Dear fellows, members and friends,

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 23 November 2013. The academic and education activities, social activities and the Journal of Orthopaedics, Traumatology and Rehabilitation were reported in the AGM. I have to thank you for the conjoined effort of the council members and your support.

One of the main objectives of the Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association is to promote the science, art and practice of orthopaedic surgery and its allied disciplines. To achieve the objective, HKOA traveling scholarship is granted to fellows, members and associated members for their continued medical education. After careful reviewing of the financial status, the council decided to increase the amount of HKOA travelling scholarship by 50%. You should have already received the announcement of the application of the new travelling scholarship for first round in 2014. I would also like to draw your attention to the WPOA-HK Fellowship Scheme. In 1995, the triennial meeting of the West Pacific Orthopaedic Association (WPOA) was held in Hong Kong with tremendous success. A fund was thus set aside and eventually come up with the WPOA-HK Fellowship Scheme. Three types of travelling scholarship are available for your application, namely the WOPA resident travelling scholarship, WPOA rehabilitation travelling scholarship and the WPOA senior travelling scholarship. Please find the further detail in the HKOA web site.

The HKOA annual congress is an important platform in sharing the research results and clinical practice among our fellows and members. Each year, there are over 150 free paper presentations by our fellows and members in the HKOA congress. To foster basic science and clinical research, there are a number of Best Paper Awards including AR Hodgson Award, Arthur Yau Award, Orthopaedic Basic Science Award, Best Clinical Paper Award for Associate Member, Best Basic Science Paper Award for Associate Member and Best...
Poster Award. Again, the council decided to double the amount of the Best Paper Awards. Another important platform of sharing is the Journal of Orthopaedics, Trauma and Rehabilitation (JOTR). After your dedicated work of studies and presentation in the HKOA congress, you may well go one step further to publish your works in the JOTR.

Many fellows have subspeciality interest or even sub-specialization in their orthopaedic practice. Subspeciality chapters were evolved to provide a platform for in-depth development of its subspecialty. Since the establishment of Paediatric Orthopaedic Chapter in 1999, we have 5 subspecialty chapters now. The total number of members of these 5 subspecialty chapters was almost half of that of the number of HKOA members. Many of the core members of subspeciality chapters have close tie with region or internal subspeciality organizations. Parallel with the global trend of sub-specialization, there are increasing number of regional subspecialty meetings and regional subspecialty organizations in recent years. An example is the Asian Federation of Foot & Ankle Surgeons 5th Scientific Meeting and Hong Kong Foot & Ankle Society 1st Scientific Meeting on 30 November 2013 in Hong Kong. The scientific meeting was hosted by the newly formed Hong Kong Foot & Ankle Society (HKSFA). The council members are identical in the Hong Kong Foot & Ankle Society and Foot & Ankle Chapter except with the addition of honorary treasurer in the HKFAS. This reminds me the history of the Hong Kong Society for Surgery of the Hand (HKSSH). In 1984, the 1st West Pacific Orthopaedic Association Hand Surgery Sectional Meeting was held in Hong Kong. The HKSSH was then found in 1986 to host the post-congress meeting of the 3rd Internal Federation of Societies of for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH) in Hong Kong in the same year. The HKSSH also provide a platform for exchange and communication with other overseas hand surgery societies. HKSSH is a member society of the IFSSH and APFSSH (Asian Pacific Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand) and host the 7th Congress of APFSSH in Hong Kong in 2008. Recently, the Spine Section of the Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association was transformed to Asia Pacific Spine Society (APSS). There are quite a number of regional subspeciality societies. To name a few, there are Asia Pacific Arthroplasty Society (APAS), Arthroplasty Society in Asia (AISA), Asian Federation of Sport Medicine (AFSM), Asia Pacific Knee Society, Arthroscopy and Sports Medicine Society (APKASS). So what will be the future of our subspecialty chapters and their interaction with the parent HKOA?

The HKOA started as an Orthopaedic Club in 1962 and the inauguration was in 1965. In 2015, we shall have the 35th HKOA congress. The theme of the 35th HKOA congress will be on “The HKOA 50th anniversary” to celebrate our golden anniversary and to have reunion of our orthopaedic fraternity. We are working on it and your ideas and suggestions on our golden anniversary are most welcome.

President
Ho Sheung Tung

Golf Day Result (18 Sep 2013)
Overall Champion: Dr Danny Tsoi
Best Gross Score: Dr Ho Ho Pak
Men Division
Champion: Dr Chak Hing Chung
1st runner-up: Dr Dicky Lam
2nd runner-up: Dr Albert Wong
Women Division
Champion: Ms Alice Cheng (spouse of Dr. Wong Man Shun )
1st runner-up: Mrs Fhroux Tsoi (spouse of Dr Danny Tsoi )
Link to Picasa Web Album

Our HKOA dragon boat team has won the HKMA Invitational Mini

30th Years of Excellence & Service, CUHK PWH Orthopaedics
7 Dec 2013 Venue: Kai Cheong Tong & Foyer, Postgraduate Education Centre, PWH

IOF Regionals - 4th Asia-Pacific Osteoporosis Meeting
13-15 Dec 2013 Link

AOTrauma Course—Basic

Current Concept in Joint Replacement - Winter 2013
Dec 11-14, 2013
Orlando, Florida
http://www.ccjr.com/winter/

16th ESSKA Congress
May 14-17, 2014
Amsterdam / The Netherlands
http://www.esska-congress.org

The 87th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Orthopaedic Association
Date: May 22-25, 2014
Venue: Kobe Portopia Hotel

Dragon Boat Race cum David Fang Cup Silver Plate Championship on 18 August 2013!

New Issue of JOTR is available online!
Please click to the following link to view the latest issue of Journal of Orthopaedics, Trauma and Rehabilitation: June 2013 (Volume 17, Issue 1): http://ejotr.org/current_issue.aspx

New website of Public Information Service (PIC)
The PIC of Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons has been relocated to the following address: http://www.orthinfo-hkcos.org

Principles of Fracture Management
17-19 Jan 2014 Link

The Combined Academic Conference of the 18th Biennial Congress of Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Association (APOA) and the 36th Annual Meeting of the Royal College of Orthopaedic Surgeons of Thailand (RCOST)
Date: October 23-25, 2014
Venue: Pattaya, Thailand
http://www.apoa2014.com

More meetings information can be found in Orthopaedic Calendar from HKCOS: http://www.hkcos.org.hk/calendar/index.aspx

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