



News from The Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong

The New FMSHK Team Members

Project Manager - Miss Sue S.Y. Cheng



Miss Sue Cheng has been appointed as the Project Manager of FMSHK since February 2006, a role she comes to after extensive experience in pharmaceuticals sales & marketing. She was born and educated in the United Kingdom and was a Medical Microbiologist in a government hospital in the UK before being employed by GlaxoSmithKline Hong Kong. She later applied her expertise and knowledge to Executive Search recruitment in a leading executive search firm.

Miss Cheng is dedicated to lead projects which promote professional interests, achieve fraternity and advance common ideals of the medical, dental and allied health professions of Hong Kong.

"I am delighted to join FMSHK as Project Manager and will take up the responsibilities of projects such as the Hong Kong Medical Diary, Annual Scientific Meeting and Annual Dinner as well as FMSHK Foundation projects. This is the beginning of a long fruitful and meaningful relationship with FMSHK"

Sue Cheng, Project Manager, March 2006

Report on FMSHK 40th Anniversary Activities

In celebrating the Federation's 40th anniversary, a series of special events and functions had been held year round in 2005 through 2006. The activities received generous support from not just members of the Federation, but also from various collaborators and partners, whose commitment and participation enabled these celebrations a success. Brief summary of the events were listed as below, and they were rich in variety encompassing art and sports, health education and infotainment, fun and fraternity.

1. The FMSHK Credit Card Launching Ceremony

International Bank of Asia Limited ("IBA") and The Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong ("FMSHK") celebrated the launch of "FMSHK VISA" on January 12, 2005 at the Bankers' Club, The Landmark, Central. FMSHK members can choose to apply for a Classic VISA, a Gold VISA or a Platinum VISA, to suit their own financial needs. IBA changed its name to Fubon Bank on April 6, 2005. Same benefits are offered to cardholders of FMSHK VISA.



2. The FMSHK 40th Anniversary Art Exhibition

The FMSHK 40th Anniversary Art Exhibition was held from May 20 to May 22, 2005 at the Exhibition Gallery, Hong Kong Cultural Centre with 560 participants. We were honoured to have Dr. Patrick Ho, Secretary for Home Affairs, HKSAR Government to officiate the opening ceremony. There were over 150 items of exhibits with different varieties of artwork: Chinese calligraphy, Chinese painting, oil paintings, photographs, model makings and carvings etc. All artworks were of very high quality and demonstrated the great talent of our medical and health professionals. The exhibition was well received by the public audiences and our fellow medical and health colleagues with over three hundred visitors in the three days. A Memorial Brochure of the Art Exhibition was published to commemorate the event and this had been sent to Presidents, Secretaries and Council Representatives of all member societies.

Grateful thanks were due to Dr. Dominic Li, Project Director and Dr. Mak Lai Wo, Honorary Adviser and members of the Organising Committee for their hard work in making the exhibition a great success.

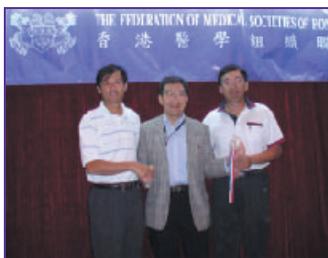




3. The FMSHK 40th Anniversary Celebration Golf Tournament

The FMSHK 40th Anniversary Celebration Golf Tournament was successfully held on October 12, 2005 at the Kau Sai Chau Public Golf Course. 12 teams from member societies were formed and participated in the tournament. Below were results of the event:

Champion: Hong Kong Urological Association
First Runner-up: Hong Kong Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons



Grateful thanks were due to Dr. Richard Lo, Project Director, Dr. David Fang and Dr. Laurence Hou, Members of the Organising Committee for their efforts in making the golf tournament a great success.

4. Elderly Fall Prevention Carnival

The Elderly Fall Prevention Carnival was held on October 22, 2005 (Saturday) at the New World Centre Plaza, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon. The event and venue were kindly sponsored by the International Medical Co. Ltd. and the New World Centre respectively. With the aim of arousing public awareness in preventing fall accidents among the elderly, the project was catered for senior citizens and all interested health care professionals. The Organising Committee.

Comprised:

- Co-chairmen: Dr. Raymond Lo, Mr. Nelson Lam
- Members: Dr. Alvin YS Chan, Dr. Dawson Fong, Dr. Wilson Ho, Ms. Tina Yap and Mr. Ricky Lai

Dr. Vivian Wong, Chief Executive, Hospital Authority and Dr. T.H. Leung, JP, Deputy Director of Health, Department of Health had kindly agreed to be the honorary advisers. Dr. Daisy Dai, Deputy Director (Professional Services and Medical Development) of the Hospital Authority and Dr. T.H. Leung, JP, gave opening speeches at the Carnival.

Supporting Organisations include:

- Hong Kong Occupational Therapy Association
- Hong Kong Physiotherapy Association Limited
- Pharmaceuticals Distributors Association
- The Hong Kong Geriatrics Society
- The Hong Kong Neurosurgical Society
- The Pharmaceutical Society of Hong Kong

Entertainment included role play, singing performance, Cantonese opera and Tai-Chi demonstration. There were 400 participants. Highlights were Tai-chi demonstration by "Tai-chi Stars" - Mr. Joe Junior and Mrs. Shirley Tong - of the Hospital Authority, Drama performance by 萍聚區 and Dr. Bernard Kong, Singing performance by Dr. Chan Yee Shing, Mr. Leung Bing Fai and Ms. Carol Yuen, and Tai-chi demonstration by Hong Kong China Bodybuilding & Fitness Association.



5. The FMSHK 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner

The FMSHK 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner was successfully held on November 28, 2005 at the Meeting Room 201, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong with over 300 participants. We were much honoured to have Dr. the Hon. C.H. Leong, Non-official Member of the Executive Council as the officiating guest. Grateful

thanks were due to Dr. Richard Lo, Chairman of the Dinner Organising Committee, Dr. Albert Lee, Master of Ceremony and Members of the Dinner Organising Committee for successfully orchestrating this function.





6. Federation President Cup Soccer Five Tournament 2005

The Federation President Cup Soccer Five Tournament commenced on November 6, 2005 at the Shek Kip Mei Park Sports Centre. 21 teams participated in the tournament. Semi-final and final matches were held on February 4, 2006. There was a friendly match between the FMSHK and the Hong Kong Medical Association. Grateful thanks were due to Mr. Nelson Lam, Chairman of the Organising Committee and Members of the Organising Committee

The results of the matches were as follows:

Champion: Solvay (HKAPI)

1st Runner-up: Sanofi (HKAPI)

2nd Runner-up: Solvay (HKAPI)

The Federation would like to thank again all our friends and colleagues for your unfailing help and dedication, and look forward to further promote Federation mission with you in concerted efforts.



Dr Raymond Lo, Hon Secretary March 2006

News from Member Societies

Hong Kong Society of Clinical Chemistry Limited

New office-bearers for the year 2006-2007 are as follows: President: Dr. Joseph SK Lee, Vice-president: Dr. Michael HM Chan, Immediate Past President: Dr. Rossa WK Chiu, Treasurer: Ms. Judy PS Lai, Honorary Secretary: Ms. Lydia CW Lit

The FMSHK would like to send its congratulations to the new office-bearers and look forward to working together with their society.

Introduction from New members of Federation



Hong Kong Society of Inborn Errors of Metabolism

While individually rare, inborn errors of metabolism (IEM) are collectively quite common. Over the past three decades, the field of IEM has evolved from a limited group of rare, untreatable and often fatal disorders to an important cause of acutely life-threatening yet often treatable disease. Presentations can be very diverse and may occur at any time, from infancy to adulthood. A high index of suspicion is thus most important for early identification of these disorders and timely commencement of therapy. Laboratory and genetic studies play a crucial role in confirming the diagnosis and subsequent monitoring of metabolic status. A multidisciplinary team consisting of clinicians, pathologists, geneticists, nutritionists, radiologists and other healthcare professionals are required for optimal care.

The concept of forming a professional society of IEM dates back years, when a group of Hong Kong clinicians, pathologists and geneticists discussed the challenges - if not frustrations - of managing this group of conditions. We do have most, if not all, of the necessary knowledge base and facilities; what we urgently need is a forum to bring together the existing expertise and infrastructure.

With the enthusiastic support and tremendous effort of many, the first AGM of the HKSIEM was convened on 27 February 2004 and the society was formally registered on 12 March 2004. The objectives of the HKSIEM are:

- promote the study and management of IEM
- establish a local IEM epidemiological survey
- help the dissemination and application of knowledge concerning IEM
- study the bioethical impacts of scientific and technological issues on IEM, including orphan drug legislation
- collaborate with patient support groups

Since its inception, the HKSIEM has been very active, organising clinical meetings and training courses, networking with other organisations, and setting up the local registry, website and newsletter. We sincerely hope that with all these efforts, physicians and healthcare workers would have better understandings of IEM patients and families. We are looking forward to all your continuous support to make our missions a success.

You are invited to become one of our members, with an annual membership fee of only HK\$100. You will enjoy all the benefits including newsletters, website access to members-area, notice and sponsorship to conferences, regular updates on the topics and many more. Our society website will be accessible very soon (www.hksiem.org.hk). Meanwhile, please contact our Honorary Secretary at kywongb@hkucc.hku.hk for details and membership application.

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