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The past one year has been a very busy and exciting one for the Society. In addition to our usual academic, educational and patient-related activities, we have hosted the 2nd Congress of the International Society for Hemodialysis and submitted a bid for hosting the World Congress of Nephrology in 2013. It gives me great pleasure to provide the following account of our Society’s activities and accomplishments in the past one year.

2nd Congress of the International Society for Hemodialysis

The 2nd Congress of the International Society for Hemodialysis was held in the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre from August 28-30, 2009. The Congress has attracted more than 1,400 participants from all over the world. The Scientific Program fulfilled all expectations, with excellent plenary lectures and many outstanding symposia addressing a wide variety of clinical issues and problems related to hemodialysis and critical care nephrology. The Social Programs at the Opening Ceremony and the Gala Dinner were very well received. I would like to thank Prof. Alex Yu (President of the Congress), Prof. Philip Li (Chairman of the Scientific Program Committee) and Members of the Organizing Committee, Scientific Program Committee, Publication Sub-committee and Social Program Sub-committee for making this Congress a resounding success.

World Congress of Nephrology 2013

Our Society has been selected by the International Society of Nephrology, amidst very keen competition, to host the World Congress of Nephrology in 2013. Our WCN Bidding Committee, consisting of Prof. Philip Li (Chairman), Dr. Andrew Wong, Prof. Alex Yu, Dr. KL Tong, Dr. CB Leung, Dr. TH Kwan and myself, has been instrumental in convincing the ISN leadership to choose Hong Kong as the host city for the World Congress of Nephrology in 4 years' time. The World Congress of Nephrology 2013 is going to be the largest Nephrology Conference ever held in Hong Kong. The Society will need to enlist the help of many of you in the planning and organization of this important Congress.
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30th Anniversary Celebration

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of our Society. Over the past three decades, our Society has grown from a small Society consisting of a handful of medical practitioners interested in kidney diseases to one of the most energetic and active Academic Societies in Hong Kong with more than 650 full and associate members. To commemorate this special occasion, an Anniversary Celebration Dinner will be held in the Ballroom of Mira Hotel in Tsim Sha Tsui on October 4, 2009. Nearly 300 invited guests and members of our Society are expected to join the dinner. In addition, a 30th Anniversary Book which documents the history and achievements of our Society over the past thirty years will be published. Dr. TH Kwan is the Chief Editor of the Book. Every member of our Society will receive a free copy of the Book.

Richard Yu Endowment Fund

The HKSN 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 William Couser, Past President and Head of the Commission on the Global Advancement of Nephrology (COMGAN) of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN), is the recipient of the HKSN Richard Yu Endowment Fund Award 2009. Prof. Couser will deliver his Endowment Fund Award Lecture during our Annual Scientific Meeting.

Past awardees of the Endowment Fund include Professor K N Lai (2006), Professor Philip Li (2007) and Professor T M Chan (2008).

HKSN Research Grants

In addition to the usual HKSN Research Grants, a new HKSN Young Investigator Award has been established to encourage younger members of our Society to engage in research activity. Full members who are 35 years old or below and who have not received any research grant from any Institution/Fund before are eligible for the Award. We are pleased to have Professor Michael Germain and Professor Edwina Brown as the external reviewers of our Research Grant. Dr. YL Cheng is in charge of the Research Grant application & selection process. The following are the recipients of this year's Research Grants:
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<td>A randomized control trial on the effect of N-acetylcysteine prophylaxis for ototoxicity of intraperitoneal amikacin in treatment of peritoneal dialysis related peritonitis in end-stage renal failure patients (HKSN RG Award)</td>
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<td>Serum immunoglobulin levels and mesangial cell-binding activity in patients with severe lupus nephritis (HKSN RG - Young Investigator Award)</td>
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**Relationships with Mainland China, Taiwan & Macau**

Our Society continues to maintain a very good relationship with our counterparts in Mainland China, Taiwan & Macau. Delegations from our Society have attended the Annual Meeting of the Chinese Society of Nephrology held in Guangzhou in November, 2008 and in Dailin in July 2009. Prof. ZH Liu (President-elect), Prof. XQ Ding (Secretary General)
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& Prof GY Cai (Secretary) of the Chinese Society of Nephrology; Prof. YF Lin (President) of the Taiwan Society of Nephrology and Dr. UI Kuok (President) of the Macau Society of Nephrology have accepted our invitation to attend our Annual Scientific Meeting and our 30th Anniversary Dinner.

Sichuan Earthquake Relief Work

After the 5.12 earthquake in Sichuan last year, our Society has donated HK$250,000 worth of dialysis consumables to the Sichuan Society of Nephrology to help the victims of the earthquake with Acute Kidney Injury. In December 2008, Prof. Philip Li, Dr. SF Lui (representing the HKKF) & I have visited Chengdu to attend a Workshop on Earthquake-related Acute Kidney Injury organized by the Chinese Society of Nephrology and to visit some of the hospitals damaged in the earthquake. During the visit, the Sichuan Society of Nephrology has presented a plaque with the words “大愛無疆” inscribed on it to our Society as a token of appreciation to the assistance that we have offered after the earthquake.

Peritoneal Dialysis Update Course in Sichuan

We have collaborated with the Sichuan Society of Nephrology to organize a Peritoneal Dialysis Update Course for the nephrologists and renal nurses in Sichuan. The Course (which was conducted in Putonghua) was held during the Annual Meeting of the Sichuan Society of Nephrology in Chengdu on September 20, 2009. Dr. Sydney Tang, Prof. Philip Li, Dr. KF Chau, Dr. MF Lam, Dr. KY Lo and Ms Frances Chiu were invited to deliver lectures during the course.

International Relationships

Our Society remains one of the major sponsoring Societies of the Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology (APSN). We have been contributing US$10,000 to APSN annually. Through our sponsorship to APSN, each member of our Society was able to receive 6 issues of the Journal “Nephrology” over the past one year.

Our relationship with the International Society of Nephrology is growing stronger with Professor Philip Li sitting in its Executive Council and with our collaboration in the ISN-HK-China Fellowship (see below) and the World Congress of Nephrology 2013.
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Several Members of our Society are serving as Office Bearer or Council Member of various international nephrology organizations. They include: **Professor T M Chan** (President, Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology); **Dr. Sydney Tang** (Treasurer, APSN); **Professor Alex Yu** (Executive Council Member, APSN); **Dr. Andrew Wong** (Council Member, APSN); **Professor Alex Yu** (Council Member, International Society for Haemodialysis); **Dr. W K Lo** (Immediate Past President, International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis); **Professor Philip Li** (Executive Council Member, ISN) and **Dr. K F**

**ISN Hong Kong China Fellowship**

Following the success of the first round of ISN Hong Kong China Fellowships in 2007-2008, our Society has reached an agreement with the International Society of Nephrology to continue the Program for another two years. There will be three Fellowships awarded per year to nephrologists from Mainland China who will each spend three months in a Hong Kong Renal Centre for appropriate training. We will share the cost of the Fellowship with ISN (no more than US$ 10,000 for each Society per year). Successful applicants of the Fellowship are expected to come to Hong Kong in the first half of 2010.

**World Kidney Day**

The Fourth World Kidney Day @ Hong Kong 2009 (第四屆世界腎臟日在香港), jointly organized by the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation, the Hospital Authority & our Society, was held at the Peak on **March 15, 2009** (Sunday). The theme of this year’s World Kidney Day is “**KEEP THE PRESSURE DOWN**”, highlighting the importance of high blood pressure as one of the key symptoms and causes of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). **Prof. Gabriel Leung** (梁卓偉教授), Under-Secretary for Food and Health of the HKSAR and **Dr. K. L. Leung** (梁家駿醫生), Member of the Legislative Council, HKSAR were the officiating guests. Over 1000 renal patients, family members & friends, medical and nursing staff from Renal Units all over Hong Kong participated in the event. The slogan this year is 爲保腎臟好，誓防血壓高。

To increase public awareness of the important relationship between hypertension and kidney diseases, a full page **World Kidney Day@HK** 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 19, 2009**. **Drs. SL Lui, CB Leung and YL Cheng** have also appeared in TV and radio programs to address the same issues.
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Promotion of organ donation

Our Society has always been keen on promoting organ donation. We have collaborated with the Hong Kong Transplantation Society and the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation in organizing the 'The World's Biggest Walk' in Hong Kong. The event was held in Hong Kong Park on October 25, 2008 and was attended by more than 800 participants. The "Walk" provided an opportunity for the public to pay tribute to the family members of deceased organ donors. It also served to promote organ donation within the community.

The Central Organ Donation Registry (CODR), established by the Department of Health, was officially launched in November 2008. Our Society is delighted to be one of the supporting Organizations of the Registry. The website of the CODR has been linked to our own website.

We have also sponsored HK$50,000 to support the Hong Kong Transplant Sports Team to participate in the World Transplant Game which was held in Gold Coast, Australia in late August. I am excited to learn that the Hong Kong Team has won many medals in the Game.

Public Education

Dr. Bonnie Kwan & Dr. Yuk Wong 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 2009.

Certificate Course in Renal Medicine for Health Care Professionals

For the first time, our Society has collaborated with the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong to organize a Certificate Course in Renal Medicine for Health Care Professionals. The course was carried out from May 5 to June 9, 2009. More than 100 health care professionals have enrolled in the Course. I am grateful to Dr. KS Choi for coordinating the Course and Drs. Bonnie Kwan, YL Cheng, KM Chau, Jonathan Yung, YL Liu, CC Chow, PN Wong, MF Lam, HL Tang & YH Chan for giving lectures in the course.
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Inter-hospital Meetings
Ten inter-hospital meetings have been held at Queen Elizabeth Hospital. During each meeting, two presentations were made by two different Renal Units respectively. All HA Renal Units and the Hong Kong Society of Pediatric Nephrology have taken turns to present cases 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 of our industrial partners. They are listed as follows:

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<td>Jul 13, 09</td>
<td>“The use of mTOR Inhibitors for CNI-free Immunosuppression: evolving practice guidelines”</td>
<td>Dr. S.M. Flechner (USA)</td>
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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. This year’s training was coordinated by Dr. YW Ho and the UCH team and was held in the HA Building on January 11, 2009. The theme of the Training was on “Supportive Care for the Renal Patients”. Prof Edwina Brown and
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Prof Michael Germain were the invited overseas speakers. Local speakers included Dr. YL Cheng (AHNH), Dr. KS Chan (HHH), Dr. Doris Tse (CMC), Dr. SL Lui (TWH), Dr. Kitty KY Wu (CMC), Dr. CS Li (QEH), Ms. Margaret Suen (CMC) and Ms Queenie SK Chung (UCH) and. The training program was attended by nearly 300 doctors, nurses and allied health workers.

Hong Kong Renal Nursing Course

The Fourth Hong Kong Renal Nursing Course, jointly organized by the Institute of Advanced Nursing Studies (IANS), Hong Kong Kidney Foundation and our Society and with the support of the Hong Kong Association of Renal Nurses, was successfully completed in December 2008. There were 51 participants for Module I and 43 for Module II. Dr. T H Kwan was the Course Coordinator.

Renal Patients' Gateball Competition

The Renal Patients' Gateball Competition was held in the Kowloon Park Indoor Sports Centre on 7 June 2009. 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. David Yong was the Chief Organizer of the Competition. The results of the Competition are as follows:

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Screening Program for Relatives of CKD Patients

The Society funded research project entitled “Screening of Silent Kidney Disease in Relatives of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Patients in Hong Kong” aims to determine the prevalence of risk factors for developing end stage renal disease (ESRD), namely urinary abnormalities, renal impairment or hypertension among first degree relatives of Stage 1 to 5 CKD patients in HK. Prof. Philip Li is the lead investigator of the project. The recruitment phase of the project was completed in June 2009. Nearly 1,000 subjects have been recruited into the study (CKD Stage 1-3: 45%; CKD Stage 4&5: 55%). Analysis of the data collected in the study is currently underway.

Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology

The Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology, the official Journal of our Society, is published bi-annually. In the past one year, the Journal has received 30 manuscript submissions, which included 13 original articles, 8 case reports, 8 review articles and 1 clinical vignette. Topics covered were: Laboratory studies (4), Clinical Glomerulonephritis (4), Hemodialysis (2), Transplantation (5), CKD (6), Electrolyte (1), AKI (2), Urology (1), and others (5). The rejection rate was about 20%.

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.

Newsletters

Our Honorary Secretary, Dr. C.B. Leung has strived hard to publish 3 issues of our Society’s newsletter since the last ASM to keep our members informed of the activities of the Society. Electronic version of the newsletter was up-loaded to our Society’s website once ready. The printed version usually took 2 to 3 weeks to be distributed out to our members.
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Society Home Page
There has been gradual progress in the updating of our Society's home page at www.hksn.org/. Dr. Y W Ho is in charge of the project.

Sponsorships to attend overseas academic meetings
The Society has approved 75 applications from members for sponsorship to attend various overseas academic meetings. Three applications were rejected due to late submission. Dr. Sydney Tang handled all the applications on behalf of the Society.

Membership
As of September 2009, the Society has 137 Full members and 533 Associate members. Dr. Samuel Fung is in charge of the membership affairs.

It has been a great honor for me to serve the Chairman of the Society for the past 12 months. 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.

Dr. SL Lui
Chairman
Hong Kong Society of Nephrology