

Honor Society of Nursing Sigma Theta Tau International

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President's Message

Alice Yuen LOKE

Dear Colleagues,

Thanks to our vice-president, Ms. Esther Wong, and a group of dedicated board members, this year's induction ceremony was successfully held on 30 April 2010. This year, 12 outstanding community leaders were inducted, the largest group in the history of our Chapter. Among them were four international leaders from the Philippines, Hangzhou, Shandong, and Shanghai. Two of the graduate students inducted were from Beijing and Hunan.

Scholarly activities: Following the International Symposium on Capacity Enhancement for Disaster Resilience, held on 20-22/10/09 at the Hong Kong Community College, a series of workshops on capacity enhancement for disaster resilience was conducted in March 2010. The workshops provided a platform for nurses in Hong Kong to better equip themselves with confidence and competencies in areas such as Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Emergencies, Disaster Mental Health Resilience, and Emerging Infectious Diseases and Update on the Human Swine Influenza pandemic. These workshops were well attended, with a total audience of over 200.

World Health Day 2010: The Pi Iota Chapter, the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International joined with other nursing associations in using health exhibitions to promote World Health Day 2010 on 10 April 2010. The theme was "Urbanization", which aimed to arouse people's awareness of how urbanization would bring convenience yet health hazards to people worldwide.

The Scholarship Award 2009/2010: There were a total of 9 applicants for this year's Pi Iota Scholarship Award (1 from the BSN full-time program, 5 from the MSN part-time program, and 3 research students). The applicant who received the highest ratings from the three external reviewers, Dr. Helen Chan (CUHK), Dr. Sharron Leung (HKU), and Prof. Frances Wong (HKPU), was recommended to the Pi Iota Board of Directors as recipient of the scholarship award.

That applicant was Ms. Ying Chun ZENG, an MPhil student from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, who was recommended to receive the Pi Iota Scholarship Award for her outstanding study entitled: 'Quality of life in cervical cancer survivors: a review of the literature and directions for future research'. Ms. Zeng presented the results of her research at the induction ceremony, and her message on the quality of life of cervical cancer patients was well received.

Celebration of Pi Iota's 10th anniversary: This year being the 10th anniversary of the Pi Iota Chapter, a simple yet joyful celebration was held on 30 April 2010, immediately following the induction ceremony, with a cake-cutting ceremony. All former presidents of the Chapter attended the ceremony and gave congratulatory remarks to all former board directors and members present. The ceremony also paid tribute to all who had served the Chapter on its Board of Directors.

22nd International Nursing Research Congress, Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International: 11-14 July 2011, Cancun, Mexico

The Research Congress is an international assembly enabling nurse researchers to network, share ideas, and present cutting-edge nursing research. Research and evidence-based practice abstracts will be accepted until 8th December 2010. To submit an abstract or for submission guidelines for a research or an evidence-based practice abstract, please go to: http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/ResearchCongress/Pages/2011_22_INRC_CallforAbstracts.aspx

Our President-Elect 2010-12: We are grateful to Dr. Alice KY Wong, who has kindly agreed to take on the role of President from 2012-2014. Dr. Wong is a longstanding and devoted member of the Pi Iota Chapter's Board of Directors, where she has served as archivist for many years as well as coordinating all induction ceremonies; as such, she is well acquainted with the ins and outs of the Chapter. Dr. Wong will be working with me during the coming two years in order to get to know the logistics of the Pi Iota Chapter and its administration before taking up the post of Chapter President for the term 2012-2014.

Best regards,

Alice Yuen LOKE
President

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The 11th Induction Ceremony of the Pi Iota Chapter of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) was hosted on 30 April 2010 at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

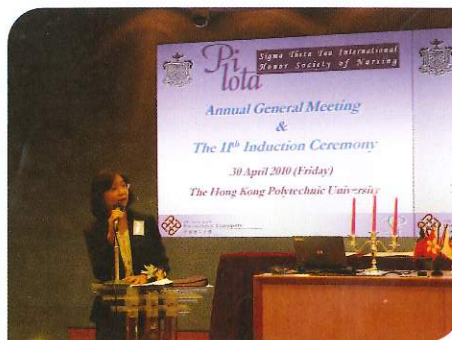
This year, a total of 12 community leaders, 5 postgraduates, and 5 undergraduate students were inducted into the Chapter as official members. A scholarship was presented to a Master of Philosophy student to recognize her outstanding academic performance.

One of the highlights of the ceremony was to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Chapter. We were delighted to have the three ex-presidents of the Chapter, Prof. Frances Wong, Dr. Claudia Lai and Dr. Angela Chan, give their congratulatory remarks on this great occasion. To celebrate, a big model cake was prepared for the photo opportunity, as well as a real cake with purple icing for participants to share at this special moment.

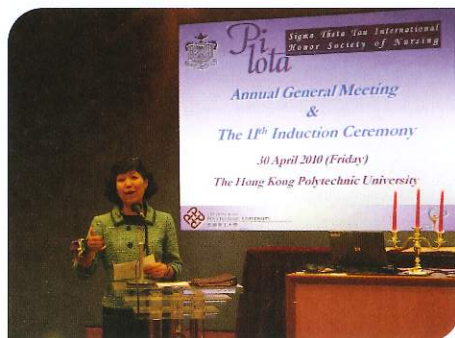
The ceremony ended with a series of photo-taking activities and the warm congratulations of relatives and friends.



Prof. Frances Wong gave congratulatory remarks during the ceremony



Dr. Claudia Lai gave congratulatory remarks during the ceremony



Dr. Angela Chan gave congratulatory remarks during the ceremony



The cake-cutting ceremony was officiated by the three former presidents of the Chapter and the current Vice President, Ms. Esther Wong

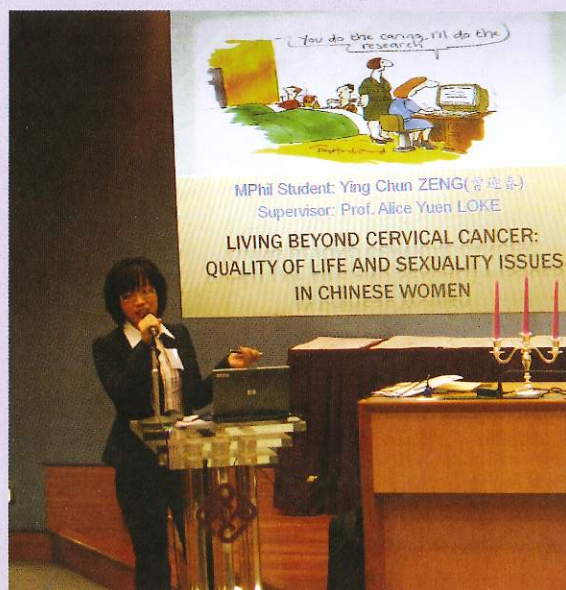


The new board of directors had a photo taken with the three former presidents of the Chapter.

Pi Iota Scholarship Award

Linda LEE

To promote and recognize scholarly activities, the PIC offers an annual Scholarship Award. The applications this year were of outstanding quality. All the applications were reviewed by three reviewers, Dr. Sharron Leung (The University of Hong Kong), Dr. Helen Chan (The Chinese University of Hong Kong), and Prof. Frances Wong (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University). The award was presented to a research student, Miss YC Zeng. She was presented with a cash coupon of HK\$1,000 during the induction ceremony.



Awardee Miss Zeng gave a presentation on her study after receiving the award

World Health Day 2010

Linda LEE

World Health Day 2010 took place on 29 April 2010. Various nursing associations worked together to organize a health carnival. Our Vice President, Ms. Esther Wong, chaired the Steering Committee for this carnival. During the event, our Chapter set up an exhibition booth presenting studies on health promotion activities conducted for school students in mainland China. Our Program Committee representative, Ms. Ellen Ku, also introduced the Chapter to the event participants.



Ms. Esther Wong (left), Ms. Ellen Ku (right) and the exhibition booth

News

Access to Free Articles in Nursing Library

In July, registrants to the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library were able to access six articles on the topic of using complementary and alternative therapies at www.nursinglibrary.org. In August, registrants had free access to articles on the topic of advancements in online nursing education.

2010 Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame Announced

STTI recently recognized 22 nurse researchers in its first class of Hall of Fame recipients. The program recognizes STTI members who are nurse researchers; who have achieved long-term, broad national and/or international recognition for their work; and whose research has impacted the profession and the people it serves. Recognition will be awarded annually.

More details on this year's class and nominations for future classes can be found at <http://www.nursingsociety.org/Awards/international/Pages/NurseResearcherHallofFame.aspx>.

Start Planning to Apply for an STTI Research Grant

The deadline is several weeks away (1 December), but nurses should begin thinking about applying for an STTI research grant. The criteria for the various grants can be found at http://www.nursingsociety.org/Research/SmallGrants/Pages/small_grants.aspx. Online submission of applications began in August.

Nursing Conferences Worldwide

The STTI website has a list of nursing conferences taking place around the world at <http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/NursingConferences/Pages/NursingConferences.aspx>. Visit the site to learn about a conference you want to attend, or send us information on your conference if it is not already listed. Submissions for posting on the web can be sent to marketing2@stti.org.

2011 STTI International Nursing Research Congress

STTI will host its 22nd International Nursing Research Congress on 11-15 July 2011 in Cancun, Mexico. The event will be held in conjunction with the World Academy of Nursing Science. Abstracts are due by 8 December 2010.

Editors' Message

Linda LEE and Helen CHAN

Greetings from the Promotion & Publication Committee!

The Chapter has already seen 10 fruitful years since its establishment. This April, the Board of Directors was delighted to celebrate the 10th anniversary during the 11th induction ceremony. You can find messages and pictures reporting these impressive moments during the induction ceremony within this issue.

Throughout the past 10 years, the Chapter has been growing and the number of members increasing. With the support of our members, the Chapter has organized a variety of scholarly activities and received recognition from STTI headquarters. All these achievements have been reported in previous issues of the newsletter. The Chapter is now looking forward to the next 10 years, and the newsletter will of course continue to share the Chapter news with all of our members. We hope you enjoy reading this issue.