



Hong Kong Psychogeriatric Association Ltd.

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Annual Report of the HKPGA Council (2022-2023)

A. Background

Hong Kong Psychogeriatric Association (HKPGA) was founded on 16th June, 1998 by a group of mental health professionals working in the field of Psychogeriatrics in Hong Kong. Our objectives are: to promote, through a multidisciplinary approach, the study and advancement of the science and practice of psychiatry of the elderly as well as the ancillary sciences and branches of medicine and health care; to further public education; to contribute to the improvement of mental health care for Hong Kong senior citizens; and to collaborate with the relevant local and overseas organizations to achieve the above.

B. Composition

At the 23rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 16th November, 2021, members elected Dr. LI Siu Wah as President; Prof. CHIU Fung Kum, Helen as Immediate Past President; Dr. WONG Mei Cheung, Mimi as Vice-President (external affairs), Dr. CHAN Lap Kei, Edmond as Vice-President (internal affairs); Mr. WONG Man Lung, Ben as Honorary Treasurer and Dr. YIP Yuk Cheong, Charles as Honorary Secretary.

There are seven Council members, one from each of the following categories: medical profession (Dr. PANG Pui Fai); clinical psychology (Ms. LEUNG Hoi Ting, Michelle); nursing profession (Mr. KONG Winchung, Samuel); occupational therapy (Ms. LAW Siu Tuen, Daphne); physiotherapy (Ms. TANG Lai Wah, Fiona); social work (Mr. SUN Hoi Tung, Adrian) and other/voluntary sector (Dr. WU Ying King, Anna).

Our Honorary Legal Advisor is Mr. Paul Ng (Paul Ng & Co.) and Honorary Auditor is Dr. Patrick Wong (Patrick Wong C.P.A. Limited).

There are four Standing Committees responsible for external affairs, sponsorships, training and newsletters within the HKPGA. The Chairmen of the respective standing committees are Prof. Helen Chiu (External Affairs), Dr. S.W. Li (Sponsorship), Dr. Paulina Chow (Training Committee) and Dr. C.L. Lam (Newsletters).

C. Membership

Life membership of HKPGA is open to all professional workers who are interested in the mental health care of older people. New members are encouraged to apply for the membership of the International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA) as HKPGA is an affiliated organization of IPA. Furthermore, distinguished scholars and workers in the field will be

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invited as honorary members. At present, we have over 400 members, including psychiatrists, geriatricians, general practitioners, nurses, psychologists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social workers, and other professionals working in the field.

D. Activities of Council & Standing Committees

The Council had held 5 meetings in the past year (111th to 115th) to discuss and decide on the business of HKPGA. The four Standing Committees (External Affairs Committee, Newsletters Committee, Sponsorship Committee, and Training Committee) also discussed and decided on the relevant issues in their Committees via emails. On behalf of the Council, the Honorary Secretary of HKPGA made regular announcement about HKPGA activities via the HKPGA website, emails and newsletter.

Scientific Meetings

The 24th Annual Scientific Meeting cum Annual General Meeting was held successfully on 17th November 2022 using a virtual online platform and in person at the Hyatt Regency Hong Kong. **Dr. Donald Li**, Chairman of the Elderly Commission, gave us an opening remark. **Prof. Aleksandar Janca**, Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre at the University of Western Australia, gave us a talk on “*ICD-11 Classification of Mental Disorders: What is New and Different from Before*” and shared with us some controversies in the classification of neurocognitive disorders. **Prof. Helen Chiu**, Emeritus Professor, Department of Psychiatry, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, shared on the “*Overview and Update on the Hong Kong Brief Cognitive Test (HKBC)*”. The winners of the HKPGA Research Award 2022, **Dr. Tsoi Sze Hang Adelina** and **Ms. Cheung Kam Yee Sandy**, also shared their winning researches with us.

Collaboration with other organizations

The Tripartite Psychogeriatric meeting in collaboration with China and Taiwan was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Sponsorships for Conferences

Due to the impact from COVID-19, there were no sponsorships to conferences this year.

HKPGA Research Award 2023

It is the vision of HKPGA to promote high quality research related to old age psychiatry. This year, one application had been received and the research project was reviewed by the Expert Panel. Differing opinions were received from the panel and it was decided in the 115th council meeting that there was no research award winner this year.

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Publications

HKPGA Newsletters have been published at regular interval and has been distributed to our members and organizations involved in the care of older people. In the past year, three issues (December 2022, March 2023 and August 2023) of the HKPGA Newsletter had been published via the co-ordination of the HKPGA Newsletter Committee. Past issues of the newsletters are available at the HKPGA official website.

E. HKPGA Website

Members are advised to visit the official website www.hkpga.org regularly for HKPGA announcements, sponsorships, newsletters and archives of past activities and helped to build a paperless environment.

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