

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Dear colleagues

It is my pleasure and honour to serve the HKJGOM as the new Editor-in-chief (Gynaecology and Obstetrics Section). First of all, I have to thank Dr Lawrence Tang's great contribution to this journal. Dr Tang was the Founder Editor-in-chief of this journal, and delivered the first issue in 2000.

I took up the post of Editor-in-chief in September last year, and my first task is to publish this combined issue 2005. We have changed the front cover of this journal. According to the designer, the design in the front cover is based on one simple image, which has a two-fold meaning. It can be viewed as a woman holding up her hands in joy, happiness or good health; it can also be viewed as an abstract image of a women's Fallopian tube. This cover carries a cheerful mood with a clinical feel.

I would like to introduce two new overseas editors: Dr Waldo Sepulveda (O&G) and Prof Paul Anthony Lewis (Midwifery). Dr Sepulveda is currently an editorial board member of *Ultrasound in Obstetrics & Gynaecology*. He is an expert in obstetric ultrasound. Prof Lewis is the Academic Head of Midwifery and Child Health, Institute of Health and Community Studies, Bournemouth, U.K. The contribution from overseas editors will definitely increase the prestige of our Journal.

Two new local editors joined our editorial board to do the editorial work. Dr William To is a consultant of Department of O&G, United Christian Hospital, and Dr Sue Lo is a senior doctor of the Family Planning Association. In addition, we invited Prof SK Yip to be one of our editors because of his expertise in urogynaecology.

We arranged the articles under the headings of original articles, updated articles, and case reports. A new section 'Education' was added. This section is intended to publish articles useful to MRCOG, specialist, or subspecialist trainees. Articles related to continuous medical education or continuous nursing education will be put under this section.

The articles in this issue are interesting. I have to thank the contributions by various authors. Dr SH

Suen et al performed a prospective study to determine the effectiveness of a new regimen of administration of leuprorelin in the treatment of endometriosis. Dr Antoinette Lee et al did a survey on 279 Chinese female undergraduates and found that emotional and somatic symptoms of premenstrual tension symptoms were common among them. After studying 210 incontinent women, Dr Cecilia Cheon et al concluded that urodynamic investigations were associated with a high incidence of transient irritative symptoms but a low incidence of bacteriuria.

My colleague and I wrote an update article on the basic techniques and use of 3D/4D ultrasound in obstetrics. WC Leung et al discussed a controversial topic in prenatal diagnosis: rapid aneuploidy test or conventional karyotyping. An interesting account of the evolution of various contraceptive methods was given by Dr Raymond Li et al. In addition, Ms Christine Lam shared with us the ways to improve the breastfeeding rate.

A case of pelvic hematoma after the insertion of tension-free vaginal tape was reported by Dr Winnie Lau et al. Dr CM Yan et al reported a case of interstitial pregnancy successfully treated by laparoscopic surgery. In the education section, Dr Amelia Hui gave some useful tips to MRCOG candidates.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite doctors, midwives, or other healthcare professionals to submit manuscripts to this local journal. Trainees are also welcome to submit their manuscripts. To facilitate the submission and review process, you may simply submit your manuscripts by sending us an email with attachment files. Paper copies are no longer required. We will also welcome manuscripts written in Chinese (other than English), and will prepare an English abstract if the manuscripts are accepted for publication.

I hope that you would enjoy reading this journal. With your continuous support, I firmly believe that this journal will grow up.

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