

Newsletter



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President's Message

Dear Members,

The Hong Kong Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology celebrated its 15th Anniversary last year with a half-day symposium on 10 December 2016. It was the largest educational event ever held by our Society with more than 100 participants. Various overseas and local experts were invited to give lectures on different topics related to lower genital tract diseases. I would like to thank our past president Dr. Karen Chan who played a pivotal role in making this event happen. Dr. Karen Chan had led our Society for the past two terms and has stepped down as president in 2017. On behalf of the Society, I must thank her and all the past council members for their tremendous contributions to the Society, such as website revamp, revision of colposcopy accreditation criteria, virtual lab tour production, just to mention but a few. I am very honoured to succeed Dr. Karen Chan as the new president, together with Dr. Nelson Siu as vice president, Dr. Jacqueline Lee as secretary, Dr. Tse Ka Yu as treasurer, and Dr. Chan Kit Sheung, Dr. Edith Cheng, Dr. Charlotte Leung, Dr. Amelia Wong and Dr. Grace Wong as council members. Dr. Karen Chan will continue to serve us as Ex-official to give us guidance and advice.

The new council will continue to organize training and educational opportunities to trainees, colposcopists and related health care professionals. Colposcopy workshops, refresher courses and clinical pathological conferences will be held regularly to maintain and improve the standards of colposcopy service as well as to facilitate colposcopist accreditation / reaccreditation processes.

In the recent years, cervical cancer screening strategies have gradually evolved from those using cytology alone to those incorporating HPV testing. New sections on various strategies on HPV testing for cervical cancer screening are included in the revised HKCOG Guidelines for Cervical Cancer Prevention and Screening published in November 2016. Together with HPV vaccination, which is becoming more acceptable and popular, cervical cancer prevention has entered a new era. Therefore, apart from regular workshops, we also organize seminars by distinguished speakers to update our professional knowledge, such as Professor Thomas Wright's lectures on the latest development in cervical cancer prevention held in May 2017.

Cervical cancer prevention will not be successful without public awareness. Locally, we worked hard to promote public awareness by participating and supporting public campaigns such as "HPV Prevention Alliance" and "Women's Cancer Awareness Campaign". Our Society is also actively involved in international events to exchange ideas and enhance communication. Members of our society were invited to give talks at the Asian & Oceanic Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (AOCOG) and Chinese Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (CSCCP) in 2017.

Our Society will continue to organize various activities in the coming year. All our efforts will be futile without your support. Please watch out for our latest events at our website or your mailbox. We look forward to seeing you in our coming activities and any suggestions for improvement are most welcomed.

Wishing you all a wonderful new year.

Dr. Li Wai Hon
President

Waiving Annual Subscription fee

To celebrate the Society's 15th Anniversary, the membership fee and annual subscription fee were waived in the year of 2016. In 2017, the annual subscription fee waiving policy was continued.

Accreditation of Colposcopists

New colposcopist training and accreditation rules were introduced in 2014. It included Clinical Evaluation Exercise (CEX), Case Based Discussions (CBD) and Objective Structured Assessment of Technical Skills (OSATS). Submission of casebook was abolished. Doctors performing colposcopy in their clinical practice are welcomed to apply for accreditation as colposcopist. Details of the training criteria are published in both HKCOG and HKSCCP website. (<http://www.hksccp.org.hk/index2.php?title=2&page=1>).

Re-accreditation of Colposcopists

Re-accreditation of colposcopist is essential to ensure the standard of our colposcopist. Colposcopists are required to perform a certain number of colposcopies in order to be eligible for re-accreditation. The re-accreditation cycle (2015 – 2017) will end by this December. Please submit the application to the College by 31 March 2018. Details of the training criteria are published in both HKCOG and HKSCCP website.

Accreditation of Smear Takers

Pap smear is the cornerstone for cervical cancer screening and detection of precancerous lesions. Accreditation enhances quality assurance of smear takers. Nurses who perform pap smears are welcomed to apply for accreditation as smear takers. Detailed information for the application requirements are listed in our website (<http://www.hksccp.org.hk/index2.php?title=2&page=1>).

Re-accreditation of Smear Takers

Re-accreditation of smear taker is essential to ensure 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 on re-accreditation.

Activities in 2017

24th Refresher Course on Colposcopy, 9th May 2017

The 24th Refresher Course on Colposcopy was organised by Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Twenty five cases were presented by Dr. Li Wai Hon, Consultant of Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Members from both Hospital Authority and private sector actively participated in the discussion of these cases. The meeting ended with all participants passing the assessment test.

Chinese Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (CSCCP) Presentation “HKSCCP Experience of Cervical Cancer Screening”, 18-21 May 2017, Beijing,

Our president, Dr. Li Wai Hon, was invited by the CSCCP to present our Society’s experience in cervical screening in Hong Kong. Valuable views and experience were communicated and our relationship with CSCCP was further strengthened.

“The Continuous Evolvement in Cervical Cancer Screening” Dinner Symposium by Professor Thomas C. Wright, 22nd May 2017

Professor Thomas C. Wright, past president of the American Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology, current Professor Emeritus in Pathology and Cell Biology at Columbia University, was invited to Hong Kong to give a lecture “The Continuous Evolvement in Cervical Cancer Screening” in a dinner symposium held in Cordis Hotel. About 100 participants joined this educational night where the most up-to-date knowledge on cervical cancer screening such as HPV testing were discussed.

Clinical Pathological Conference, 26th September 2017

A Clinical Pathological Conference was held in Prince of Wales Hospital. Three interesting cases: small cell carcinoma of cervix, vulval melanoma and cancer of vagina with dermatomyositis, were presented by Dr. Lee Ho Sze Jacqueline (Associate Consultant of Prince of Wales Hospital and Honorary Clinical Assistant Professor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong). The meeting was well attended and participants enjoyed an informative talk on these uncommon conditions.

**25th Asian & Oceanic Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (AOCOG),
Pre-congress Workshop on Colposcopy, 15 – 18th June 2017**

The 25th AOCOG is held in Hong Kong this year in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. AOCOG had always been an influential conference in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and more than 80 renowned overseas speakers presented in this year's conference. Our Society organised a pre-congress workshop on Colposcopy with our council members, Dr. Li Wai Hon, Dr. Karen Chan and Dr. Nelson Siu, sharing their extensive experience in managing lower genital tract diseases. Three Society members were sponsored by our Society to attend the Colposcopy Workshop

Basic Colposcopy Workshop, 25th November 2017

The Biennial Basic Colposcopy Workshop was organized by Dr. Edith Cheng, Consultant from the United Christian Hospital. The half day program incorporated all essential basics of colposcopy including its principles, techniques, diagnosis and management of abnormal findings. An updated virtual lab tour, which is a pre-requisite for colposcopy accreditation, was shown during the workshop.

Please refer to our website for all of forthcoming activities in 2018.

HKSCCP Website

News and activities of the Society are announced in our website which is updated consistently. Photos and lecture notes of our meetings can be found at the "Archive" section. Members interested in the meeting lectures can review them on our website. Feedback on the website are welcomed, the website address is: <http://www.hksccp.org.hk/>.

Welcome to New Members

Medical practitioners, health related workers and individuals who are interested in colposcopy, cervical pathology and cervical cancer screening are welcomed to join our Society. Interested parties can refer to our website: <http://www.hksccp.org.hk> for membership application details.

Annual Subscription and Update of Member's Particular

The Society will evaluate our financial situation yearly to decide on whether to continue the current annual subscription fee waiver policy. For members who have changed their particulars, please inform our secretary Dr. Jacqueline Lee (email: jaclee@cuhk.edu.hk).

Thanks you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in the Society's 2018 meetings!

Honorary Secretary
Dr. Jacqueline Lee