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Chairman's Message

Dear Members,

It is my great privilege to serve as the Chairman of the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology for the coming one year. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to all the previous Chairmen who have laid a solid foundation for our Society to reach its current level of success. The year 2009 is going to be a very busy year for the Society as we are going to celebrate our 30th anniversary. The 2nd Congress of the International Society for Hemodialysis will be held in Hong Kong in August. In addition to our usual activities such as the Annual Scientific Meeting, the World Kidney Day and the Renal Patients' Gateball Competition, we are going to have a number of new initiatives which include re-design of our website, joint inter-hospital renal meeting with private Hospitals via tele-conferencing, ISN-HK Visiting Fellowship and Research Grant for young investigators, to name but a few.



We shall continue to collaborate with the Hong Kong Society of Transplantation, the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation and the Hong Kong Association of Renal Nurses in the provision of continuous medical & nursing education as well as in the promotion of public health. The goals of our Society cannot be achieved without the support of all our members. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding our Society, please feel free to send me an e-mail at sllui@hku.hk.

Yours sincerely
Dr. S L Lui

Annual Scientific Meeting

This year's Annual Scientific Meeting was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Kowloon Shangri-la Hotel on **October 19, 2008** (Sunday). Nearly 400 doctors and nurses attended the meeting. **Prof. Bernardo Rodriguez-Iturbe**, President-elect of the International Society of Nephrology, and **Prof Alfred Cheung** from the University of Utah, USA were the invited Keynote Speakers.

The program of this year's ASM also included a number of talks by local speakers. **Dr. Sydney Tang & Prof. CC Szeto**, two previous HKSAN/HKKF Research Grant Awardees, presented their latest research findings. The topics of **Dr. Tang & Prof. Szeto's** presentations were "Role of advanced glycation end-products and PPAR-gamma activation in diabetic tubulopathy" and "The relationship between bone morphogenic protein-7 and peritoneal transport characteristics" respectively. In the symposium on Nocturnal Home Hemodialysis: Nursing

Perspectives, **Ms Candic Tang** spoke on “The impact of Nocturnal Home HD on quality of life” while **Ms. Janet Li** talked on “Embracing the challenges of Nocturnal Home HD “. **Prof. Alfred Cheung & Prof. Philip Li** had a lively and entertaining debate on Hemodialysis vs. Peritoneal Dialysis (with **Dr. WK Lo** as the moderator). Last but not least, **Dr. Cindy Choy** gave an updated report on the Hong Kong Renal Registry.



Prof. Bernardo Rodriguez-Iturbe gives a lecture on “The Role of Tubulointerstitial Damage in the Progression of Renal Disease”



Dr. Andrew Wong & Prof. Philip Li present a souvenir to Prof. Bernardo Rodriguez-Iturbe



Prof. Alfred Cheung delivers a lecture on “Solute Clearance in Hemodialysis”



Dr. Andrew Wong presents a souvenir to Prof. Alfred Cheung with Prof. Alex Yu & Dr. CB Leung



Prof. Bernardo Rodriguez-Iturbe and Prof. Alfred Cheung with Council Members and Senior Members of the Society



Dr. Sydney Tang



Prof. CC Szeto



Ms. Candic Tang



Ms. Janet Li



Prof. Philip Li vs. Prof. Alfred Cheung; PD vs. HD



Ms. Candic Tang & Ms. Janet Li with Dr. KL Tong & Dr. CS Li



Dr. Cindy Choy presents the latest data from the Renal Registry.

HKSN Richard Yu Endowment Fund Award Recipient

This year's HKSN Richard Yu Endowment Fund Award recipient is **Professor Tak Mao CHAN** (陳德茂講座教授). Prof. Chan graduated from the University of Hong Kong in 1985 and obtained his MD in 1994. He received training in nephrology and internal medicine at the Queen Mary Hospital University Department of Medicine, Hong Kong, and the Guy's Hospital, London, U.K. He became Professor of Medicine in 1999, was promoted to Personal Chair in 2005, and received the Yu Professorship in Nephrology in 2007.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of London, Edinburgh, and Glasgow, and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. He has previously served as President of the Hong Kong Society of Transplantation and Program Director of the Advanced Internal Medicine Board and Nephrology Board of the Hong Kong College of Physicians, and is currently Chairman of the Nephrology Board. He sits on the Executive Committees of the Asian Society of Transplantation, and is currently the President of the Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology. He is also Associate Dean of the Medical Faculty at the University of Hong Kong. His main research interests include lupus nephritis and viral hepatitis in patients with kidney failure, and he has won international recognition for his pioneering work in the use of mycophenolate mofetil as treatment for lupus nephritis.

Prof. TM Chan delivered his award lecture entitled "**Lupus Nephritis-An Enriching Opus**" during our Annual Scientific Meeting on Oct. 19, 2008.



*Prof. TM Chan delivers his award lecture
“Lupus Nephritis-An Enriching Opus”*



*Prof. T.M. Chan receives the Award from Prof.
Richard Yu and Dr. Andrew Wong*

The New Council

Seventy-two full members attended the Annual General Meeting, which was held during our Annual Scientific Meeting on Oct. 19, 2008. The following members were elected to serve as Office Bearers and Council Members:

Chairman:	Dr. Lui Sing Leung		
Hon. Secretary:	Dr. Leung Chi Bon		
Hon. Treasurer:	Dr. Kwan Tze Hoi		
Council Members:	Dr. Choi Koon Shing	Dr. Fung Ka Shun, Samuel	Dr. Ho Yiu Wing
	Dr. Cheng Yuk Lun	Dr. Tang Chi Wai, Sydney	Dr. Wong Kin Shing



*The new Council: Drs. YL Cheng, KS Choi, Samuel Fung, YW Ho, CB Leung (Hon. Secretary),
SL Lui (Chairman), TH Kwan (Hon. Treasurer), Andrew Wong (Immediate Past Chairman),
KS Wong & Sydney Tang*



The new Council with advisors of our Society

New Co-opted Council Members

During the First Council meeting (08/09) held on November 18, 2008, the following members were appointed as co-opted Members: **Dr. Chau Ka Foon, Dr. Li Fu Keung, Prof. Alex Yu, Prof. Philip Li, Dr. Tong Kwok Lung and Dr. David Yong.**

HKSN Research Grant

The recipients of this year's HKSN Research Grant are **Dr. Brian Lang (QMH), Dr. KM Chow (PWH), Dr. Bonnie Kwan (PWH), Prof. CC Szeto (PWH), and Dr. Gensy Tong (KWH).** Dr. Brian Lang also received the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation Research Grant for achieving the highest scores from the reviewers for his research proposal entitled: "A pilot study to evaluate the efficacy of total parathyroidectomy with forearm autografting in retarding vascular calcification & improving arterial stiffness and bone mineral density in ESRD patients".



Dr. KM Chow receives his Research Grant Award from Dr. SL Lui



Dr. Bonnie Kwan receives her Research Grant Award from Dr. SL Lui

Scientific Symposium

A Scientific Symposium entitled “**Role of Incretin-based Therapy in Patients with T2DM & Renal Impairment**” by **Prof. Juris Meier** from Ruhr-University Germany was held on **September 29, 2008 (Mon)** in Conrad Hotel. The Symposium was attended by about 40 members.

Another Scientific Symposium on “**Discussion of treatment options of immunosuppressant in different category of clinical scenarios**” was held in QEH on **October 31, 2008**. Four clinical transplant scenarios were presented by **Drs. MF Lam (QMH), A Cheuk (PMH), YH Chan (QEH) & Bonnie Kwan (PWH)** respectively. **Prof. S Chadban** from the University of Sydney was the invited guest speaker. Five senior local nephrologists (**Drs. MK Chan, I Cheng, KF Chau, BY Choy & Prof. Philip Li**) served as discussion panelists.



Prof. Richard Yu & Dr. Andrew Wong present a souvenir to Prof. Juris Meier.



Prof. Chadban with the case presenters, discussion panelists & Council members of the HKSJ & HKST.

Inter-hospital Renal Meeting

Interhospital Renal Meeting with CME accreditation is regularly held in Lecture Theatre, G/F, Block A, Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Archives of Interhospital Renal Meeting are posted up in HKSJ web site including content of each meeting highlighted in a few key words. Presentation file will be posted up soon. Members of HKSJ will be informed of the schedule by email before every meeting. Please update your email record and inform office@hksj.org when there is change in email address for future correspondence.

Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology

Our Journal is indexed in EMBASE. Archives of all the articles in our Journal can be searched in our official journal website: www.hkijn.org

Upcoming Events / Important Dates at a Glance

Annual Meeting of the Chinese Society of Nephrology

Date November 20-22, 2008

Venue Guangzhou Baiyun International Convention Center 廣州白雲國際會議中心

Scientific Symposium on European Experience on New Formulation of Tacrolimus in Kidney Transplantation (Prof. JP van Hooff)

Date: December 11, 2008 (Thur)

Venue: Sheraton Hotel

HA Commissioned Training on “Supportive care in ESRF”

Date: January 11, 2009 (Sun)

Venue: Lecture Theatre, HAHO

World Kidney Day 2009

Date March 15, 2009 (Sun)

Venue TBC

Scientific Symposium on What we learnt from Symphony Study (Prof. H Ekberg)

Date: March 30, 2009 (Mon)

Venue: TBC

Second Congress of the ISHD



August 28 to 30, 2009.

Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Center

Sponsorship application to attend local / overseas meetings

Applications for sponsorship to attend local or overseas conferences should be sent to **Dr. Sydney C.W. Tang** (*Membership Affairs: Sponsorship and scholarship*) C/o Department of Medicine, Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong at least 4 weeks before the commencement date of the conference. You can **FAX** the application to Dr. Tang at **2872-5828** or **EMAIL** scwtang@hku.hk. Application for reimbursement for expenses should be sent to Dr. Tang within 3 months after the meeting. Late applications *will not* be entertained. A list of forthcoming nephrology meetings can be found in our Society's web site as well as in the HKJN.

Membership application and Change of Address

New membership application and notification of change of address or personal particulars should be sent to **Dr. Samuel K.S. Fung** (*Membership Affairs: Registration*). C/o Department of Medicine & Geriatrics, Medical Officer Room, P3 Ward, Hong Kong Jockey Club Nephrology Centre, Block P, Princess Margaret Hospital, Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon.

New membership application & Change of Address or Personal Details” forms can be downloaded from our Society's website (<http://www.hksn.org/member.htm>) For further enquiry concerning your membership status, please contact Ms. Rebecca Wong (Dr. Fung's Secretary) at 29902035 / 27410752 (e-mail: pmhrenal@gmail.com)

Prepared by Dr. C.B. Leung (Hon. Secretary) & Dr. S.L. Lui (Chairman)