



香港精神科醫學院

The Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists Ltd.

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Dear Fellows, Members, Inceptors and Affiliates,

Please take note of the following announcements:

I. Request for Expert Opinion by the Medical Council of Hong Kong

The Medical Council of Hong Kong (MCHK) is soliciting the assistance of the College through the Academy to establish a pool of experts to be approached on a rotational basis by the Preliminary Investigation Committee (PIC) for advice, and if the need arises, as expert witness in an inquiry. Details of the request is attached for your perusal in the appendix.

In relation to this, the Academy will, in the future, act as a centralised contact point when expertise is required by the MCHK, which will provide background information to the Academy. Based on this information, the Academy will decide the relevant specialty and contact the respective Colleges for nomination of a Fellow who is willing to provide expert advice and/or act as expert witness. The nominated Fellow would then be contacted by the MCHK secretariat directly.

We would therefore like to ask interested Fellows who are willing to contribute in this process to email us at: hkpsych@hkam.org.hk, stating your area of expertise.

II. The Hong Kong Society of Biological Psychiatry Conference 2007

The Hong Kong Society of Biological Psychiatry is organising a conference in October 2007. The details are as follows:

Date: 18 - 20 October 2007

Venue: Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong

Tentative programme highlights:

- Should we use benzodiazapines?
- The use of psychotropic medications in comorbid medical illnesses
- Psychopharmacogenomics
- Others

Website: <http://www.hksbp.org/2007/invitation.html>

Interested members please visit the website above for details on registration and abstract submission.

III. Mental Health Promotion Fund

The Public Awareness Committee (PAC) has set up a “Mental Health Promotion Fund” for the purpose of promoting mental health awareness in Hong Kong as well as raising the profile of psychiatrists among the general public. Thus far, the PAC and the College have raised HK\$50,000 for this purpose through donation.

IV. Sponsorships for the 9th Beijing-Hong Kong Medical Exchange Conference

The College has received a total of **11** offers for sponsorship from Otsuka, Sanofi-Aventis, Astrazeneca, Wyeth, Eli-Lilly and GlaxoSmithKline to fellows/member/inceptors of the College to attend the captioned conference, which is co-organised by the Hong Kong Medical Association, the Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists and the Chinese Medical Association. The conference is to be held in Beijing on 3-4 November 2007.

Please apply through the instructions below ***on or before 29 September 2007***. The selection criteria will be according to the scoring system posted on the College's website: <http://www.fmshk.com.hk/hkcp/11.htm>.

Interested members should write to **Miss Karen Chum at The Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists Limited, Room 906, HK Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong or fax to 2870-1391 or email at hkcp@hkam.org.hk**. Please state in your application: (1) whether you are a fellow, member or inceptor of the College; (2) when you were last sponsored by the College to attend conferences/meetings; (3) whether you are a Council Member/Chairman or member of a Standing Committee of the College; (4) your subspecialty (one only) or field of knowledge (one only) and whether you are serving in the private or public sector; (5) whether you are going to present a paper in that conference/meeting (documentation required). Applications with incomplete information will ***not*** be processed. **If you do not receive a reply (written or verbal) from the responsible coordinator before the deadline, please call Miss Karen Chum at 2871-8777.**

V. Change of External Examiner

The Board of Examiners would like to inform members that **Dr. Nick Brown**, one of the external examiners nominated by the Royal College of Psychiatrists for this year's Fellowship Examinations, is **unable to come** to Hong Kong in November. The Royal College is urgently seeking a replacement. Members will be informed of the identity of the replacement external examiner once information is available to us.

Thank you for your attention.



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The Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists