

Chairman's Report

It gives me great pleasure to give the following account of our Society's activities and accomplishments over the past one year.

30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

The year 2009 marked the 30th anniversary of the founding of our Society. To commemorate such a special occasion, an **Anniversary Celebration Dinner** was held in the Grand Ballroom of Mira Hotel on **October 4, 2009**. The dinner was attended by nearly 300 members of our Society including all the past Chairmen. The Dinner was also graced by the presence of many distinguished guests from both locally and abroad, such as **Prof. William Couser** (Past President of both ISN and ASN), **Prof. ZH Liu** (President-elect, Chinese Society of Nephrology) and **Dr. UI Kuok** (President, Macau Society of Nephrology), to name but a few. Highlights of the Celebration Dinner's program included a slide show on the history of our Society, singing and Chinese opera performances and lucky draw with many fabulous prizes. The Celebration Dinner was a memorable experience for all of us.

30th Anniversary Book

To properly document the history and achievements of our Society over the past 3 decades and to provide an insight into the development of renal services in Hong Kong, we have published a book entitled "**Celebrating the 30th Anniversary – Hong Kong Society of Nephrology**" in December 2009. **Dr. TH Kwan** is the Chief Editor of the Book. Members of the Editorial Board include **Drs. YL Cheng, KS Choi, Samuel Fung, YW Ho, CB Leung, SL Lui, Sydney Tang, Andrew Wong and David Yong**. The book has been distributed to all our members as well as individuals and organizations related to our Society, both at the local, national and international level.

Nocturnal Home Hemodialysis Study Tour

In order to enhance the development of nocturnal home hemodialysis in our locality, our Society has supported 5 doctors and 3 nurses to undergo a nocturnal home hemodialysis study tour to Australia in February, 2010. During their visit to Australia, the group of doctors and nurses has attended the "Home Therapies Workshop 2010",

which was held in Brisbane from February 10-12, 2010 and visited a number of hospitals and hemodialysis centers with training and support for nocturnal home hemodialysis.

Fifth World Kidney Day @ HK

The Fifth World Kidney Day @ Hong Kong (第五屆世界腎臟日在香港), jointly organized by the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation, the Hospital Authority & our Society, and with the support from the Hong Kong Association of Renal Nurses and Diabetes Hong Kong, was held at the **Olympic Square, Hong Kong Park** on **March 14, 2010** (Sunday). The theme of this year's World Kidney Day is "**Protect your Kidneys, Control Diabetes**", highlighting the important relationship between DM and Chronic Kidney Disease. **Prof. Gabriel Leung (梁卓偉教授)**, Under-Secretary for Food and Health, was the guest of honor. Highlights of the event included a street drama: 「72租客之控糖保腎劇場」 and release of the results of a questionnaire survey on knowledge about DM among the general public. Over 1000 people, including renal patients, family members & friends, medical and nursing staff from Renal Units all over Hong Kong participated in the event.

World Kidney Day Health Exhibition in Public Housing Estates

In order to increase public awareness on the important relationship between diabetes and kidney disease, our Society and the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation have jointly organized a WKD Health Exhibition in 10 Public Housing Estates in January and February this year. The exhibition was supported by volunteers from the Hong Kong Association of Renal Nurses, medical and nursing students from the University of Hong Kong and medical students from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The Exhibition was well received by the public.

Other World Kidney Day Activities

A **Health Talk** on DM and DM nephropathy for the general public was held in HAHO on March 7, 2010. The speakers were **Dr. Chun-Hoi Chung** (endocrinologist) and **Dr. Fu-Keung Li**. On the official WKD on March 11, a

Lunch Scientific Symposium on DM Nephropathy was organized for the general practitioners in Langham Hotel. **Dr. June Li** (endocrinologist) and **Dr. Sydney Tang** were the invited speakers. In addition, a full page coverage on the **World Kidney Day@HK (世界腎臟日特刊)** was placed in six popular local newspapers (蘋果, 東方, 太陽, 明報, 星島, 都市日報) on March 31, 2010. Last but not least, Council members from our Society & the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation have appeared in a number of electronic media to promulgate the message of the WKD. These programs included Medicine on-line (杏林在線) in **NOW TV**, 精靈一點 in **RTHK1** and 健康資訊天地 in **RTHK2**.

WKD Chinese Website

With the hope of enabling the Chinese speaking communities from around the world to benefit from the rich content of educational materials contained in the official World Kidney Day website, our Society has launched a Chinese version of the official WKD website (available in both conventional and simplified Chinese) in March, 2010. (http://wkd.hksn.org/zh_tw/). **Dr. Samuel Fung** is the Webmaster of the WKD Chinese website. Other members of the website development team included **Drs. YW Ho, CB Leung, KC Hau and Mr. KP Chen**. **Prof. Philip Li** served as the advisor of the website.

Certificate Course in Renal Medicine for Health Care Professionals

Following the success of last year, our Society has once again organized a Certificate Course in Renal Medicine for Health Care Professionals with the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong. The course was carried out over 6 consecutive Tuesdays, starting from September 14, 2010. Seventy eight health care professionals have enrolled in the Course. **Dr. KS Choi** is the chief organizer of the Course. The invited speakers were all specialist in nephrology from our Society. They included: **Dr. Bonnie Kwan, Dr. YL Cheng, Dr. KM Chow, Dr. KC Tse, Dr. CC Chow, Dr. SF Cheung, Dr. PN Wong, Dr. KT Leung, Dr. HL Tang, Dr. MF Lam, Dr. KH Chu and Dr. YH Chan**.

Screening Program for Relatives of CKD Patients

The **Relatives In Silent Kidney-disease Screening (RISKS)** Study is a territory wide

screening program for close relatives of patients with chronic kidney disease carried out by our Society between 2008 and 2009. 844 close relatives of 466 CKD patients (all stages) from 11 HA Hospitals participated in the study. This study is a collaborative effort of all the HA Renal Units. **Prof. Philip Li** is the lead investigator. One of the key findings of the study is that close relatives of early stages of CKD are also at increased risk of CKD and hence they should go for early screening. In order to raise public awareness about the importance of early screening among close relatives of patients with all stages of CKD, a **press conference** was held on Sept. 5, 2010 (Sunday) to announce the results of the study. There was extensive coverage of the press conference in newspapers, radio and electronic media on the following day.

World Congress of Nephrology 2013

The World Congress of Nephrology 2013 will be held in the **Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center** from **June 1-5, 2013**. A **Local Organizing Committee (LOC)** has been formed with **Prof. Philip Li** as the Chairman. Other Members of the LOC include (in alphabetical order): **Dr. KS Choi, Dr. Samuel Fung, Dr. CB Leung, Prof. ZH Liu** (Invited), **Dr. WK Lo, Dr. SL Lui, Prof. CC Szeto, Dr. Sydney Tang** (APSN Representative), **Dr. KL Tong, Dr. Andrew Wong** and **Prof. Alex Yu**. The LOC will work closely with the WCN Scientific Program Committee and the International Society of Nephrology Head Office to make the World Congress of Nephrology 2013 a success.

Richard Yu Endowment Fund

The HKSAN Richard Yu Endowment Fund was set up in 2006 with a generous donation from Professor Richard Yu to recognize high caliber clinicians and scientists to promote international experience sharing, and to support meaningful research in the field of renal medicine. **Professor John Feehally**, President-elect of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and Professor of Renal Medicine at the University of Leicester, United Kingdom is the recipient of the HKSAN Richard Yu Endowment Fund Award 2010. Prof. Feehally will deliver his Endowment Fund Award Lecture during our Annual Scientific Meeting.

Past recipients of the Richard Yu Endowment Fund Award include Professor K N Lai (2006), Professor Philip Li (2007), Professor T M Chan (2008) and Professor William Couser (2009).

Chan Woon Cheung Memorial Fund Award

The recipient of the HKSAN Chan Woon Cheung Memorial Fund Award 2010 is **Professor Hui-Yao LAN**. Prof. Lan is a Chair Professor at the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics, and Li Ka Shing Institute of Health Sciences, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Prof. Lan will deliver the Memorial Fund Award Lecture during our Annual Scientific Meeting.

Past recipients of the Memorial Fund Award include Dr. K W Chan (2006) and Professor F M Lai (2007).

HKSAN Research Grants

This year we have 12 applications for the Research Grants. We are pleased to have Professor Peter Kerr (Australia), Dr. Christopher Chan (Canada), Professor HY Lan (Hong Kong) and Dr. Stanley Lo (Hong Kong) as our reviewers. The following applications are successful in obtaining the grants:

| Project Title | Principle Investigator | Unit |
|--|------------------------|-------|
| Exploring a novel therapeutic strategy for diabetic nephropathy | Dr. Gary Chan | QMH |
| Exploring stem cells as a novel therapeutic strategy for diabetic nephropathy University of Hong Kong | Mr. Hao-Jia Wu | HKU |
| Impact of nephrotic syndrome on obstructive sleep apnea: in exploration of a unifying concept for the pathogenetic role of nocturnal rostral fluid shift | Dr. Sydney Tang | QMH |
| A prospective, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled study to evaluate the efficacy of oral paricalcitol in retarding cardiac hypertrophy, atherosclerosis and inflammation in stage 3 - 5 chronic kidney disease | Dr. Angela Wang | QMH |
| A randomized, comparative study on different heparin concentrations versus trisodium citrate as inter-dialytic catheter locking solution for haemodialysis patients | Ms. Flora Wong | AHNNH |

The project proposed by **Dr. Gary Chan** has been judged as the best and will be awarded the **HKSAN/HKKF Research Grant Award**. There were three applications for

the Young Investigator Award. One of the applications has received high enough score to secure a regular HKSN research grant. **Dr. YL Cheng** took care of the HKSN Research Grant Application Process.

Relationships with Mainland China, Taiwan & Macau

Our Society continued to maintain a very good relationship with our sister organizations in Mainland China, Taiwan & Macau. Representatives from our Society have attended the **Second Quadrangular Chinese Nephrology Forum** (第二屆兩岸四地腎臟病高層論壇) held in Shanghai in April, 2010. We are going to organize a delegation to attend the **Annual Meeting** of the **Chinese Society of Nephrology**, which will be held in Hangzhou in November this year. We shall also assist the Macau Society of Nephrology in organizing the **Third Quadrangular Chinese Nephrology Forum**, to be held in Macau in September 2011.

International Relationships

Our Society is one of the main sponsoring Societies of the **Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology** and an active affiliated member Society of the **International Society of Nephrology**.

A number of our Society's members are serving as Office Bearer or Council Member of various international nephrology organizations. They include (in alphabetical order): **Professor TM Chan** (Immediate Past President, Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology); **Dr. KF Chau** (Council Member, World Transplant Games Federation); **Professor Philip Li** (Executive Council Member, ISN, Board of Director for KDIGO); **Dr. WK Lo** (Chairman, Award & Scholarship Committee, ISPD); **Dr. SL Lui** (Council Member, APSN); **Dr. Sydney Tang** (Treasurer, APSN); **Dr. Andrew Wong** (Executive Council Member, APSN) and **Professor Alex Yu** (Council Member, International Society for Hemodialysis).

ISN Hong Kong Visiting Fellowship

The ISN-HK Visiting Fellowship was jointly established by the ISN and our Society to support established nephrologists from mainland China to have further training in nephrology in major renal centers in Hong Kong. There are two ISN-HKSN Visiting

Fellows this year. The first one is **Dr. LI Lin** from **ChangZheng Hospital, Shanghai (上海长征医院)**. Dr. Li has received training in the Renal Unit of **PWH** from June to August. The second fellow is **Dr. ZHU Tongying** from **Huashan Hospital, Fu Dan University, Shanghai (复旦大学附属华山医院)**. She will be attached to the Renal Units of **QMH & TWH** from Oct to Dec.

Promotion of organ donation

We have always been keen on promoting organ donation in our Society. We are one of the supporting organizations of the **Central Organ Donation Registry (CODR)**, which was established by the Department of Health in November 2008. We have also rendered our support to the promotion of organ donation activities organized by the Hong Kong Society of Transplantation and the Hong Kong Transplant Sports Association.

Other Public Education Activity

Dr. Matthew KH Tong & Dr. Stanley Lo have represented our Society to deliver public talks during the “DM & your Kidney” Health Exhibition & Seminar organized by the Lions Kidney Education & Research Centre in April 2010.

Inter-hospital Meetings

Fourteen inter-hospital meetings have been held at the M-Block Lecture Theatre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital over the past one year. During each meeting, two presentations were made by two different HA Renal Units respectively. In addition, the Hong Kong Society of Pediatric Nephrology and the Macau Society of Nephrology has also participated in the Meetings. Power-point files of the presentations have been uploaded to our Society’s website. The meetings were coordinated by **Dr. KS Choi**.

Scientific Symposia

Six scientific symposia have been organized with the support from our industrial partners. They are listed as follows:

| Date | Title | Speaker |
|------------------|--|--|
| March 11 2010 | Updates on Management of DM & DM nephropathy | Dr. June Li (HK) Dr. Sydney Tang (HK) |
| 23-03-2010 | Biomarkers in acute kidney injury & cardiac care | Dr. Prasad Devarajan (USA) Dr. Alan Maisael (USA) Dr. Richard Chapman (UK) |
| 08-04-2010 | Focusing on the future of our patients: Long-term outcomes in kidney transplantation | Prof. Bjorn Nashan (Germany) Dr. Hallvard Holdaas (Norway) |
| 28-06-2010 | Minimizing CNI immunosuppression in clinical practice | Prof. Yvon Lebranchu (France) |
| 01-09-2010 | Advancing Anemia Management: Targeting stability & simplifying care | Prof. Steven Fishbane (USA) |
| 28-09-2010 | An Appropriate Approach to Glucose Concentration in Peritoneal Dialysate | Dr. Martin Willkie (UK) |

Hospital Authority Commissioned Training

The HA Commissioned Training is a joint effort between the HA Central Renal Committee, Hong Kong Kidney Foundation and our Society. The last HA Commissioned Training was held in the HA Building on **November 29, 2009**. The theme of the Training was on “**Rehabilitation in End Stage Renal Failure Patients on Renal Replacement Therapy**”. **Dr. KL Mo & Dr. David Yong** were the chief organizers. **Dr. Patricia Painter** (USA) and **Dr. Nikolaos Koutlianos** (Greece) were the invited overseas speakers. Local speakers included **Dr. Stanley Lo, Dr. YW Ho, Dr. Susan Chow, Mr. CW Lee, Dr. WK Lo, Mr. Raymond Yim, Ms. Phyllis Chau and Dr. CS Li**. The training program was attended by more than 200 doctors and nurses.

Post-registration Certificate Course (PRCC) in Renal Nursing

The Certificate Course, jointly organized by the HA's Institute of Advanced Nursing, the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation, the Hong Kong Association of Renal Nurses and our Society was commenced on **December 17, 2009**. Sixty registered nurses from HA Hospitals have enrolled in the course. The Course consisted of 2 weeks' of intensive lectures followed by 10 weeks of clinical practicum. **Dr. David Yong** represented our Society in the planning and running of the Course.

CNE Provider status

Our Society first became an accredited provider of continuous nursing education in 2007. This year we have successfully applied for re-accreditation of our CNE provider status, which will last for another three years. Our CNE sub-committee consisted of **Dr. TH Kwan, Ms. Frances Chiu, Ms. Irene Kong, Ms. Anna Mok, Ms. Bonnie Tam and Ms. YL Tang.**

Renal Patients' Gateball Competition

The Renal Patients' Gateball Competition was held in the Kowloon Park Indoor Sports Centre on **June 13, 2010**. The event was jointly organized by the Hong Kong Gateball Association, the Leisure & Cultural Services Department and our Society. In addition to the teams from all major Renal Units in Hong Kong, the Renal Patients' Gateball Team from Macau and the Transplant Patients' Sports Association's Gateball Team have also participated in the game. **Dr. CC Chow** was the Chief Organizer of the Competition. The results of the Competition are as follows:

| | 公開組 | 元組 | 港澳門球邀請賽 |
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| 冠軍 | 瑪嘉烈醫院 | 瑪嘉烈醫院 | 香港代表隊 |
| 亞軍 | 瑪麗醫院 | 基督教聯合醫院 | 澳門代表隊 |
| 季軍 | 基督教聯合醫院 | 威爾斯親王醫院 | 香港移植運動協會 |
| 殿軍 | 屯門醫院 | 瑪麗醫院 | - |

Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology

The Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology, the official Journal of our Society, is published bi-annually. The Editorial Board consists of **Prof. Alex Yu (Editor in-Chief), Prof. CC Szeto (Deputy Editor)**, and five Assistant Editors, namely: **Dr. Sydney Tang, Dr. Siu-Ka Mak, Dr. Yiu-Han Chan, Dr. Yuk-Lun Cheng and Dr. Man-Fai Lam.**

In the past one year, the Journal has received 38 manuscript submissions. Number of submission in different category is as follow: Editorial [1]; Review article [4]; Original article [15]; Case report [9]; Nursing [1]; Brief communication [2]; Clinical vignette [2];

Letter to editor [4]. Topics include: Laboratory studies [1]; Clinical GN [5]; PD [1]; HD [8]; Transplant [4]; CKD [5]; Electrolyte [3]; AKI [2]; Urology [4]; Others [5]. Majority of submission is from Asia: Hong Kong [8], India [8], Thailand [6]. Submission from Middle East has dramatically increased to 9 articles this year from 3 last year. However, submission from our colleagues in China remains low at 1 article, same as last year. Seventeen articles were accepted for publication, 5 were rejected and others are pending for editorial review. Rejection rate is about 13% this year. Application for MEDLINE indexing has been submitted to Elsevier, the publisher, for further processing early this year.

The Editor-in-chief would like to thank **Prof. CC Szeto**, Deputy Editor, for performing most of the editorial work as well as other Assistant Editors for their contributions to the success HKJN.

Newsletters

Four issues of our newsletter have been published since the last ASM to keep our members informed of the activities of the Society. Electronic version of our newsletter from 2006 onwards has been up-loaded to our Society's website. The newsletters were prepared by **Dr. CB Leung** and **Dr. SL Lui**.

Society Home Page

Our Society's home page at www.hksn.org/ is continued being updated by **Dr. Y W Ho**, who is our IT expert in charge of the Society's home page.

Sponsorships to attend overseas academic meetings

The Society has received 91 applications from our members for sponsorship to attend overseas academic meetings. Eighty-six applications were approved. Three applications were subsequently withdrawn by the applicants. Two applications were rejected due to late submission. **Dr. Sydney Tang** handled all the applications on behalf of the Society.

The amount of sponsorship for the **Young Nephrology Investigator Scholarship** has been increased by 20%, effective from September 2010, so as to catch up with

the rising cost for attending overseas nephrology meetings over the years.

Membership

As of September 2010, our Society has **711 members** including 147 Full members and 564 Associate members. Our membership number has increased by 6.1% as compared to that of 2009. **Dr. Samuel Fung** is in charge of membership affairs.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the Council Members for their dedication and hard work and all the advisors for their wise counsels. Last but not least, I would like to thank all our members for their unfailing support to the Society.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SL Lui', with a stylized, cursive script.

Dr. SL Lui
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