

REPORT FROM THE WARDEN & EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2022 – 2023

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We would be delighted to report our continuing success to discharge the duty of upkeeping the standards of our profession in the past year, thanks to the contribution from members of the Education Committee and its Subcommittees (Please refer to Appendix I for the membership of the Subcommittees).

Examination and Exit Assessment

In the Fellowship Examinations held jointly with The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) of the United Kingdom, the success rates were 92% (23 out of 25 local candidates) for the Final Examination (Part B) in Clinical Radiology, and 94% (17 out of 18 local candidates) for the Final Examination (Part B) in Clinical Oncology.

The exercise of Exit Assessment for completion of training was held in July 2022 and January 2023 with 2 and 31 trainees successful in the respective sittings. The conduction of Exit Assessment was smooth and valuable feedbacks were received from assessors.

In Nuclear Medicine, the Final Examination for the Fellowship in Nuclear Medicine was held in September 2022 and two candidates passed the examination. Special thanks go to Prof. John Buscombe to be the external examiner for the captioned examination. The First Examination for the Fellowship in Nuclear Medicine were held in June 2023. Five candidates were recommended a pass. My sincere thanks also go to the local examiners, observers and Examination-in-charge for their great effort.

The Sixth Palliative Medicine Board Examination was held on 28 March 2023 in virtual format due to the COVID-19 condition. All 7 candidates passed the examination. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to Prof. Tracy Balboni, the external examiner and also the local examiners, observers and invigilators as well as the College Secretariat for their support in conducting the examination smoothly.

My sincere thanks go to the local examiners, observers, and Examination-in-charge for their great effort. The names of examiners, observers and successful candidates in the various examinations and exit assessments for each discipline were listed in Annexes A and B.

The College sought to ensure smooth running of every key components of the examinations and Exit Assessment, and this could only be achieved through dedicated support by the Assessment Panels, external and local examiners, examination invigilators, working group of examination planning and voluntary helpers from various hospitals as well as the College Secretariat. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of them for their efforts.

In view of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic with the concerns on the medical safety of candidates and all those involved in the process, the College undertook great efforts to make adaptive changes on examinations in 2022-2023. Examinations of the three specialties of College scheduled in the second half of 2022 and the first half of 2023 were effectively accomplished. The College has closely monitored the situation and has been liaising with The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) about the examination arrangement for local candidates.

Fellowship

Hong Kong College of Radiologists (HKCR) and The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) jointly held ceremonies to admit new Fellows on 12th November 2022 in Hong Kong. Dr. Katharine Halliday, President of The Royal College of Radiologists was present to preside over the virtual admission of 40 new Fellows of the Royal College. In the same evening, our College admitted 18 new Fellows.

Dr. Cheung Gavin Tin Chun from Department of Clinical Oncology of Queen Elizabeth Hospital was awarded the Dr. FL Chan Medal in the Exit Assessment, January 2023. The award presentation will be held in conjunction with the Joint Ceremonies for Admission of New Fellows of the RCR and HKCR on 18th November 2023.

On 30th June 2023, our College Fellowship stood at 667 (456 in Radiology, 184 in Clinical Oncology, and 27 in Nuclear Medicine). In addition, there were 20 Honorary Fellows and 9 Honorary Members.

Training System and Accreditation

In the past year, structured training in different specialties had been continuously conducted at the various accredited training departments and central training courses were organized by the College. The standards of training build on the dedication of everyone involved in training activities. During the COVID-19 outbreak, the College has established alternative means to conduct those central training courses while compiling with infection control measures, such as on-line broadcasting of live lectures or recorded lectures. The College would like to thank the contribution of all the lecturers of training courses including all specialists, medical physicists, technologists and scientists and Chairpersons of the three Training Course Subcommittees.

A meeting with all Training Heads was arranged on 24th February 2023 detailing matters about the training impacts during COVID-19 outbreak, training matters, examination and membership.

Scrutiny of Trainees' logbook / training records for comprehensive & relevant training at fixed check points was implemented in January 2017 and continued to be conducted in 2022 and 2023. I would like to thank the contribution and effort from all assessors from specialties of Radiology, Clinical Oncology and Nuclear Medicine to uphold the standard of training and to facilitate the Exit Assessment by improving the workload of assessors in reviewing the enormous information in training logbooks.

Scientific Activities

30th Annual Scientific Meeting of Hong Kong College of Radiologists (Virtual Meeting), 12th – 13th November 2022

The 30th Annual Scientific Meeting was held on 12th – 13th November 2022. The subspecialty focus sessions for this meeting were "Artificial Intelligence", "Quality and Safety in Radiology, Clinical Oncology and Nuclear Medicine" and "Oncological Imaging" and one multidisciplinary symposium on "Lung Cancer" was organized. Overseas speakers included Prof. Ghassan K. Abou-alfa, Prof. Sarah Kyongmin Beck, Dr. Tim Benepal, Prof. Ash Chakraborty, Ms. Elaine Chen, Dr. Rachel Cooper, Prof. Giuseppe Curigliano, Dr. Michael Darby, Dr. Marcin Dzienis, Prof. Hong Eo, Dr. Lucy Gilbert, Dr. Katharine Halliday, Prof. Nadia Harbeck, Prof. Jae-Yeon Hwang, Assoc Prof. Ravindran Kanesvaran, Prof. Pek Lan Khong, Dr. Huang Jing Lin, Prof. Kathleen N. Moore, Prof. Ignatius Ou, Dr. Helmut Prosch, Dr. Charbel Saade. Local faculty were Dr. Derrick Kit Sing Au, Dr. Siu Kie Au, Dr. Ting Kun Au Yong, Dr. Joyce Pui Kwan Chan, Dr. Oscar Siu Hong Chan, Dr. Wendy Wing Lok Chan, Dr. Ka Man Cheung, Dr. Lilian Wai Man Cheung, Dr. Keith Wan Hang Chiu, Dr. James Chung Hang Chow, Dr. Julian Chun Yan Fong, Dr. Kevin Kin Fen Fung, Dr. James Chung Man Ho, Dr. Timothy Yu Wai Hon, Mr. Eric Ho Wang Ip, Ms. Joan Hiu Tung Ip, Dr. Michael Tsz Yeung Kam, Dr. Koel Wei Sum Ko, Dr. Ka On Lam, Dr. Johnny Kin Sang Lau, Prof. Anne Wing Mui Lee, Dr. Hong Ching Lee, Dr. Victor Ho Fun Lee, Dr. Angus Kwong Cheuk Leung, Dr. Dennis Kwok Chuen Leung, Dr. Molly Li, Dr. Fiona Mei Ying Lim, Dr. Raymond See Kit Lo, Dr. Herbert Ho Fung Loong, Dr. Siu Ting Mok, Dr. Jonathan Shi Feng Nyaw, Dr. Jacqueline Ching Man Sitt, Dr. Hing Yu So, Dr. Hon Chi Suen, Dr. Winnie Wing Yan Tin, Prof. Ka Fai To, Dr. Macy Tong, Dr. Christopher Kwok Chun Wong, Dr. Stephen Ka-hong Wong, Dr. Sam Kwan Kit Wu. The meeting was attended by 946 participants. 64 proffered papers were accepted, 33 for oral presentation and 31 as posters.

Annex C lists the details of the scientific activities held during the year. Annex D lists the organizations and benefactors that the College would like to thank for their sponsorship of the activities.

Continuing Medical Education / Continuous Professional Development (CME/CPD)

The new version of CME/CPD guidelines had been in operation since 1st January 2023 for the new CME/CPD cycle of 2023-2025. Under the new guidelines, the minimum active points a Fellow has to obtain in a cycle remains at 15 while the total number of points is still 90.

For the CME/CPD cycle ended on 31st December 2022, there was a total of 637 Fellows registered with HKCR, of which 17 have retired and 3 have resigned from HKAM Fellowship before the end of June 2023. 614 Fellows are in active practice and required to fulfill CME/CPD requirements. 13 Fellows failed to comply with the CME/CPD requirements and fell into the group of remediable non-compliance and 3 Fellows fell into the group of non-remediable non-compliance. The remaining 598 Fellows fulfilled the pro-rata minimum requirement of CME points.

The applications for CME/CPD activities had been increased significantly every year. In 2022, the College had received nearly 1,000 applications for CME/CPD accreditation. Much effort and gratitude goes to Dr. Stephen Cheung & the members of CME/CPD Subcommittee and the College Secretariat for vetting and handling all these applications efficiently.

The College had also been regularly putting up “Case of the month” and other educational materials on the International Network for Continuing Medical Education & Continuous Professional Development (iCMECPD) of the Academy of Medicine for our Fellows to score self-study CME/CPD points on line. Members of the Homepage Subcommittee, Scientific Subcommittee and Editorial Board had been contributory towards this activity.

Education and Research

The Education and Research Fund, generated from the Radiology 2000 Congress, continued to provide grants to support radiologists from neighbouring territories. Three doctors from Japan, ten doctors from Malaysia, ten doctors from Chinese Taipei, twenty doctors from Macau were supported by the Fund to participate in the 30th Annual Scientific Meeting of HKCR (Virtual Meeting) in 2022. The Fund had also supported the award for “The Best Original Paper for Hong Kong Journal of Radiology” in the meeting.

HKCR 15A Travelling Fellowship

The HKCR 15A Travelling Fellowship aims to provide Fellows of Hong Kong College of Radiologists with advanced overseas training in United Kingdom for their continuous professional development, which may include attachment, workshops, short training courses and study tours. The application for the HKCR 15A Travelling Fellowship 2023 was opened in February 2023 and the interview was convened in June 2023. Two candidates, Dr. CHIEN Pui Yan Carol (Department of Radiology, Queen Mary Hospital) and Dr. LAU Tsz Shan (Department of Oncology, Princess Margaret Hospital) were successful in obtaining the grant. Dr. CHIEN planned to have 12 weeks training programme in Musculoskeletal Radiology and Dr. LAU would pursue 4 weeks training programme in Breast Cancer in the United Kingdom. My thanks go to the HKCR 15A Travelling Fellowship Subcommittee for overseeing the arrangement of the Travelling Fellowship.

The Education Committee and its Subcommittees earnestly express their appreciation of the support provided by the executive staff of the College and the secretaries of the various chairpersons or convenors. The College would also like to thank all Fellows who had been actively participating in various activities.



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