Day

The 7th Hong Kong Renal Patient Sports Day was held on December 14, 2003 at Tai Po Sports Ground. It was jointly organized with Lions Kidney Educational Centre and the Community Rehabilitation Network. Drs. Tsang Wai-kay and Cheng Yuk-lun were the coordinators. Dr. CH Leong was the Officiating Guest and Ms Li Fai was the Guest of Honour.

About 500 patients participated in the competition. More than 1200 patients, family members and staff attended.

The results were (in order of position):

Dialysis: UCH, AHNH, PWH, QEH
Transplant: PMH, QMH, UCH, TMH
Overall: UCH, PMH, QMH, PWH

2. Cantonese Musical “A good man from Sichuan” 四川好人

Over the years, our society has been promoting renal rehabilitation through encouraging our renal patients to participate in various kinds of recreational, sports and cultural activities. This year, a special cultural event was organized for them in the afternoon on the Valentine Day. About 800 audiences, most of them were renal patients, their family members or renal staffs, turned up in a Cantonese Musical called “A good man from Sichuan” 四川好人 presented by the Actors’ Family at Tsuen Wan City Hall. Due to subsidy from various sponsors, our renal patient could enjoy this marvelous musical performance just by paying a nominal fee. This musical was very entertaining, inspiring and of very high standard and the response to the event was overwhelmingly positive.

3. Gateball Competition

This year's Hong Kong Renal Patients' Gateball Competition was held in the Kowloon Park Indoor Sports Ground on May 23 2004. The event was jointly organized by the Hong Kong Gateball Association, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and our Society. 151 patients and staff from 12 Renal Centers throughout Hong Kong participated in the Competition. The guests of Honor of the Competition were Dr. Beatrice Cheng (SEM, HAHO) and Mrs. Lau Lee Lai Fong (Chairman, Hong Kong Gateball Association). The Results of the Competition are as follow:

	Open Division	Senior Division
Champion	Queen Elizabeth Hospital	Prince of Wales Hospital
1st Runner up	Queen Mary Hospital	United Christian Hospital
2nd Runner up	Prince of Wales Hospital	Tai Po Nethersole Hospital
3rd Runner up	Tung Wah Hospital	Precious Blood Hospital

4. The Hong Kong Kidney Day 2004

The Hong Kong Kidney Day 2004 was jointly organized by the HKKF, HKSN and RTHK with the purpose of promoting the awareness of kidney health. It was held on 27th June at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. There were renal educational seminars, health check and game booths. The activity had attracted around 1,000 participants and it was broadcasted through RTHK.

III. Relation with Our Mainland Nephrologists

The relationship with nephrologists in Mainland China and the Chinese Society of Nephrology is continually strengthening.

1. Annual Meeting of Chinese Society of Nephrology, Hangzhou, September 2-4, 2004

This year the annual meeting of the Chinese Society of Nephrology was held in Hangzhou. Dr. Alex Yu led some of the Council members attended this congress to have more interchange as well as the maintenance of good relationship with their Society.

IV. Public Events

1. Public Education

On behalf of Hong Kong Society of Nephrology, Dr. TH Kwan and Dr. William Lee had delivered a LKEC public lecture on “Management of Diabetic Nephropathy” on “Complications of Diabetes Mellitus” respectively on April 18, 2004.

2. Kidney Health Programme and Screening of Hong Kong Asymptomatic Renal population and Evaluation (SHARE) programme

A Public Kidney Health Programme took place in October and December 2003. A Screening of Hong Kong Asymptomatic Renal population and Evaluation (SHARE) programme was start in Nov. 2003. This community wide chronic kidney disease-screening program involved health talk and free health screening for residents in some of the housing estates in Hong Kong. This study has screened over 1,800 subjects for the detection of silent renal diseases with important clinical findings. Drs. Alex Yu, WK Tsang, CB Leung, TH Kwan, Francis Wong, Sydney Tang, SL Lui and a number of our Associate members contributed a lot to the success of the project. A conjoint meeting was held together with HKMA to educate primary physicians about Prevention of kidney diseases as well as public lectures for the community on May 24, 2004.

3. Media Education

As Prevention was the main theme of the Society this year, 2 Media Presentations were organized on May 14, 2004 and June 29, 2004 respectively with good coverage. Key themes are on local and international data of renal disease, SHARE results and the importance of prevention for the public.

V. International Involvement

1. International Society of Nephrology 2004 Conference on Prevention of Progression of Renal Disease (ISN 2004), 29 June to 1 July 2004.

Well over 1,250 nephrologists, general physicians, primary care doctors, health care administrators, scientists, laboratory workers, trainees, renal nurses and our industrial partners from 39 countries attended the conference making it the largest and very successful Prevention meeting in the recorded history of ISN and HKSN. Dr. EK Yeoh, Dr. CH Leong and Mrs Rita Fan were our Officiating Guest of the meeting.

Number of abstracts submitted: 206 from 30 countries

A Consensus Workshop on Prevention was held on June 29, 2004 with 37 leading world experts and the results will be published as an ISN statement.

Proceedings of the meeting will be published and is expected to be available in Kidney International Supplement in early 2005.

Presentation slides of the consented speakers and the photos of the meeting are available for viewing at the website <http://www.isn2004hkconference.org>.

A surplus is anticipated and the Society is working up programmes with ISN to use the resources in furthering promoting nephrology and Prevention in the region.

2. 11th Congress of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis, Hong Kong, 24-28, August 2006.

Members of the organizing committee is as follows:

President:	Philip KT Li
Vice President:	KN Lai, Alex WY Yu
Secretary General:	Mathew KL Tong, CC Szeto
Scientific Program Committee:	WK Lo
Financial Committee:	Andrew KM Wong
Publication Committee:	Francis KM Wong
Exhibition Committee:	FK Li
Social Committee:	WK Tsang
Liaison & Accreditation Committee:	CB Leung

This meeting will be the largest International academic Nephrology Conference held in Hong Kong with an expected attendance of 2,500 to 3,000.

VI. Membership

There are 141 full members and 622 associate members as of October 2004, which compared with the membership in September 2003 of 144 full members and 521 associate members.

VII. Society Home Page

As from August 2004, the society has successful secured a new domain name www.hksn.org to host the society news. The website will now be hosted and maintained by our own society.

VIII. The Council

The success of the Society with its wide range of activities lies heavily on the dedicated work of the whole council. The Society would like to thank all council members for their commitment and diligent work to accomplish the task of the Society. Their responsibilities are:

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| Dr. Alex Yu | Hon. Secretary
Chief Editor, Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology |
| Dr. Andrew Wong | Hon. Treasurer |
| Dr. Lo Wai-Kei | Hong Kong Society of Nephrology Research Grant |
| Dr. Kwan Tze-Hoi | Public Education and Affairs
Musical “A good man from Sichuan” 四川好人
SHARE |
| Dr. Chau Ka-Foon | Nurse Education |
| Dr. Li Fu Keung | Inter-hospital Renal Meeting, CME activities
Society Home Page |
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Gateball Competition
Assistant Editor, Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology
Sports Day
SHARE |
| Dr. Francis Wong | Membership affairs: sponsorship and scholarship
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Assistant Editor, Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology
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SHARE |
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Public Education |
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The Society would also like to express the sincere gratitude to our other co-opted Council members Dr. KL Tong, Dr. John Fenn and Dr. Kelvin Ho for their valuable opinions and

work, and all the Honorary Advisors for their contribution. Last but not least, our Society is indebted to the support of all the activities by both our Full and Associate Members.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Li', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Philip Kam-Tao Li
Chairman

November 26, 2004