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
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-tao, Philip
- Chief Editor: Dr. Yu Wai-yin, Alex
- Deputy Editor: Dr. Szeto Cheuk-Chun
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
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:

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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

**Kidney International**  
Editorial Board Kar-Neng Lai

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

**Peritoneal Dialysis International**  
Editorial Board Ignatius Kum-Po Cheng

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
Organizing Committee. Dr. WK Lo is the Convener of the bidding committee with Dr. Alex Yu and Dr. Andrew Wong as members.

4. **International Society of Nephrology (ISN) “Prevention of Renal Failure” Meeting 2004**

The Council has been discussing with the ISN which is in full support of Hong Kong holding this important meeting. The provisional date of this meeting will be in March 2004. It will be a 2 day meeting which will include the clinical, research and health economics of renal failure especially related to this region.

VI. **Publication of the Quality Initiative Recommendation in the Provision of Renal Services and Accreditation of Renal Dialysis Unit**

The Society has collaborated with the Hong Kong College of Physicians and Hospital Authority in the drafting of these set of guidelines which are very useful in the provision of renal services of Hong Kong. These guidelines are published in this year to be distributed to various Renal Units for their references. Dr. Ignatius Cheng and Dr. Philip Li represented the Society on this Committee.

VII. **Membership**

By 30 September 2002, there are 159 full members and 588 associate members. There is a steady and significant growth in our number of members.

VIII. **Society Home Page**

The society home page is regularly maintained and updated. The web site is at www.fmshk.com.hk/hksnephrol/. The inter-hospital renal meeting information, major society meetings, registration and abstract submission forms can all be downloaded from our home page.

VIII. **The Council**

The success of the Society with its wide range of activities lies heavily on the dedicated work of the whole council. 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. Alex Yu Hon. Secretary
Chief Editor, Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology

Dr. Andrew Wong Hon. Treasurer

Dr. Lo Wai-Kei Hong Kong Society of Nephrology Research Grant
Dr. Kwan Tze-Hoi  Public Education and Affairs
Table Tennis Competition
Mai Po visit for renal patients (米埔腎友同樂日)
Book with essays on kidney diseases (心靈透析)

Dr. Chau Ka-Foon  Nurse Education
Representative to HK Kidney Foundation

Dr. Li Fu Keung  Inter-hospital Renal Meeting, CME activities
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Dr. Tsang Wai Kay  Membership Affairs: registration
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Assistant Editor, Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology

Dr. Francis Wong  Membership affairs: sponsorship and scholarship
Sports Day
Representative to Hong Kong Federation of Medical Societies
Assistant Editor, Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology
Nurse Education

Dr. Leung Chi Bon  APD program
Nurse Education
Public Education

Dr. Lui Sing Leung  Public Education
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The Society would also like to express the sincere gratitude to our other co-opted Council members Dr. KL Tong, Dr. John Fenn and Dr. Kelvin Ho for their valuable opinions, work and support, and all the Honorary Advisors for their contribution.

Dr. Philip Kam-Tao Li
Chairman

12th October 2002