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President's Message

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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 subspecialty interest or even sub-specialization in their orthopaedic practice. Subspecialty 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 subspecialty chapters have close tie with regional or internal subspecialty 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 subspecialty 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

Association News & Notice

Local Meetings & Conferences

International Meetings

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 Fhronux 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.ccsr.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!



[Video link](#)
[Photo album](#)

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)

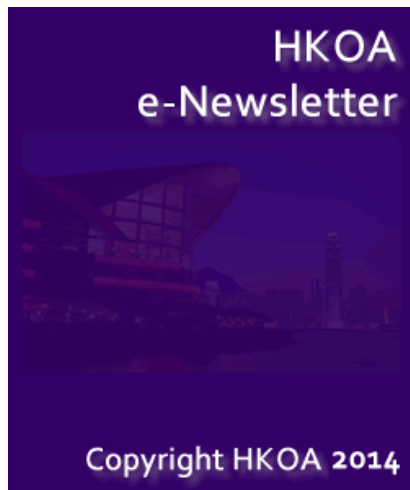
The PIC of Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons has been relocated to the following address: <http://www.orthoinfo-hkcos.org>

Principles of Fracture Management
17-19 Jan 2014 [Link](#)

<http://www.joa2014.jp/en/index.html>

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 Calender from HKCOS: <http://www.hkcos.org.hk/calendar/index.aspx>

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