

# Newsletter



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## **No. of Members:**

Voting members-220  
Associate members-138

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## **President's Message**

Dear Members,

HKSCCP was established in 2001 and this year, we are celebrating our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In the initial years, our society worked closely with the HKCOG and the department of health to establish of a cervical screening programme and a system to train and accreditate specialist colposcopist. Subsequently, the society continued to provide regular courses to facilitate the accreditation process for colposcopists and smear takers.

Meanwhile, we witnessed major breakthrough in the area of cervical cancer prevention. HPV vaccines were launched and became part of a national immunization programme in many countries worldwide within a few years. Major randomized trials on HPV testing were published and HPV testing is now being adopted in some countries as part of their cervical screening programme. Our society not only needs to keep up with the international advances, but also respond to our local challenges. In the last few years, we have worked with HKCOG to update the criteria of accreditation to facilitate a healthy growth in the number of trained and accredited colposcopists in Hong Kong. At the same time, we have ensured that the accreditation/reaccreditation system is

sustainable by providing regular basic and refresher courses and we produced a new virtual laboratory tour as part of the training material for accreditation. Recently, we have worked with the HK college of O&G and revised the HKCOG guidelines for cervical cancer prevention, incorporating the latest development in HPV vaccines and HPV testing. Good communication and relationship both locally, with our members, and internationally, with other national colposcopy societies are important. We revamped our website to enhance the members' access to our society's activities and public access to information on cervical screening. Meanwhile, our society was invited to give talks at the Australian Society for Colposcopy and Cervical pathology ( ASCCP ) in Wellington, New Zealand and the Chinese Society ( CSCCP ) in Beijing.

Nonetheless, there are still many challenges. Cervical screening coverage remains suboptimal, and we need to increase public access to the service. This year, we collaborated with HK Women Doctors Association and HK Single Parents Association to provide free cervical smears for women who otherwise would not attend cervical screening.

Last but not least, our society is holding a half day conference on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 to celebrate our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. With invited distinguished overseas and local speakers and hot topics, we hope it would be a fruitful afternoon and don't forget, the registration includes a sumptuous buffet dinner ! We look forward to seeing all of you there !

Dr. Karen Chan  
President

## **15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scientific Symposium cum Biennial General Meeting**

The 8<sup>th</sup> biennial general meeting (BGM) will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in the Cordis Hotel, Mongkok. This year marked the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our society, we are going to organise a half day scientific symposium together with the BGM, follow by biennial dinner. We have invited Prof. Wei Li-hui, Chairwomen of the China Colposcopy Society to give us a talk on “Challenge for Cervical Cancer Treatment and Prevention in China; Dr. Jeffrey Tan, Vice-president of Australian Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology will conduct a colposcopy workshop and Dr. Suresh Kumarasamy, Gynaecological Oncologist from Penang Medical College to give us a keynote lecture on “New Generation HPV Vaccine”. Various local speakers will give us update on current colposcopy practice and prevention of cervical cancer.

The whole team of office bearers and Council Members has served two terms of office already and shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office. Interested members of the society who would like to serve in the council are welcomed to come forward for election. Nomination forms will be distributed to members prior to the BGM.

### **Waive Membership Entrance Fee and Annual Subscription fee**

2016 is the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the HKSCCP. In order to celebrate this great event and to promote prevention of cervical cancer, the council decided to waive the 2016 membership fees and joining fees.

### **HKSCCP website**

Since the revamped of the HKSCCP website, we have update news and activities constantly. Photos and lecture notes of our meetings were uploaded to the “Archive” section with permission of the speakers. Members who missed our meeting or wish to revise the lecture can do so within our website. Feedback of the website are welcome, the address is <http://www.hksccp.org.hk>

### **Accreditation of Colposcopists**

Dr. Cheng Oi Ling Edith, Dr. Fong Pik Lau, Dr. Lee Ho Sze Jacqueline, Dr. Ngu Siew Fei, Dr. Wong Sze Wai Alyssa and Dr. Yau Ching Wai Belinda were accredited specialist colposcopists under the new colposcopists training and accreditation rules introduced in 2014. Dr. Cheng Oi Ling Edith and Dr. Lee Ho Sze Jacqueline were also accredited for trainer status.

The 2014 colposcopists training and accreditation rules include Clinical Evaluation Exercise (CEX), Case Based Discussions (CBD) and Objective Structured Assessment of Technical Skills (OSATS). Submission of casebook is abolished. Details of the training criteria were published in both HKCOG and HKSCCP website (<http://www.hksccp.org.hk/index2.php?title=2&page=1>).

### **Accreditation of Smear Takers**

Pap smear is still currently the most widely used tool for detection of cervical cancer and precancerous lesions. Taking good quality smear forms the cornerstone for the cervical cancer screening in Hong Kong. Accreditation enhances quality assurance of smear takers. The Family Planning Association of Hong Kong and University of Hong Kong organize cervical smear taker course regularly to train nurses who are interesting in become smear taker. Successful candidates of the course are welcome to apply for accreditation of smear takers. Detail information for the application are listed in our website <http://www.hksccp.org.hk/index2.php?title=2&page=1>

### **Re-accreditation of Smear Takers**

Re-accreditation exercise of Smear Taker is essential in ensuring the standard of our accredited Smear Taker. The re-accreditation exercise will be held every 3 years. Smear Takers can refer to our website for details and logbook on re-accreditation.

## **Activities in 2016**

### **Basic Colposcopy Workshop, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

The Biennial Basic Colposcopy Workshop was organized by colleagues from PYNEH. More than 30 specialists and trainees attended the workshop. An updated virtual lab tour was shown during the workshop, which is a pre-requisite for colposcopy accreditation.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Refresher Course on Colposcopy, 26<sup>th</sup> April & 5<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2016**

Two refresher courses was organised this year, by colleagues from PWH and UCH respectively. Members from the HA and private sector had actively involved in discussion of the cases and enjoyed the informative night. The meetings ended with assessment test that all members passed.

### **Cervical Cytology and HPV Test: Yin & Yang, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016**

The Hong Kong Society of Cytology, Hong Kong College of Pathologist, Department of Pathology of Queen Elizabeth Hospital and HKSCCP had jointly organised a lecture on “Cervical Cytology and HPV test: Yin & Yang”. Prof. Annie Cheung, our past president gave a very interesting review and update on both tests. More than 100 attendees packed the lecture hall in QEH and had active discussion with Prof. Cheung after her talk.

### **Clinical Pathological Conference, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

A Clinical Pathological Conference was held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in Queen Mary Hospital. Three interesting cases with vulval pathology were presented by Dr. Ngu Siew Fei (Clinical Assistant Professor of HKU) and Dr. Johann Lok (Pathologist of QMH). The meeting was well attended with about 30 audiences from both HA and private sector, we all enjoyed an informative talk on these uncommon conditions.

### **Globe-athon – Hong Kong, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

The annual Globe-athon was held on 25<sup>th</sup> Sep this year at the peak. The HKSCCP continues to support this event, our past and present presidents joined the event together with more than 100 participants to raise fund to combat gynaecological cancers.

## Smear Awareness Day, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016

The Hong Kong Women Doctors Association, Hong Kong Single Parents Association and HKSCCP jointly organized a smear awareness day for under-privileged women on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016. In this afternoon event, more than 70 women received free pap smear service, sponsored by Dr. Ellen Li Charitable Foundation and Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital. During the event, video was shown continuously to provide education on cervical cancer prevention. We like to thank doctors of both organizations who contributed to make this event successful.



For all of forthcoming activities in 2017, please refer to the website for the latest update and enrolment details.

## Welcome to New Members

Medical practitioners and health related workers who are interested in colposcopy, cervical pathology, cervical cancer screening and allied subjects are welcome to join the Society. Interested parties can refer to our website <http://www.hksccp.org.hk> for the objectives of the Society and membership application form.

## Annual Subscription and update of Member's particular

The council will re-examine the financial situation again at the beginning of 2017 to decide the current waiver policy will continue or not. For members who have changed their particulars, please inform our secretary Dr. Nelson Siu (email: [nelsonsiu@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:nelsonsiu@cuhk.edu.hk)).

Thanks again for your support.

Honorary Secretary

Dr. Nelson Siu