

# The Hong Kong Geriatrics Society Newsletter



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## Editorial

Wish you all a prosperous New Year of Canine! The council is now very busy with, besides all the usual activities for our members, training and examination, the preparation to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of HKGS. Members would agree that time flies and HKGS has grown rapidly throughout these years upon the solid foundation laid down by our pioneers. A number of programs for the celebration are announced in this issue of Newsletter. The highlight is certainly the AGM cum ASM on 17/6/06 which is also the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Night. Remember to mark this date in your diary. You just can't afford missing it!

Mok CK, Editor

### *President's Message* *Time of change of change* *Dr. TK Kong*

Dear Colleagues,

I read and reflect on my message entitled "*Time of change, time for change ...*" written for our Newsletter four years ago when I took up the presidency of the Hong Kong Geriatrics Society. Changes have occurred and will be occurring within our Society, the Hospital Authority, our health care system, as well as the world ecosystem. The question has often been asked, "Are we changing for better or worse?" The answer to this as applied to our Society is better left for you to judge.

The emergence of SARS in 2003 has major impact on our health care system, but what about the ageing demographics? Unfortunately, the prevailing reaction to ageing demographics has been negative, being seen as a "challenge" or "burden," as a problem of intergenerational tension and resource competition rather than a blessing of intergenerational harmony.<sup>1</sup> In a

recent editorial,<sup>2</sup> Professor Sherman raised his concern that the US is facing "a giant geriatric tsunami" that will overwhelm their health care system as the generations bicker over who gets what resources, that "efforts at all levels (public, private, state, federal, profit, non-profit, public-private partnerships) to change the delivery and financing of health care will fail." Geriatricians<sup>2,3</sup> have pointed out the fallacy of the current health care system in meeting the needs of the ageing population and endeavoured to provide "solutions," but these cries remain virtually unheard and unheeded, and sometimes even seen as being motivated by self-interest. Can the ancient Book of Changes or the modern mathematical modeling predict our destiny? Thirteen years ago, Professor Tallis<sup>4</sup> wrote of the future of geriatric medicine in 20 years time, "Perhaps the safest prediction is that there will be a greater need for the provision of health care for elderly people and

that geriatrics will remain the most stimulating, varied and challenging branch of clinical medicine."

During these 4 years, my father has passed away, my mother has experienced some of the geriatric giants, my two sons have grown to adolescence and become taller than me, and I have reached midlife and been reflecting on what matters most in my life. In the recent HKGS Council Meeting on 5 Jan 2006, I have expressed my decision to step down from presidency of the HKGS after June 2006, when I will have served my terms of presidency for 4 years and 3 months by then. I have been a Council Member of the HKGS since April 1990, and have served as Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and Chief Editor. The geriatric scene in Hong Kong has expanded remarkably since 1990, with quite a number of capable and competent potential leaders blooming up. So, it is the right time for me to hand over the presidency to my colleagues to lead the HKGS

forwards. On the personal side, I increasingly feel that I should have a more holistic life, especially in respect of spending more time with my dear family; something that I have been feeling strongly ever since I spent my last days with my late father last June.

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Reunion with Professor Robert Kennedy (centre of front row) on 6 Jan 2006 when he passed by Hong Kong to lecture in Taiwan.

Professor Robert Kennedy has been our honorary visiting professor in the 1980's and mentor of some of our senior geriatricians during their overseas training in geriatrics in Glasgow. He moved from Glasgow to the US in the 1990's.



Dinner with geriatricians from Switzerland on 2 Dec 2005 during their brief stay in Hong Kong. Top(left to right): Ms. Ann Hamilton, Drs. NS Ng, James Luk, MF Leung, Stanley Tam Kui-Fu (reporter); bottom (left to right): Prof. Ezio Giacobini, Dr TK Kong, Prof. Jean-Pierre Michel.

Prof. Jean-Pierre Michel is the director and founder of "European Academy for Medicine of Aging" (EAMA) in Switzerland, the head of the geriatric department in the University hospitals of Geneva (Switzerland) and the Academic Director of the European Union Geriatric Society (EUGMS) for the period 2006-2010. Professor Ezio Giacobini is an expert in Dementia. Ms. Ann Hamilton, the wife of Professor Ezio Giacobini, is involved in Continuing Medical Education in Geneva. They are planning for an international Symposium on Alzheimer Therapy in Hong Kong in 2008. Our guests and consultants have exchanged views on differences in medical system, therapy and cultures between Hong Kong and Switzerland.



# Council News

Dr Bernard Kong, Hon. Secretary

1. HKGS's response on the paper of HMDAC on Health Care Reform: the President had submitted a formal response to Dr York Chow, Health & Welfare Bureau. The Society had sent copies of the Nov. issue of the HKGS Newsletter (which published a summary of the HKGS's response) to members of the Elderly Commission.
2. Examinations 2006  
 DGM: SH would be the examination center on June 15, 2006. The examination fee was set at £ 700 for the June 06 exam in HK by RCPSG.  
 PDGM: KWH and TKOH would be the examination centers on June 13 & 14 respectively. The PDGM examination format in June 06 would change to one similar to the DGM. There would be 4 stations: Chronic Illness/ Ethical/ Functional Assessment/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronic Illness. The written examination might take on a computerized format, including questions on clinical images.  
 Prof Stott, Dr. Iain Lennox and a third examiner (to be fixed) would be the Glasgow examiners for the DGM examination in June 06; and Prof. Stott and Dr. Iain Lennox would be external examiners for the PDGM in June 06.
3. Asia Pacific Geriatric Conference in April 2006  
 HKGS received invitation to join the first APGC in Kuala Lumpur 7th-9th April 2006. TK Kong, MF Leung, J Woo and B Kong were invited as speakers representing HK. There was a call for abstract. Members were invited to submit abstracts and HKGS would support successful applicant with \$5000 each.
4. Hong Kong Geriatrics Society Curriculum in Geriatric Medicine  
 2000 copies would be printed and selling at HK\$300 in the bookshop. Members could get a copy at HK\$100 from HKGS. The book would be available in both loose binding and perfect binding formats. The book was advertised in the February issue of the HK Medical Diary and the HKGS website at: <http://www.hkgs.org.hk/HK%20GeriCurriculumGM-annouce-web.html>.

5. Spring Annual Outing would be on 5/3/06 (Sunday). For details, please contact Dr. Alfred Yuen, TMH.
6. ASM 06 would be held in Sheraton Hotel on 17 June 06. Dr Leong Chi Hung, chairman of the Elderly Commission, would be the honorary guest for the opening ceremony. Dr J George from University of Newcastle would speak on delirium. Other topics would include depression (by a local psycho-geriatrician) and dementia.
7. 2006 marked the 25th Anniversary of the Society. The council agreed to include this celebration in the annual ASM dinner. The Society would publish a book to commemorate the occasion. Dr. B Kong was appointed as the chairperson in charge of the 25th celebration dinner night. (Post-meeting note: Christopher Lum convened a meeting on 16 Jan 06 to discuss on the publication of the 25th Anniversary book for HKGS)
8. T Kwok and MF Leung presented a proposal to merge the journals JHKGS & JHKAG and rename it as "Asian Journal of Gerontology and Geriatrics". T Kwok was appointed by the council to be the co-chief editor, look into the logistics, and draw up a contract & agreement with HKAG and the publisher/printer after vetting by our legal advisor.
9. Dinner with Professor Michel (from Geneva) of EAMA: 8 members greeted Professor Michel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2005 in Yee Tung Heen Excelsior Hotel. Exchange was made in the area of dementia.
10. Our website: the current clerical support was slow and unsatisfactory. It was decided that clerical support for the HKGS website would be switched over to that from the Hong Kong Association of Gerontology at the start of the joint Journal publication.

## Publication subcommittee

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 (Chairman)  
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### Diploma in Geriatric Medicine Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow

<http://www.rcpsglasg.ac.uk/Assets/CMCHtml/CMC5629/DGMdates.htm>

#### Hong Kong

Code	Fee	Closing Date	Written	Clinics Begin
0613	£700	17 Mar 2006	9 May 2006	15 Jun 2006

**\*\*This examination (0613) is now full and closed\*\***

Addition of clopidogrel to aspirin in 45852 patients with acute myocardial infarction: randomised placebo-controlled trial  
Lancet 2005; 366: 1607 - 22

A randomized controlled trial which involved 1250 hospitals in China with 45852 patients. Patients admitted within 24 hours of suspected acute myocardial infarction were randomized to clopidogrel 75 mg daily or matching placebo in addition to aspirin 162 mg daily. Majority of the patients (93 %) had ST segment elevation. 54% of the patients were given fibrinolytic therapy. The treatment was given for up to 4 weeks. Clopidogrel produced a relative risk reduction of 9% in the primary composite outcomes of death, reinfarction or stroke ( $p=0.002$ ) and a 7% relative risk reduction in any death. There was no significant excess risk noted with clopidogrel.

Reversal of diabetic peripheral neuropathy with phototherapy (MIRE™) decreases falls and the fear of falling and improves activities of daily living in seniors  
Age and Ageing 2006 35(1):11-16

This was a retrospective cohort study to determine whether restoration of sensation, impaired due to diabetic peripheral neuropathy, would reduce the number of falls and the fear of falling and improve activities of daily living (ADL) in a Medicare-aged population. 252 patients (mean age 76 years) with documented, monochromatic near-infrared phototherapy (MIRE™)-mediated, symptomatic reversal of diabetic peripheral neuropathy, provided health information through a health status questionnaire. Incidence of falls and fear of falling decreased within 1 month after reversal of peripheral neuropathy and remained low after 1 year. Likewise, improved ADL were evident soon after reversal of peripheral neuropathy and showed further improvement after 1 year. Overall, reversal of peripheral neuropathy in a clinician's office and subsequent use of MIRE™ at home was associated with a 78% reduction in falls, a 79% decrease in balance-related fear of falling and a 72% increase in ADL ( $P<0.0002$  for all results).

Epilepsy in elderly people  
BMJ 2005; 331:1317 - 22

A comprehensive review of the topic basing on literature search of articles published since 1995. Specific aspects of epilepsy in elderly people including epidemiology, presentation, diagnosis and management were covered in this article.

Risk of death in elderly users of conventional Vs Atypical antipsychotic medications  
NEJM 2005; 353: 2335 - 41

Harvard Medical School had conducted a retrospective cohort study of 22,890 patients 65 years of age or older in Pennsylvania who had drug insurance benefits and who were new users of an oral conventional or atypical antipsychotic medication between 1994 and 2003. A 180-day follow-up period was chosen on the basis of the duration of trials in the FDA's reanalysis (which ranged from 4-26 weeks, with a modal duration of 10 weeks). Conventional antipsychotic medications were associated with a significantly higher adjusted risk of death than were atypical antipsychotic medications at all intervals studied, and in all subgroups defined according to the presence or absence of dementia or nursing home residency. In the first 180 days of use, 18% of patients who began using conventional antipsychotic medications died, as compared with 15% of those who began using atypical agents. The greatest increase in risk occurred soon after therapy was initiated and with higher dosages of conventional antipsychotic medications. These result suggested that conventional antipsychotic medications are at least as likely as atypical agents to increase the risk of death among elderly persons and that conventional drugs may not be used to replace atypical agents discontinued in response to the FDA warning.

## Editor's choice

Thrombolysis in stroke patients aged 80 years and older: Swiss survey of IV thrombolysis.  
Neurology 2005;65:1795-8

This multicenter cohort study on intravenous thrombolysis for ischaemic stroke included 38 old patients aged 80 or above. When compared to younger recipients of intravenous thrombolysis, there was no difference in recovery, haemorrhagic complications and mortality. In this cohort, age per se was not an independent predictor of stroke outcome. The results should be interpreted with caution as the proportion of older stroke patients to receive thrombolytic treatment was low, suggested potential selection bias.

Haloperidol prophylaxis for elderly hip-surgery patients at risk for delirium: a randomized placebo-controlled study  
JAGS 2005; 53: 1658 – 66

A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial was to study the effectiveness of haloperidol prophylaxis on incidence, severity, and duration of postoperative delirium in elderly hip-surgery patients at risk of delirium. Haloperidol 1.5mg per day or placebo was started preoperatively and continued for up to 3 days postoperatively in 430 hip-surgery patients aged 70 and older. The overall incidence of postoperative delirium was 15.8% and low-dose haloperidol prophylactic treatment demonstrated no efficacy in reducing the incidence of postoperative delirium

A non-pharmacological intervention to improve sleep in nursing home patients: results of a controlled clinical trial  
JAGS 2006; 54: 38 – 47

A controlled trial to improve nighttime sleep in nursing home patients with non-pharmacological intervention were done in 8 community nursing home. Intervention included daytime physical activity and attempts to keep subjects out of bed, evening bright light exposure, a consistent bedtime routine and nighttime care routines. There was no significant difference in sleep outcome between the intervention and control group.

## **Annual Scientific Meeting/ Annual Dinner 2006**

### **Jubilee celebration of HKGS**

Dr. CHAN Hon Wai Felix

Chairman of the Organizing Committee, ASM 2006

On behalf of the organizing committee of the Annual Scientific Meeting of 2006, which marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hong Kong Geriatrics Society, we wish to extend our sincere invitation for your participation. The ASM & Annual Dinner will take place on 17 June 2006 ( Saturday ) at the Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel, Tsimshtsui, Kowloon.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be a timely opportunity for us to reflect on the past, present and future development of Geriatrics in Hong Kong. We have made every effort to make our program appealing to not only geriatricians, but also family physicians, psychiatrists, specialists in Internal Medicine, social workers, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and other allied health professionals with an interest in the care of older persons.

The Hon Dr. C H Leong, Chairman of the Elderly Commission and Member of the Executive Council of the Hong Kong SAR, has graciously accepted our invitation to be our officiating guest of honor at the ASM and the Jubilee Dinner in the evening. Past Presidents and founding council members, representing the pillars of Geriatric Medicine in Hong Kong, will be invited from Australia, New Zealand and America to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The ASM 2006 will feature an Old Age Psychiatry symposium with international & local keynote speakers sharing with us their research and experience in Delirium, Dementia & Depression. A call for abstracts for the Free Paper Session will soon be announced in February and there will surely be keen competition for the much sought after Chan Sik, Ng Yau Yung and Ng Ngai Sing Prizes.

We look forward to seeing you at this Jubilee event of the Hong Kong Geriatrics Society.

## Call for contribution to the HKGS 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book

Dr. Christopher Lum  
Editor-in-chief (HKGS 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book)

The Hong Kong Geriatrics Society was established in 1981. The year 2006 marks our Jubilee Anniversary. To put this memorable year into record, we are to publish a book on the event and distribute it to members in June. Although we have not named it, the theme of the book is to give an historical account on the development of the Society and the Society's contribution towards elderly care in Hong Kong, and to give vision on the way ahead --- both the Society and elderly care needs. There are several areas on this book that we need your contributions:

- (1) **Focus group discussion on "The Way Ahead"**: we plan to organize a focus group discussion with members on your views / suggestion on the direction of HKGS and elderly services in Hong Kong. The date is 16th March 2006 at Ruttonjee Hospital. Interested members can email **Dr. CK Mok at [mokck@ha.org.hk](mailto:mokck@ha.org.hk)** for details.
- (2) **Name and cover design for the book**: we have not named it, nor design its cover. I am certain that we have talented members among you. If you have any idea on the name / cover design, you can **contact me at 2636 7614 or email at [ccmlum@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:ccmlum@yahoo.com.hk)** for brainstorming ideas
- (3) At times, pictures can tell more than words. If you have **interesting pictures** (e.g. myself dropping into a stream or Dr. TK Kong singing karaoke) **at Society functions or memorable events of HKGS**, you can drop a few words on the picture and **email it to me at [ccmlum@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:ccmlum@yahoo.com.hk)**. If you have a whole collection of it, you can send a CD to me as well.
- (4) We plan to publish an updated list of our members, qualifications and email address for easy correspondence between members. If you object to have your name / qualification / email address published, please send an email to me at [ccmlum@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:ccmlum@yahoo.com.hk), or fax me the following statement on your objection to it (Fax Number: 2635 1037. Attn: Dr. C M Lum) on / before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006.  
 I object my name / qualification / email address (*cross out the item that you do not wish to appear in the Anniversary book*) be published in the HKGS 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have **any suggestion on the book or that you can help** in whatever way, you can **contact me directly at 2636 7614 or email at [ccmlum@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:ccmlum@yahoo.com.hk)**.

## SIG membership application

To **Dr. Kong Ming Hei, Secretary, HKGS**  
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I am interested in joining the following SIG of HKGS:

- [ ] **Cognition and Cerebral Ageing SIG**
- [ ] **Chinese Medicine SIG**
- [ ] **Continence SIG**
- [ ] **Falls SIG**
- [ ] **Infectious Disease SIG**
- [ ] **Medical Ethics SIG**
- [ ] **Nutrition SIG**
- [ ] **Sexuality and Older Adults SIG**

My personal details are:

Name:

Place of work:

Contact: e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify the corresponding Chairperson of the SIG to contact me for future activities.

Accurate diagnosis, comprehensive assessment and the best of modern medicine are the foundations of good care of the older people.

*Prof Graham Mulley  
(BGS Newsletter  
Jan06)*

# Hong Kong Geriatrics Society

## Annual Scientific Meeting 2006

Free Paper Presentation

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

One of the objectives of the Hong Kong Geriatrics Society is to encourage conduction of quality scientific research and clinical studies in our local community. There will be a free paper presentation session in our coming Annual Scientific Meeting 2006, to be held on **17 June 2006** (Saturday). All submitted papers will be assessed by an expert scientific panel. Selected participants will be invited to present their papers in the Meeting. The panel will select the three most outstanding papers, to be awarded the Dr Chan Sik Prize, the Dr Ng Yau-Yung Prize and the Dr Ng Ngai-Sing Prize.

Participants may submit any number of papers, but only one prize will be awarded to any one participant each year. You can still participate even if you have received any of these awards in the past years. The decision of the selection panel will be final.

**The deadline for abstract submission is 3 April 2006.**

Please mail or e-mail your abstract to:

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Abstract format:

1. Title: a clear and brief title that indicates the nature of the study
2. Name and initials of all authors (please underline the presenting author)
3. Name of the institution
4. The content of the abstract should include:
  - Introduction
  - Objective
  - Method
  - Result
  - Conclusion

The length of abstract content should not exceed **300** words with a font size not smaller than **9**.

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# Hong Kong Geriatrics Society Curriculum in Geriatric Medicine

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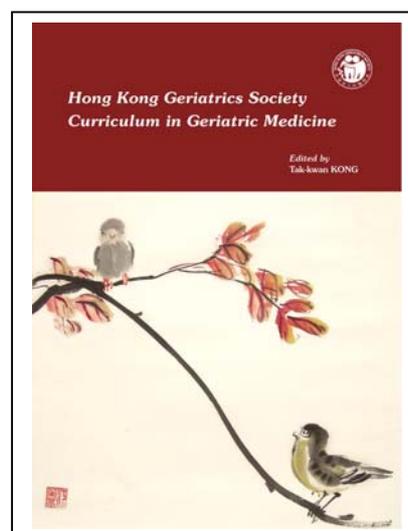
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## NEWS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM of Hong Kong Nurses Association of Gerontology

Time: 24/3/06 (Fri) 6:00pm to 9:30pm

Venue: 九龍窩打老道二十三號 青年會國際賓館 二樓水晶廳

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### Nosokinetics News on the web (December 2005 issue)

The printable version is at <http://www2.wmin.ac.uk/coiec/Nosokinetics26.pdf>  
and

The archive version is at <http://www.iol.ie/~rjtechne/millard/nsk56/indx56.htm>

The BGS established a **Nurse Consultants SIG** recently. It was found that despite the possibility of joining the BGS as associate members by nurses and therapists, the effect was not good. It was hoped that this new establishment would be a dynamic contributor to national policy on geriatric care and also serve as a model for SIGs incorporating the therapists and other professionals involved in older people's care in the future. (BGS newsletter Jan06)

**Vertical Integration of Services for older people** – a report of a seminar held by GBS and NHS Confederations in U Inspiring ideas abound in the report on the various aspects of elderly care: comprehensive assessment, community geriatric medicine, long term care and dementia care. On-line references to BGS e-publications are available; worth reading. (BC

## Invitation to a focus group discussion

You are cordially invited to attend this forum. This is one of the program designed for the celebration of HKGS 25th anniversary this year.

Time: **16/3/06 (Thu) 6:30pm to 8:00pm**

Venue: **Seminar Room 1, LG1, Ruttongee Hospital**

**Title: Future of HK Geriatrics – the next 20 years**

Moderator: Mok CK

Topics for discussion:

- 1/. Relationship with other specialties esp. Medicine, Community Medicine, Rehabilitation Medicine
- 2/. Direction of Geriatric Service provision e.g. Community Vs hospital
- 3/. Direction of Geriatric research
- 4/. Private Vs Public - survival of Geriatrics in private sector

For registration, please contact Dr. Mok CK, Tuen Mun Hospital (24685398 or [mokck@ha.org.hk](mailto:mokck@ha.org.hk))

## Inter-hospital Geriatrics Meeting (05-06) 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Date	Host hospital	Venue
24.02. 06	6:00-7:00pm PWH 7:00-8:00pm QEH	HAHO 205S
31.03. 06	6:00-7:00pm TMH 7:00-8:00pm WCHH	HAHO 205S
28.04. 06	6:00-7:00pm UCH 7:00-8:00pm TPH	HAHO 205S
26.05. 06	6:00-7:00pm RH/TSK 7:00-8:00pm KWH	HAHO 205S

## Local and Overseas Scientific Meetings

Name	Time & Place	Organizer	Contact
<b>Geriatrics Clinical Management in Europe 2006</b>	16/2/06 – 18/2/06 Ostend Austria	International Association of Gerontology	www.iag-er.org
<b>Birmingham movement disorders course 2006</b>	15/3/06 – 17/3/06 Birmingham UK	Department of Neurology City Hospital Birmingham	susan.pope@swbh.nhs.uk
<b>International Congress of Elderly Health 2006</b>	2/4/06 – 6/4/06 Istanbul Turkey	International Congress of Health	www.geriatrics2006.org
<b>BGS Spring meeting 2006</b>	5/4/06 – 8/4/06 Newcastle upon Tyne UK	British Geriatrics Society	www.bgs.org.uk
<b>International Conference On Health and Social Care Modelling and Applications 2006</b>	19/4/06 – 21/4/06 Adelaide Australia	Noskinetics News Group	www.psychology.adelaide.edu.au/hscm2006/
<b>CGS Annual Scientific Meeting 2006</b>	20/4/06 – 22/4/06 Vancouver BC Canada	Canadian Geriatrics Society	www.canadiangeriatrics.ca
<b>AGS annual meeting 2006</b>	3/5/06 – 7/5/06 Chicago USA	American Geriatrics Society	www.americangeriatrics.org/
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Conference on Osteoporosis UK</b>	25/6/06 – 28/6/06 Harrogate UK	UK National Osteoporosis Society	www.nos.org.uk
<b>8<sup>th</sup> International symposium on neurobiology and neuro-endocrinology of Aging</b>	23/7/06 – 28/7/06 Bregenz, Austria	Geriatrics Initiative, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine	www.neurobiology-and-neuroendocrinology-of-aging.org/
<b>BGS Autumn meeting 2006</b>	4/10/06 – 6/10/06 Harrogate UK	British Geriatrics Society	www.bgs.org.uk

# Hong Kong Geriatrics Society – Membership application / Information update Form

## A). Personal information for *membership application* or *information update*

Name	
Corresponding Address	
Current Practice (HA - Hospital Authority/ DH - Department of Health / PR - Private practice / HS - Hospital Service Department / HK - HKU / CU- CUHK / OT - Others)	“√” one of the following : <input type="checkbox"/> HA <input type="checkbox"/> DH <input type="checkbox"/> PR <input type="checkbox"/> HS <input type="checkbox"/> HK <input type="checkbox"/> CU <input type="checkbox"/> OT
Present post (e.g. MO, Cons, Prof. etc.)	
Hospital (working at)	
Department (working at)	
Home Address	
E – mail address	
Home Telephone	
Office Telephone	
Fax Number	
Basic Qualification (basic degree) and year	
Higher Qualifications and year	
Membership status to apply for or change	Please "√" either one below
<input type="checkbox"/> a) I am an accredited <b>Geriatric Specialist</b> according to the criteria of HK Academy of Medicine <input type="checkbox"/> b) I am currently under <b>higher specialty training in Geriatric Medicine</b> according to HKAM <input type="checkbox"/> c) I am a registrable medical practitioner in HK who is interested in Geriatric Medicine but the above two conditions do not apply.	
<b>Membership: (Official Use)</b>	<b>Regular/Associate</b>
<b>Approved by council at: (Official Use)</b>	

\*Category a or b (Annual fee : \$200) - Regular member

Category c (Annual fee: \$100) - Associate member (No voting right nor right to be elected as council member)

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