30th Anniversary Celebration

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of our Society. To commemorate this special occasion, a Celebration Dinner was held in the Mira Hotel in Tsim Sha Tsui on October 4, 2009. The dinner was attended by nearly 300 guests and members of our Society, including Prof. CH Leong (Founding Chairman), Prof. Richard Yu (Founding Member) and all the past Chairmen. The Celebration Dinner was also graced by the presence of many distinguished guests both locally and from abroad. These guests included Prof. William Couser (Past President, ISN and ASN), Prof. Zhi Liu (President-elect, Chinese Society of Nephrology [CSN]), Dr. UI Kuok (President, Macau Society of Nephrology), Prof. XQ Ding (Secretary General, CSN), Prof. GY Cai (Secretary, CSN), Prof. KN Lai (President, Hong Kong College of Physicians), Prof. TM Chan (President, Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology), Dr. WL Cheung (Director, Cluster Service, Hospital Authority), Dr. Beatrice Cheng (HCE, Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital), Dr. SF Lui (Chairman, Hong Kong Kidney Foundation), Prof. Philip Li (President, Hong Kong Society of Transplantation), Dr. Timothy Teoh (Honorary Executive Administrator, Lion Kidney Education Center), Dr. MK Yiu (President, Hong Kong Urological Association), Dr. WM Lai (President, Hong Kong Pediatric Nephrology Society), Ms. Frances Chiu (President, Hong Kong Association of Renal Nurses) and Mr. Andy Lau (Chairman, Alliance for Renal Patients Mutual Help Association).

Highlights of the Celebration Dinner’s program included a welcome speech by Prof. CH Leong, a slide show on the accomplishments of the Society over the past three decades, singing performance by Dr. Sydney Tang, Chinese Opera performance (鳳闔恩仇未了情) by Dr. KF Chau and Dr. CS Li and lucky draws with fabulous prizes generously donated by the past Chairmen. Dr. Bonnie Kwan and Dr. Matthew KH Tong were the Master of Ceremony. The 30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner was an enjoyable and memorable experience for all.
The Founding Members (Prof. CH Leong, Prof. Richard Yu), Past Chairmen (Dr. MK Chan, Dr. I Cheng, Dr. CS Li, Dr. SF Lui, Dr. KL Tong, Dr. KF Chau, Prof. Philip Li, Prof. Alex Yu and Dr. Andrew Wong) with the current Council

Overseas Guests with the current Council

Local Guests, Past Chairmen with the current Council
Prof. CH Leong giving a welcome speech

Prof. W. Couer delivering a congratulatory message

Prof. ZH Liu presents a gift to our Society on behalf of the Chinese Society of Nephrology

Dr. UI Kuok presents a gift to our Society on behalf of the Macau Society of Nephrology

The MCs: Dr. KH Tong & Dr. Bonnie Kwan

Singing performance by Dr. Sydney Tang

Chinese opera performance by Dr. KF Chau (Left) and Dr. CS Li (right)
Annual Scientific Meeting

This year’s Annual Scientific Meeting was held in the Kowloon Shangri-la Hotel on October 4, 2009 (Sunday). Nearly 400 doctors and nurses attended the meeting. Prof. William Couser, Past President of both the American Society of Nephrology and the International Society of Nephrology was the invited Keynote Speaker.

Prof. GY Cal and Prof. YF Lin presented the latest development of nephrology in Mainland China and Taiwan respectively. Also in the audience were Prof. ZH Liu (President-elect of CSN), Prof. XQ Ding (Secretary General of CSN) and Dr. UI Kuok (President of the MSN).

The program of this year’s ASM also included a number of talks by local speakers. Dr. WK Lo talked about the current development and future of PD, Prof. Phillip spoke on “Managing the CKD epidemic: Asian perspectives”. Dr. MF Lam & Mr. YK Poon, two recent HKS
Research Grant recipients, presented their latest research findings. In the symposium on Organ Donation, Ms. Jenny Koo presented an overview of the characteristics of deceased donors of solid organs in Hong Kong (1996-2008) while Ms. YF Tong reviewed the experience of using kidneys sharing out by the first centre. Last but not least, Dr. PN Wong gave an updated report on the Hong Kong Renal Registry.

The Council with advisors and guests

Prof. GY Cai

Prof. YF Lin

Dr. SL Lui, Prof. XQ Ding, Prof. ZH Liu & Dr. KF Chau

Dr. WK Lo
This year’s HKSN Richard Yu Endowment Fund Award recipient is Professor William G. Conser. Professor Conser graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1965. He was the Belding H. Scribner Professor of Medicine and Head of the Division of Nephrology at the University of Washington in Seattle from 1982 to 2004. Professor Conser is currently an Affiliate Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington. He is also the Head of the Commission on the Global Advancement of Nephrology (COMGAN) and the Co-chairman of the World Kidney Day Steering Committee of the International Society of Nephrology.

Professor Conser was the President of the American Society of Nephrology (1995-96) and the International Society of Nephrology (2005-07). He has also served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the American Society of Nephrology (JASN) from 2001 to 2007. Prof. Conser’s key areas of interests are glomerulonephritis especially membranous nephropathy and the global efforts in preventing and tackling kidney diseases. He has published over 300 articles on immune renal diseases. Prof. Conser delivered the Richard Yu Endowment Fund Award Lecture entitled “Update on management of Membranous Nephropathy” during our Annual Scientific Meeting on Oct. 4, 2009.

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**The New Council**

Sixty-six full members attended the Annual General Meeting, which was held during our Annual Scientific Meeting on Oct. 4, 2009. The following members were elected to serve as Office Bearers and Council Members:

**Chairman:** Dr. Lui Sing Leung  
**Hon. Secretary:** Dr. Leung Chi Bon  
**Hon. Treasurer:** Dr. Kwan Tze Hoi  
**Council Members:** Dr. Cheng Yuk Lun, Dr. Fung Ka Shun, Samuel, Dr. Tang Chi Wai, Sydney, Dr. Choi Koon Shing, Dr. Ho Yiu Wing, Dr. Yong Sai Ping, David
New Co-opted Council Members
During the First Council meeting (09/10) held on November 9, 2009, the following members were appointed as co-opted Members of the Council: Dr. Chau Ka Foon, Dr. Li Fu Keung, Prof. Alex Yu, Prof. Phillip Li, Dr. Tong Kwok Lung and Dr. Chow Chik Cheung.

HKSNN Research Grant
The recipients of this year’s HKSNN Research Grant are Dr. Sydney Tang (QMH), Mr. Jian-Xin Lu (PWH), Dr. Wai Kel Lo (TWH), Dr. Maggie Ma (QMH) and Ms. Bo-Shan Wong (QMH-Nursing). Dr. Sydney Tang also received the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation Research Grant for achieving the highest scores from the reviewers for his research proposal entitled: “Exploring a novel therapeutic strategy for chronic kidney disease”. Dr. Desmond Yap is the recipient of the Young Investigator Award.
Second Congress of ISHD

The 2nd Congress of the International Society for Hemodialysis was successfully held in the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre from August 28-30, 2009. The Congress has attracted more than 1,400 participants from many parts of 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. The Society gratefully acknowledged 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.
Our Society has 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. Phillip Li, Dr. KF Chau, Dr. MF Lam, Dr. KY Lo and Ms Frances Chiu represented our Society to deliver lectures during the course.
**Farewell to Dr. KS Wong**

As some of you might have already known, Dr. KS Wong, former Director of Renal Services in PYNEH and Council member of our Society from 2005-2009, has left Hong Kong with his family in July to carry out missionary work in Cambodia. Dr. Wong has made significant contributions to the Society, particularly in managing the HKSN Research Grants. As a token of appreciation, the Council has organized a farewell dinner for Dr. and Mrs. Wong in June. We would like to wish Dr. Wong all the best in his new endeavors in Cambodia.

**30th Anniversary Book**

The 30th Anniversary Book of our Society is in its final stage of production. It is going to be about 100 pages in length and is fully colored. The book will document the accomplishments of our Society over the past three decades. Dr. TH Kwan is the Chief Editor of the Book. If everything goes well, the book will be published in early December. We hope to spend a copy of the book to all our members before the end of this year.

**Hong Kong Renal Nursing Course**

The Hong Kong Renal Nursing Course, jointly organized by the Institute of Advanced Nursing, the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation, the Hong Kong Association of Renal Nurses and our Society will commence on December 17, 2009. There will be an intensive 2-week study block (renal lectures) from January 11 to 23, 2010. The class size is about 50. Call for registration has just begun.
Inter-hospital Renal Meeting

Interhospital Renal Meetings with CME accreditation are regularly being held in Lecture Theatre, G/F, Block M, Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Archives of Interhospital Renal Meeting are posted up in HKSN website including content of each meeting highlighted in a few key words. Presentation file will be posted up soon. Members of HKSN will be informed of the schedule by email before every meeting. Please update your email record and inform office@hksn.org when there is change in email address for future correspondence.

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Our Journal is indexed in EMBASE. Archives of all the articles in our Journal can be searched in our official journal website: www.hkjn.org

Upcoming Events / Important Dates at a Glance

HA Commissioned Training on “Renal Rehabilitation”
Date: November 29, 2009 (Sun)
Venue: Lecture Theatre, HAHO

Hong Kong Renal Nursing Course
Date: December 17, 2009 (commencement)
Venue: TBC

World Kidney Day 2010
Date: March 14, 2010 (Sun)
Venue: TBC

Sponsorship application to attend local / overseas meetings

Applications for sponsorship to attend local or overseas conferences should be sent to Dr. Sydney C.W. Tang (Membership Affairs: Sponsorship and scholarship) C/o Department of Medicine, Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Hong Kong at least 4 weeks before the commencement date of the conference. You can FAX the application to Dr. Tang at 2872-5828 or EMAIL sewtang@hkn.hk. Application for reimbursement for expenses should be sent to Dr. Tang within 3 months after the meeting. Late applications will not be entertained. A list of forthcoming nephrology meetings can be found in our Society’s website as well as in the HKJN.

Membership application and Change of Address

New membership application and notification of change of address or personal particulars should be sent to Dr. Samuel K.S. Fung (Membership Affairs: Registration) C/o Department of Medicine & Geriatrics, Medical Officer Room, P3 Ward, Hong Kong Jockey Club Nephrology Centre, Block P, Princess Margaret Hospital, Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon.

New membership application & Change of Address or Personal Details” forms can be downloaded from our Society’s website (http://www.hksn.org/member.htm) For further enquiry concerning your membership status, please contact Ms. Rebecca Wong (Dr. Fung’s Secretary) at 29902035 / 27410752 (e-mail: pmhrenal@gmail.com)

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