Honorary Secretary’s Report 2018 - 2019

The past year has been a year of progression and change. From the RCR automation project to the AI Working Group, from the regional collaboration within the Greater Bay Area to the participation in the global project Lancet Oncology Commission, the College is certainly moving swiftly with the times.

I am pleased to report that our College membership continues to grow. At the time of writing, we have 583 Fellows. Radiology remains as the largest specialty, consisting of 398 Fellows, followed by 164 Fellows in Clinical Oncology and 21 Fellows in Nuclear Medicine. In addition, there are 139 Members and 42 Trainee Members. In 2018, the College conferred Honorary Fellowship to Professor Hedvig Hricak. Prof. Hricak is long term keen supporter to radiology development in Hong Kong and close friend of our College.

The College reached a new milestone in examination format as the 2018 Autumn sitting of the Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) and Hong Kong College of Radiologists (HKCR) Joint Examination for the Fellowship Clinical Radiology was smoothly delivered on a new digital platform. The number of candidates participating in the RCR and HKCR Joint Final Examination for the Fellowship Clinical Radiology - Part B expanded from thirty to forty-five. The 2nd Lilian Leong Oration was delivered by Professor Hedvig Hricak. Her lecture entitled ‘Oncologic Imaging - Paving the Road to Precision’ focusing on the recent research and development in hybrid imaging and personalised medicine captivated the audience. The 26th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of the HKCR was a tremendous success with 746 registrants, the highest on record. This year’s focus topics were artificial intelligence, head and neck malignancies and gastrointestinal malignancies. The multidisciplinary symposium on nasopharyngeal carcinoma was equally educational. The conjoint session of the Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSOR) and HKCR was held for the second time. The AOSOR-Youth Club (YC), co-organised by AOSOR and HKCR, was held immediately following the ASM and brought synergism to the Golden week. AOSOR-YC gathered both young and seasoned radiologists with the aims of fostering inter-society collaboration, enhancing leadership skills and steering the future direction of Radiology, HKCR was honored to have renowned academics including Professor William Ho, Dr Che-Hung Leong and Professor Joseph Sung speaking in the ‘Leaders in Action’ session.

HKCR forged closer link with other Greater Bay Area radiology and oncology communities in the past year. Much effort has been made to develop undergraduate medical education and specialist training, and to improve the quality of medical assessments and medical service. At the 5th Hong Kong International Oncological Symposium held in November 2018, key opinion leaders and local and international experts discussed on how to improve the effective of the precision oncology treatment incorporated with Greater Bay Area planning.

With the growing College membership and the busy academic calendar, demand on our Secretariat is rapidly increasing. Our sincere gratitude goes to members of the secretariat led by Ms. Karen Law and Ms. Phyllis Wong. Their devotion and dedication in keeping the College running, often under immense time pressure, truly deserves a big round of applause from each and every member of the College. We are also deeply grateful to our Honorary Legal Advisor, Mrs. Mabel Lui and Honorary Auditor, Mr. Charles Chan. Mrs. Lui and Mr. Chan have continued to offer the College unfailing support as always.

Before concluding, I would like to thank Dr. CK Law, our College President, for his leadership and guidance. I am also appreciative to members of the College Council, Committees and Subcommittees for their contributions. I look forward to another year serving the College.

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