

Congratulatory Remark

The Chapter would like to congratulate Dr Olivia Fung, Treasurer (Chair), on obtaining her Doctor of Health Science degree in 2011. Her study topic was “**Nurses' preparedness, readiness and competencies for critical incidents to meet the needs of vulnerable clients in Hong Kong**”.

News

Induction Ceremony

The next induction ceremony for our Chapter will be held on May 5, 2012 at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Please mark this in your diary. Relevant information will be sent to you in due course.

International Nursing Research Congress

The 23rd International Nursing Research Congress will be held from 30 July to 3 August, 2012 in Brisbane, Australia. The theme for this Congress is Creating a Legacy through Nursing Research, Innovation and Global Collaboration. The Congress is now open for registration. For more information, please visit: <http://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=975738>

Nursing Education Research Conference

The Nursing Education Research Conference 2012 will be held on 15 and 16 June, 2012 in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. Distinguish nursing scholar Professor Patricia Benner has been invited to be one of the keynote speakers. Check the conference website for more details: <http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/Pages/INER2012.aspx>

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President's Message

Alice Yuen LOKE

Dear Colleagues,

Congratulations to Prof. Claudia Lai!

Prof. Claudia Lai, Professor, School of Nursing (SN), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), was elected as Regional Coordinator for the Asia Region of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International at the 41st Biennial Convention in November 2011. On behalf of the Pi Lota Chapter, I would like to congratulate Prof. Lai on this achievement, and to express our appreciation for her willingness to serve the nursing profession in the Asia region and on the global platform.

Prof. Claudia Lai was formerly Associate Head of the SN, PolyU (2006-2009), and led the Aging and Health Research Group (2004-2008). She is currently heading a working group preparing for the establishment of a Center for Gerontological Nursing in the School. She has practiced nursing in Hong Kong, Canada, and England, and worked briefly as a volunteer nurse in India.

Prof. Lai's passion in nursing has been caring for people with dementia and their families. She has volunteered her time with the Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association and on the Specialized Committee on Elderly Service for the Hong Kong Council of Social Services. She is also an honorary nursing advisor to various non-governmental organizations in Hong Kong, including the Hong Kong Association of Gerontological Nurses. Prof. Lai is recognized as an expert in elderly care and gerontological nursing.

Prof. Lai was inducted as a member of the STTI in 1995 and has been an active member ever since. She was the 3rd President of the Pi Lota Chapter, serving from 2004-2006. She has excellent personal attributes and communication skills that enable her to bring people together, and the management ability to work with all manner of people towards common goals. She has established networks with various other Asian chapters, including Hong Kong, South Korea, Thailand, Philippines, Taiwan, and Japan. She is aware of the diversity and uniqueness of the cultural heritage and stages of nursing professional development in other Asian countries, and the fact that different chapters have their special strengths and challenges. Such knowledge will facilitate the actualization of her roles and responsibilities as regional coordinator.

Prof. Lai has pledged to work with the different chapters on the basis of mutual respect, recognizing and valuing the unique qualities of each chapter/country, to facilitate connectedness within the global community of nursing, particularly within Asia, to support the Board of Directors and members in pursuing their vision for STTI, and to commit to the generation, dissemination, and application of nursing knowledge in promoting nursing scholarship.

We are proud of you, Claudia!

Alice Yuen LOKE
President

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Alice Yuen LOKE

Poster prepared by Professor Claudia Lai for her campaign to be elected Regional Coordinator for the Asia Region, the Honor Society of Nursing



Claudia K. Y. Lai, PhD, RN

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Candidate for STTI Global Regional Coordinator – Asia
Current Chapter: Pi Iota Chapter, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
School of Nursing (SN), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU).

Mission

One of my key responsibilities as a regional coordinator will be to:

- facilitate connectedness within the global community of nursing, particularly within Asia
- support the Board of Directors and members in pursuing their vision for STTI
- commit to the generation, dissemination, and application of nursing knowledge in promoting nursing scholarship

Goal

1. to facilitate the work of chapter leaders by working with them on local chapter initiatives as well as on fulfilling the mission of the STTI
2. to help the voices of chapter members within the region be heard by the Board of Directors, STTI
3. act as a bridge between chapter leaders, chapters of the region and the STTI at large
4. to advance nursing scholarship by working with regional chapters and their leaders

My Voice

I was inducted as a member of the STTI in 1995 and have been an active member ever since. I have practiced nursing in Hong Kong, Canada, and England, and have worked briefly as a volunteer nurse in India. I am on the faculty of the School of Nursing (SN), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU).

In my clinical nursing and academic career I have been engaged in numerous leadership roles. I worked as a charge nurse and also briefly as a clinical nurse specialist before embarking upon an academic career at PolyU in 1996. I was associate head of my School from 2006-2009. I led an Aging and Health Research Group at the SN from 2004-2008, and then helped my colleagues in taking turns assuming leadership roles in the Group. Our Group has been identified by the School as one of the three strategic areas for development. At present, I head a working group that is preparing for the establishment of a Center for Gerontological Nursing in our School. I was also the program leader for a part-time baccalaureate program in Hangzhou, China, for four years.

My passion in nursing has been about caring for people with dementia and their families. I have volunteered my time at the Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association since 1996. My other voluntary commitments include serving on the Specialized Committee on Elderly Service for the Hong Kong Council of Social Services, and on various other community service agencies. I am also an honorary nursing advisor to various non-governmental organizations in Hong Kong, including the Hong Kong Association of Gerontological Nurses. These roles indicate that I am recognized as an expert nurse in elderly care and as a nurse leader by various nursing bodies as well as by those in disciplines other than nursing.

I like working with people, and I have brought people together to work towards common goals. I have visited many different countries in the course of my work. It is always a joy to meet and learn from people of a different culture. The East Asian Forum of Nursing Scholars (EAFONS) was initiated in 1997 of which SN, PolyU, was one of the founding members. It aims to provide a regular regional forum for doctoral prepared nurse academics and their students. Since 1997, annual forums have been held in Hong Kong, South Korea, Thailand, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Japan. Through the network developed via EAFONS, I have gained some knowledge about the work of various Asian chapters. Such knowledge and contacts will facilitate the actualization of my roles and responsibilities as a regional coordinator, if elected.

I am aware that STTI's region of Asia covers a huge geographical area and is diverse in cultural heritage and stages of professional development. Each Asian country is unique, and different chapters have their special strengths and challenges. The mere thought that I may be offered the opportunity to serve such a diverse membership is humbling. If elected, I will work with the different chapters on the basis of mutual respect, recognizing and valuing the unique qualities of each chapter/country.

Sigma Theta Tau International Experience:

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Mar 2010 – present Write a blog for the STTI RNL Magazine – "Gero Nurse"
Jan 2007 – Feb 2009 Member, International Advisory Board, and Contributor, RNL Magazine
2007 & 2009 Judge, International Awards for the Computer Based Public Education Technology Award
Member, Futures Advisory Council

IN HONG KONG

Mar 2008 – present Member, Pi Iota Chapter
Mar 2006 – Mar 2008 Member and Observer (as Past President), Executive Committee
Mar 2004 – Mar 2006 President
Mar 2002 – Mar 2004 President-Elect
Oct 1997 – Mar 2001 Vice-President
Dec 1996 Founding Member

Other Major Leadership Experiences

Sep 2007 – present Executive Committee Member, The Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association
Jul 2006 – Aug 2008 Associate Head, School of Nursing, The PolyU
Sep 2005 – Mar 2009 Elected Board Member, Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI)



Claudia as President of Pi Iota Chapter in 2004-2006



As Chair of the Organizing Committee for an international EBP conference 2007, Hong Kong



Dr Patricia Thompson visiting HK 2008



The Award Winning - Tin Shui Wai Community Health Project 2008



Pi Iota Chapter 10th Anniversary and Induction Ceremony 2010



The 41st Biennial Convention – People and Knowledge: Connecting for Global Health

Helen CHAN

Our chapter President, Prof. Alice Yuen Loke, and President-Elect, Dr Alice KY Wong, attended the 41st Biennial Convention of the Honor Society of Nursing, the Sigma Theta Tau International, on behalf of the Chapter in November 2011. This not only served to increase the visibility of our Chapter and enable us to connect with members from other regions, but also showed our support to Prof. Claudia Lai in the election for Regional Coordinator for the Asia Region.



Prof. Alice Yuen Loke, Dr Alice KY Wong and Prof. Claudia Lai had took a picture with another chapter delegate at the Biennial Convention and this photo was taken by John Hudson.



Our chapter President, Prof. Alice Yuen Loke, President-Elect, Dr Alice KY Wong, and Prof. Claudia Lai, author of the RNL blog "Gero Nurse", met with Jim Mattson, editor of Reflections on Nursing Leadership, at the honor society's biennial convention.

More information about the Convention can be retrieved from the following website:

http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/BiennialConvention/Pages/41_2011_BiennialConvention.aspx