Annual Scientific Meeting

This year’s Annual Scientific Meeting was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Kowloon Shangri-la Hotel on October 29, 2006. More than 300 doctors and nurses attended the meeting. Prof. M. Halperin, Emeritus Professor of Medicine from the University of Toronto, was invited to our Meeting to deliver two Keynote Lectures on the management of hyponatremia and acid-base disorders respectively. Prof. Halperin also took part in a case discussion session on hypernatremia and acids base disorders.

Prof. Lai Kar-Neng, Yu Chiu Kwong Chair Professor of Medicine at the Department of Medicine, the University of Hong Kong, delivered the first HKSN Richard Yu Endowment Fund Lecture. The title of Prof. Lai’s lecture was “Somewhere over the rainbow” in which he highlighted his latest research on IgA nephropathy and peritoneal fibrosis. Dr. Chan Kwok-Wah, Associate Professor at the Department of Pathology, the University of Hong Kong, was the first recipient of the HKSN Chan Woon Cheung Memorial Fund Award. He gave a lecture entitled “Pathology of Renal Transplant”.

A symposium on therapeutic drug monitoring of immunosuppressants in renal transplant patients was also held during the Meeting. The speakers include Drs. CB Leung, S Yeung, MF Lam & CY Cheung. In addition, Ms. Angela Wong (Transplant Coordinator of QEH) gave a talk on aggressive pursuit of organ donation opportunity.
The New Council

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

Chairman: Dr. Wong Kui Man, Andrew
Hon. Secretary: Dr. Lui Sing Leung
Hon. Treasurer: Dr. Leung Chi Bon
Council Members: Dr. Choi Koon Shing, Dr. Fung Ka Shun, Samuel
Dr. Kwan Tze Hoi, Dr. Tang Chi Wai, Sydney
Dr. Ho Yiu Wing, Dr. Wong Kin Shing

Our new Chairman, Dr. Andrew K.M. Wong

The new Council and several of our past Chairmen

11th Congress of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis, August 25-29, 2006, Hong Kong: A Resounding Success

The 11th Congress of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis was successfully held in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center from August 25 to 29, 2006. The Congress is the largest international nephrology meeting ever held in Hong Kong. Over 2,500 delegates from 70 countries from around the world attended the Congress. The Opening Ceremony of the Congress was officiated by Dr. York Chow, Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food of the HKSAR. During the Opening Ceremony, tributes were paid to the oldest, youngest, longest surviving and longest peritonitis-free CAPD patients in Hong Kong. A group of PD patients from United Christian Hospital impressed the delegates with their elegant “Tai Chi” exercise performance.

The Officiating Guests of the Opening Ceremony: (from left to right)
Prof. Philip Li, Mr. Shane Solomon,
Dr. York Chow, Dr. C.H. Leong,
Prof. Raymond Krediet and
Dr. Alex Yu after dotting the eyes of the Dragon and the five Lions.
The Scientific Program of the Congress was very well received by the delegates. Leading experts in the field of peritoneal dialysis were invited to deliver talks and lectures in over 40 Scientific Symposia. More than 500 high-quality abstracts were presented during the Congress. The highlight of the Social Event of the Congress was the Enchanting Evening held in the Grand Hall of the Convention Center on August 27. One Thousand and four hundred guests, delegates and family members attended the event. In the last day of the Congress, over 300 overseas delegates visited various PD units in Hong Kong and had useful exchanges with our doctors and nurses.

Message from the ISPD 2006 Congress President, Prof. Philip Li

The Organizing Committee of the ISPD 2006 Congress would like to thank all the Society members, both Full and Associate, all the Council Members and all the past Chairmen as well as Advisors for your participation and contribution to the 11th Congress of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis (ISPD 2006). We have received extremely favorable feedback from participants who considered the conference most enjoyable and stimulating, some even quoting as the best conference that they have ever attended. The presence of over 2,500 participants from more than 70 countries has made the Hong Kong Congress one of the largest gatherings in recent years.

The Organizing Committee:
(From Left to right):
Dr. S.L. Lui, Dr. Felix Li, Dr. Alex Yu, Dr. W.K. Lo, Prof. Philip Li, Dr. Andrew Wong, Dr. K.L. Tong, Dr. C.B. Leung and Dr. C.C. Szeto (Prof. K.N. Lai, Dr. Francis Wong and Dr. W.K. Tsang were not in the photo.)

The success of the Congress owes much to your participation in all the lectures, symposia and social events. The Opening Ceremony was regarded highly for the very special session paying tribute to our PD patients as well as the stunning Dragon and Lion Dance. We have made use of this opportunity to hold an Asian Round Table on Dialysis Economics and focus on Healthcare financing issues related to Dialysis with several government officials from the Ministries of Health and the Government Insurance Organizations of Asia participating. The Enchanting Evening was most enjoyable with over 1,400 delegates in the Grand Hall having wonderful moments of the Congress. The Congress was also well covered by media from local as well as overseas newspapers and televisions. With contribution from each and every one of you, the Congress has shown to the world the success stories of how HK has achieved PD excellence and also helped in promoting PD as a very good and effective therapy for treating renal failure patients.
Dr. W.K. Lo elected President of the ISPD

Dr. WK Lo, who served as our Society’s Chairman from 1999 to 2001, was elected President of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis in the General Assembly of the Society during the ISPD Congress. Dr. Lo is the first Chinese and in fact the first Asian to be elected to such a prestigious position. Our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Lo!

Highlights from the ISPD 2006 Congress

Opening Ceremony: Welcome to Hong Kong!

Tai Chi performance by a group of PD patients from UCH during the Opening Ceremony

Dr. C.H. Leong presents a souvenir to one of the oldest CAPD patients in HK

Mr. S. Solomon presents a souvenir to one of the longest peritonitis-free CAPD patients

The Opening Reception

The Karl Nolph State of the Art Lecture
Dr. Angela Wang receives the John Maher Award from Prof. R. Krediet

Dr. K.L. Tong & colleagues during coffee break

The Enchanting evening in the Grand Hall of the HKCEC

Dr. W.K. Lo, Prof. Philip Li, Mr. Bruce McGillivray (President of Baxter Renal Division) & Dr. S. Prichard

Arabian dance by the Southern Song & Dance Troupe

President’s dinner at the Grand Stage, Western Market

PD Unit visit: Tung Wah Hospital

PD Unit visit: Prince of Wales Hospital
HKSN Research Grant

The recipients of this year’s HKSN Research Grant are Dr. Angela Wang (QMH), Dr. CC Szeto (PWH), Dr. Sydney Tang (QMH), Dr. Wang Gang (PWH) and Dr. MF Lam (QMH). Dr. Angela Wang also received the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation Research Grant for achieving the highest scores from the reviewers for her research proposal entitled: “A prospective double-blind randomized placebo controlled study to evaluate the efficacy of peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor (PPAR) agonist in inducing carotid atherosclerotic plaque regression in diabetic end stage renal disease patients”.

Renal Patient Gateball Competition

This Year’s Renal Patient Gateball competition was held in the Kowloon Park Indoor Sportsground on October 29, 2006. Eleven and eight teams participated in the Open And Senior Division Competition respectively. Dr. W.L. Cheung, Dr. Beatrice Cheng And Mrs. Lau Lee Lai Fong (Chairman of the HK Gateball Association) were the Guests of Honor. The Results of the Competition are:

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Recipients of our Society’s Research Grant: Drs. M.F. Lam, G. Wang, C.C. Szeto & S. Tang

QEIH Team: Open Division Champion

QMH Team: Senior Division Champion
Music CD: Dialysis for the soul – musical reflections
《心靈透析 - 腎友心曲》

Last year, with the support from the renowned local lyricist Mr. Cheng Kok Kong, we have organized a lyric writing competition for renal patients following a series of lyric writing seminars. Renal patients and staffs from renal centers all over Hong Kong joined in and rewrote lyrics by themselves basing on the melodies from a number of popular Cantonese songs. The primary aim of the event was to promote psychological well-beings in our renal patients through self-expressions in form of lyric writing. The event had been very successful. We have collected nearly fifty lyrics and had grouped them into a songbook followed by a group performance in the Shatin Town Hall. This year, we have obtained copyright consents from the music publishers to select a few of those songs for performance by professional singers from the Actors’ Family.

We have recorded 11 of those in studio and produced a music CD named Dialysis for the soul – musical reflections 《心靈透析 - 腎友心曲》. This project was fully supported by the ISPD2006 Congress and each delegate was given one copy of the CD already. 10000 CDs have been produced and sent to various renal centers for distribution to the local renal community. We hope you would enjoy the CD and gain a deeper insight into the inner world of our renal patients whose fighting spirits against adversity in lives had always been an inspiration to all who have dedicated their lives to combat kidney diseases.

Scientific Symposia

Two Scientific symposia were organized by our Society recently. The first symposium was the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation Silver Jubilee Year Special Lecture, which was organized in conjunction with the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation. Prof. William Couser, President of the International Society of Nephrology, was invited to deliver the Lecture entitled “The pathogenesis of immune glomerular injury-an update” in the Hong Kong Club on September 1, 2006.

The second Scientific Meeting, which was jointly organized by the Hong Kong Society of Transplantation and our Society, was held in Queen Elizabeth Hospital on September 28, 2006. The Title of the Meeting was “Experience with Certican in Renal Transplantation and Recommendations for Future Use”. Prof. Steve Chadban from University of Sydney, Australia and Dr. Manfred Stangl from Munich University of Technology, Germany shared with the audience their experience on the use of Certican in Renal Transplantation.
The New Council

Dr. S.F. Lui & Dr. Alex Yu present souvenirs to Prof. W. Couser

From left to right: Dr. K.L. Tong, Prof. S. Chadban, Dr. M. Stangl and Dr. Alex Yu

Inter-hospital Renal Meeting

Interhospital Renal Meeting with CME accreditation is regularly held in Lecture Theatre, G/F, Block A, Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Archives of Interhospital Renal Meeting 2006 are posted up in HKSN web site 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.

Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology

The October issue of our Journal has just been published. 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

Sponsorship application to attend local / overseas meetings

Applications for sponsorship to attend local or overseas conferences should be sent to Dr. CB Leung (Membership Affairs: Sponsorship and scholarship) at least 4 weeks before the commencement date of the conference. Application for reimbursement for expenses should be sent to Dr. CB Leung within 3 months after the meeting. Late applications will not be entertained. A list of forthcoming nephrology meeting can be found in our Society’s web site as well as in the HKJN. Dr. CB Leung: C/o Department of Medicine and Therapeutics, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin. You can FAX the application to Dr. CB Leung at 2635-8900 or EMAIL to cbleung@alumni.cuhk.net.

Membership application and Change of Address

New membership application and notification of change of address or personal particulars should be sent to Dr. Samuel KS Fung (Membership Affairs: Registration). 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) Dr. Samuel KS Fung: 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.

Prepared by Dr. S.L. Lui (Hon. Secretary) & Dr. Andrew Wong (Chairman)