Renal Commissioned Training 2007
in Optimal Management of
HD Access in Uremic Patients

The HA Commissioned Training in Optimal Management of HD Access in Uremic Patients was successfully held on January 27-28, 2007. Ms. Lesley Dinwiddie, Senior Vice President of the Institute for Clinical Excellence, Education and Research, USA and Professor Jack Work from the Department of Renal Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, USA were the invited overseas speakers. In addition, a number of nursing and clinical colleagues from various hospitals were invited to deliver talks to share their experiences on the management of temporary and permanent vascular accesses. This year’s training program was very well received by the participants. Nearly 600 doctors, nurses and related health care workers participated in the 2-days’ program.
**World Kidney Day 2007**

*World Kidney Day* is a joint initiative of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF). It was first launched in 2006 and it is held the second Thursday of March. The next World Kidney Day will be on March 8, 2007. The purpose of the World Kidney Day is to raise public awareness about the importance of our kidneys and to spread the message that kidney disease is common, harmful and treatable. The slogan for World Kidney Day 2007 is *Are your Kidneys OK? (你的腎臟健康嗎?)*

The *Hong Kong Society of Nephrology* and the *Hong Kong Kidney Foundation* will jointly organize a series of activities to celebrate the World Kidney Day in Hong Kong. The main activity is the “*World Kidney Day in Hong Kong Kick Off Ceremony*”, which will be held in Chater Garden, Central on March 11 (Sunday) from 10:30a.m to 11:30a.m. Other major activities include a screening program for relatives of patients with chronic kidney diseases, a survey on kidney knowledge among the general public and a quiz for primary school students. Full-page advertisement on the World Kidney Day will be published in major newspapers in the week following the Kick Off Ceremony. Promotion of public awareness on kidney health will also be made through other media including magazines, radio and TV programs. For more information on the World Kidney Day, please visit: [www.worldkidneyday.org](http://www.worldkidneyday.org)

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**Screening Program for Relatives of Patients with CKD**

The Society is planning to launch a screening program for relatives of patients with chronic kidney diseases. The aim of the program is to allow early detection of renal abnormalities among a cohort of individuals who are considered to be at high risk of developing chronic kidney diseases. A working group has been formed to work out the logistics of the program. Details of the program will be announced in the due course.

**New Co-opted Council Members**

During the First Council meeting (06/07) held on November 27, 2006, the following members were appointed as Co-opted Members of our Council: Dr. Chau Ka Foon, Dr. Cheng Yuk Lun, Dr. John Fenn, Dr. Li Fu Keung, Prof. Philip Li and Dr. Matthew Tong.

**The Society Says Thanks to Mr. Hui Hoy**

Mr. Hui Hoy, Managing Director of the Koon Wah Mirror Group and a good friend of Prof. Richard Yu, has made a generous donation to our Society last year to help the establishment of the HKSN Richard Yu Endowment Fund. In order to show our sincere gratitude to Mr. Hui, our Chairman, Dr. Andrew Wong has invited Mr. Hui to a dinner gathering on January 17, 2007.
Also present at the dinner were Prof. Richard Yu, Dr. Matthew Tong, Prof. Philip Li, Dr. Alex Yu, Dr. C. B. Leung and Dr. S. L. Lui.

In Remembrance of Mr. Peter Mark

The Society is deeply saddened by the passing of our Honorary Legal Advisor, Mr. Peter Mark, in January 2007. Mr. Mark had been serving as the Honorary Legal Advisor of our Society for many years. He had also served as the Honorary Legal Advisor for many medical organizations including the Hong Kong College of Physicians, the Hong Kong Society of Transplantation and the HKU Medical Alumni Association, to name but a few. Mr. Mark is held in high regard among the medical community. He will be dearly missed by those who knew him. We offer his family our most sincere condolences and deepest gratitude for his service to our Society.

HA Commissioned Training on Infection Control in HD Units

A HA Commissioned Training on Infection Control in HD Units will be held in the Shaw Auditorium of the Post-graduate Centre (CUHK) in Prince of Wales Hospital on March 24-25, 2007. The Commissioned Training is co-organized by the Centre for Health Protection, HA Central Renal Committee, Hong Kong Kidney Foundation and our Society. The invited overseas speakers include: Ms. Cheryl Hyde, Manager of the Sydney Dialysis Centre, Australia; Dr. Matthew Arduino, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, USA and Prof. Geoffrey Taylor, University of Alberta, Canada. In addition, a number of local experts have been invited to speak on various aspects of infection control in HD units of our own locality. Announcement of the program will be made available soon.

HKSN Richard Yu Endowment Fund & Chan Woon Cheung Memorial Fund Awards

A nomination committee, co-chaired by Dr. Alex Yu and Prof. Philip Li will be responsible for nominating suitable candidates for the consideration by the Council for these two prestigious awards. Other members of the nomination committee include Dr. Matthew Tong, Dr. Andrew Wong, Dr. C.B. Leung & Dr. S.L. Lui.
**HKSN Research Grant**

HKSN Research Grant for 2007 is now opened for application. The normal maximum award for a project is HK$40,000 but may be up to HK$60,000 according to the discretion of the Council. For nursing research, the maximum award is HK$20,000. The administrative fee for individual institution could not be reimbursed. Equipment needed for the proposed project should be essential and basic model.

There will be 5 awards for this year. Among which, at least two will be designated to clinical research, one to basic science research, and one to nursing research. Application must be submitted before May 31, 2007 by post or e-mail to Dr. K. S. Wong, Consultant, Department of Medicine, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital, 3 Lok Man Road, Chai Wan. E-mail: wongks3@ha.org.hk.

Information on the application procedure has been posted on the society website: www.hksn.org.

**ISN Renal Disaster Relief Task Force**

The Renal Disaster Relief Task Force (RDRTF) of the International Society of Nephrology provides medical care to people in natural disaster areas. The Task Force consists of a worldwide network of experts in the management of patients with acute renal failure. It was created after the severe earthquake in Armenia in 1988 to coordinate nephrological assistance for the future. Both in North America and Europe, the Task Force has organized intervention teams to provide dialysis assistance when needed. For further information about the Task Force, you may wish to write to Dr. Raymond Vanholder, Chairman of the RDRTF, at chantal.bergen@ugent.be.

**Renal Patient Gateball Competition**

This Year’s Renal Patient Gateball Competition will be held in the Kowloon Park Indoor Sportsground on June 17, 2007 (Sunday). Dr. Cheng Yuk Lun & Dr. Choi Koon Shing are the chief organizers of this year’s competition. Details of the competition will be announced in the due course.

**Scientific Symposia**

Two Scientific symposia have been organized by our Society recently. The first Symposium was held in QEH on January 10, 2007. Prof. Christopher McIntyre from United Kingdom presented a lecture on “Vascular calcification, determinants and cardiovascular functional consequences”.

The second Symposium, which was jointly organized by the Hong Kong Society of Transplantation and our Society, was held in the Excelsior Hotel on February 1, 2007. The Title of the Symposium was “Concepts in Immunosuppression for Kidney Transplantation: Evidence from the SYMPHONY Study”. Prof. Ulrich Frei from Charite-Universitatsmedizin, Berlin, Germany shared with the audience the key findings of the SYMPHONY study.
CNE Accreditation

The Council learnt that many of our nursing members would like to acquire CNE accreditation points through participation in the educational activities organized by our Society. At the moment, this is not yet possible because our Society is not an accredited CNE provider (as required by the Hong Kong Nursing Council). A sub-committee with Dr. T. H. Kwan as the convener will be formed under the Council to determine how we can best facilitate the acquisition of CNE points by our nursing members.

Inter-hospital Renal Meeting

The Inter-hospital Renal Meeting is held regularly in the Lecture Theatre, G/F, Block A, Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The time-table of this year Interhospital Renal Meeting has been uploaded to our Society’s website. PowerPoint slides of the Presentations will also be posted in our website. Members of HKSN will be informed of the titles of the presentations by email before every meeting. Please inform us at office@hksn.org when there is change in your email address. The schedule of the Inter-hospital Renal Meetings for the next three months is listed as follow:

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Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology

The April issue of our Journal will soon be 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.
Upcoming Events at a Glance

Scientific Symposium on “Economics of Home Hemodialysis”
Date: February 26, 2007 (Monday)
Venue: JW Marriott Hotel, Hong Kong

World Kidney Day @ Hong Kong Kick Off Ceremony
Date: March 11, 2007 (Sunday)
Venue: Chater Garden, Central

Commissioned Training on Infection Control in HD Units
Date: March 24-25, 2007 (Saturday & Sunday)
Venue: Post Graduate Centre (CUHK), PWH

Renal Patients’ Gateball Competition
Date: June 17, 2007 (Sunday)
Venue: Kowloon Park Indoor Sportsground

Annual Scientific Meeting
Date: Nov 18, 2007 (Sunday)
Venue: Kowloon Shangri-la Hotel

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 scwtang@hku.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 web site 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)

Wishing You All a very Happy & Prosperous Year of the Pig

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