

CHINESE CANADIAN PHYSIOTHERAPISTS' ASSOCIATION (CCPTA) ANNUAL REPORT 2006 – 2007

The Chinese Canadian Physiotherapists' Association (CCPTA) continues to be an active Section of the Federation of Chinese Canadian Professionals (FCCP). I myself, the CCPTA President and Helen Lee, our Secretary, have been representing the CCPTA at the Directors of the FCCP Board of Directors. Kam Wong, our Treasurer, has been working diligently to look after the CCPTA's financial well-being and has maintained an up-to-date membership database.

It is with great pleasure and pride to have served as the President of the FCCP 2006 -2007 as well as the President of the CCPTA. I have been entrusted by the FCCP Executive Board to represent the FCCP in liaison with many external organizations and Government bodies. Busy schedule in attending a large number of social and public events is expected. It does not undermine my mandate and desire to represent the profession of physiotherapy and the CCPTA. On many occasions, I have held myself out as a physiotherapist and introduce to the community leaders and Government officials the role of physiotherapist and the objectives of the CCPTA.

Within the FCCP, the CCPTA has participated in organizing all the major events of the FCCP in the past year. We have invited our fellow physiotherapist, Ms Riki Yamada, as the speaker for the FCCP Education Day 2006. Riki's presentation on back care was well-received by the audience and it fitted pretty well into the theme of the Education Day, "*Health, Wealth and Safety*". We were one of the participating Sections and a member of the organizing committee of the FCCP Joint Sections Christmas Party 2006. As the President of the CCPTA as well as the President of FCCP, I co-chaired the organizing committee of the FCCP Annual Ball 2007 and had escalated the Ball to an upscale profile. The support from our members and the community had been overwhelming. Among the distinguished guests, we had the Police Chief of the York Region, Members of the Provincial Parliament (MPP), regional Councillors, Government officials and many community leaders and representatives from our supporting organizations. We managed to provide the on-site physiotherapy coverage at the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament of the Taste of Asia 2007. Last but not the least, I was once again the chairperson of the organizing committee of the FCCP AGM this year.

A thought provoking seminar was held on Feb 15, 2007 on the topic of "*Management of MVA Cases*". Our speaker, Mr. Ivan Yau is an experienced Accident Benefit Specialist of a law firm, who was also a former Rehabilitation Consultant and had also worked for the Auto Insurance in the Claim Adjusting Department. Practical advices on navigating through the FSCO Guidelines and Regulation were given from his multi-faceted perspectives. The presentation was well-received by our fellow physiotherapists. The never-ending Questions & Answers session was followed by a sumptuous Chinese banquet. Participants took this opportunity to mingle with each other and had enjoyed a good time there.

It was the third year in a row that Helen Lee, our CCPTA Executive Committee member and FCCP Director, had teamed up with Dr. Hank Lee of the Medical Section, as the coaches and Co-Captains of the FCCP Dragon Boat Team, the Dragon Warriors. The Dragon Warriors was sub-divided into two FCCP teams, the Dragons and the Warriors respectively, consisting of both novice and experienced paddlers. It was very encouraging that both teams performed excellently in the Toronto Dragonboat Festival 2007 which was held on June 16 & 17, 2007 at the Centre Island. They excelled at all four races participated and had won themselves gold, silver and bronze medals respectively:

1. Non-Profit Championship races: FCCP Dragons, 3rd place (time 2:21.84);
2. Non-Profit Final C races: FCCP Warriors, 2nd place (time: 2:35.33);
3. Premier Mixed, Final H races: FCCP Dragons, 2nd place (time 2:22.85);
4. Premier Mixed, Final R races: FCCP Warriors, 1st place (time 2:35.93).

Congratulations to Helen Lee and the Dragon Warriors !

As a Registered Physiotherapist, I always endeavour to advocate for our profession. On June 29, 2007, I was interviewed by the host of the Health segment of the OMNI News, Cantonese Edition. Issues relating to spinal care and advices on computer ergonomics were presented. It was broadcasted on July 3, 2007 during Cantonese evening news of the OMNI Television which was the among the most watched TV programs in the Chinese community.

On behalf of the CCPTA, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our executive members for their dedication and thank all our members for their continued support to the CCPTA. We look forward to another challenging and fruitful year for the CCPTA in collaboration with the FCCP.

Sincerely,

Chinese Canadian Physiotherapists' Association

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