

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2019 - 2020

It has been a hectic and challenging year for our profession. The Hong Kong College of Radiologists stands resolute to the challenges and we have made steadfast progress throughout the last 12 months. Details of our activities can be found in the reports of the College's respective officers. For these, I am most thankful to the College Council, the various Committees, Subcommittees, our staff and many other organizations for their unfailing support.

Coronavirus Disease or COVID-19, has been tremendously disruptive to Hong Kong in general, as well as to our operation and training programme. The rapid increase in the number of COVID-19 cases throughout the past few months surpasses that of severe acute respiratory syndrome in 2003. With great professionalism and selfless dedication, our radiology profession has been playing a pivotal role in this pandemic combat.

As for the College, though regular activities were cancelled, adjustments have been made via the online platform. For instance, we have published a feature article titled *"An overview of COVID-19, with emphasis on radiological features"* to provide our Fellows and members with the latest practitioner knowledge on COVID-19. Furthermore, we have also been closely monitoring events such as the examination, training courses, and the training status of our trainee, with a view to tempering the disruptive effects of COVID-19. As we continue to brave the storm of COVID-19, we will no doubt emerge as a stronger and more experienced team.

Despite the worrying situation in November 2019, our College successfully organised the Joint Final Fellowship examinations in Clinical Radiology and Clinical Oncology as well as the 8th Joint Scientific Meeting of RCR & HKCR cum 27th Annual Scientific Meeting of HKCR as scheduled in the Academy Building. We were honoured to have the presence of the President of The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) to officiate the Joint Fellowship admission ceremony last year. We are grateful to the unwavering support from the RCR where all Examiners and RCR speakers honoured their engagement with our College and travelled all the way to Hong Kong despite the then ongoing social unrest.

During the current combat against COVID-19, we continue to liaise closely with the RCR in organising the Fellowship examinations in Clinical Radiology and Clinical Oncology for the second half of this year. This is fundamental in maintaining the practice and standard of radiology in Hong Kong. After discussion with the RCR, the examinations in Hong Kong will only open to trainees currently working in local training centres. In addition, necessary changes have been made on the delivery of the written examination and the Joint Final FRCR Part B Examinations in September - December 2020. In order to ensure high standard of conducting the examination locally, a delegated team led by the Warden and Chairman of Examination Board, comprising of our Examination Board members, examiners, observers and secretarial staff has been formed and the team has been working closely with the RCR Examination team via virtual meetings concerning the logistics arrangement and the technical requirements for online examinations. Social distancing rules and cleaning guidelines in line with the HKSAR Government Guidance will be enforced in each examination venue. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our Warden, Dr. YC Wong, and Chairman of Examination Board, Dr. Stephen Cheung, as well as all examiners, observers, invigilators and helpers who have contributed on these matters.

To encourage the best clinical practice, our College has been continuously reviewing the published guidelines. Our College published the Second Edition of Clinical Referral Guidelines in Radiology in 2019, which provides a useful reference for the medical specialists to choose the most optimal radiological tools for the effective delivery of comprehensive and quality patient care, and to understand more on the roles and limitations of Radiology in specific clinical scenarios. A Working Group led by Dr. Francis Tang has successfully developed the mobile application (for both iPhone and Android users) for the Clinical Referral Guidelines. This new mobile application will serve as a pocket-size interactive companion for the printed version. Another working group, led by Dr. Stephen Kwok, has continuously reviewed the steroid cover requirement for contrast CT studies and disseminated updated information on changes in the practice of steroid premedication to radiologists in Hong Kong. An interim review of our training guidelines and regulations for all three specialties has been completed and endorsed by the Academy with effect from 1 January 2020. Other important updates include the introduction of a new category of co-trainer to accommodate radiologists under limited registration, and the "Centre for Designated Training" to provide specific training in future after being accredited. My sincere gratitude to all the contributors, dedicated trainers and Fellows from the three specialties of the College for their immense efforts on the continuous review of guidelines.

Throughout the year, we have kept in close touch with organizations in Mainland China and throughout the world by sending representatives to participate in international and regional academic activities and congresses. For Macao, I represented the College to attend the Inaugural and Conferment Ceremony of the Macao Academy of Medicine in Macao in July 2019. In August – October 2019, our College representatives, Dr. Gregory Antonio, Dr. Stephen Cheung and Dr. CY Lui, participated in assessing the standards of radiologists in the 澳門衛生局主任醫生晉級考試 (放射科及影像學科專科). In September 2019, Dr. Lilian Leong and myself were invited to the 19th Annual Scientific Meeting of Macao Radiology Association (MRA) and Macao Radiological Technologists' Association (MRTA) in Macao.

Within the Greater Bay area, our link with HKU-Shenzhen Hospital, pioneered by the Academy, is increasingly active. Dr. Lilian Leong attended the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Specialist Training Centre Unveiling Ceremony on 2nd July 2019 and Dr. WL Poon became the College representative of the Advisory Committee of Shenzhen-Hong Kong Specialist Training Centre (SZ-HK STC). Representatives from both Departments of Radiology & Clinical Oncology of SZ-HK STC presented the development plans of their respective specialists training programmes to our College in November 2019. This led to Council's endorsement in setting up individual working groups under the College Education Committee to facilitate the respective discussion with HKU-SZH's representatives from their respective departments. In August 2019, Dr. WL Poon and myself attended the 1st Academic Conference of Medical Imaging Alliance of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area in Zhuhai and we were accompanied by three young radiologists who were speakers in the Conference: Dr. Sunny Tse (RD, UCH), Dr. Kenneth Cheung (RD, HKCH) and Dr. Janet Wai (RD, QEH). The Greater Bay activity came to a new height in Shenzhen in September 2019 when Drs. Cheung Kin Yin, Francis Tang, Wu Po Man, Sherman Lo, Shiobhon Luk and myself represented the College to attend the Annual Meeting for Union of Radiation Oncologists of Guangdong-Hongkong-Macao Greater Bay Area (UROG) and delivered lectures at Clinical Oncology & Radiation Safety and Protection Symposium immediately following the meeting, with good attendance from young local oncologists.

In October 2019, Dr. Lilian Leong, Dr. Alta Lai and Dr. Neeraj Mahboobani joined the 5th Asian Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSOR) Youth Club in Nagoya, Japan. Dr. Elaine Kan attended the 70th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) in Auckland, New Zealand, on 17th-20th October 2019. Dr. Lilian Leong and Dr. Danny Cho attended several meetings during the RSNA 2019 on 1st-6th December 2019 in Chicago: with AIRP representatives to explore the ways to increase audience numbers in 2020 AIRP Course in Hong Kong; with Korean Society of Radiology (KSR) and Taiwan Radiological Society (TRS) to discuss the possibility of future cooperation in academic and scientific activities; and with the RSNA International Trends Session in which the issue of doctors' shortage around the globe was discussed.

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. The full list of representations is enclosed in the Membership list of Committees and Subcommittees.

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 again represented our College in the Young Fellows Chapter (YFC) of the Academy and was elected as the Chair of the Chapter in 2019-2020. Dr. Eunice Dai and Dr. James Chow were nominated to join the Distinguished Young Fellows Dinner (HKAM) in September 2019. Dr. Wu Philip Yuguang was awarded with the HKCR 15A Travelling Fellowship 2019 in which he spent a month in Glasgow in November for attachment, besides his role as ambassador to the RCR. Our skillful and energetic basketball team, led by Dr. Kan Tsang, got the 1st runner-up in the 2019 HK College of Otorhinolaryngologists Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament on 5th Jan 2020.

The College remains active in supporting, participating and organizing educational programmes and scientific seminars within Hong Kong. The full list of other scientific activities is enclosed in Annex C of the Report from Warden and Education Committee. These events would not have been held so successfully without our members' and colleagues' full support and whole-hearted participation. Good attendances are always achieved 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, our website and our Journal under the direction of Dr. CY Lui, Dr. Neeraj Mahboobani and Prof. Winnie Chu respectively, have complemented very well with the aforementioned activities for the purpose of information and education. For the Journal, the Editorial Board has been striving for excellence in its quality. Furthermore, to reduce our carbon footprint, an OPT-IN approach would be adopted for HKCR members and contributors who wish to receive their hard copy of HKJR. Starting with the Vol. 23 No. 1, March 2020 issue, those who do not opt-in for a hard copy will be automatically enrolled in the e-Alert service and will receive an email with the table of contents when a new issue is available online. I would like to thank Prof. Chu and the Editorial Board members for their hard work.

Despite the economic downturn, we have been able to fund many activities, maintain a robust financial status for our College and sustain a continuous growth in our reserve at the same time. We are very 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. Wilfred Sit, Mr. Chris Tam, Ms. Elaine Tse, Mr. Andy Yip and Ms. Clara Foo. We also thank our Honorary Auditors, Mr. Charles Chan, Ms. Pammy Fung and Ms. Penny Chan, who have been helping us to manage the detailed monthly financial report prepared by our accountant. Our thanks also go to our expert advisors, Dr. KO Lam 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 to our Honorary Legal Advisor, Mrs. Mabel Lui. We also treasure the cooperation with and are grateful to the support from the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, the Hong Kong Hospital Authority and our sister Colleges and Societies. As for myself, I would like to thank all our 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. William Poon 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 and Candy, headed by our very dedicated, efficient and tireless Executive Officers, Ms. Karen Law and Ms. Phyllis Wong. I am truly grateful to the entire fraternity of our College, which has exceeded 830 in membership, ranking the fourth largest College in the HKAM. 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.



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