

Chairman's Report

October 2006 - November 2007

I have great pleasure to report the following activities accomplished by the Council in the year 2006 - 2007:

World Kidney Day

This is a joint initiative of the International Society of Nephrology and the International Federation of Kidney Foundation. The purpose of the World Kidney Day is to raise public awareness about the importance of our kidneys and to spread the message that kidney disease is common, harmful and treatable. The slogan for World Kidney Day 2007 is "Are Your Kidneys OK?"

The Hong Kong Society of Nephrology and The Hong Kong Kidney Foundation have jointly organized a series of activities to promote the World Kidney Day in Hong Kong. The main activity is the "World Kidney Day in Hong Kong Launching Ceremony" held in Chater Garden in Central on 11 March 2007 (Sunday). The event was extremely successful with the participation of Dr C H Leong, our Executive Councilor, Mr Anthony Wu, the Hospital Authority Chairman, and hundreds of health workers, patients, reporters and the public.

Others activities include a survey on kidney knowledge among the general public, a quiz for primary school students, and a planned screening program for relatives of patients with CKD. Full page advertisements were placed in major newspapers on 15 March 2007 and promotions were followed with media coverage in magazines, TV and radio programs.

We can look forward to further consolidate our work in relation to the World Kidney Day in the coming years.

Academic Meetings

- Inter-hospital Meetings

15 meetings were held this year.

All the territory renal units participated regularly with guests presentations from Macau Society of Nephrology and the Hong Kong Paediatric Nephrology Society

- 10 January 2007

Professor Christopher McIntyre

"Vascular Calcification, Determinants and Cardiovascular Functional

Consequences”

- 27-28 January 2007
Professor Jack Work
Ms Lesley Dinwiddie
“Commissioned Training in Optimal Management of HD Access in Uraemic Patients”
Collaboration with HA & HKKF
- 1 February 2007
Professor Ulrich A Frei
“Concepts in Immunosuppression for Kidney Transplantation: Evidence from the Symphony Study”
Collaboration with HK Society of Transplantation
- 24-25 March 2007
Professor Geoffrey Taylor
Dr Matthew Arduino
Ms Cheryl Hyde
“Commissioned Training on Infection Control in HA Units”
Collaboration with HA & HKKF
- 10 May 2007
Professor Daniel W. Coyne
“The New Era of Secondary Hyperparathyroidism Treatment”
- 15 June 2007
Professor Peter G. Kerr
“Increase Frequency of Haemodialysis – More is better?”
- 18 June 2007
Professor A Singh
“Haemoglobin Sweet Spot”
- 18 July 2007
Dr Rolf Nystrand
“Fluid Systems in Dialysis: How to handle the Microbiological Issues?”
- 11 August 2007

Professor J. Charles Jennette

“Histopathology Short Course on Medical Renal Pathology”

Organized by HKIAP and partially sponsored by HKSN

- 23 September 2007

Professor Joanne Bargman & Others

APD/PD Full Day Symposium

Collaboration with HA & HKKF

- 15 October 2007

Professor Zachary Bloomgarden

“A Breakthrough in Diabetes Management: Incretins & DPP-4 Inhibitors, Sitagliptin”

HKSN Research Grants

This year we are pleased to have Professor Lau Chi Hung and Professor Eddy Ellision as our external reviewers. The following applications have been successful in obtaining the grants:

Principle Investigator	Unit	Project Title
Dr B Kwan	PWH	The Gene Expression of T-Helper-Cell-17 (TH17) Related Cytokines in the Urinary Sediment of Patients with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
Mr Y K Poon	PWH	Effect of Carnosinase Gene CNDP1 Leucine Repeat on the Survival of Subjects Undergoing Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD)
Dr S L Lui	TWH	Therapeutic Effect of Rapamycin on Established Murine Adriamycin Nephropathy
Dr Y L Cheng	AHNS	Prevention of Clot formation in Extracorporeal Blood Circuit by Citrate-enriched Haemodialysate using a Conventional Bicarbonate-buffered Dialysate Delivery System
Dr H L Tang	PMH	On-line Urea Clearance Monitoring (OCM): Clinical Efficiency in the Estimation of Haemodialysis Adequacy
Ms K L Poon	PWH	Vascular Access Surveillance on Haemodialysis Patients in One Single Centre

The proposal from Mr Y K Poon has been awarded the top HKSN/HKKF Research

Grant.

Awards

The Society is pleased to announce that Professor Philip Li has been selected as the recipient of the Richard Yu Endowment Fund Award for 2007, and Professor Fernand Lai is the recipient of the Chan Woon Cheung Memorial Fund Award.

Mainland and International Relationships

- Chinese Society of Nephrology Annual Meeting, 18-21 September 2007
The society sent a delegation led by Dr Alex Yu to attend the meeting in Zhangzhou (鄭州). Presentations by Professor Philip Li and Dr M F Lam were well received. Drs C B Leung and K S Choi formed the rest of the group.
- ISPD Congress 2006
The successful Congress was concluded with the publication of the Proceedings this year. The final account is being audited and expected to be completed within 2007.
- ISHD 2nd Congress, Hong Kong 28-31 August 2009
Dr Alex Yu is to be the President of the Organizing Committee with the full support of the Society. Preparatory work has already been started.
- ISN Fellows
3 nephrology fellows will be seconded to Prince of Wales, Princess Margaret and Queen Mary/Tung Wah Hospitals under the auspices of ISN Fellowship in 2007. They are Drs Li WANG from Chengdu, Dr Hong XU from Beijing and Xiao-hong SANG from Xin Jiang. HKSAN wishes to extend our warmest welcome to them, and would naturally invite them to join all our academic functions.

Publications

- Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology
Under the able leadership of Dr Alex Yu, the Journal continue to thrive both in terms of manuscripts received and advertising income.
The high quality of the twice yearly publication has been recognized in its inclusion on the EMBASE index.
- Newsletters
Our Honorary Secretary, Dr S L Lui, and Dr Y W Ho have strived hard to publish 4 issues since the last ASM to keep the members informed of the activities of the Society.
- Nephrology Journal
The Society has continued to subscribe for this international Journal for each of its members.

Renal Patients' Gateball Competition

This year competition was held in the Kowloon Park Indoor Sports Centre on 17 June 2007. The event was jointly organized by the HK China Gateball Association, the Leisure & Cultural Services Department and our Society.

The results of the Competition are as follows:

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

World Transplant Games, Bangkok 25 August – 2 September 2007

Dr K F Chau, the Hong Kong Society of Transplantation Chairlady, and also a Council member and past Chairlady of our Society, led a team of 21 Hong Kong transplant recipients (11 renal) to participate in the event. They achieved a total of 6 Gold, 2 Silver and 9 Bronze medals. Dr K L Tong also attended the event supporting the Hong Kong participants. We are proud to be the partial sponsors of such outstanding athletic achievements.

Nursing Issues

- CNE Accreditation

Under the able coordination by Dr T H Kwan and the work of our CNE subcommittee, Hong Kong Society of Nephrology has finally managed to be accredited as a CNE provider officially. Other members of the subcommittee include: Ms Bonnie Tam (representing HKARN), Ms Irene Kong (HACRC) and Ms Tang Yim Ling (HKSAN) and Drs Andrew Wong, S L Lui and C B Leung.

- Hong Kong Association of Renal Nurses

The Society was invited to attend the inauguration ceremony of the HKARN on 21 April 2007.

We wish Ms Frances Chiu, their newly elected Chairlady, all the best for her new Association.

- Renal Nursing course 2006-2007

This is a joint program organized by the Society, Hospital Authority and Hong Kong Kidney Foundation. It has been another successful course with 54 students in

Module I, and 46 students in Module II, with participants from HA, the private sector and Macau.

Credits must be given to all HA units who shared in the teaching.

Public Education

- Lions Kidney Education Centre “DM & your kidney” Health Exhibition & Seminar
Our members, Drs K S Choi, F K Li and Francis Wong represented the Society to deliver several public lectures on the topic in April 2007.
- TV programs
Dr Andrew Wong has appeared in the programs 健康大道 & 午間茶敘 to promote WKD awareness & kidney health.
- Radio programs
Drs Andrew Wong, S L Lui, C B Leung, K L Tong, K F Chau, Alex Yu, John Fenn have participated in the RTHK 精靈一點 program on kidney health.

Society Home Page

The Society home page is regularly maintained and updated under the expertise of Dr Y W Ho. The new website address is www.hksn.org/

Scholarships and Sponsorships

The Society has awarded 3 Young Nephrology Investigators Scholarships, and 81 sponsorships for members to attend various overseas academic meetings.

Membership

As of the end of September 2007, the Society has 139 Full members and 505 Associate members.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Council Members for their support, without which none of the above could be successfully accomplished.

Dr Andrew Wong
Chairman
Hong Kong Society of Nephrology