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Chairman's Report

November 2004 – September 2005

Under the leadership of previous Chairmen in past 25 years, Hong Kong Society of Nephrology has grown significantly in the number of members as well international recognition. In 2004 -2005, our Society further enhances our commitments to:

1. Advance academic recognition and prestige of Hong Kong nephrology in the international renal arena
2. Support patient activities for better rehabilitation and care
3. Strengthen the link of the Society with other nephrology societies 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

The Hong Kong Society of Nephrology Research Grant (HKSNRG) aims to foster research culture among members of the Society, and supports local research in nephrology, which can be clinical, basic science, psychosocial, nursing or health economics-related projects, particularly to members who are not eligible to apply for funding from the Research Grants Council of the HKSAR.

Since its inception in 1999, the HKSNRG has all together supported 35 research projects that are performed by doctors and nurses from 8 units, totaling \$1,037,600. Since 2002, with the contributions from Hong Kong Kidney Foundation (HKKF), applicant with the highest score each year were given extra funding and a combined HKSAN / HKKF Research Grant. To date, 19 funded projects have been completed which resulted

in 14 full scientific papers published in peer-reviewed journals, including 5 in *Kidney International*, 3 in the *American Journal of Kidney Diseases*, 1 in *Transplantation*, 1 in *Lupus*, 1 in the *Journal of Nephrology*, 1 in *Nephrology*, in 1 *Renal Failure*, and 1 in the *Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology*.

In 2005, there were 10 applications. The applications were reviewed by Prof. Tao Wang (Beijing, China), Prof. Neil Sheerin (London, UK), and Dr. HC Chen (Kaoshiung, Taiwan), Dr. YW Ho (UCH) and YL Cheng (AHNH). 5 awards were given this year. Dr. Sydney Tang (QMH) is awarded the Joint Hong Kong Society of Nephrology/Hong Kong Kidney Foundation Research Grant. The tilt of his project is: "Role of PPAR- γ agonist in diabetic nephropathy: an in vitro and in vivo study".

2. Scientific Meetings:

- 15 Dec 2004 "Molecular interventions in renal diseases". Speaker: Prof. Enyu Imai. Attendance 40.
- 15-16 Jan 2005 "Symposium on Minimally Invasive Surgery on Renal Patients". (Jointly organized by Central Renal Committee of Hospital Authority, Hong Kong Urological Association and Hong Kong Kidney Foundation). Speakers: Drs. Stephen Ash and Howard Lau. Attendance: Jan 15: 112, Jan 16: 274.
- 23 Feb 2005 "Long term outcome of different immunosuppressive regime in kidney transplant". Speaker: Prof. van Hooff. Attendance: 123
- 22 Mar 2005 "Rejection Prophylaxis in Renal Transplantation – Impact on Renal Function, Histology, and Gene Expression". Speaker: Dr. Stuart M. Flechner. Attendance: 58.
- 30 Mar 2005 "Antibody-mediated Pure Red Cell Aplasia: Solving the Mystery". Speaker: Dr. John Knight. Attendance: 105.
- 13 June 2005 "On-line Monitoring of Blood Volume". Speakers: Prof. KML Leunissen and Dr. FM van der Sande. Attendance: 160.
- 24 June 2005 "Improving the Quality of Life for Renal Patients by New Aspects of Anemia Management". Speaker: Prof. Yves Vanrenterghem. Attendance:138.

3. Inter-hospital Renal Meetings

The inter-hospital meeting is a regular educational activity of the Society. The meeting is held at the Seminar Room of Queen Elizabeth Hospital. There are a total of 12 meetings in 2005 with presentations contributed by renal physicians, trainees and private

nephrologists. The discussion during the meeting is usually intense and the cases presented are of practical clinical significance. This meeting is well attended by Nephrology trainee and become a significant part of their training activities.

4. Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology

The Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology is entering its 7th year of publication. With the increase in number of submissions, we have invited two new members to the editorial board: Dr. YH Chan (QEH) and Dr. YL Cheng (AHNH).

Members of the Editorial Board now include:

Founding Editor:	Dr. Li Kam-tao, 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, Dr. YH Chan, Dr. YL Cheng

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/hkjn/. Electronic submission of manuscript is also made possible through the e-mail: hkjn@hkjn.org.

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 one scholarships to one member (Dr. Chan Hoi-Wong from QEH) to present her research results in World Congress of Nephrology, Singapore, June 26-28, 2005.

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, jointly organized by Hong Kong Society of Nephrology, Institute of Advanced Nursing Studies (IANS), Hospital Authority and Hong Kong Kidney Foundation, was held with success. A total of 47 Nurses from both public and private sectors participated in the educational event. A graduation ceremony was held on September 17, 2005 in HAHO.

9. Annual Scientific Meeting and Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual Scientific Meeting is held jointly with Hong Kong College of Physicians on September 10-11, 2005 at the Hong Kong Academy Building, Aberdeen. The theme is "Extracorporeal Support for Multi-organ Failure". Plenary speakers include Prof. Roger Williams, CBE (UK), Prof. Claudio Ronco (Italy), Dr. William Clark (USA). Colleagues from Singapore (Dr. Lui Hock Foong & Dr. Tan Han-Khim), Hong Kong (Dr. Richard Chiu, Dr. WK Lo and Alex Yu) will also share their experience in MARS Therapy and CRRT. Dr. Ho Yiu Wing will present the Hong Kong Renal Registry data and Dr. Chan Chor-Man will present the renal data from private hospitals. The Annual General Meeting will be held on September 11, 2005.

II. Patient Related Activities

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

1. Gateball Competition

The Annual Gateball Competition for Renal Patients and their families was held on July 10, 2005 in Kowloon Park Indoor Sports Ground. The event was co-organized with the Hong Kong Gateball Association and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Over 400 patients, relatives and staff from 12 hospitals participated. Dr Cheung Wai-Lun, Director (Professional Services & Operations) HAHO, was our Guest of Honor. The results of the competition are as follow:

	Open Division	Senior Division
Champion	Prince of Wales Hospital	Prince of Wales Hospital
1st Runner up	Tai Po Nethersole Hospital	Tai Po Nethersole Hospital
2nd Runner up	Tuen Mun Hospital	Queen Mary Hospital
3rd Runner up	Queen Mary Hospital	Caritas Medical Centre

2. Lyric Rewriting Contest for Renal Patients: 「舊曲新填腎友詞 2005」

This is a new attempt by our Society. Mr. Cheng Kwok Kong, a famous lyric writer has helped us to organized two workshops on lyric writing to our renal patients. Over 60 pieces of lyrics were received. 17 are selected for performance on October 16, 2005 at Shatin Town Hall. Ms. Hai Sau-Lan and Shatin Children's Choir will be guest performers. Mr. Ander Jun will be the MC. Dr. Cheung Wai-Lun and Mr. Cheng Kwok-Kong will be the Guests of Honor.

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, Beijing, October 18-21, 2005

Annual meeting of the Chinese Society of Nephrology will held in Beijing this year. Dr. Alex Yu, Chairman of the Society will lead a delegate of the Council members to attend this congress to have more interchange as well as the maintenance of good relationship with their Society. Dr. Alex Yu, Dr. Sydney Tang and Dr. Kwan Tze-Hoi will present their paper in the congress as well.

IV. Public Events

1. Public Education

A) On behalf of Hong Kong Society of Nephrology, Dr. FK Li and Dr. John Fenn had delivered a LKEC public lecture on "Chronic Renal Diseases" and "Renal Stones" respectively on April 3, 2005.

B) A public health talk was held on April 2, 2005, in collaboration with CRN (Community Rehabilitation Network) and HKKF at Crystal Ballroom, YMCA. Dr. Sydney Tang presented the SHARE data, Dr. Wai-Kay Tsang presented the "Etiology and Treatment of Renal Diseases" while Ms. Sally Leung talk on "Dietary Management of Renal Diseases". A total to 220 public audiences attended the talk.

V. International Involvement

1. 11th Congress of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis, Hong Kong, 24-28, August 2006.

Members of the organizing committee are as follows:

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

Many of our members are serving in the subcommittee. With your help, the planning has been smooth and major sponsors have indicated their support this very important international event. Thanks to you all.

VI. Membership

There are 136 full members and 474 associate members as of August 2005.

VII. Society Home Page

Since August 2004, the society has successfully secured a new domain name www.hksn.org to host the society news. The website is now hosted and maintained by our The Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong.

VIII. The Council

The success of the Society with its wide range of activities depends heavily on the dedicated work of the whole council. Two new members are co-opted to help with the increasing activities of society. They are Dr. Samuel Fung (PMH) and Dr. Kin-Shing Wong (PYNEH). 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:

Dr. Francis Wong	Hon. Secretary Representative to Hong Kong Federation of Medical Societies Assistant Editor, Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology Nurse Education
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Dr. Andrew Wong	Hon. Treasurer
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Dr. Ho Yiu-Wing	Designer and IT Co-ordinator
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