Annual report of Hong Kong Society of Critical Care Medicine Limited (HKSCCM) 2011

(1) Constitution of HKSCCM

- M&A has been revised and adopted in AGM 2010. The revised M&A was reviewed by Inland Revenue Department, and Hong Kong Society of Critical Care Medicine Limited (HKSCCM) was recognized as charitable institution with effect from 12th December 2010. HKSCCM is exempted from tax under Section 88 of Inland Revenue Ordinance.

- The new batch of council members has been elected in AGM 2010, with the term of office starting from 1st January 2011 to 31st December 2012. The following office bearers were elected in council meeting: Chairman (Dr Yan Wing Wa), Treasurer (Dr Chan Pik Kei Osburga), Hon Secretary (Dr Chan Yan Fat Alfred). The other twelve council members include HKACCN representative (Mr. Luk Hing Wah) and representatives from eleven ICUs of Hong Kong. Dr Chau Chin Man (Associate Consultant, ICU of NDH) was subsequently adopted as council member to represent NDH on 20th September 2011.

- Mr. Lester Huang from P.C. Woo & Co. and Parker Randall CF (HK) CPA Limited {暉誼(香港)會計師事務所有限公司} are appointed as the Hon legal adviser and Hon auditor of HKSCCM respectively.

- The current term of membership starts from 1st January 2011 and ends at 31st December 2012. The subscription rate remained unchanged: HKD 200 for ordinary member and HKD 100 for associate/ nursing member. HKSCCM now has 106 members (80 ordinary members and 26 associate/ nursing members)

- 47 members have doubly paid the membership fee in last year. They had been informed that their membership status will be automatically extended to end on 31st December 2014.

(2) HKSCCM website and editorial board of newsletter

- Dr Lau Chun Wing was appointed as Editor-in-chief of HKSCCM website.
The website is being governed by webmaster Dr Chan King Chung and the Editor-in-chief Dr Lau Chun Wing. It continues to gain popularity. Cumulative content hit count had exceeded 1,500,000 since its opening on 20th January 2009!

Highlights of every council meeting are uploaded on to section of “council meetings—HKSCCM” so to increase transparency and to convey important strategies of society to public. After logging-in, members may access to the full minutes of council meeting.

The proper function of website depends heavily on dedication of editorial board which had been governed by Dr Wong Kwan Keung, the academic advisor; Dr Lau Chun Wing, the Editor-in-Chief; and Dr Ching Chi Keung, the Associate Editor. Currently there are 18 editors from 13 different hospitals.

Upgrade of server function was done to match amount of content and security.

(3) Bimonthly inter-hospital grand-rounds

HKSCCM co-organized six inter-hospital grand-rounds with the Hong Kong Association of Critical Care Nurses (HKACCN) in 2011. Two ICUs gave presentation in each grand-round according to roster which is posted at website http://www.hksccm.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=239:ccm-interhospital-meetings&catid=170:all-schedules-at-a-glance&Itemid=86

The topics and speakers of each grand-round are shown in the table:

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With effect from September 2011, Union Hospital joined the roster of inter-hospital grand-round as well.
The presentation file of every inter-hospital grand-round is accessible to all at HKSCCM website after the meeting.

Queen Elizabeth Hospital continues to be the venue of grand-rounds. HKSCCM would like to thank QEH for its kind hospitality.

The grand-rounds continue to be part of training programs of both the Intensive Care Medicine (ICM) Board of Hong Kong College of Anesthesiologists (HKCA) and the Critical Care Medicine (CCM) Board of Hong Kong College of Physicians. The inter-hospital grand-rounds are also accredited for Continuous Nursing Education (CNE).

(4) Other academic activities

The following scientific symposia were organized in year 2011:

A. Saving the injured brain; co-organized with HK College of Anesthesiologist; on 28th February 2011; sponsored by Hospira
B. What’s the problem with selective digestive decontamination; co-organized with HK College of Anesthesiologists; on 14th October 2011; sponsored by Pfizer
C. Extracorporeal therapies in septic acute kidney injury; on 27th October 2011; sponsored by Gambro
D. Therapeutic hypothermia; on 28th October 2011; sponsored by Fresenius Kabi.

(5) Annual Scientific Symposium (ASM)

The symposium was held on 4th December 2011 (Sunday) at Lecture Theatre, G/F, Hong Kong East Cluster Training Centre for Healthcare Management & Clinical Technology, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital, Chai Wan. The ASM is completely supported by HKSCCM, and registration fee is free to members.

Following overseas speakers delivered plenary lectures in ASM: Professor Qiu Hai Bo from Southeast University, China talked on “Development of Critical Care in China”; Professor Lei Wai Seng from Macau talked on “Disaster Management—Macau’s experience”; Professor Chang Hsiao Huang from Taiwan talked on “The present and future of ECMO”.

There are multiple concurrent sessions of seminars to meet the interest of delegates, covering topics including updates on mechanical ventilation, update on neurocritical care, cardiological investigation, ECMO, disaster management and clinical simulation.

The ASM was very well attended with delegates coming from physicians, nurses
and allied health professionals.

(6) **Position Statements**

- With invaluable support from senior ICU clinician and local experts, HKSCCM had released position statements of the following topics:
  
  A. Use of Hypothermia after Cardiac Arrest
  B. Role of MARS in ICU
  C. Withholding or Withdrawal of Life Support in ICU

- Position statements on the following topics are in progress:
  
  - Clinical Information System (CIS) Specification
  - Nursing Manpower Requirement in ICU

(7) **Collaboration with overseas professional society**

- The position statements on *DVT prophylaxis; Role of MARS in ICU; Withholding or Withdrawal of Life Support in ICU* were uploaded to the Healthcare Standard Directory of ECRI Institute for public access.

- HKSCCM is in official affiliation with Asian Pacific Association of Critical Care Medicine (APACCM), and Dr HY So is the representation from HK in the executive council.

- HKSCCM is an active member of World Federation of Societies of Intensive & Critical Care Medicine (WFICCM).

- HKSCCM delegates two members to join the *international training unit* (ITU) of the WINFOCUS organization, aiming to organize local training courses of Point-of-Care tool (POCT) such as USG/echo for healthcare professionals.

(8) **Critical Care Medicine Foundation (CCMF)**

- CCMF constitution has been endorsed in AGM 2010, and revision was made to reflect society’s status as charitable body.

- CCMF committee, the panel to consider each application of CCMF subsidy, consists of six members: Chairman; Secretary; Treasurer; Dr KI Law and two senior critical care physicians in HK.

- CCMF subsidy will be generally granted to an active HKSCCM member who has applied to take those academic activities being included in the pre-approved list of training courses and conferences, subject to availability of funding.

- For those applications related to academic activities not being included in the
pre-approved list, CCMF committee will refer the application to HKSCCM council for consideration which will be based on the relevance of programs to the field of critical care medicine in HK.

- In 2011, there are five applications for CCMF. One has withdrawn the application, and four are successful with registration fee being reimbursed.
- CCMF subsidy policy, being reviewed annually, can be accessed at: http://www.hksccm.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1933&Itemid=107

(9) **HKSCCM 30th Anniversary in 2013**

To celebrate society’s coming 30th anniversary in 2013, projects ongoing:

A. Public education:
   - Health exhibition
   - Press conference
   - Convener: Dr CW Lau

B. Book publication
   - Articles originated from true stories in ICU were collected from patients and ICU staffs.
   - Local professionals are invited to give historical reviews on CCM development in HK.
   - Also includes general overview on daily ICU routines and workflow in HK; description of different ICUs in HK; introduction of common drugs/procedures and instruments in ICU.
   - Editor-in-chief: Dr CW Lau
   - Associate editors: Dr Grace Lam; Ms HM So
   - Planned date of publication: second quarter 2012

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(Hon Secretary of HKSCCM)