

Chairman Report

It is my great pleasure to report to you the following activities accomplished by the council in the year 2011 – 2012.

Academic Meetings and Activities

Inter-hospital Meetings

There were 15 meetings organized this year which took place in Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The function was coordinated by Dr CC CHOW and Dr KS CHOI. All HA renal units participated; and there were guest presentations from the Macau Society of Nephrology and Hong Kong Paediatric Nephrology Society.

This year one of the presentations of special interest to our associate members has been selected to be presented in our ASM.

Lists of Other Academic Meetings

The Society hosted the following scientific meetings,

24 Oct 2011	Cardiovascular risk management in Hemodialysis, co-organised with Hong Kong Kidney Foundation	Prof Antonio SANTORO
29 Nov 2011	Online Hemodiafiltration and Native Kidney Function: 20 years of Clinical Experience	Dr Roger GREENWOOD
12 Dec 2011	New era in the Management of Hyponatraemic Disorder with CHF, cirrhosis and SIADH	Prof Arthur GREENBERG
4 Jan 2012	Optimising the Management of SHPT in patients undergoing Hemodialysis	Prof Bruce HENDRY
14 & 15 Jan 2012	HA Central Commissioned Training 2011/12 on “Updates on Advanced Nephrology Practices” and “Living Donor Renal Transplantation” ; Co-organized with the Hospital Authority, Mayo Clinic and the Chinese University of Hong Kong and supported by Hong Kong Kidney Foundation, Hong Kong Society of Transplantation and Hong Kong Urological Association	External speakers from Mayo clinic, Rochester, USA - Dr Nelson LEUNG, Dr Sanjeev SETHI, Dr John LIESKE, Dr Hatem AMER, Dr Fernando COSIO and Dr Mikel PRIETO Local speakers - Dr Beatrice CHENG, Dr Bonnie CH KWAN, Dr Arthur DP MAK, Ms MC LAW, Dr YW HO, Dr KH CHU, Dr KT WONG, Dr Sidney KH YIP, Dr KM CHOW, Dr John YH CHAN, Dr William LEE and Dr Desmond YAP
1 Mar 2012	Significance on Microalbuminuria and Organ Protection	Prof Hermann HALLER

15 Apr 2012	Peritoneal Dialysis Update, co-organized with Hong Kong Kidney Foundation	Prof Peter BLAKE, Prof Max Wu, Ms Irene KONG and Prof CC SZETO
19 Apr 2012	Lipid Management for CKD Patients: from evidence to clinical practice	Prof R Preston MASON
10 May 2012	Evidence, experience and benefits of haemoglobin stability through simplified anemia management	Prof Danilo FLISER
5 Jul 2012	ADA/EASD guideline 2012: insights for managing T2DM patients with CKD	Prof Martin STEVENS
14 Sep 2012	SHPT management – What’s Next after Vit D Failure?	Prof Daniel W COYNE
20 Sept 2012	Review and Discussion on Antiviral Therapy and Renal Function and Telbivudine renal impact in the treatment of CHB patients, co-organized with Hong Kong Association for the Study of Liver Disease	Prof CC SZETO and Prof Edward GANE

The Society was a supporting organization for 14th Diabetes and Cardiovascular Risk Factors - East Meets West Symposium, 1-2 Oct, 2012.

HKSN Research Grants

This year we are pleased to have Professor HY Wang (王海燕教授) & Dr Li Yang (Beijing), Dr. Nelson LEUNG (USA) as our external reviewers, Dr. S K MAK and Dr. C Y YUNG as our internal reviewers. Dr David Yong acted as our coordinator. The following applications were successful in obtaining the grants:

Project Title	Principle Investigator	Unit
The mechanism of kidney injury molecule-1 shedding in diabetic nephropathy (joint HKSN & Hong Kong Kidney Foundation award)	Ms Ai Ing LIM	The University of Hong Kong
Role of bone morphogenetic protein-7 in diabetic nephropathy	Ms Ruixi LI	The University of Hong Kong
Use of novel plasma and urinary biomarkers to predict the development of hepatorenal syndrome in cirrhotic patients	Dr Desmond YH YAP	Queen Mary Hospital
Intra-pyloric Botox versus saline versus no treatment for patients on continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD) with diabetic gastroparesis	Dr Ming Yee MOK	Queen Mary Hospital
Aliskiren combined with angiotension receptor blocker for chronic kidney disease: a randomized study	Prof Sydney CW TANG	Queen Mary Hospital
Sodium Restriction Education Program for Chronic Haemodialysis Patients	Ms Yun Ho HUI	United Christian Hospital

Senior Advisor

The Council is pleased to announce the conferment of the title of Senior Advisor to Professor Richard YU, senior member of the Society, in recognition of his dedicated and continuous contribution to the Society and the renal community. A commemorative plaque will be presented to Professor YU in the ASM.

Richard Yu Endowment Fund

Richard Yu Endowment Fund was set up in 2006 with a generous donation from Professor Richard Yu to recognize high caliber clinicians and scientists to promote international experience sharing, and to support meaningful research in renal medicine.

We are honored to have Prof G REMUZZI, Director of the Immunology and Clinical Transplantation Department and Nephrology and Dialysis Division at the Ospedali Riuniti di Bergamo, Italy and ISN President Elect, receiving the award this year.

Chan Woon Cheung Memorial Fund

This memorial fund was set up in 2006 in remembrance of the late Dr Chan Woon Cheung, an academic pathologist, for his contribution to the education, training and research in Renal Pathology, through a generous donation from a foundation previously held in trust by Professor Richard YU and Professor CH LEONG.

We are pleased to have Professor Fan Fan HOU (侯凡凡教授), Division of Nephrology, Nanfang Hospital, Southern Medical University, Guangdong Provincial Institute of Nephrology, Guangzhou, China, receiving this award in 2012.

Patient Related Activities

Renal Patients' Gateball Competition

The Renal Patients' Gateball Competition, jointly organized by the Society, the Hong Kong Gateball Association and the Leisure & Cultural Services Department was held in Kowloon Park Indoor Sports Centre on 10 June 2012. The event was well attended by 18 teams with 158 participants, together with the patient relatives, health care workers and industrial partners. Gateball Team from Macao Renal Patients' Association and the Hong Kong Transplant Sports Association also participated in the competition. Dr WL CHEUNG was our officiating guest. He joined our Council members to have a friendly match with our sponsors. All participants had an enjoyable afternoon. Dr CC CHOW was the organizer of the event.

Champion **Open Division:** Princess Margaret Hospital

Champion **Senior Division:** United Christian Hospital

The results of the competition were as follows:

	Open Division	Senior Division
Champion	Princess Margaret Hospital	United Christian Hospital
1 st runner-up	Tung Wah Hospital	Queen Elizabeth Hospital
2 nd runner-up	Prince of Wales Hospital	Princess Margaret Hospital
3 rd runner-up	Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital	Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital

5th Chinese Transplant Games

The Society is one of the major sponsors supporting the Hong Kong Transplant Sports association for transplant patients to participate in the 5th Chinese Transplant Games.

Our Hong Kong Athletes achieved good results and won 12 Gold, 16 Silver and 12 Bronze medals.

The First Hong Kong Transplant and Dialysis Games 2012

The Society is a major sponsor for the First Hong Kong Transplant and Dialysis Game to be held on 24-25 November 2012 at Tsing Yi Sport Ground. Drs KF CHAU, Samuel KS FUNG, YW HO, Stanley LO, CY YUNG, HL TANG and WL CHAK, attended the organizing committee. A Kick Off Ceremony was held at HAHO on the 20 May 2012. The Society will sponsor the activity and provide subsidies to renal transplant or dialysis patients from HA who may require additional Exercise Tolerance Test for physical fitness assessment before their competitive games. Preparation is on-going.

Organ Donation Campaign

The 3rd Anniversary of the Launching of the Centralised Organ Donation Register Cum Opening Ceremony of the Garden of Life was held on Saturday, 12 November 2011 at the Garden of Life, Kowloon Park.

A signing of the Organ Donation Charter (約章) on 20 May 2012 was arranged. One of the aims is to boost up the web signing of organ donation to at least double from the current 20000 to 40000.

Another event 捐贈受贈慶中秋共團圓 took place on 23 September 2012 received wide media coverage.

Education

WORLD KIDNEY DAY March 11, 2012

This is a joint initiative of the International Society of Nephrology and the International Federation of Kidney Foundation. The purpose is to raise the public awareness of kidney diseases and health. This year theme was 'Donate kidney for Life Receive". WKD Website in Chinese (both Traditional and Simplified) was translated by Dr Anthony HAU and was hosted by HKSN.

Hong Kong hosted the WKD@HK 2012 which is the 7th of the series, on 11th March 2012 at the Kowloon Park, with a conjoint effort between the Society, Hong Kong Kidney Foundation and Hong Kong Society of Transplantation. It was well attended by 1000 patients, relatives and healthcare professionals. The Guest of Honor included Dr. York CHOW (Secretary for Food & Health, Food & Health Bureau, HKSAR), Hon Dr CH LEONG, Dr PY LEUNG, Dr WL CHEUNG and Professor R YU. Activities included promulgation of the health survey results on the public opinions on organ transplantation, success stories sharing by patients & donors, group singing led by Dr York CHOW and games stalls set up by renal units. The event was well covered by the media.

Media activities with RTHK 1, RTHK 2 & Now TV series were organized. Newspaper Health Column in Headline News was contributed by Dr WL CHAK, Dr TH KWAN, Dr CC CHOW and Dr CB LEUNG. Full page article of the World WKD@HK appeared on 31 March 2012 in popular local newspapers.

The theme for 2013 WKD will be on "Acute Kidney Injury".

Lions Educational Lecture

The 2012 Lions Educational Lecture on “Diabetes and your Kidneys” (糖尿病、腎病知多 **D** 健康展覽) was delivered by Dr Joseph S YEUNG & Dr C Y YUNG in YMCA, Tsimshatsui on 14 April, 2012. The event was hosted by the Lions Kidney Educational Centre.

Renal Nursing Course

The Society continues to collaborate with the Institute of Advanced Nursing Studies (IANS), Hong Kong Kidney Foundation and Hong Kong Association of Renal Nurses to launch the Hong Kong Renal Nursing Course 2011-12 conducted in KWC. There are 33 HA staff and one from private sector and Dr David YONG represented the Society in the organizing committee.

Another course is scheduled to start from Mid-October, 2012 in NTEC. Dr YL CHENG and Dr David YONG represent the Society in the organizing committee.

FMSHK Certificate Course in Renal Medicine

The FMSHK Certificate Course 2012 commenced on 20 September 2012. It covers 12 topics over a six weeks period. We are grateful to the organizer, Dr YL CHENG and the following members to help as speakers, Dr Bonnie KWAN, Dr CK WONG, Dr KM CHOW, Dr KY LO, Dr KT LEUNG, Dr Terence YIP, Dr SK YUEN, Dr HW CHAN, Dr MF LAM, Dr. KH CHU, Dr Sunny WONG and Dr. William LEE.

Publications

Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology

Professor CC SZETO is Chief Editor. Professor Sydney CW TANG is Deputy Editor and Drs John YH CHAN, YL CHENG, MF LAM and SK MAK are Associate Editors. Manuscripts can be submitted online through Elsevier's Editorial System (EES).

Newsletters

Two issues of the newsletter were published since the last Annual Scientific Meeting to keep our members informed of the activities of the Society. They are accessible from our Society Web.

International Relationships

CSN 2012

There will be 8 delegates representing the Society to attend the meeting in Chengdu, Sichuan from 10-13 October, 2012.

Quadrangular Chinese Nephrology Forum

The fourth Quadrangular Chinese Nephrology Forum was held in Taipei on 2-3 August 2012 immediately before the ISHD Congress on 3-7 August 2012. Professor HY LAN, Professor Sydney CW TANG represented Hong Kong in delivering talks. The Fifth one will be organised in Hong Kong.

APSN

The Society continues to support all members to receive their official publication, Nephrology Journal. Prof Sydney CW TANG is the Hon Treasurer of APSN.

Chinese American Society of Nephrology (CASN)

Invitation was received from the President of the CASN to ask members of the Society to join as International Membership.

ISPD

The Society likes to congratulate Professor Philip LI becoming President-Elect and Professor CC SZETO in receiving the John Maher Award in ISPD 2012 meeting in Malaysia.

World Congress of Nephrology(WCN) 2013

The Society will host WCN 2013 in Hong Kong. The Scientific Program Committee chairlady is Professor Carol POLLOCK, Professor Philip LI & Professor Kai-Uwe ECKARDT are co-chairs.

The Society has received generous donations through our senior advisor, Professor Richard Yu, to set up a program of HКСN-travel grants to support delegates from mainland China to participate in WCN 2013. It is targeted to around 200 junior nephrologists from all the provinces in mainland China and covers ISN membership for 1 year, WCN registration fee and travel grant. The logistics will be worked out in conjunction with the Chinese Society of Nephrology.

The Society will need all your help and support in this event.

ISN corporate membership

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) with its aims on advancement of education, science, patient care in nephrology and prevention of kidney diseases are in line with that of the Society. The Society, with the help of Professor Philip LI, has negotiated with ISN for a corporate membership for all full members. Please return the application form to membership@hksn.org or Dr YL CHENG, C/O Department of Medicine, AHNH on or before 8/10/2012. It is of note that all ISN full members are entitled to reduced registration fee for WCN 2013.

Sponsorship

The Society has given out 102 sponsorships, including 4 Young Nephrology Investigator Scholarships (YNIS), for members to attend various overseas academic meetings. Members are reminded to follow the strict rules and guidelines for these sponsorships as delineated on our website.

Membership

Current number of full members is 156 and associate members 603 (total 759). Any member who has not subscribed to the membership fees for three consecutive years will be removed from the membership list and need to re-apply to rejoin. Do send in your update email address and / or corresponding address to membership@hksn.org

Society Home Page

The Society home page www.hksn.org/ is regularly updated and maintained under the expertise of Drs. YW HO, Samuel KS FUNG and Anthony HAU. A secure member's area is under active consideration.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the council members for their support and hard work to make all these possible. Of note, Dr Alex YU stepped down from being a co-opted council member and the co-chair of the award nomination committee due to personal reasons. We thank Alex for all his contributions in the past. Dr KL TONG succeeds as co-chair with Professor Philip LI.

It has indeed been my honour and pleasure to serve all of you in the past year.

Dr CB Leung
Chairman
Hong Kong Society of Nephrology