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Chairman's Report

November 2001 – October 2002

In the year 2001 to 2002, our Society continues to aim to:

1. Advance academic nephrology in Hong Kong and to establish a prestige of Hong Kong nephrology in the international renal arena
2. Promote patient activities to improve patient rehabilitation and care
3. Enhance the link of the Society with other nephrologists 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

There were 12 submissions this year, including 4 basic science, 6 clinical and 2 nursing protocols.

Dr. John Burkatt (USA) and Dr. Wilson Wong (UK) were the external reviewers. Ms Barbara Prowant was the external reviewer for nursing proposal. Local reviewers were Dr. Ignatius Cheng and Dr. Alex Yu.

A total of 7 applications were approved:

Dr. Fu-Keung Li	QMH	Significance of the chemotaxis inhibitory protein, slit, in leukocyte transmigration across human peritoneal mesothelial cells: Implications of peritoneal defense
Dr. Sydney Chi-Wai Tang	UCH	A prospective, randomized, open label, case-controlled study on the efficacy of mycophenolate mofetil for IgA nephropathy patients with heavy proteinuria despite angiotensin blockade
Dr. Angela Yee-Moon Wang	PWH	Importance of Monocyte-Chemotactic Protein-1 and Vascular Cell Adhesion Molecule-1 in Predicting Progression of Atherosclerosis and Mortality in End-Stage Renal Disease Patients on Long-Term Peritoneal Dialysis
Dr. Matthew Ka-Hang Tong	TMH	The effects of Pravastatin on bone metabolism and bone loss in post-renal transplant patients: a prospective randomized trial
Dr. Sing-Leung Lui	TWH	Effect of Rapamycin on the development of experimental crescentic glomerulonephritis
Ms. Chu Wai Ling	TWH	A Randomized Prospective Study Comparing the Use of pHisoHex and Povidone-iodine on Tenckhoff Catheter Exit Site Care
Ms. Candic Tang	PMH	Haemodialysis arteriovenous access: Detection of stenosis and response to treatment by intra-vascular access pressure surveillance

The Hong Kong Kidney Foundation Research Grant Award was also granted simultaneously to the application with highest score. The award for this year went to Dr. FK Li. The total amount of research grant awarded this year was \$200,000 (including the HKKF Research Grant).

From 1999 to 2001, 18 applications were approved. By 30 June 2002, 14 projects have been completed. There were four publications in peer-reviewed journal: 2 in Kidney International, 1 in American J of Kidney Disease, and 1 in Lupus. More publications are expected in the coming months.

2. Scientific Meetings:

- 3 Nov 2001 Prof. SK Lo
1 Dec 2001 2 lectures on Intermediate Biostatistical Methods for Medical & Health Professionals
(Jointly organised with University of Hong Kong)
- 28 Nov 2001 Prof. John Williams, UK
“Peritoneal Biopsy Registry”
(Jointly organised with Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- 9 March 2002 Prof. SK Lo

Biostatistics course
(Jointly organised with University of Hong Kong)

18 Mar 2002 Prof. Ram Gokal, UK
“Year 2002: The Clinician’s Guide to Managing Fluid Status in PD Patients””

May 18, 2002 Scientific Symposium on Recent Advances in Management of Nephropathies comprising 8 lectures by:

Prof. Edmund J Lewis (USA), Prof. Julia Lewis (USA)
Dr. Philip K.T. Li, Dr. FM Lai, Prof. KN Lai, Prof. TM Chan

12 Jun 2002 Dr. Josephine Chow, Australia
“The Quality of Life Issues in CAPD Patients”

Majorities of these scientific meetings were attended by over 100 members and some were attended by more than 250 participants.

3. Inter-hospital Renal Meetings

The inter-hospital renal meeting is a very important platform as a regular educational activity to share clinical experiences among our members. It regularly covers the most recent development in clinical nephrology with intense discussion. For the convenience of all major renal centres in Hong Kong, the council decided to hold the meeting in Queen Elizabeth Hospital as from 10 April 2002.

Nephrologists from the private sector have also been actively participating in the presentation and discussion. The updated schedule of the meeting can found at our web site: www.fmshk.com.hk/hksnephrol

4. Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology

The Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology is entering its 5th year of publication. With the support of our members and the colleagues worldwide, we are granted index in EMBASE. The published articles are now searchable in the libraries of major universities, medical schools and institutions subscribing to EMBASE (<http://www.embase.com>) besides through our web site: www.hkjn.org. We received a number of manuscripts from other countries and regions since the inaugural issue. These include China (15), North America and Europe (6) Japan (3), and Australia (2). Thanks to the hard work of the editorial board:

Founding Editor:	Dr. Li Kam- <i>tao</i> , Philip
Chief Editor:	Dr. Yu Wai- <i>yin</i> , Alex
Deputy Editor:	Dr. Szeto Cheuk- <i>Chun</i>

Assistant Editors: Dr. Lui Sing-leung
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Dr. Wong Kim-ming, Francis

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 the scholarship to two successful applicants: Dr. Teresa Wong and Dr. KM Chow. They will both present their research work in the coming American Society of Nephrology Meeting.

Dr. Teresa Wong:

"Association of Transforming growth factor-beta T869C gene polymorphisms with type 2 diabetic nephropathy in Chinese"

Dr. KM Chow:

"Risk Factors of Thiazide-induced Hyponatremia"

7. Sponsoring members to attend overseas conference

The Council views that attending overseas academic meetings is important to update members' knowledge in nephrology. The Council has been continually supporting members to attend overseas nephrology meetings.

8. The Hong Kong Renal Nursing Courses

In order to enhance the training role of the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology, the Society organized the Hong Kong Renal Nursing Course in collaboration with the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation and the Institute of Advanced Nursing Studies (IANS) of Hospital Authority starting this year. The course consists of three modules: The Comprehensive Nephrology Course for Nurses and two Clinical Nephrology Courses for Renal Nurses, one for Haemodialysis and Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy and the other for Peritoneal Dialysis and Renal Transplantation. Clinical practicum will be provided for the latter two modules. The speakers include the nephrologists, urologists, nurse specialists, dietitians, pharmacists and the occupational therapist. The courses are opened to nurses from both the Hospital Authority and private institutes. The first course has been started in September 2002. Fifty-two nurses were enrolled. The Hong Kong Renal Nursing Courses will be organized yearly and replace the renal nurse course previously organized by IANS. The Society would like to thank the following

nurses are in the development committee: Manbo Man, Amy Chan, Cheuk Wai Han, Lee Chi Wai, Irene Kong, Dora Leung, Helena Leung, Flora Wong.

9. Annual Scientific Meeting

The Annual Scientific Meeting will be replaced by the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis 1st Asian Chapter Meeting in Dec. 13-15 2002.

II. Patient Related Activities

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

1. The 4th Hong Kong Renal Patients Table Tennis Competition

The Fourth Hong Kong Renal Patients Table Tennis Competition, jointly organized with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and Community Rehabilitation Network, was conducted on 10 March 2002 at Wanchai Indoor Sports Ground. There were 129 competitors. The game was officiated by Dr. WM Ko. The winners on the overall score was UCH, The 1st, 2nd and 3rd runner-ups were PMH, PWH and KWH respectively.

2. Gateball Competition

Gateball is a much-welcomed ball game among our dialysis and transplantation patients. The Gateball competition this year was held in Kowloon Park Indoor Sports Centre on the 7th July 2002 in collaboration with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. It was well attended by around 350 patients and staff from 12 private and public renal centres all over Hong Kong. The game was officiated by Dr. WM Ko. In the senior section, QEH won the champion with UCH, PWH and TMH being the 1st, 2nd and 3rd runners up respectively. In the open section, QMH won the champion with TWH, PMH and UCH being the 1st, 2nd and 3rd runners up respectively.

3. Book with articles on renal diseases by renal patients, relatives and professionals 心靈透析

To promote rehabilitation of our patients for better emotional and psychological support, we have invited our renal patients, their relatives and our renal staff to contribute articles to express their feelings and recollections concerning kidney diseases. The response has been overwhelming. We received 22 articles from patients, 6 from their relatives and 10 from our renal staff. The articles were edited and compiled into a book named 心靈透析 in Chinese. 10,000 copies of the book have been published by early September 2002. A book launching ceremony was officiated by Mrs Rita Fan, the President of the Legislative Council HKSAR, on the 11th October 2002. Around 7000 complimentary copies will be

distributed to our patients, our staff, as well as medical and educational organizations. The rest will be sold in the local bookstores to the general public.

4. Mai Po visit for renal patients (米埔腎友同樂日)

In order to further promote the full rehabilitation of our renal patients, our Society has prepared an unprecedented activity for them. In collaboration with the World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong, we have organized a Mai Po visit for renal patients (米埔腎友同樂日). This will be held on the 17th November 2002 and Mai Po was solely reserved for our Society on that day. Up to 720 renal patients and staff will enter the Mai Po Nature Reserve team by team to appreciate the beauty of nature. The event will be officiated by Dr. William Ho, the Chief Executive of Hospital Authority. So far, the event has already received very positive responses from patients, staff and sponsors.

5. Automated Peritoneal Dialysis program

The Society is responsible for recommendation of allocation of the existing 20 machines from the Hong Kong Kidney Trust Fund.

III. Relation with Our Mainland Nephrologists

The relationship with nephrologists in Mainland China and the Chinese Society of Nephrology is continually strengthening.

1. 6th Congress of Chinese Society of Nephrology, Shanghai Sept 13-16, 2002

This important event of the Chinese Society of Nephrology was held once every 4 years. Our Society has led a delegation of all the Council members to attend this 4-day congress to have more interchange as well as the maintenance of good relationship with their Society. Our Council received warm hospitality by the Chinese Society. The chairman was also invited to give a lecture in the Advanced CME course together with other speakers like the Presidents of International Society of Nephrology, International Society of Peritoneal Dialysis, and the Editor-in-Chief of Journal of the American Society of Nephrology. The Society aims to work close with the newly elected Office Bearers of their Council: President- Dr. YP Chen; Vice- Presidents- Dr. JQ Qian and Dr. XM Chen.

2. Visiting Fellowship for Nephrologists in China

This Fellowship was established in December 2001 with the aim of enabling nephrologists in the Mainland of China to come to Hong Kong to do academic attachment in one of our Renal Centers (Prince of Wales Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital or Queen Mary & Tung Wah Hospitals). The attachment may be in the field of general nephrology, dialysis or transplantation. The applicants should be under 45 years of age and has been practicing nephrology for more than

5 years. There will be one award of HK\$ 50,000 to support one nephrologist for a period of six months or two awards of HK\$ 25,000 each to support two nephrologists for a period of three months. The Society has invited the Chinese Society of Nephrology to nominate suitable candidates for the Fellowship.

IV. Public Events

Education to the public is our concern. On behalf of Hong Kong Society of Nephrology, Dr. John Fenn has delivered a public education lecture in an event organized by the LKEC on April 21, 2002.

A press conference on “Current issues in Nephropathies in Hong Kong” was held on 18 May 2002 before the “Scientific Symposium on Recent Advances in Management of Nephropathies” It was well received and reported in several newspaper, medical magazine and media.

V. International Involvement

The Society is very active in involving internationally in both the Society level and at the members’ personal level. We should contribute to the nephrology community particularly to the less well-developed countries.

1. The First Asian Chapter Meeting, ISPD, 13-15 December 2002

Organization for the First ACM-ISPD is going on smoothly. Dr. EK Yeoh, Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food, will be the officiating Guest of Honour. By 10 October 2002, there are over 400 participants registered. Gala dinner at the Middle Kingdom, Ocean Park is arranged. A good time for get-together with friendship building is anticipated among delegates. To facilitate the organization, Society members are expected to complete registration on or before 31 October.

There were large numbers of abstract received – a total of 261, including 80 from Hong Kong. A total of six free-paper communication sessions were arranged over two days. Thirty-six abstracts were selected for oral presentations according to the review of a panel of local, Asian and international experts.

The local organizing committee for the ISPD 1st ACM comprises:

President:	Wai-kei Lo
Vice-President (General):	Tak-mao Chan
Vice-President (Scientific):	Philip Kam-tao Li
Secretary General:	Alex Wai-yin Yu

Assistant Secretary General:	Cheuk-chun Szeto
Exhibition:	Ka-Foon Chau
Finance:	Andrew Kui-man Wong
Nursing Program:	Matthew Kwok-lung Tong
Publication:	Fu-keung Li
Social and Cultural:	Francis Kim-ming Wong

Prof. TM Chan, Drs. Francis Wong and CC Szeto are the guest editors for the proceedings.

2. Members' involvement in international nephrology communities

There are several active members involved in various positions in different international nephrology communities. Their involvement would bring Hong Kong more prominently into the international nephrology arena. The Society encourages more members to be involved with various international nephrology organizations in the future to enhance the influence of Hong Kong.

Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology (APSN)

Secretary General	Ignatius Kum-Po Cheng
Council Member	Philip Kam-Tao Li

International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis (ISPD)

Council Member	Wai-Kei Lo
Nominating Committee Member	Philip Kam-Tao Li

American Journal of Kidney Diseases

Associate Editor	Philip Kam-Tao Li
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Kidney International

Editorial Board	Kar-Neng Lai
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Nephrology

Managing Editor	Kar-Neng Lai
Editorial Board	Ignatius Kum-Po Cheng

Peritoneal Dialysis International

Editorial Board	Ignatius Kum-Po Cheng
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3. Bidding for ISPD 2006

The Council is in full support for bidding of the ISPD 2006 in Hong Kong. The preparation work for the bidding was completed with the help of Hong Kong Tourism Board and the bidding documents have been sent to the ISPD Meeting Site Nominating Committee. Dr. Philip Li is the President of the Local

- Dr. Kwan Tze-Hoi Public Education and Affairs
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Dr. Philip Kam-Tao Li
Chairman

12th October 2002