

Honor Society of Nursing Sigma Theta Tau International

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President's Message

Alice Yuen LOKE

Dear Colleagues,

The 9th annual meeting of the Pi Iota Chapter was held on the glorious Saturday morning of May 30. This also signifies that Pi Iota is entering its 10th year as part of the Honor Society, and that we will be celebrating our 10th anniversary next year, in 2010.

For this Pi Iota Chapter 10-year anniversary, numerous activities have been planned to increase our visibility to the professional community and general public, including a grand celebration.

To mark the beginning of our 10th year, the Chapter has donated an amount of US\$1000 to the 'Sigma Theta Tau International Foundation for Nursing, Brick Paver Campaign for Nursing Excellence' as a token of support for our headquarters for its scholarly work and efforts in nursing development. The name of our Chapter will be engraved on a brick paving the road to the headquarters.

The Chapter is co-organizing an **International Symposium on 'Capacity Enhancement for Disaster Resilience'** from October 20-22, 2009 with the School of Nursing, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University at the Hong Kong Community College. With increasingly frequent global disasters posing threats to human health and life, health professionals, particularly nurses, should be equipped with knowledge and skills for disaster prevention, while establishing contingency plans so that faster access to services can be triggered during a disaster. This symposium is timely and significant for nurses. It will increase our professional ability to provide adequate health services before and after a disaster by participating in prevention, mitigation, preparedness and relief operations. It is important that we all take part in the symposium to equip ourselves and to build up our capacity and resilience for disaster.

The Chapter is also co-organizing a **Scholarly Exchange Forum** with the Hangzhou Nursing Society and the Hangzhou Traditional Chinese Medicine Nursing Society from Nov 30-Dec 2, 2009 in Hangzhou, initiated by the graduates of our Hangzhou program. To increase our visibility in China, and to show our support for the Forum, the Board of Directors of Pi Iota has agreed to offer a scholarship of HK\$1000 for the members (a maximum of five) whose abstracts are accepted for presentation at the Forum. The Pi Iota Chapter will also sponsor five board members to attend and help out at the Forum. Application forms for the Forum and scholarship can be found in this newsletter.

The Chapter intends to continue its tradition of providing community services to promote the health of people in Hong Kong. Community programs are being planned by our program sub-committee to promote the overall **health of school-age children** in their schools. This will contribute to our mission of promoting people's health, but will also increase nurses' impact on young children's health and give them an idea of nurses' roles and contribution in society.

Best regards,

Alice Yuen LOKE
President

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Ms Sylvia Fung delivering her speech

The 10th Induction Ceremony of the Pi Iota Chapter of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) was held on 30 May 2009 at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The ceremony started with the presidential address and a speech delivered by Ms Sylvia Fung, Chief Manager (Nursing)/Chief Nurse Executive, Hospital Authority Head Office. Her topic was "Vision for Scholarship and Practice – Roles and Directions". The speech was inspiring and insightful to all present during the ceremony.

This year, a total of 13 community leaders, 2 graduates, and 12 undergraduate students were inducted into the Chapter as official members. In addition, three scholarship awards were presented to students and a community leader to recognize their outstanding scholarly performances. The awards were presented by Dr Mak Yin Wah (HKU), who was one of the external reviewers of the scholarship award. The ceremony ended with a series of photo-taking activities, together with the warm congratulations of relatives and friends.



Ms Esther Wong (left) and Prof. Alice Loke (right) presenting a certificate of appreciation to Ms Sylvia Fung



*Ms So Mei Na receiving her scholarship certificate from Dr Mak Yin Wah
Awardee Status: Student (Bachelor of Nursing)
Application Project: A Quantitative Study on Nursing Students' Knowledge and Attitudes Toward the Use of Physical Restraint*



*Ms Tam Wing Man, Angel receiving her scholarship certificate from Dr Mak Yin Wah
Awardee Status: Student (Bachelor of Nursing)
Application Project: Predictors of Obtaining Papanicolaou Test Among Women Living in Hong Kong*



*Dr Chien Wai Tong receiving his scholarship certificate from Dr Mak Yin Wah
Awardee Status: Community leader
Application Project: Dementia Caregiver Care Program*

Hangzhou Nursing Forum

Helen CHAN

The Pi Iota Chapter is co-organizing a Hangzhou nursing forum, which will take place from 30 Nov to 2 Dec 2009 in Xizi Lake, a famous and beautiful location in Hangzhou. The forum is organized by the 杭州市中醫藥協會 and 杭州市護理學會. Distinguished scholars from Hong Kong and mainland China will present speeches regarding the development and contemporary issues in professional nursing in China. There will also be exchange activities for the delegates. For further information, please contact 俞琦 (Tel: 0571-85827897; Address: 杭州市體育場路453號, 杭州市中醫護理部).

The Chapter is offering five sponsorships to its active members for attending this forum. Applicants, who have their abstracts accepted by the Forum, should submit their abstracts for screening by a selection panel appointed by the Chapter. Five successful applicants will receive the HK\$1,000 sponsorship. The Chapter will also sponsor five board members to attend and help out at the Forum. For further information, please contact Aero Li (Tel: 2766 4847; email: hsaero@inet.polyu.edu.hk).

Delegates to the 40th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis from October 31 to November 4, 2009

Alice Yuen LOKE

Our treasurer, Ms. Olivia Fung, and I will attend the Biennial Convention as delegates representing Pi Iota Chapter to the headquarters in Indianapolis. It is a tradition of the International Honor Society to include delegates from all chapters to vote on the business of the society conducted at the House of Delegates. It is also an opportunity to attend Evidence-Based Clinical Project presentations as part of an international audience, as well as attending the leadership initiative and best practices in leadership presentations, and presentations on nursing education initiatives, including curriculum analysis and best practices in education.

Another tradition is for delegates representing each country where Sigma Theta Tau International has chapters to participate as flag escorts during the opening ceremonies for the House of Delegates at the Biennial Convention. Ms. Olivia Fung (Treasurer) and I will serve as the honorary flag escort for the Hong Kong flag during the processional at the opening of the House of Delegates.

Congratulations to Scholarship Awardees

Alice Yuen LOKE

It is the aim of the Society to give recognition to scholarship activities that promote the culture of research and community projects to enhance the health of the Hong Kong population.

Thanks to three external reviewers, Prof. Sheila Twinn from CUHK, Dr. Mak Yim Wah from HKU, and Prof. Frances Wong from HKPU, for their assistance in rating the submitted research reports/community projects from the applicants for our annual scholarship award.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the three recipients of the scholarship awards, who received their awards at the May 30, 2009 induction ceremony. The awardees were Dr. Chien Wai Tong, Associate Professor at The Chinese University of Hong Kong at the time of award, Ms. So Mei Na, a full-time BSN student from HKPU, and Ms. Tam Wing Man, Angel, a part-time BSN student also from HKPU.

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International Grant Applications Accepted Beginning 17 August

Submissions for the international and co-sponsored grants offered by the Society will be accepted beginning 17 August through the online grants system. For additional information and deadlines, please visit the Society's website at <http://www.nursingsociety.org/Research/SmallGrants>.

Membership Subsidy Funds Available

STTI members and candidates for membership who are in need of financial assistance to pay STTI membership dues can apply for money through the Edith Anderson Membership Subsidy Fund. Up to 75% of a person's membership fee (international + chapter fee) can be granted to a maximum of 5 Chapter members per fiscal year. A member can receive assistance through this fund a maximum of twice in their lifetime. For more information, please visit <http://www.nursingsociety.org/Chapters/Pages/subsidy.aspx>.

Abstracts due 9 December for STTI's 21st International Nursing Research Congress

STTI's next International Nursing Research Congress will take place 12-16 July 2010 in Orlando, Florida, USA. Abstracts for presentation are due 9 December. More information will be posted at <http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/ResearchCongress/Pages/orlandocallforabstracts.aspx>.

Mentoring Program for Writing Abstracts

Are you interested in submitting an abstract and need assistance? The "Writing Successful Abstracts: A Nurse Mentorship Program for Research Grants and Presentations" is a FREE, virtual mentoring program that will help you write successful abstracts for research proposals, grants and presentations. Visit <http://www.nursingsociety.org/LeadershipInstitute/Pages/AWMP.aspx> for more information.

Faculty Resources and Networking Opportunities through IANA

The International Academic Nursing Alliance (IANA) is a database that allows nurses worldwide to access information and resources that can be used to foster high standards in nursing education to ultimately improve the health of the world's populations. The categories of information that can be found in IANA include: Curriculum Models & Development, Faculty Learning Opportunities, Student Placement Opportunities, Research Collaboration, Evidence-Based Practice, and Faculty Positions. Schools of nursing are also encouraged to participate in IANA by adding their own information to the database to share with others or to let others know about the areas in which you are seeking information. Visit the IANA web site at www.nursingalliance.org for more information.

Contribution to "The Brick Paver Campaign for Nursing Excellence!" Linda LEE

The Pi Iota Chapter has contributed US\$1,000 to Society headquarters through "The Brick Paver Campaign for Nursing Excellence!". An 8"x 8" brick paving part of the road to the Indianapolis headquarters will be engraved with the following:

**Pi Iota Chapter
Hong Kong, CHINA.**

Editors' Message

Linda LEE and Helen CHAN

Greetings from the Promotion & Publication Committee!

Time flies. Thanks again to your continuous support, the Pi Iota Chapter is already in its tenth year. Over the years, you may have noticed that the Chapter is growing and gaining recognition. Nonetheless, it still strives to nourish new nursing leaders in the community. As usual, more graduates and community leaders with high achievements have been inducted as Chapter members. Scholarships have been granted to projects which demonstrate the potential to play leading roles in enhancing knowledge and practice from the nursing perspective. All these concur with the theme of the speech delivered by Ms Sylvia Fung during the induction ceremony, highlighting the significance of both scholarly activities and professional practice in modern nursing.

In line with this, the Chapter is collaborating with health professional organizations in mainland China to hold a nursing forum, which will act as a platform for nursing scholars from different regions to share their knowledge. Further details of these activities can be found in this newsletter. We hope you will enjoy reading this issue.