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ANNUAL REPORT 1986-1987

The year 1987 is an important milestone in the history of the medical profession in Hong Kong in general and the College in particular. It is the centenary year of the Medical Faculty of the University of Hong Kong. With the break of the British link in ten years' time, the medical profession now begins to realise the urgency of setting up a post-graduate institution for maintaining its own standard of medical practice before 1997, i.e. developing an independent Hong Kong system. In this respect, we are proud to say that until only recently we were the only college in Hong Kong working towards the establishment of a Hong Kong system. Over the years, we have set up our own vocational training programme, continuing medical education programme and examination. Time has proved that we are in the right direction. In the years ahead, we will continue to build on the foundation we have already laid.

For the College, 1987 is the tenth anniversary. We are proud to celebrate it with two important and first-ever events, namely, the WONCA Regional Conference Asia Pacific Region and the first Conjoint HKCGP/RACGP Fellowship Examination. The former is the first international congress of Family Medicine/General Practice ever held in Hong Kong, while the latter signifies the beginning of international recognition of the standard of our College Fellowship Examination. During the Opening Ceremony of the WONCA Regional Conference, the different categories of Fellowships of the College will be conferred in the presence of many international and local dignitaries. On the same occasion, the successful candidates of the First Conjoint Fellowship Examination will be conferred Fellowship of the Royal Australian College.

The year 1986/87 proved to be an exciting year with a host of activities within the College. A brief summary of the highlights is produced below for members' easy reference:—

1. The 1986 Annual General Meeting

It was held on Tuesday, November 4, 1986 at the Lecture Hall of the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong. Immediately prior to the AGM, an Extraordinary General Meeting was convened to consider certain changes of College membership (please refer the Membership Committee Report). A buffet dinner and a lecture by Dr. Donald Yu were arranged before the general meetings. All these were well attended by members.

2. Formation of Research Committee

(please refer the Research Committee Report)

3. The 1986 Hong Kong College of General Practitioners Visiting Professors

This was the second year in which both universities in Hong Kong had Visiting Professors in General Practice by utilising the funds donated by the Hong Kong College of General Practitioners. Professor A.L.A. Reid, Associate Professor of General Practice, the University of New-Castle, Australia, visited the Chinese University from 4th to 18th October 1986. He gave an evening lecture to the College on 8th October. Professor J.C. Murdoch, Elaine Gurr Professor of General Practice, University of Otago, New Zealand, visited the University of Hong Kong from 3rd to 14th November 1986. He conducted a Sunday Workshop on 9th November for College members and gave an evening lecture to the College on 13th November.

4. **Meeting of Dr. M.K. Rajakumar, President of WONCA with the Council and the Host Organising Committee, 1987 WONCA Regional Conference**
Dr. M.K. Rajakumar, President of WONCA, stopped over in Hong Kong for one day during his trip to Beijing last October. The College Council hosted a dinner for him and the Host Organising Committee of the 1987 WONCA Regional Conference also took this opportunity to seek his advice on the details of organisation of the Conference.
5. **The 1986 Refresher Course in General Practice conducted by Dr. John Murtagh, Senior Lecturer in Community Medicine, Monash University, Victoria, Australia, from 8th to 19th December 1986**
(please refer the Board of Education Report)
6. **The 1987 Annual Dinner held on 15th February 1987**
(please refer the Internal Affairs Committee Report)
7. **Pre-examination Seminar conducted by Dr. Wes Fabb from 8th to 11th March 1987**
(please refer the Board of Examinations Report)
8. **The first Conjoint Fellowship Examination with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners in June and August 1987**
(please refer the Board of Examinations Report)
9. **Election of Dr. the Hon. Chiu Hin Kwong to Honorary Fellowship of the College**
Dr. the Hon. Chiu Hin Kwong is the Past Vice-president of the College (1978-80) and also the Hon. Adviser to the Host Organising Committee, 1987 WONCA Regional Conference. Apart from being an elected member of the Legislative Council and member of the Executive Council of Hong Kong, he also serves in many Boards and Committees in the community. In consideration of Dr. Chiu's contribution to the community at large and to the medical profession in particular, our Council unanimously elected him an Hon. Fellow of the College.
10. **HKCGP Participation in WONCA Activities**
 - a. Visit of Dr. Clarke Munro, March 1987
(please refer External Affairs Committee Report)
 - b. The WONCA Executive Meeting, 3rd — 4th September, 1987
Our President, Dr. Peter C.Y. Lee, in his capacity as the Council Chairman of WONCA, was present at the meeting during which various important issues of general/family practice were discussed.
 - c. The 1987 Combined Colleges Meeting Asia — Pacific Region, 5th September 1987
The Hong Kong College was the host college for this Regional Colleges Meeting and matters of mutual interests in the Region were discussed.
 - d. The WONCA Regional Conference Asia Pacific Region, 5th — 9th September 1987
(please refer WONCA Regional Conference, Host Organising Committee Report)

Following are detailed reports from individual Boards and Committees:—

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Chairman — Dr. Freddie Y.T. Lau

Credit Point Scheme

Most of the activities of the Board of Education revolves round the yearly Credit Point Scheme culminating in the award of Certificate of Postgraduate Studies which is designed to encourage our College members to undertake continuing medical education. The scheme is under review every year and in 1987 substantial revisions were made. The most notable change is to allow participants to be awarded Certificates of Postgraduate Studies at the end of the academic year without further payment of fees provided they have scored the required amount of credit points. In addition, accreditable functions are limited to functions solely or jointly organized by the College and selected functions organized by other medical societies. Below are listed the major ways and means to get credit points.

Self Assessment Correspondence Program

A set of multiple choice questions (MCQs) related to articles in the Journal is sent to each participant of the Credit Point Scheme with each issue of the College Journal. Credit Points will be awarded for each completed set of MCQs returned to the College.

Video-cassette Viewing Sessions

Two series of video-cassette viewing sessions are organized each year. The viewing sessions are held in Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Friday evenings.

Lectures/Symposiums/Workshops

Scientific meetings are organized throughout the year for the benefit of our College members. Speakers are drawn from the local as well as international scene to share with us their experience and ideas in medical areas related to General Practice.

Video-cassette Viewing Sessions

As in previous years, there were two series of video-cassette viewing sessions in 1986. This function proved to be popular since it was held at a time convenient to GPs — in late evenings (Friday) and admission was free of charge. The Board would like to thank Roche Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals Limited and Schering Corporation, U.S.A. for their supply of video-cassettes and audio-slides, and the Director of Medical and Health Services for the free use of the venue in Queen Elizabeth Hospital and its underground carpark for these sessions.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title of Video-Cassette</i>
4.4.86	1. Dermatologic Emergencies No. 1 (Acute Dermatoses) 2. Dermatologic Emergencies No. 2 (Bites, stings, etc)
11.4.86	1. Occupational Dermatoses 2. Malignant and Premalignant Dermatoses
18.4.86	A Development Approach to Well Baby Care

25.4.86	1. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome 2. The Burdened Shoulder: Diagnosing Joint Pain
2.5.86	Low Back Pain, Solving the Clinical Challenge
9.5.86	1. Drug Abuse in Adolescents 2. Pitfalls and Pointers in the Management of Chronic Headache
16.5.86	1. Adolescent Scoliosis: Early Diagnosis is the Key 2. Exercise Prescription for the Coronary Patient 3. Glaucoma: Clinical Pearls and New Developments
23.5.86	1. Magnetic Resonance: Imaging for the Eighties 2. Teen Suicide: Recognition and Response 3. CT Scan of the Abdomen: Common Abnormalities 4. CT Scan of the Abdomen: Blunt Trauma and Neoplasms
30.5.86	1. The Drug Overdose Emergency 2. Treatment of Hemorrhoid with Laser 3. Mitral Valve Prolapse
6.6.86	Geriatrics: Aging Norms and Three Problems
13.6.86	Consultations in Geriatric Dermatology
20.6.86	1. Beta and Calcium Channel Blockers: A New Era in Cardiovascular Therapy 2. Update on Anaphylaxis
12.9.86	Disease of Hair and Scalp
26.9.86	Asymptomatic Hypertension: Short and Long-term Strategies
3.10.86	Cancer Screening: The Most Effective Cure
10.10.86	1. AIDS in the Hospital: The Fears and The Facts Part I: Etiology, Epidemiology and Diagnosis Part II: Policy for Patient Care 2. Prevention of Stroke: Treating Vertebrobasilar Insufficiency
17.10.86	Common Psychiatric Disorders in Children and Adolescents
24.10.86	Adolescent Health: A Primary Care Responsibility
31.10.86	AGES: A Multidisciplinary Approach to the Ambulatory Older Patient
7.11.86	1. Treating Influenza: An Update on Antiviral Chemotherapy 2. The Incurably Ill Patient: A Planned Circle of Care 3. Low-level Exercise Testing for Your Post-MI Patient
14.11.86	1. Prostate Neoplasm: Early Diagnosis and Treatment Options

- 2. Irritable Bowel Syndrome: Diagnosis and Clinical Management
- 3. Anxiolytics and Hypnotics: Questions and Options
- 21.11.86 1. Recent Advances in Psoriasis Therapy
- 2. Managing Pet-Related Disease
- 3. Other Uses for Antidepressants
- 28.11.86 1. Snake and Spider Bites: Aggressive Management of Venom Injuries
- 2. Pediatric Orthopedics: Managing Patients Under Three Years of Age
- 3. Balloon Angioplasty: An Update on a Revolutionary Procedure
- 5.12.86 Diseases of Mucous Membrane

Seminars/Lectures/Workshops

These are occasions for our College members to update themselves in various medical areas and to meet and discuss with distinguished medical practitioners from different parts of the world their experience and ideas. The seminars/lectures/workshops held during the year 86-87 were:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
8.10.86	Carrying out Research in General Practice	Prof. A.L.A. Reid, Associate Professor of General Practice, University of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia.
4.11.86	Practical Management of Chronic Obstructive Airway Diseases in Private Practice	Dr. Donald Y.C. Yu, Chest Physician in Private Practice.
9.11.86	Assessing Quality of Care in General Practice	Prof. J.C. Murdoch, Elaine Gurr Professor of General Practice, University of Otago, New Zealand.
13.11.86	General Principles on the Approach to Geriatric Patients	Prof. J.C. Murdoch, Elaine Gurr Professor of General Practice, University of Otago, New Zealand.

16.1.87	Psychosexual Medicine in General Practice	Dr. Hazel Morag Bramley, Specialist in Psychosexual Medicine to Barnsley AHA Clinic, Specialist in Psychosexual Medicine to Gynaecology Clinic, Northern General Hospital, Sheffield, United Kingdom.
10.5.87	A Logical Approach Towards The Care of Primary Hypertension	Prof. Sidney M. Hilton, Department of Physiology, The Medical School, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom. Dr. Cyrus R. Kumana, Reader in Medicine, Department of Medicine, University of Hong Kong. Dr. Wong Shou Pang, Consultant Physician, Medical Unit 'B', Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Dr. Woo Kam Sang, Senior Lecturer, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; and Consultant in Cardiology, Prince of Wales Hospital.
14.6.87	Cardiac Arrhythmias	Dr. Wong Tak Ming, Department of Physiology, University of Hong Kong. Dr. Cyrus R. Kumana, Reader in Medicine, Department of Medicine, University of Hong Kong. Dr. Patrick T.K. Ko, Cardiologist in private practice.
12.8.87	The Doctor's Emotions: Balint's Approach	Dr. Bernard Lau, GP in private practice.

13.9.87	Update on the Use of Anxiolytics, Antidepressants and Hypnotic Medications	Professor Ole J. Rafaelson, Professor of Biological Psychiatry and Psychochemistry Institute, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark. Dr. S.W. Tang, Associate Professor and Director, Psychopharmacology Unit, University of Toronto, Canada. Dr. W.Y.K. Tam, Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry, University of Hong Kong.
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Annual Refresher Course in General Practice

The Annual Refresher Course in General Practice is always a major event of the Board of Education. In 1986, the Refresher Course was conducted by Dr. John Murtagh, Senior Lecturer, Department of Community Medicine, Monash University, Victoria, Australia. Participants were deeply impressed by Dr. Murtagh: during each of the lecture/workshop, he was able to give the audience a condensed yet complete review of the subject. This Board would like to express its gratitude to Dr. Murtagh, the various local speakers, moderators and sponsors, all of whom played an essential part in making the Refresher Course a success.

Full Program of the Refresher Course is reproduced hereunder for members' reference:—

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Local Speaker</i>
8.12.86	The Dizzy Patient	Dr. Freddie Lau
9.12.86	Current Thinking on Beta-Blockers in the Management of Hypertension	Dr. Patrick Ko
11.12.86	The Chronically Tired Patient	Dr. Bernard Lau
12.12.86	Febrile Convulsions and Management of Fever	Dr. Sam Lau
14.12.86	Back Pain & Spinal Manipulation and Neck Pain & Cervical Manual Therapy	—
15.12.86	The Painful Shoulder and Arm: Intraarticular and Periarticular Injections	Dr. Kwok Yau Yan

16.12.86	Neurological Review: Parkinson's Disease and Epilepsy	Dr. Yu Yuk Ling
17.12.86	How Computers Can Contribute to Practice Management	Dr. Wong Pit See
18.12.86	Headache	Dr. David Chin
19.12.86	"Tricks of the Trade" in General Practice — Minor-Procedures.	—

Small Group Discussion

Members may recall from our last Annual Report that three small groups were formed in our pioneering effort to explore this new format of educational endeavour. In these small groups, General Practice doctors to have monthly meetings in a casual atmosphere to discuss the various aspects and problems encountered in general practice, with the aim of improving one's own management skills and approaches to difficult problems. Occasionally, specialist colleagues are invited to talk about some specialised areas.

So far the results have been quite encouraging. The proceedings of each meeting are documented and reported to the Board of Education. The groups have put forward some useful suggestions to the Board for further discussion. Since the formation of the discussion groups is still at its infancy, we hope to recruit more GPs and form more groups next year.

BOARD OF EXAMINATIONS

Chairman — Dr. Stephen K.S. Foo

In preparation for the First Conjoint Fellowship Examination with the RACGP and the First full-fledged Fellowship Examination of the College, the Board has formed eight Examination Co-ordinating Committees with the following Members as Co-ordinators:

MCQ	—	Dr. Maxwell Tse
MEQ	—	Dr. Paul Lam
Clinical Interpretation	—	Dr. Donald Li
Case Commentaries	—	Dr. John Chung
Diagnostic Interview	—	Dr. Maxwell Tse
Management Interview	—	Dr. Kitty Chan
Log Diary	—	Dr. Paul Siu
Case History	—	Dr. Natalis Yuen

The primary duty of individual Committee would be to collect materials for a particular segment of the 1987 Fellowship Examination. An Examination Handbook stating the objectives, process and contents of the Fellowship Examination was published to enable candidates and members to be better informed and prepared for the Examination.

In addition, Drs. Maxwell Tse, Paul Lam, Donald Li and Kitty Chan went to Melbourne last September at the invitation of the RACGP Chief Censor, Dr. Clarke Munro, to attend the Examination Seminar organised by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners to gather more information and to have further exchanges of views concerning the HKCGP/RACGP Conjoint Examination.

Preliminary announcement for the First Conjoint HKCGP/RACGP Fellowship Examination was sent out to members on September 16, 1986. A total of 18 applications had been received, of whom 17 were eligible for the Examination. Only 15 turned up for the Part I of the Examination which was held on Sunday June 7, 1987 at the Lecture Hall, the Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong. The time table for the Part I Examination was as follows:—

Time	Section	Invigilator
9:00 am — 12:00 noon	MCQ	Dr. Maxwell Tse
2:00 pm — 4:00 pm	MEQ	Dr. Paul Lam
4:30 pm — 5:30 pm	Clinical Interpretation	Dr. Donald Li

Marking of the various examination papers was carried out at the College Premises by members of the Panel of Examiners immediately after the Examination. The criteria for a pass is that candidates have to obtain a minimum of 55% of the marks in every segment of the examination and a minimum of 65% of total marks for the whole examination. Of the 15 candidates who sat for the Part I of the Fellowship Examination, 6 scored more than 55% in every segment and they were therefore eligible to sit for the Part II Examination in August.

The passing rate of each segment was as follows:

Pass in MCQ	93%)	
Pass in MEQ	67%)	of the
Pass in Clinical Interpretation	40%)	candidates

The Board noted that the Clinical Interpretation segment had the lowest passing rate. This was mainly because marks were deducted for incorrect answers in order to discourage candidates from making wild guesses in answering the true or false type of questions in this segment.

The time table for the Part II of the Examination was as follows:—

Date	Time	Content	Venue	Examiners
29.8.87	2:00 pm — 6:00 pm	Diagnostic Interview	GP Unit, University of Hong Kong	Dr. Freddie Lau Dr. E.M. Stevenson Dr. Clarke Munro Dr. Wes Fabb
30.8.87	2:30 pm — 5:00 pm	Management Interview	College Premises	Dr. Kitty Chan Dr. Paul Lam Dr. Angela Ng Dr. Paul Siu Dr. Clarke Munro Dr. Wes Fabb
31.8.87	2:00 pm — 6:00 pm	Oral	College Premises	Dr. J.F. Mackay Dr. Maxwell Tse Dr. Clarke Munro Dr. Wes Fabb

A pre-examination course on examination techniques for potential candidates of the Conjoint Examination and College members was organised from March 8 to March 11, 1987 at the Sheraton Hotel. The conductor was Dr. Wes Fabb, Director of Examination Research and Development Centre, the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. The Course included a Sunday workshop on the clinical segments of the Examination and three luncheon lectures on techniques in answering MCQ and MEQ, approach to clinical interpretation, case commentaries writing and oral examinations. Part of the time was devoted to the methodology in the assessment of clinical competence. The course was well attended with more than 30 participants.

On 25th March, 1987, Dr. Clarke Munro, in his capacity as convenor of the WONCA Asia-Pacific Working Party on Common Educational and Training Programmes in General/Family Practice, visited Hong Kong and spent one evening meeting with the Panel of Examiners focusing on the various techniques in conducting the clinical and oral segments of the Part II Examination.

During the past one year, members of the Panel of Examiners met frequently to practise the ways and means in conducting the examination, and methods of marking answer papers fairly in order to have an uniform, valid and reliable standard to assess the competence of our candidates. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for the hard work they have contributed in making this First Conjoint Examination a success.

Members of the Panel include:

Dr. Natalis Yuen (Chief Examiner)
Dr. Eddie Chan
Dr. Kitty Chan
Dr. John Chung
Dr. Stephen Foo
Dr. Paul Lam
Dr. Freddie Lau
Dr. Donald Li
Dr. J.F. Mackay
Dr. Angela Ng
Dr. Paul Siu
Dr. E.M. Stevenson
Dr. Maxwell Tse

Negotiations with the Royal College of General Practitioners in the United Kingdom in regard to the holding of MRCGP Part I Examination in Hong Kong as mentioned in last year's Annual Report was shelved for the time being because of basic differences in the eligibility for the examinations and the type of examination conducted by our two colleges.

BOARD OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND STANDARDS

Chairman: Dr. Natalis C.L. Yuen

There have been five trainees enrolled in the training programme since the commencement of the Vocational Training Programme at the two accredited hospitals during the

last year. There were more than forty enquiries and applications. Unfortunately most of the doctors were working at government hospitals or subvented hospitals which were not accredited as training hospitals. The reason for many of these well established hospitals not being accredited as training hospitals was simply because the government was not interested in training their medical officers in this area. Therefore our College was unable to accept them as trainees other than offering them our continuous education programmes.

During the year, the Family Practice Unit of Evangel Hospital was accredited for both Part I (Hospital Based Training) and Part II (advanced General/Family Practice Training) of the general/family practice component of the Vocational Training Programme. Dr. Luke Tsang, FRACGP, the head of the hospital's Family Practice Unit was appointed as Honorary Clinical Supervisor of the College. Dr. Tsang had organised a two part programme for the trainees. Apart from clinical case presentations and revisions, each part consisted of 14-16 weekly seminars. The first part concentrated mainly on concepts and philosophy of family medicine and the second part will include some clinical content e.g. psychosocial medicine and counselling. The hospital authority and Dr. Tsang had generously made available a number of places to College members who were interested to attend those seminars. The College has appointed a number of tutors to assist in running the programme.

The following appointments were made during last year:

Honorary Clinical Supervisors

General/Family Practice	Dr. Luke Tsang (E)
Internal Medicine	Dr. G.R. Chapman (E) Dr. S.K. Yue (M)
Surgery	Dr. K.W. Chung (E) Dr. W.K. Yu (M)
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Dr. Tony K.L. Chan (E) Dr. W.F. Pau (M)
Paediatrics	Dr. Y.S. Shiu (E) Dr. Keeson Patrick Shum (M)
Dermatology	Dr. S.M. Pang (E) Dr. Y.L. Ngai (M)
ENT	Dr. S.K. Fung (E) Dr. Y.K. Wong (M)
Ophthalmology	Dr. Joseph W.S. Yeung (E) Dr. Patrick C.P. Ho*

(E) — Evangel Hospital

(M) — Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital

* Dr. Ho is Reader in Ophthalmology, the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Tutors

Dr. David Chan
Dr. Cynthia Chan
Dr. Chan Kwok Wai
Dr. Paul Lam
Dr. Teresa Lee

Dr. Angela Ng
Dr. Wong Hung Wai
Dr. Natalis Yuen

Mentors

Dr. David Chan
Dr. Chan Kwok Wai
Dr. Teresa Lee
Dr. Angela Ng
Dr. Wong Hung Wai

EDITORIAL BOARD

Chief Editor — Dr. John T.N. Chung

The Journal has seen a series of changes in the past twelve months and remains the most widely read local medical journal. In the New Year, a new typeface and layout was adopted making the journal more readable and compact. Major production difficulties have been resolved so that the Journal comes out now on time at the beginning of each month. New features have been added making the Journal more diversified in scope and of more interest to our readers. The revised monthly MCQs follow the specification of the Conjoint Fellowship Examination thereby serving as a useful practice-run for those intending to sit the Examination. Notably, the Editorial Board has invited the heads of the clinical departments of the Faculties of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong to act as Contributing Editorial Consultants, thus considerably consolidating the educational value of the Journal. It is gratifying to note that more general practitioners are submitting articles for publication and more specialists are using the Journal as a medium to report on aspects of their work of interest to GPs. The Editorial Board wishes to express its thanks to all contributors for their interest and the sponsors for their generous support.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman — Dr. Paul C.H. Siu

The College membership at the end of June, 1987 comprised:

Honorary Fellows	5)	
Foundation Fellows	32	61) 98
Fellows (by Examination)	61)	
Full Members			260
Associate Members			354
Affiliate Members			—
Overseas Members			13
Visiting Members			6
Student Members			213
Total:			944

The year 1986/87 saw a number of changes regarding the College membership. Firstly, we have incorporated our previous group of affiliate members into Associate or Full members (depending on the length of their general practice experience). Our future Affiliate members will be those paramedical personnel, such as health visitors,

community nurses, physiotherapist, social workers, who are also involved in primary care in our community. We believe that the other members of the primary care team should also be involved in our educational activities as well.

For the past 3 years, our fellowship examinations have enabled 61 local doctors to be elected as Fellows of the College. These doctors, together with the existing Foundation Fellows and Honorary Fellows, a total of 98, form the first batch of Fellows of our College. They have been officially conferred their respective Fellowships by our President at the Fellowship Conferment Ceremony held at City Hall on 6th September 1987.

With the approach of 1997, many doctors may have immigrated, perhaps temporarily, to Western Countries. Those members who have left Hong Kong but wish to maintain their membership have to apply to become Overseas Members. Their existing category of membership will be restored upon application when they return to Hong Kong. Overseas members will be kept informed of our College activities through the College Journal, "The Hong Kong Practitioner" which will be mailed to them monthly.

The annual subscription was raised last year because of unavoidable cost of inflation. This has resulted in a slight decline of our student members. However, efforts have been made to limit such inflation to a minimum. Special concessionary rates will be given to junior medical graduates in the future. (please refer to our proposed amendments to the Articles of Association).

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Dr. Paul Lam

Dr. Clarke Munro, in his capacity as convenor of the WONCA Asia-Pacific Working Party on Common Educational and Training Programmes in General/Family Practice, conducted a tour in March 1987 of seven countries in the region including Hong Kong to collect views of the WONCA colleges on the proposed common educational and training programmes. To show our support for Dr. Munro's fact-finding mission, our College provided board and lodging for him during his stay in the territory from 22th to 29th March, 1987.

While in Hong Kong, Dr. Munro held discussions with our Board of Education and Board of Vocational Training and Standards as well as Deans of Medical Faculties of both Universities and the Acting Director of Medical and Health Services on many aspects of General Practice. He also visited the general practice units of both Universities.

The Board of Examinations also took the opportunity to discuss with him matters concerning the first Conjoint Examination with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners which was held in the summer of 1987.

Apart from professional activities, Dr. and Mrs. Munro attended a dinner hosted by the College Council on March 29 at the Kowloon Tong Club. They also attended various social activities hosted by other College members.

A full report of Dr. Munro's fact finding mission is available in the College library.

As was reported last year, the Chinese Medical Association (CMA) invited the College to pay them an official visit in Beijing in March/April 1986. To reciprocate this generous gesture, the College officially invited the CMA to attend and participate in the WONCA Regional Conference in Hong Kong this September. One of the delegates gave a lecture on Accupuncture and another spoke on Chinese Traditional Medicine. The Hong Kong College was responsible for the board and lodging of the five Chinese delegates during their stay in Hong Kong.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chairman — Dr. Donald K.T. Li

This year's Annual Dinner was held at the Hong Kong Country Club on February 25, 1987. Members were encouraged to bring their families and guests. Altogether over 150 members and guests were present. Invited guests who attended included Professor David Todd, Professor and Mrs. Donnan, Dr. Vivian Wong of the Obstetric and Gynaecological Society; Dr. and Mrs. Y.L. Yu of the Hong Kong Neurological Society as well as representatives from pharmaceutical companies. Dr. Paul Siu was a most entertaining master of ceremony, and certificates of post-graduate studies and certificates of credit points were awarded during dinner. There was also a lucky draw of over a hundred prizes and almost everybody left the dinner with a prize to bring home.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman — Dr. Chan Kwok Wai

The rapid expansion in College activities has resulted in a financial deficit in 1986. In order to maximize the use of resources, the Finance Committee has proposed guidelines to various committees for projection of expenses and application of funds. With a tight financial control, we hope to have a balanced account in the coming future.

HOUSE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman — Dr. So Kai Ming

Things begin to be well settled now that we are two years past a successful renovation of the College premises. House management now consists more of maintenance and upkeep work rather than any innovative projects. Still we try hard to maximise the use of the present premises and facilities to the full for the benefit of members. Members can book the conference room for their own use. Visual aid equipment is also available. The library with its collection of books on general practice is always open for use by members. We have in fact added quite a number of good books in the past year.

New books now available in the Library include:

1. "Acute Geriatric Medicine"
M. Lye

2. "Cancer Pain Relief"
World Health Organization, Geneva
3. "Commonsense Paediatrics"
Dr. Margaret Pollak and Dr. John Fry
4. "Emergencies in General Practice"
Dr. A.J. Moulds, Dr. P.B. Martin,
Lt. Col T.A. I. Bouchier-Hayes
5. "International Classification of Health Problems in Primary Health"
Classification Committee of WONCA
6. "Medical Manipulation"
John K. Paterson and Loic Burn
7. "Practical Immunization"
George Dick
8. "The Doctor, his Patient & the Illness"
Balint

EPIDEMIOLOGY COMMITTEE

Chairman — Dr. Paul Lam

The collected data from the year long Morbidity Survey based on Episodes of Illness have now been completely entered into the computer. The results are in the process of analysis and a formal report is forthcoming. As from the last AGM, this committee will be under the umbrella of the Research Committee.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Chairman — Dr. Bernard W.K. Lau

The Research Committee was set up in early 1987, with the aim to promote research in various aspects of general practice in order to gain further insight into the discipline in this part of the world, given that the medical care system in operation and the pattern of help-seeking behaviour in Hong Kong are considerably different from those elsewhere. The Committee hopes to encourage and help general practitioners in launching individual projects, to provide as far as possible the relevant expertise in undertaking research, as well as to enlist general practitioners in cohort studies conducted by the College. The Committee expects to form a data base related to general practice in Hong Kong. Projects now under way include the prevalence of self-medication, the use of Chinese medicine, psychiatric morbidity, clinical audit and so forth. The Committee will consider joint research with general practitioners in other places so as to investigate primary care in different cultures.

HOST ORGANISING COMMITTEE — 1987 WONCA Regional Conference

Chairman — Dr. Eddie T. Chan

By the time this Annual Report is about to go to print, the WONCA Regional Conference is in the final stage of preparation. Every member of the Host Organising Committee is working very hard to ensure that this conference will be a successful one. The opening ceremony, scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on 6th September at the Concert Hall, City Hall, will consist of three major events: the Opening Ceremony Proper, the Conferment of Fellowships and the Keynote Address. The Hon. J.W. Chambers, Secretary for Health and Welfare of Hong Kong, will officiate the Opening of the Conference, followed by the conferment of the Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners by Dr. Eric Fisher, President of RACGP, to the successful candidates of the first Conjoint HKCGP/RACGP Fellowship Examination. Fellowships of the different categories of the Hong Kong College of General Practitioners will then be conferred and immediately afterwards Dr. M.K. Rajakumar, President of WONCA, will deliver the Keynote Address. A commemorative brochure will be printed to commemorate this great occasion. Messages of good-will from presidents of our sister colleges of WONCA and various post graduate academic institutions will be included in the brochure. This commemorative brochure will be distributed to all the delegates, invited guests and college members who attend the opening ceremony.

The Scientific Programme starts with the Keynote Address and consists of plenary sessions and workshops, special interest groups, update and free standing paper sessions, and poster presentations. Eminent speakers from the Asia Pacific Region and Hong Kong as well as over the world have been invited to speak on different subjects related to the Conference theme: "Family Medicine — Crossing the Frontiers". The response to "Call for Papers" has been tremendous — over 50 abstracts have been received, filling up all the free standing paper sessions. The Scientific Programme has been accredited 50 credit points by our College, approved for 21 hours of recommended study credit with the College of Family Physicians of Canada and is acceptable for 21.75 prescribed hours by the American Academy of Family Physicians. An abstract book consisting of the abstracts of all the papers presented will be published.

There is a special feature in the Scientific Programme of the conference: sister colleges in the Region are requested to actively participate in the conference by nominating discussants in the Conference workshops and Chairmen in the different scientific sessions. This involvement of the various sister colleges makes the conference a truly regional one.

Apart from the Scientific Programme, the Social Programme will also be very attractive. It consists of local tours and pre/post-conference China tours. A special post-conference medical seminar held in Beijing will be organised by the Chinese Medical Association to enable interested delegates to visit China and to exchange views and ideas with the Chinese medical professionals.

Report of The Honorary Auditors to the Members of The Hong Kong College of General Practitioners

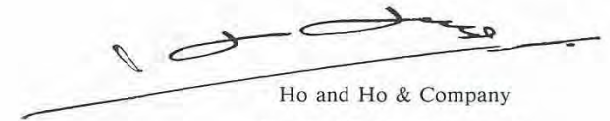
As is mentioned in the beginning of this Annual Report, this year is the centenary year of the Medical Faculty of the University of Hong Kong. We are much honoured that the WONCA Regional Conference has been designated part of the Medical Faculty's centennial celebration program. May we wish that we have a successful conference and the Medical Faculty another prosperous centenary!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

All these aforementioned activities of our College could not have been come true without the support and assistance of various parties. Here we must express our gratitude to the many pharmaceuticals; our Board of Censors, Professor David Todd, Professor S.P.B. Donnan, Dr. the Hon. Sir Albert Rodrigues; our Hon. Adviser, Mr. Philip P.Y. Yuen; our Hon. Auditor, Ho and Ho & Company, and the staff of our College Secretariat. All of them have been indispensable to the growth and development of our College.

We have audited the accounts set out on pages 22 to 25 in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

In our opinion, the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the College at 31st December 1986 and of its deficit for the year then ended and comply with the Companies Ordinance.




Ho and Ho & Company
Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 7th July 1987

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1986

	<i>Notes</i>	1986	1985
		HK\$	HK\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Sundry debtors		277,613	246,077
Prepayments		2,801	—
Cash and bank balances		135,798	215,569
Stock of College ties and pullovers		<u>33,202</u>	<u>—</u>
		449,414	461,646
DEDUCT: CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank overdraft		132,218	—
Sundry creditors		76,775	209,423
Other loan		<u>160,000</u>	<u>—</u>
		368,993	209,423
NET CURRENT ASSETS		80,421	252,223
FIXED ASSETS	<i>(2a&3)</i>	<u>388,258</u>	<u>523,141</u>
		<u>468,679</u>	<u>775,364</u>
Financed by:—			
GENERAL FUND		(316,595)	(9,910)
PREMISES FUND		<u>785,274</u>	<u>785,274</u>
		<u>468,679</u>	<u>775,364</u>

Approved by the Members of Council on 7th July 1987.



Director



Director

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this balance sheet.

General Fund Income and Expenditure Account Year Ended 31st December 1986

	<i>Notes</i>	1986	1985
		HK\$	HK\$
TURNOVER		<u>515,779</u>	<u>608,141</u>
DEFICIT BEFORE TAXATION	<i>(4)</i>	(306,685)	(189,478)
TAXATION	<i>(6)</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>34</u>
DEFICIT AFTER TAXATION		(306,685)	(189,444)
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		<u>(9,910)</u>	<u>179,534</u>
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		<u>(316,595)</u>	<u>(9,910)</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this general fund income and expenditure account.

Notes on the Accounts

1. General

The College is a company limited by guarantee and without a share capital. The liability of each of its members is limited to an amount not exceeding HK\$10.

2. Principal accounting policies

(a) Depreciation on fixed assets

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets on the straight line basis at an annual rate of 15% on cost.

(b) Turnover

Turnover represents revenues from entrance fees, subscriptions, credit point scheme registration fees and certificate fees and other income.

3. Fixed assets

	College premises HK\$	Furniture, fixtures and equipment HK\$	Total HK\$
Cost			
At 1st January 1986	500,000	581,303	1,081,303
Additions	—	32,132	32,132
At 31st December 1986	<u>500,000</u>	<u>613,435</u>	<u>1,113,435</u>
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1st January 1986	375,000	183,162	558,162
Charge for the year	75,000	92,015	167,015
At 31st December 1986	<u>450,000</u>	<u>275,177</u>	<u>725,177</u>
Net book value			
At 31st December 1986	<u>50,000</u>	<u>338,258</u>	<u>388,258</u>
At 31st December 1985	<u>125,000</u>	<u>398,141</u>	<u>523,141</u>

The College premises are held under long term lease and are situated in Hong Kong.

4. Deficit before taxation

	1986 HK\$	1985 HK\$
Deficit before taxation is stated after charging the following:—		
Interest on loan from council members	3,304	—
Interest on bank overdraft	80	12
Depreciation on fixed assets	<u>167,015</u>	<u>162,195</u>

5. Council members' remuneration

None of the Council members received any remuneration in respect of their services to the College during the year.

6. Taxation

No Hong Kong profits tax has been provided in the account as a result of the loss recorded for the year as adjusted for tax purposes.

**Detailed Income and Expenditure Account
Year Ended 31st December 1986**

	Schedule	HK\$
INCOME		
Entrance fee from members	(1)	17,750
Subscriptions from members	(2)	102,710
Credit point scheme registration fees ✓		8,850
Certificate fees received ✓		14,200
Scientific seminar income ✓		285,586
Rental income		454
Surplus on annual general meeting		3,555
Interest on bank deposits		3,645
Surplus on vocational training		2,720
Surplus on annual dinner		1,269
▫ Surplus on publication of journal		<u>11,619</u>
Donations received		50,000
Commission income		7,049
▽ Surplus on consumer items		265
Income from secretarial service		4,902
Sundry income		<u>1,285</u>
		515,859
LESS: EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and allowances		228,866
Printing and stationery		55,856
Postage and stamp duty		16,504
Subscriptions		4,116
Travelling expenses		995
Scientific seminar expenses		193,112
Business registration and filing fees		650
Library collection		3,420
Repairs and renewals		5,249
Professional fees		2,000
Accountancy fees		3,085
Office expenses		23,962
Interest expenses		3,384
Rates and maintenance		32,460
Depreciation on fixed assets		167,015
Bad debts written off		50
Sundry expenses		5,333
Bulk purchase		8,723
▫ Fellowship examination		<u>32,349</u>
Office chains and badges		16,525
Meeting expenses		4,849
Entertainment expenses		4,041
Subsidies given out		<u>10,000</u>
		822,544
DEFICIT BEFORE TAX		(306,685)
BALANCE OF GENERAL FUND BROUGHT FORWARD		<u>(9,910)</u>
BALANCE OF GENERAL FUND CARRIED FORWARD		(316,595)

**Schedules to Detailed Income and Expenditure Account
Year Ended 31st December 1986**

	HK\$
1. Entrance fees from members	
Full members	9,350
Associate members	1,800
Affiliate members	6,600
	<u>17,750</u>
2. Subscriptions from members	
Fellow members	20,750
Full members	49,625
Associate members	13,625
Affiliate members	13,775
Overseas members	1,250
Student members	3,285
Visiting members	400
	<u>102,710</u>

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