

50 YEARS



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President Elect



Dr. YC Wong

Dear fellow members and associated members,

When invited by Bobby to join this new council in November last year, I was flattered and the immediate reply is "Thanks, but no. Thanks! Find someone better than me."

Since then, I reviewed my relationship with HKOA in greater detail. The annual congress enriched me with new knowledge and skills in different fields and provided me with a platform to present the research result. Travelling scholarship, ambassadorship, social function, good wine and dine occasions with friends and to make new friends in exchange for my life-membership which was paid one-off 25 years ago. Of course I need to pay for the individual functions! I need to acknowledge and thank the working team behind, and that is

the council members and organizing committee of the annual congress. Finally, I have to admit that the association has given me more than I gave in. Accepting this honor, I will try my best to serve the association and all of you. As Dr. Tommy Ng, our immediate past vice-president, had mentioned that there is plenty of "crouching tigers and hidden dragons" in our association, please feel free to approach the new council members to give us your opinion, to participate and even better, to take the lead to organize.

The Orthopaedic world is evolving fast throughout the world, needless to say in Hong Kong. Our association tree has sprouted side branches as chapters like Adult Joint Reconstruction, Foot and Ankle, Paediatric Orthopaedic, Spine, and Sports Medicine. The subspecialty development is increasingly exciting to surgeons and co-workers as well as benefits patients with better result, minimal invasiveness, a shorter operation time and implant longevity. But on the other hand, the fraternity becomes more or less segregated. One example is that the Saturday Inter-hospital Meetings has a dropping attendance as a consequence of subspecialization, which is indeed inevitable. The depth of presentation and discussion can also be difficult to master. Too simple may be boring to experts but fruitful for the trainee and vice-versa. The art of balance between the two impressed me in several occasions. But perhaps understanding and positive suggestions are still the key to success in strengthening our fraternity .

Wish you all a prosperous and fruitful year of the ram. I would like to see you in the coming Hong Kong 2015- the Combined Congress of 12th Hong Kong International Orthopaedic Forum (HKIOF), 10th Combined Congress of the Asia Pacific Spine Society (APSS) and Asia Pacific Paediatric Orthopaedic Society (APPOS) in June.

Association News & Notice

Local Meetings & Conferences

International Meetings

**Hong Kong 2015 - the
Combined Congress of
HKIOF, APSS & APPOS**

June 5-7 2015

Website:

<http://www.apoa2015hk.com>

**The Multi-specialty Medical
Mega Conference**

25-26 April 2015

<http://www.mmmc.hk>

**Meetings at Guanzhou in
2015:**

29-31 May 2015: 国际创伤骨科
高峰论坛

19-21 June 2015: 广东省医学会
骨科联合学术大会

17-19 Sept 2015: SICOT
Orthopaedic World Congress



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

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