

## Younger Fellows Chapter

This year's Younger Fellows Forum of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons will be held on 2-4 May 2009 in Sunshine Coast. Since the first participation of this event by the fellows of our college in 2004, thirteen fellows had joined this great annual event in the past four years.

Year	Fellow	Practice Hospital when attending the Forum	Specialty
2004	NG Chun-kit, Kenneth	Queen Mary Hospital	General Surgery
2004	TSE Cheuk-wa, Chad	Queen Elizabeth Hospital	General Surgery
2004	CHAN Kin-chun	Queen Elizabeth Hospital	General Surgery
2004	KWOK Shek-yuen, Alex	Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital	General Surgery
2004	TSANG Wen Chieng, Wilson	Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital	General Surgery
2005	HA Ping-yiu	Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital	General Surgery
2005	MUI Lik-man	Prince of Wales Hospital	General Surgery
2006	CHEUNG Ka-yin	Prince of Wales Hospital	General Surgery
2006	LI Chak-man Jimmy	Prince of Wales Hospital	General Surgery
2007	CHAN Tung-fei Tony	United Christian Hospital	General Surgery
2007	CHAN Chi-kin	Queen Elizabeth Hospital	General Surgery
2008	Kwan Tim-lok, Henry	Caritas Medical Centre	General Surgery
2008	Ho Pak-kin, Ronald	Queen Elizabeth Hospital	General Surgery
2009	WONG Hung-leung Randolph	Prince of Wales Hospital	Cardiothoracic Surgery
2009	WONG Chung-tak Dennis	Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital	General Surgery

### Fellows participating in Younger Fellows Forum

Except the first year that we had five fellows participated in the event, we had two fellow selected each year after 2004. The Forum is held immediately before the annual scientific meeting of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in different regions of Australia and New Zealand and Hong Kong. Hong Kong was the host of the Forum in 2008.



*Younger Fellows Participating in Drag Boat Race 2008*

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In the past, younger fellows expressed their interest were invited to participate in the Forum. In 2009, the younger fellow chapter had made an effort to make the selection process more open and fair in order to produce an equal opportunity for our fellows who are interested in sharing our culture and experience with the fellows of RACS. This year, we have made an open announcement to our fellows on the Forum through mail and email. Four fellows had applied and three fellows had attended the interview as one of them was out of town. Two fellows were selected to represent our younger fellows chapter to attend the coming forum. Unlike the past years that general surgery fellows took a more active role in the forum, this year is special as we have a cardiothoracic surgeon's participation. We hope through this event, we can have more fellows from different specialties or subspecialties to get involved in our activities as our college and fellows are a big family.



*Younger Fellows Forum 2004*

It is reassured that Younger Fellows Forum is not an academic event but a gathering that provides a unique opportunity for fellows from different region to share experience and cultures and debate hot issues that affect our career and lives. Because of our heavy workload or limited exposure, fellows in Hong Kong are probably having little opportunity in learning how to prepare a better career, fighting for better prospect or influencing the policy makers of our professional bodies. It is the objective of the Forum to empower the fellows to take an active role in influencing the way the College serves its fellows and our community.

It was a great and fantastic experience in participating in the Younger Fellows in 2004. It not only provided me with the opportunity to meet the friendly people with different perspectives but also made me to think more about my future and the potential problem that we have to face. Over these years, many of our enthusiastic fellows have made a great effort to establish a Younger Fellows Chapter under the Hong Kong College of Surgeons and we made it this year. I hope the Younger Fellow Forum not only give us the opportunity to share our culture and experience but also give us courage to face our future. I wish that we will have more fellows from difference specialties to involve in this event. Finally, I would like to congratulate the successful applicant Dr WONG Hung Leung Randolph and Dr. WONG Chung Tak Dennis and hope them to enjoy the trip.

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