

Younger Fellows Chapter

Despite the worldwide financial crisis, the efflux of surgical fellows to the private practice is still on going. Our younger fellows are no exception. I would like to take this opportunity to wish every one of them a prosperous and meaningful career ahead.

On 13th September 2008, the first Younger Fellows Forum in Hong Kong had a wonderful success. As part of the Conjoint ASM with the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, the meeting was well attended by both younger fellows and senior surgeons. Dr. Ronald Ho had shared with us a wonderful experience in the last Australasian Younger Fellows Forum in CASC May 2008. Drs. Ronald Ho, Kwan Tim Lok and two other younger fellows attended the Forum. (*) In the Conjoint Annual Scientific Congress, Dr. Kwan Tim Lok represented YFC and had a debate with the Women's Chapter representative.

In the second part of the Forum, we had been very privileged to invite Dr. Jacob Ng Wai Tat as our guest speaker. Dr. Ng is the COS of Department of Surgery, Yan Chai Hospital. His reputation as a renowned surgeon needs no further introduction. During the "Reflection on Younger Fellow Days", Dr. Ng had enlightened us on his colorful surgical adventure. He gave us an example that many of us would be blushed. We were greatly in debt to Dr. Ng for his inspiring presentation.

Dr. Fan Ning is a younger fellow working in Yan Chai Hospital. He had given us a different perspective as a voluntary surgeon in the "Overseas Humanitarian Mission". Dr. Fan had been to Kenya under the Red Cross in 2005/06, Sri Lanka under Medecins Sans Frontieres in 2007 and Sichuan in 2008. These places had been affected by armed conflicts, epidemic outbreaks, social violence and disasters. Dr. Fan had shared his experience of operating with limited resources - e.g. three operating tables in the same theatre, primitive equipments, shortage of water/ electricity supplies, etc. He also showed us the basic requirement of participating in humanitarian missions, namely dedication.

Finally, Dr. Lee Yee Man had given an excellent review of different options in private practice. Dr. Lee is a successful colorectal specialist in private. She showed us how a younger fellow could establish his/her practice in private. Dr. Lee had gone into details of clinic rental, endoscopy suite arrangement, staff recruitment and budget control. It was definitely eye-opening to those younger fellows looking for new opportunities.

What is coming up?

Recently, YFC met Prof. CK Yeung and had discussed on the formal incorporation of YFC into the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong. YFC is now under the Internal Affairs Committee of CSHK. Prof. Yeung would like to help YFC in formulating the Rules and Structures of YFC in future. Paralleled by the development of Women's Chapter, YFC would like to take this opportunity to formally incorporate into CSHK. As younger fellows, your support and opinions are most welcomed!

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