This has been a very successful year for the College and I am delighted to report on our many achievements and the activities we organized from July 2018 to June 2019.

Our College continues to work closely with The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) in organising the Fellowship examinations in Clinical Radiology and Clinical Oncology throughout the year. This is fundamental in maintaining the practice and standard of radiology in Hong Kong. After several visits to the RCR by our delegated team comprising Drs. Sherwin Lo, Danny Cho and Rickie Cheng, we updated our computer facilities and organised our first automated Joint Final Part B Examination in Clinical Radiology successfully with an increased capacity of 45 participants in November 2018.

After the Joint Examination, we embraced more challenges due to the relocation of the examination venue from Central to Mongkok. In order to ensure high standard of conducting the examination locally, a delegated team led by the Chairman of Examination Board and comprising our examiners, trainers and secretarial staff, arranged a few visits to inspect the new venue. A detailed report on the venue set up and logistic arrangement was prepared and subsequently sent to the RCR for further review after the internal discussion in the College Council. The subsequent sittings of automated Anatomy Examination in 2019 were therefore conducted smoothly. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our Warden, Dr. YC Wong, Chairman of Examination Board, Dr. Stephen Cheung, and all examiners, observers, invigilators and helpers who have contributed the relocation of the examination venue.

In order to further enhance our College’s representation in the RCR’s policy decision-making processes, the RCR Fellowship Examination Boards for Clinical Radiology and Clinical Oncology invited our College to share our views for potential reforms on the training curriculum and the mode of examinations. We are grateful to Dr. Stephen Cheung for leading the Examination Board to liaise with the RCR Examination team on these matters.

To encourage the best clinical practice, our College has been regularly reviewing the published guidelines. The Second Edition of the Clinical Referral Guidelines had been further updated and reprinted in May 2019, which is now available on our College website. This evidence-based guideline is a useful clinical companion which is invaluable for medical practitioners. Our College Council offers complimentary printed version to the Medical Faculty of the Universities for their distribution to medical graduates. Another working group, led by Dr. Stephen Kwok, has been formed to review the steroid cover practice and disseminate updated information on changes on the practice of steroid premedication to radiologists in Hong Kong, in the light of the recent release of the HA New Guidelines on this practice. My special thanks to all contributors, dedicated trainers and Fellows from the three specialties of the College for their immense efforts on the continuous review of guidelines.

In November 2018, our College Council was brought to the attention of the proposal of “open access to patients”, i.e. allowing patients to approach the professionals concerned directly (instead of referrals by doctors). This proposal was received by the Supplementary Medical Professions Council (SMPC) of Hong Kong from the Food and Health Bureau (FHB), as part of a strategic review on Healthcare Manpower Planning and Professional Development. Our College Council took this unusual proposal seriously and thus set up a working group in early February 2019 to thoroughly examine it in great details with the health safety of the general public in mind. We strongly stand by the principle that medical imaging should only be done through proper doctor referral and this principle is equally applicable to all medical doctors regardless of their specialities. Creating an exception in a legislation in relation to particular profession should not be viewed as an isolated issue, as such an exception may have repercussions for other healthcare professionals. Any reform should be consulted comprehensively in order not to contravene the scope and purpose of the Code of Professional Conduct of the Medical Council of Hong Kong. In July 2019, our opinions and concerns had been expressed to the Radiographers Board through Dr. Simon Tang (the radiologist representative in the Board) and also to the Food and Health Bureau, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, Hong Kong Medical Association, The Medical Council of Hong Kong and Department of Health. May I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Working Group led by Dr. Lilian Leong with Drs. Gregory Antonio, Simon Tang, WL Poon, WT Ng and LC Chan as members, for their efforts to accomplish such a mammoth task.

As one of the 14 founding constituent Academy Colleges, our College is active in supporting various activities organized by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and participating in various working groups, detailed as follows: 1) Drs. YC Wong and WL Poon continue to participate in the HKAM Working Group on Credentialing Exercise in Endovascular Neurointerventional Procedures, which comprised of representatives from The College of Surgeons of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong College of Physicians in developing the Guidelines on credentialing for endovascular neuro-interventional procedures with the aim to provide standards for neuro-interventionalists to ensure the best patient outcomes through specified training, peer review and quality assurance processes. The Guidelines would be circulated to the Hospital Authority for its consultation with the respective specialties or services. 2) Drs. Danny Cho and KH Wong, representing our College, joined the HKAM Working Group for the Review of Guidelines on Procedural Sedation. 3) Apart from the Task Forces on Chemotherapy and Interventional Radiology & Lithotripsy, a new Task Force on Radiotherapy was set up in January 2019 to discuss the regulation of radiotherapy in stand-alone ambulatory facilities and its regulatory standards. Our College had nominated Dr. KH Wong as the Convenor and Drs. TM Chan, KO Lam, Francis Lee and WT Ngai as members to join the Task Force to
contribute in the development of the Procedure-specific Standards for Day Procedure Centres (Radiotherapy). The Standards has been endorsed by the Project Steering Committee on Standards for Ambulatory Facilities, which is promulgated via the websites of the Department of Health and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. 4) With support from the Shenzhen Municipal Health Commission, the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Medical Specialist Training Centre was formally established by the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and Shenzhen Medical Doctor Association, and Dr. WL Poon is our representative in the Advisory Committee of the Centre. The Centre was expected to help raising the standard of health services in Shenzhen which would in turn benefit Hong Kongers living in the Greater Bay Area by offering quality medical services. 5) A Working Group on HKAM e-Portfolio System has been set up to develop an online platform to facilitate Fellows and trainees to capture their training records and assessment data. Such a platform would facilitate the interaction between trainers and trainees under various specialty training programmes, enhance the ability of the Academy and the Colleges to keep track on trainees’ progress, forecast future manpower planning and manage post-fellowship CME/CPD. Dr. Stephen Kwok represented our College in the Working Group. 6) Our College Council also nominated Dr. Hector Ma to represent our College in the HKAM Professionalism and Ethics Committee, which is a committee newly established to promote medical professionalism and ethics as well as ethical issues pertaining to the practice of specialist medicine and dentistry, public policy and other corporate activities.

Our College’s Young Fellows Network (YFN) was formed in November 2017 with the objects to enhance communication between the Young Fellows and the College, to encourage more Young Fellows to contribute to the College and community, to nurture the Young Fellows in professional development and College involvement, as well as to organise activities that are in line with the objectives of the College. Fellows who have been awarded Fellowship of HKCR within the past 10 years are considered “Young Fellows” and automatically become members of the Young Fellows Network. Many thanks go to the Executive Committee of YFN, co-convened by Dr. Julian Fong and Dr. Shiobhon Luk. Dr. Shiobhon Luk represented our College in the Young Fellows Chapter (YFC) of the Academy and was elected as its Vice President in 2018.

In 2018, the Distinguished Contribution Award was presented to our former Council Member, Dr. James C.S. Chan to recognize and honour his extensive and outstanding contributions towards the excellence of radiology development and for his work in Hong Kong College of Radiologists. My congratulations again to Dr. Chan.

Our College has been maintaining close ties with fellow Societies and Colleges outside Hong Kong by joining the Committees and by sending representatives to participate in international and regional congresses. I was invited by the Council of The Academy of Medicine of Malaysia to attend the 52nd Malaysia-Singapore Congress of Medicine (MSCM) in Kuala Lumpur on 27 – 29 July 2018. A fruitful joint council meeting was held during the Congress for academic exchange and further collaboration on training among the Academy Colleges of Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore. In August 2018, Drs. Y.C. Wong, Stephen Kwok and myself attended the Inauguration Ceremony of Medical Imaging Alliance of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area in Zhuhai. Prof. Anne Lee, Dr. KK Yuen and myself attended the Inauguration Ceremony of Radiation Oncology Alliance of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area in Guangzhou. Dr. Lilian Leong attended the Annual Congress of Asian Society of Cardiovascular Imaging in Beijing on 16 – 18 August 2018. Dr. Elaine Kan represented the College to attend the Annual Congress of Korea Society of Radiology - KCR 2018 on 12-15 September 2018 with the main focus of “Innovation of Imaging: Value-based Radiology for Patients”. In October 2018, Dr. Y.C. Wong representing the College participated in the 69th Annual Scientific Meeting of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) in Canberra, Australia, and delivered a talk titled “Is Flow diverter the answer for cerebral aneurysms?” On 25-30 November 2018, Drs. Lilian Leong and Danny Cho represented our College to take part in the International Trends Meeting, the AOSR Executive Committee Meeting, the RSNA-AOSR Leadership Meeting, the International Assembly of International Society of Radiology, the Meeting with British Institute of Radiology regarding their proposal on the global future of imaging, and the Lancet Oncology Commission on Medical Imaging and Nuclear Medicine (Lancet Oncology Commission) Initiative Meeting during the Annual Meeting of Radiological Society of North America (RSNA 2018) in Chicago, USA. Our College is honored to be invited to involve in the Lancet Oncology Commission project with the aim to increase global awareness of the importance of cancer imaging and improve access to imaging. Prof. PL Khong was nominated to represent our College in this meaningful project, the final results of which would be released at World Cancer Congress in Oman in October 2020. I attended the 2nd International Symposium on Specialist Education and Advances in Radiation Oncology on 30 November – 2 December 2018 in HKU-SZ Hospital and delivered a talk on “Training of Clinical Oncologists – HK experience”.

On 17 January 2019, Dr. Stephen Kwok and I attended the 粵港澳大灣區醫師聯盟工作會議 in Guangzhou, the 2018 Annual Report of the Guangdong Medical Doctor Association (GDMDA 廣東省醫師協會) and strategic plan for 2019 were presented at the meeting. It was recommended that the Alliance should make put more resources on developing undergraduate medical education and specialist training, and improving the quality of medical assessments and medical service to public. The associations of 粵港澳大灣區醫師聯盟 would commence the collaboration to begin from 2019 and one of the major activities would be the Symposium 2019 for Union of Radiation Oncologists of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area in Shenzhen on 22 September 2019. Dr. Lilian Leong attended the 12th General Assembly of European Society of Radiology (ESR) in Vienna, Austria on 3 March 2019. During the ECR 2019, Dr. Leong also represented our College to be the panelist of the “Leading by example” session of the Women in Focus programme. Dr. Danny Cho attended the site visit for 18th Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology 2020 and the AOSR Council Meeting in Kuala Lumpur on 5-6 April 2019. The “2019 兩岸四地腫瘤影像診斷與治療新進展研討會” was held
in Macau on 18 May 2019 with Dr. C.Y. Lui delivering lecture on the imaging of breast cancer and Drs Lilian Leong, WT Ng and myself as attendees.

The College remains active in supporting, participating and organizing educational programmes and scientific seminars within Hong Kong. Apart from the most important academic event of the year - the 26th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of HKCR on 17-18 November 2018 and the 2nd Lilian Leong Oration on 17 November 2018, our College organized the Asian Oceanian School of Radiology: Youth Club (AOSOR-YC-2018) immediately after ASM on 18-21 November 2018 with great success. Special thanks go to Drs. Lilian Leong, Danny Cho, Elaine Kan, and College Secretariat. The full list of other scientific activities is enclosed in Annex C. These events would not have been held so successful without our members and colleagues’ full support and whole-hearted participation. We always have good attendances and Dr. WL Poon and his Scientific Subcommittee members are commended on the success of their hard work. We are especially grateful to our sponsors for supporting many of our educational and scientific activities.

In addition, our Newsletter under Dr. C.Y. Lui, our website under Drs. Julian Fong & Neeraj Mahboobani and our Journal under Prof. Winnie Chu had complemented very well with the aforementioned activities for the purpose of information and education. For the Journal, the Editorial Board had been continuously striving for excellence in its quality. I would like to thank Prof. Chu and the Editorial Board members for their hard work.

Over the last year, the College continued to maintain a healthy financial status despite the global economic uncertainty. For this, we are most grateful to our financial manager, the Hang Seng Investment Management Limited, for their invaluable expertise and advice, in particular Ms. Louisa Wai-Wan Cheang, Ms. Rosita Lee, Mr. Dave Ngan, Mr. Chris Tam, Ms. Jaline Han, Ms. Elaine Tse and Ms. Clara Foo. We also thank our Honorary Auditors, Mr. Charles Chan, Ms. Pammy Fung and Ms. Penny Chan, who helped us to manage the detailed monthly financial report prepared by our accountant. Our thanks also go to our expert advisors, Dr. TM Chan and members of the Finance Committee.

Again, it is my honour to thank the many organizations and individuals who had supported our College and contributed to our success in various ways. Our sincerest gratitude goes to our Honorary Legal Advisor, Mrs. Mabel Lui. We are also grateful for and treasure the cooperation with and support from the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, the Hong Kong Hospital Authority and our sister Colleges and Societies. As for myself, my heartfelt thanks goes to our very hard working and committed Council, in particular our Warden, Dr. YC Wong, supported by Dr. Stephen Kwok; our Hon. Secretary, Dr. Elaine Kan, our Vice Presidents, Dr. Jennifer Khoo and Prof. Anne Lee, as well as the honorary advisors and members of various Committees and Subcommittees; trainers, teachers, tutors, examiners, lecturers, assessors, and sponsors. A very special vote of gratitude goes to our Secretariat, Carol, Evelyn and Candy, headed by our very dedicated, efficient and tireless Executive Officers, Ms. Karen Law & Ms. Phyllis Wong. To the entire fraternity of our College, which has exceeded 790 in membership, I am truly grateful. It has been indeed an honour, privilege and pleasure to serve and work with all of you. Lastly, I must say that we owe the continuing success of the College, in quality training, professional leadership, financial stability and international reputation, to our highly respected and internationally renowned Founding President, Dr. Lilian Leong, who has been serving the College with selfless devotion, enthusiasm and dedication for over two decades, firstly laying a solid foundation and then making it grows from strength to strength.

Dr. CK Law
President
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