

PIC

The Public Information Committee had done a lot of work in the past year. There were health talks at RTHK, press conferences, public lectures at Science Museum. The PIC website is a major platform to reach the public. It has undergone a transformation very different from what we are more familiar with. It should more properly be called a rebirth. We are very grateful to Mr Micky Suen and Dr Louis Hsu for their generous donations. With the fund, a professional company was employed to help us in the design and adding content to the site. Besides a beautiful layout, there are eye-catching stories like Liu Xiang's tendoachilles injury, Tiger Wood's knee. Scientific contents are added and better organized. We would like to thank colleagues who helped in the PIC and providing content to the site. Please make a visit to see the lovely transformation.



Training assessment

The Intercollegiate Board has strict rules on late submissions, while there had been no such rules for HKCOS. Unfortunately, a very small number of trainees have taken the liberty and not submit their training assessments for many months. The Education Committee resolved that all HOTs have to submit their complete training documents to the College within one month from the end of each 6-month training period. For those

non-compliant trainees, they would receive a warning letter and be notified to submit the documentation by no later than 2 weeks. Late submission would incur disqualification of the respective training period. We wish to remind all trainees that the primary responsibility on training documentation should rest with the trainee himself/herself. Again we see the unfortunate outcome that the great majority has to suffer with a stricter rule because of the irresponsible act of a small minority.

Examination fee

The fee has been unchanged since the first examination in 1997 while cost has increased. The biggest expenditure is on the plane ticket of overseas examiners, which showed a dramatic increase over the years. There have also been increases in remuneration for nurses and patients and also hospital charges. It was resolved that the examination fee will be increased to HK\$25,000 in 2009 and then \$30,000 in 2010. With the expected low number of candidates in 2009, we may still result in a deficit.

College website

The following has been added in the recent months:

- i) President's blog Aug 2008
- ii) Newsletter Jul 2008
- iii) Information of COA Suzhou, November 2008
- iv) Photo Album

Besides a better layout in the Photo Album, a lot more photos had been added. Photos of the exam in the past few years are now available. You will see the happy faces, emotional moments of our successful candidates. Please take a look. Again we would appeal to our colleagues to dig through their own collections. We welcome contribution of photos, especially in the early days of the College.

AGM date

The 2007-08 term of the Council is approaching the end. Nomination for the new Council has been opened. The AGM will be held on 20 Dec 2008, 10am at Kai Chong Tong, Postgraduate Education Centre, PWH, immediately after the Saturday Interhospital Meeting.

Orthopaedic Hyperguide

We understand that some colleagues have a very busy practice. They have difficulty in joining meetings to obtain CME points. I have mentioned in a previous Newsletter about Orthopaedic Hyperguide, a free online education website. You can earn one CME

point if you use this website for one hour. There will be a short workshop on 22 Nov 2008 immediately after the Saturday Interhospital Meeting at QEH to show you this website. Please come and see how useful this website is and how easy it is to earn CME at whatever time and place that is convenient to you.

Nomination for Ad Hominem Fellow

We have received a nomination for Dr Chow Chi Ping, Alex to receive our Ad Hominem Fellow. The nomination was by Dr Wong Hok Leung, seconded by Drs Chan Ping Tak, Chow Yuk Yin, Lau Shun Chung and Yu Kong San. Dr Chow's CV has been posted on our website. Please give your comments on this nomination to our secretariat by 15 Nov 2008. The Council will then analyze the opinion gathered. The next conferment ceremony should be in May 2009 after the Exit Exam.

Dr Chan Chi Wai,
Hon. Secretary.