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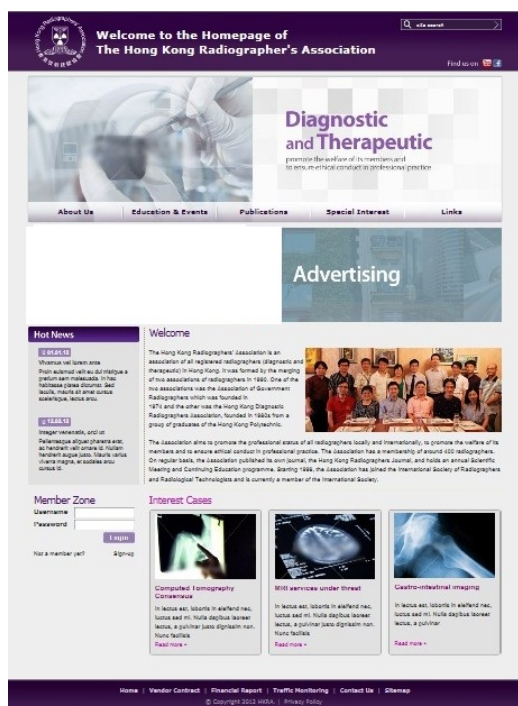
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Chairman's Message

It has been an amazing year for our Association. With tremendous support from our team of executive committee members and coordinators, new plans and thoughts are successfully put into action. After months of content preparation and financial support solicitation, a new website meant for rollout in May 2012 is now built to provide more information and user friendly features to our members as well as the public.

The upcoming Annual Scientific Meeting scheduled on 21st April bears the theme "Imaging Procedures Outside Radiology Department". Speakers from various Healthcare Professions are invited to share with us knowledge "out of our box".

Our association would be keen on listening to feedbacks from members about issues regarding important changes and developments affecting our profession as a whole, and express valid concerns through Allied Health Profession Staff Group Consultative Committees, forums, visits and meetings with officers in the Hospital Authority and Food & Health Bureau. Everyone of us can make a difference to excel, by actively advocating your ideas and observations to your coordinator or directly to us.



HKRA Website Revamp **May 2012**

New features include:

- Member log-in.
- Membership on-line renewal.
- E-enrolment to events.
- On-line payment option using Paypal.
- E-calendar & CPD credit calculator.
- YouTube & Facebook.
- Educational material archive & links
- Useful links.

Past Activities



HKRA & HKART Joint ASM AGM & Annual Dinner 2011

Date: 16 April 2011

Venue: Eaton Hotel



Macau Radiology Association 11th ASM 2011

Date: 27-28 August 2011

Venue: Macau Tower Convention Centre



Visit Siemens MR Centre of Research & Factory

Date: 17 September 2011

Venue: Shenzhen



Radiographer Continuing Education Programme 2011

Technology Update in CT Dose Reduction & PET/CT

Date: 28 September 2011

Venue: Eaton Hotel



CSIT Annual Scientific Congress 2011, Guangzhou

Date: 10-12 November 2011

Venue: Zhujiang Hotel, Guangzhou



Canadian Association of Medical Radiation Technologists

Continuing Professional Development Examinations

Date: 20th November 2011

Venue: Ruttonjee Hospital

Upcoming Events



Hong Kong Radiographers' Association

Annual Scientific Meeting 2012

21 April 2012

Pearl Ballroom
Kowloon Eaton Hotel

**Imaging Procedures Outside
Radiology Department**



ISRRT
INTERNATIONAL
SOCIETY OF
RADIOGRAPHERS
& RADIOLOGICAL
TECHNOLOGISTS



Canadian Association of
Medical Radiation Technologists
Association canadienne des
technologues en radiation médicale



17th Biennial World Congress of ISRRT &
70th Annual General Conference of CAMRT
Date: 7-10 June 2012

Venue: Sheraton Centre, Toronto, Canada

Link: <http://2012isrrt.org/>

Congress Sponsorship for HKRA Members

HKRA members accepted as personal presenter at the congress are eligible for sponsorship application. Selection by HKRA academic secretariat with HK\$5000 sponsorship of Congress participation.

Successful applicant: **LEUNG, WAN SHUN (RT II, PMH)**

Preferred Paper Oral Presentation Topic:

“Radiotherapy of maxillary cancer using 9 equi-spaced beam co-planar beam arrangement and 9 non-coplanar beam arrangement with beam angle optimization - a dosimetric comparison.”

Did You Know?

Who can refer radiological requests?

According to **Hong Kong Laws, Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance (SMPO)**

Cap 359H s15 : Restrictions on the Practice of Radiographers (*enacted 1995*)

Medical exposure of plain radiograph for diagnostic purposes are restricted to referrals made by:-

- (a) a **medical practitioner**;
- (b) in the case of medical exposure of the teeth or jaw, either a medical practitioner or a **registered dentist**;
- (c) in the case of medical exposure of the vertebral column and peripheral joints, including the pelvis, either a medical practitioner or a **chiropractor**. (L.N. 90 of 2004)

Link: [SMPO Cap 359H](#)

Who can perform professional duties?

Part I Diagnostic Radiographer

- i) Medical exposure involving use of contrast media or diagnostic tomography;
- ii) Medical exposure involving fluoroscopy in radiodiagnostic examinations by medical practitioner;
- iii) Diagnostic plain radiography.

Part II & Part III Diagnostic Radiographer

Plain radiography practice under the direction of-

- i) a medical practitioner; or
- ii) a Part I diagnostic radiographer.

Part IV Diagnostic Radiographer

Plain radiography practice under the personal supervision of any of the following:-

- i) a medical practitioner; or
- ii) a Part I diagnostic radiographer; or
- iii) a Part II diagnostic radiographer acting subject to the direction of a medical practitioner or Part I diagnostic radiographer.



Annual Practising Certificate fee Auto-pay

An additional method of payment for renewal of annual practising certificates via auto-pay will be introduced for the next cycle of 2013-14.



HKRA role in Strategic Review on Healthcare Manpower Planning & Professional Development

Hong Kong Radiographers' Association is invited by Food & Health Bureau to join the Other Healthcare Professionals Sub-Group of the captioned Review. Representing the whole profession, members are encouraged to give your opinions in shaping our future healthcare system and our professional role and development, by email or via your coordinators. New updates of relevant surveys and consultative meeting will be distributed in our website for your information.

Members are welcome to send us interesting facts for sharing with your fellow radiographers and radiation therapists ...

Tung Wah College Radiation Therapist Training Programme...

Our Concern

In November, Tung Wah College (TWC) announced in press conference about the establishment of Medical Science Department to provide Radiotherapy (RT) training. The college formed partnership with Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (HK S&H); plans to train 10-15 students yearly; beginning in January 2013. The programme aims to solve the prolonged medical front-line staff shortage and to satisfy the future therapist demand for the future development of oncology services in Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital (HKS&H). HKRA shows the following concerns about the programme standard and quality:

1. The current RT training is provided by The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU). The academic staff and laboratories in PolyU are in very high standard. We question how many full-time academic staff TWC will have and whether they could provide any radiographic laboratory.
2. Clinical placement profile shall be comparable with current RT training, which is provided by six HA hospitals and not solely supported by HKS&H for a wide clinical exposure.
3. The entry requirement of TWC programme shall not be lower than the current PolyU programme, in order to be capable of mastering sophisticated RT concept, to fulfill academic and clinical requirement, as well as the future working environment.
4. Uncertainty as to whether TWH RT course would be accredited by The Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ).
5. Possibility of TWH graduates getting professional registration by Hong Kong Radiographers Board to practice radiotherapy in Hong Kong.
6. The current RT qualification is recognized by many countries e.g. UK, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Singapore...etc. We would like to know any worldwide recognition that TWH course and their graduates will get.
7. Overall RT manpower demand in HK and new RT centres like HKS&H shall not be overestimated. Otherwise on top of the current 10-15 PolyU RT graduates per year, plus TWC trainees will inevitably produce unemployed graduates.

To conclude, HKRA will be watchful about the overall RT training quality and standard in Hong Kong as well as employment prospect. We will not welcome lowering professional status in the future.



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