Renal Patients’ Gateball Competition June 13, 2010

This year’s Gateball Competition was held on June 13. Dr. CC Chow was the Chief Organizer of the event. Results of the Competition as follow:

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公開組及元老組冠軍：瑪嘉烈醫院

元老組亞軍：基督教聯合醫院（及公開組季軍）
公開組亞軍：瑪麗醫院（及元老組殿軍）

元老組季軍：威爾斯親王醫院

公開組殿軍：屯門醫院

港澳門球邀請賽冠軍：香港代表隊
The Certificate Course on Renal Medicine 2010, jointly organized by the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong and our Society will commence on Sept. 14, 2010. The Course is designed for medical and healthcare professionals and will be held on six consecutive Tuesday evenings.

The speakers are all specialist in nephrology from our Society. They include: Dr. Bonnie Kwan, Dr. YL Cheng, Dr. KM Chow, Dr. KC Tse, Dr. CC Chow, Dr. SF Cheung, Dr. PN Wong, Dr. KT Leung, Dr. HL Tang, Dr. MF Lam, Dr. KH Chu and Dr. YH Chan.
Two scientific symposia have been held recently. The first Symposium was entitled “Minimizing CNI immuno-suppression in clinical practice” by Prof. Yvon Lebranchu from France. It was held in the Intercontinental Hotel on June 28, 2010 (Mon). The second Scientific Symposium was held in QEH on September 1, 2010 (Wed). The title of the Symposium was “Advancing Anemia Management: Targeting Stability & Simplifying Care”. It was delivered by Prof. Steven Fishbane from USA.

The Relatives In Silent Kidney-disease Screening (RISKS) Study is a territory wide screening program for close relatives of patients with chronic kidney disease carried out by our Society between 2008 and 2009. 844 close relatives of 466 CKD patients (all stages) from 11 HA Hospitals participated in the study. This study is a collaborative effort of all the HA Renal Units. Prof. Philip Li is the lead investigator of the study. One of the key findings of the study is that close relatives of early stages of CKD are also at increased risk of CKD and hence they should go for early screening.
In order to raise public awareness about the importance of early screening among close relatives of patients with all stages of CKD, a press conference was held in PWH on Sept. 5, 2010 (Sunday) to announce the results of the study. There is extensive coverage of the press conference in the newspapers, radio and electronic media on the following day.

**Dr. CH Leong & Prof. Richard Yu on the HKSAR Honor List**

Two Founding Members of our Society, Dr. CH Leong and Prof. Richard Yu have been accorded awards in the 2010 Honors List of the Hong Kong SAR Government.

**Dr. Leong** is awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal (GBM) in recognition of his distinguished public and community service, particularly his significant contribution as a Member of the Executive Council and his dedication to the development of the medical profession in Hong Kong.

**Prof. Yu** is awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star (SBS) in recognition of his distinguished public and community service, particularly his significant contribution to the health care sector and the development of nephrology in Hong Kong. Our heartfelt Congratulations to Dr. Leong & Prof. Yu!

**HKSN Research Grant**

The application of the HKSN Research Grant has closed on June 30, 2010. There are 12 applications this year. Three young members have applied for the Young Investigator Award. All the proposals have been sent to local and overseas experts for review. The external reviewers are Prof. Peter Kerr (Australia) and Prof. Christopher Chan (Canada).

Applicants will be notified of their results by mid-September. The Research Grants will be awarded during our Annual Scientific Meeting in October.
World Congress of Nephrology 2013

Our Society is going to host the World Congress of Nephrology 2013 in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre from June 1 – 5, 2013. We are in the process of finalizing the official contract with the International Society of Nephrology. A Local Organizing Committee will soon be formed and the preparation work for the Congress will begin in the near future.

ISN-HKSN Visiting Fellowship

There are two ISN-HKSN Visiting Fellows from Mainland China this year. The first one is Dr. Li Lin from ChangZheng Hospital, Shanghai (上海长征医院). Dr. Li has been attached to the Renal Unit of PWH from June to August. The second fellow is Dr. Zhu Tongying from Huashan Hospital, Fu Dan University, Shanghai (复旦大学附属华山医院). She will be attached to the Renal Units of QMH & TWH from Oct to Dec.

New Council of the Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology

During the 12th Asian Pacific Congress of Nephrology held in Seoul in June, the Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology has elected a new Council. The Office Bearers of the new APSN Council are: President: Prof. Yasuhiko Tomino; President-elect: Prof. David C. H. Harris; Hon. Secretary: Dr. Robyn G. Langham; Hon. Treasurer: Dr. Sydney C. W. Tang; Nephrology Editor-in-chief: Prof. Peter G. Kerr; Immediate Past President: Prof. Daniel T. M. Chan.

Society’s Representatives to the APSN Council

In the Council Meeting held on August 2, 2010, the Council decided to appoint Dr. Andrew Wong and Dr. SL Lui to represent our Society to sit in the Executive Council and Council of the Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology respectively.

Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology

Highlights from the October issue:
- Renal Bone Disease – A Single Centre Experience Over 25 Years
- Natural antioxidants and Oxidative stress markers in Hemodialysis patients
- A randomised controlled trial protocol on buttonhole cannulation: A technique to reduce arterio-venous fistula access complications

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
Inter-hospital Renal Meetings

Inter-hospital Renal Meeting with CME accreditation is regularly held in Lecture Theatre, G/F, Block M, Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Archives of Inter-hospital Renal Meeting 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. The schedule of the Inter-hospital Renal Meetings for the rest of the year is listed as follow:

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*Because a Scientific Symposium will be held on Sept. 28

Upcoming Scientific Symposium

A Scientific Symposium entitled “An Appropriate Approach to Glucose Concentration in Peritoneal Dialysate” by Dr. Martin Erskine WILLKIE (Consultant Renal Physician, Sheffield Kidney Institute, United Kingdom) will be held in Eaton Hotel on September 28th, 2010 (Tuesday). The lecture will start at 7:00p.m.

Annual Meeting of the Chinese Society of Nephrology

The Annual Meeting of the Chinese Society of Nephrology (中华医学会肾脏病学分会2010年学术年会) will be held in Hangzhou (杭州) from November 3-7, 2010. Our Society is going to organize a delegation to participate in the meeting.

4th Congress of International Society for Hemodialysis

ISHD 2011

NEW DELHI, INDIA, March 5-7, 2011
www.ishd.net

WORLD CONGRESS OF NEPHROLOGY

WCN 2011

VANCOUVER, CANADA, APRIL 8-12, 2011
www.wcn2011.org
The Third Quadrangular Chinese Nephrology Forum will be organized by the Macau Society of Nephrology & will be held in Macau from September 10-11, 2011. Further details of the Forum will be available in the due course.

Sponsorship Amount of YNIS Increased

The Council has decided to increase the amount of YNIS in view of the rising cost for attending overseas nephrology meetings. The revised sponsorship amount is shown below.

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Please refer to our website for further information about the application procedure.

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 e-MAIL sponsorship@hksn.org. Application for reimbursement for expenses should be sent to Dr. Tang within 3 months after the meeting. Late applications will not be entertained. Please allow up to 3 months from the date of reimbursement submission for processing. There is no need to enquire or send reminders before this period has lapsed. A list of forthcoming nephrology meetings can be found in our Society’s web site as well as in the Hong Kong Journal of Nephrology.

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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