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## Newsletter #4-2011

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Dear Fellows, Members, Inceptors and Affiliates,

### I. Sponsorships for the 5<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the Asian Society Against Dementia Congress 5-6 November 2011

The College will be co-organising the 5<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the Asian Society Against Dementia with the Chinese Dementia Research Association and the Asian Society Against Dementia, at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building on 5-6 November 2011. The College has been offered sponsorships from a number of drug companies and would like to invite applications from Fellows/Members/Inceptors. Please apply based on the instructions below **on or before 31 August 2011**. The selection criteria will be in accordance with the scoring system posted on the College website: [http://www.hkpsych.org.hk/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=33&Itemid=64](http://www.hkpsych.org.hk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=33&Itemid=64)

Interested members should write to **Ms Sabrina Hung at The Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists, Room 906, HK Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong or fax to (852) 2870-1391 or email at [hkpsych\\_eo@hkam.org.hk](mailto:hkpsych_eo@hkam.org.hk)**. Please state in your application: (1) whether you are a fellow, member or inceptor of the College; (2) when you were last sponsored by the College to attend conferences/meetings; (3) whether you are a Council Member/Chairman or member of a Standing Committee of the College; (4) your subspecialty (one only) or field of knowledge (one only) and whether you are serving in the private or public sector; (5) whether you are going to present a paper in that conference/meeting (documentation required). Applications with incomplete information will not be processed. **If you do not receive a reply (written or verbal) from the responsible coordinator on or before 15 September 2011, please contact Ms Sabrina Hung at 2871-8770.**

### II. College Research Grant 2011-2012

The College has set up mini-research grant to support young fellows, who attained the College fellowship for not more than 5 years, to conduct locally oriented research projects in agreed aspects. A working group is set up to vet applications. The amount of grant normally does not exceed HK\$100,000, with an expected duration of project for not more than two years. The Principal Investigator of the project, if successful, will be the grant holder. Guidance note and the application form for this mini-research grant are available on online. Please visit the College website at [http://www.hkpsych.org.hk/index.php?option=com\\_docman&Itemid=221](http://www.hkpsych.org.hk/index.php?option=com_docman&Itemid=221) for details.

Completed application form should be submitted to the **College Secretariat:**

**Room 906, 9/F, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building,  
99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen on or before 30<sup>th</sup> August 2011.**

Applications received after the closing date will not be considered. Funding results will be announced in early November 2011.

For enquiries, please contact Ms Sabrina Hung at [hkpsych\\_eo@hkam.org.hk](mailto:hkpsych_eo@hkam.org.hk).

### III. College Support on a Chinese Terminology 「認知障礙症」 for Dementia

Over the previous years, the term 「癡呆症」 was adopted as the Chinese terminology for “dementia”. However, the term required improvement, because it may be associated with stigmatization and only described the more advanced stages of the disease. In October 2010, the Jockey Club Centre for Positive Ageing advocated the replacement of 「癡呆症」 by 「腦退化症」, a term winning a naming contest by the lay public.

The publicity associated with the newly introduced term led to discussion among medical professional. There are concerns that the term 「腦退化症」 suggested a very broad meaning of neurodegenerative diseases, with or without core features of dementia. Furthermore, the term 「腦退化症」 will become more difficult to fit into the new conceptual framework of the disease when the term “dementia” is likely to be revised to “Major Cognitive Disorder” in the coming DSM-V.

In view of the issues, a group of specialists who have been taking care of dementia patients (psychiatrists, neurologists, geriatricians, neurosurgeons) formed a work group to discuss the professional terminology for dementia. The workgroup came to a consensus on the use of 「認知障礙症」, which truly reflect the core features of “dementia”, and will be in line with “Major Cognitive Disorder” proposed by DSM-V.

認知障礙症 focused on the clinical dementia syndrome, it was considered to show the worse end of the cognitive impairment spectrum. As opposed to輕度認知障礙, which has not yet been considered as a well defined clinical diagnosis, 認知障礙症 signifies an established clinical condition requiring attention but without the direct translation of重症 or嚴重 (Major) in the proposed DSM V.

The College, together with various professional organizations, was invited to share our comments and show our support on use of the new term. The Council have discussed about the invitation at the 107<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and opined that the College would support the terminology proposed, if no significant opposition is received from Fellows.

Fellows are welcome to send your alternative views to the College Secretariat by **email at [hkpsych\\_eo@hkam.org.hk](mailto:hkpsych_eo@hkam.org.hk)**, or fax at (852) 2870-1391 or post to **The Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists, Room 906, HK Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, on or before 17 June 2011.**

### IV. News from Scientific Committee

A two-day interactive workshop on leadership and management skills presented by Professor Dinesh Bhugra was completed successfully on 21-22 May 2011. A total of 46 participants took part in this workshop, including college fellows and members as well as representatives from Australia, Macau, Malaysia and Thailand. The workshop was well received by both local and overseas participants.

We are privileged to have Prof Aleksandar Janca to share with us on an interesting topic “**Surprising findings of WHO studies on mental health**”. This evening lecture will be chaired by Dr Eva Dunn, and held at Nathan Room, 1/F, Eaton Hotel on **28 June 2011** (Tue). It is open to all college fellows, members and inceptors, and invitation has been sent out by email. We urge interested participants to register early as seats are very limited. For registration or enquiries, please email to Ms Janice Ng at [hkpsych\\_ea@hkam.org.hk](mailto:hkpsych_ea@hkam.org.hk) or call 28718-776.

Thank you for your attention.

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Honorary Secretary  
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