

Newsletter



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President's Message

Dear Members,

The Hong Kong Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology celebrated its 15th Anniversary two years ago on 10 December 2016 and our new council was established on that day. Time passes quickly and we are coming to the end of the 2-year term this year. I must thank all members especially our council members and past presidents for their enormous contributions in supporting various activities of the Society.

In the past two years, besides organizing regular refresher courses, CPC and colposcopy workshops locally, our Society has also been actively involved in international conferences, such as the Chinese Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology conference in Beijing, the pre-congress colposcopy workshop for AOCOG and the Macau O&G Association scientific meeting. In 2018, for the first time, our Society had participated in two live webinars from Australia on HPV testing through our website. Many members welcome this new channel of educational activities because they are able to have instant communication with renowned international experts and the recordings are available for review after the event.

In terms of community service, we worked hard to promote public awareness by participating and supporting public campaigns such as “HPV Prevention Alliance” and “Care You Deserve” with a charity walk in October 2018 for raising awareness in women cancer.

Last month, we have received very exciting news from our Chief Executive in her policy address that a new HPV vaccination scheme will cover all schoolgirls in primary five and six under the Hong Kong Childhood Immunisation Programme. This is one big step in fighting against cervical cancer. Nevertheless, cervical cancer screening still plays a pivotal role in cervical cancer prevention. Our Society will continue to organize various educational activities to uphold the standards of medical professionals and to participate in community campaigns to promote public awareness.

Last but not least, the coming Biennial General Meeting (BGM) will be held on 29th November 2018. We are very honoured to have invited Professor Paul KS Chan, Chairman of the Department of Microbiology (CUHK), to speak to us about the latest thoughts on HPV vaccination. The registration is free of charge including a sumptuous dinner! We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Dr Li Wai Hon
President

Waiving Annual Subscription fee

To celebrate the Society’s 15th Anniversary in 2016, the membership fee and annual subscription fee were waived in the year of 2016. In 2017 and 2018, the annual subscription fee waiving policy was continued.

Accreditation of Colposcopists

The HKSCCP organizes a colposcopist accreditation programme. It included Clinical Evaluation Exercise (CEX), Case Based Discussions (CBD) and Objective Structured Assessment of Technical Skills (OSATS). 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.hkscpp.org.hk/index2.php?title=2&page=1>).

Re-accreditation of Colposcopists

Re-accreditation of colposcopist is essential to ensure the standard of our colposcopists. Colposcopists are required to perform a certain number of colposcopies in order to be eligible for re-accreditation. 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. 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 2018 and Upcoming Events

Lecture “Cervical Cancer Prevention”. Annual Scientific Meeting of the Macau Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Association (MOGA), Macau Tower, Macau, 8th April 2018

Our president, Dr. Li Wai Hon, was invited by the MOGA to present on cervical cancer prevention. Valuable views and experience were shared and our relationship with MOGA was further strengthened.

25th Refresher Course on Colposcopy, 30th April 2018

The 25th Refresher Course on Colposcopy was organised by Princess Margaret Hospital. Twenty five cases were presented by Dr. Fred Kung, Associate Consultant of Princess Margaret 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.

Lecture “HPV and Cervical Cancer Screening”, HKCOG 30th Anniversary Symposium, Hong Kong, 10th June 2018

Our president, Dr. Li Wai Hon, was invited by the HKCOG to present on the latest advances in HPV and cervical cancer screening. New strategies on cervical screening were discussed and opinions were exchanged.

Live Webinar: “Why is there a need to change from Pap smear to HPV DNA testing” by Marion Saville, Associate Professor, Victorian Cytology Services, Australia, 7th July 2018

In the era of e-learning, our society endeavours to explore new channels for educating health professionals and the general public on the latest advances in cervical cancer prevention. For the first time, we participated in live broadcast of webinar from Australia on HPV testing through our website. Australia is the first country in Asia Pacific to implement HPV DNA as the primary screening tool for cervical cancer. Professor Marion Saville, Executive Director and Public Officer of the Victoria Cytology Services, shared the Australian experience and discussed the topic through live Q&A session. Many members welcomed this new channel of educational activities because they are able to have instant communication with renowned international experts and the recordings are available for review after the event.

Live Webinar: “Challenges and considerations faced on implementing HPV DNA test as a primary screening tool”, by Dr. David Hawkes, Director of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Victorian Cytology Services, Australia, 7th September 2018

Following the success of the live webinar in July, the second webinar on HPV DNA test as a primary cervical cancer screening tool was broadcast in September. Practical information on the implementation of HPV DNA testing was presented by Australian expert, Dr. David Hawkes.

26th Refresher Course on Colposcopy, 20th September 2018

The 25th Refresher Course on Colposcopy was organised by The Family Planning Association. Twenty five cases were presented by Dr. Grace Wong. 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.

Scientific Symposium 2018 cum Biennial General Meeting, 29th November 2018

The Society will hold its 2018 Biennial General Meeting on the 29th November 2018. Professor Paul KS Chan, Chairman of the Department of Microbiology of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, will deliver a lecture “Gender Neutral Vaccination - A Big Step towards HPV Elimination”. The lecture will be followed by the Biennial General Meeting. All members are welcome to join this educational evening and a sumptuous dinner.

Clinical Pathological Conference, 13th December 2018

The last event of the Society in 2018, Clinical Pathological Conference, will be held on 13th December 2018 in PYNEH. All are welcomed.

Annual Scientific Meeting of The Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society (OGSHK) of Hong Kong, 1-2 June 2019

We are proud to have invited Professor Marion Saville from Australia to talk to us on "Cervical Cancer Screening - From Cytology to HPV Testing" in our society's session at the Annual Scientific Meeting of OGSHK to be held on 1-2 June 2019. Our Society's founding President, Professor Hextan Ngan, from Hong Kong University will also deliver a talk on HPV vaccine. We will be inviting other speakers to share their experience on various interesting topics. Further details of the event will be announced once available.

Please refer to our website for all of forthcoming activities in 2019.

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.hkscgp.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 2019 meetings!

Honorary Secretary
Dr. Jacqueline Lee