

CAMS at 40 : 1963-2003

a history of

Chinese American Medical Society



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Objectives of the Chinese American Medical Society

1. To promote the scientific association of medical professionals of Chinese descent and to assume the role as the representative organization for all Chinese American medical professionals.
2. To establish scholarships and/or endowments to medical schools and hospitals of good standing and/or donate to organizations devoted to such purposes.
3. To advance medical knowledge and scientific research with emphasis on aspects unique to the Chinese.
4. To improve the health status of Chinese Americans.

(From Article II of Constitution and
By-laws as of December, 1994)

HISTORY OF THE CHINESE AMERICAN MEDICAL SOCIETY

1963-2003

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

CAMS at 40! It has come a long way from the informal gatherings of alumni of various Chinese medical schools coming to live and work in New York. Our membership has, over the years, grown from 70 to close to 1,000. The image of CAMS has changed from that of nostalgic gatherings to a multi-faceted, versatile, modern medical society. The Society's interests have broadened to include not only scientific excellence and continuing medical education, but also the delivery of quality health care in our role as a leader among Chinese American medical societies. Despite all this, the camaraderie of the early years has been retained and renewed, while we flock to the meetings and dinners, happy to meet old friends and make new ones.

We hope to continue to grow in numbers and to develop, and as part of that, some historical background is important since some newer members know little about our roots, and how and why the Society came about. In celebration of our 40th, I have asked Dr. John Li to write a brief history. We are grateful to John, his wife Lorraine and Dr. Hsueh-Hwa Wang for their hard work in preparing this record.



Daisy Saw, MD
President of CAMS, 2003

INTRODUCTION

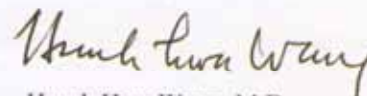
CAMS is 40! I seem to remember the 20th anniversary of CAMS under the Presidency of Dr. Chu-Huai Chang when we made glass mugs as souvenirs and David Yang arranged the concert at Alice Tully Hall. And now 20 years have gone by. John Li did a splendid job to write this volume of CAMS's history. He spent un-told hours sorting the materials available, making phone calls, and researching the loose ends. The text is absolutely beautifully done.

John has described the story of the founding of the Society and the early activities, made biographical sketches of all the Presidents, past and current with their photos, described several important programs of CAMS such as the CAMS Scholarships, Summer Research Fellowships, the formation of CAIPA and of FCMS, and painstakingly tallied the chronological events since 1976, with available records and photographs. I don't think a historian can do any better.

He also paid fitting tributes to Drs. Percy Tung and Florence Chu, principal founders of our organization, and to Dr. David Chiu, who steered the Society since its mid course, so that we are what we are today. I really do not deserve a tribute. In fact, I am grateful to the Society for giving me a chance to do something useful and meaningful in my retirement years. Since I became Executive Director in 1986, I have worked with 9 Presidents and their Board members, all amicably. The rewarding experience is amplified by the lasting personal friendship developed with many of them, notably John Li, who used to play tennis with me on Sunday mornings, and is still the expert proof reader and editor of the newsletter; Sun-Hoo Foo who worked with me on the computer, in his shop and in his kitchen; Marcus Loo who affectionately became my godson, and David Chiu who unwittingly turns out to be my family plastic surgeon.

CAMS has been a good part of my life for the past 25 years. I thank my friends at CAMS for the support and friendship they have given me. I wish everyone many more productive and successful years with CAMS.

Affectionately,



Hsueh Hwa Wang, M.D.
Executive Director of CAMS

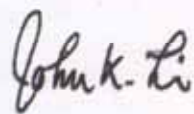
PREFACE

This is a brief history of the beginning and subsequent development of a medical society, one of many in the United States whose members are united by ethnic bonds. The following pages are an attempt to show how this Society grew and flourished over a 40-year period, thanks to a number of factors particular to American society in the latter part of the 20th century. This includes increasing racial and ethnic tolerance, starting with the easing of barriers to immigration of Chinese during the early 1940s, and especially after 1965; the use of more objective criteria in determining college and medical school admission, and the changes in licensure examinations that were challenging, yet equitably applied. Even the "glass ceiling", while it still exists, has repeatedly shown evidence of being less impenetrable than in recent memory.

This acknowledgment of the increasingly supportive milieu of American society is not meant to detract from the achievements of the members of this medical association. The purpose of this history is to document the activities of this group of people, who have over 40 years proven the worth of their contributions to the Chinese American community and to the society at large.

The effort to reconstruct the history proved to be more difficult than expected since records of certain periods in the form of notes or Newsletters, were lost for the years 1963 to 1975, and 1979 to 1985, with the exception of an occasional odd issue. Many members, including 5 past Presidents, have passed away. It is our hope that the results of this effort will bring some satisfaction to their families and friends, and that younger members will gain some knowledge and appreciation of the Society's history.

It was an honor and privilege to be requested by Daisy Saw, President of CAMS, and by Hsueh-Hwa Wang, Executive Director, to write this history. It has allowed me to get in touch with many people whom I would not have had reason to call or write. I acknowledge my gratitude to Percy Tung and Florence Chu, the founders, who wrote their personal recollections; to a number of senior members, including Chu-Huai Chang, Eddy Tong and Samuel Yeh, who generously gave me access to their files and thoughts; to Sun-Hoo Foo, for a large amount of historical material; to Anthony Chang and Victor Chang who contributed articles; to Sophia Chang, Mrs. T. G. Li, and Jane Eng, Esq. for valuable information; to Mabel Cheng for information on the Capital District Chapter, and to Chang-Seng Liang, Stephen Louie, Shiao-Tu Lee and Walter Lee for information regarding Greater Boston Chapter; to Jerry Diamond for his computer expertise; to Chiu-Hwa Wang, an architect and artist, and a sister of Hsueh-Hwa Wang, who designed the front and back covers; and to Hsueh-Hwa Wang who did the lay-out, and otherwise made things happen. Lastly I thank my wife, Lorraine, for her unwavering support, word-processing skill and gentle prodding.



John Li, M.D.
Editor

CHAPTER I THE BEGINNINGS

Story of the Founding

The American Chinese Medical Society, as it was originally known, was formed in the early 1960s in New York City. It evolved from informal gatherings among a small group of Chinese physicians who frequently met during holidays to enjoy friendship and good cooking. After several years, they developed the idea to form a medical society devoted to Chinese American physicians.

The original core group who initiated and pursued the idea consisted of the following five people: Drs. Percy Tung, Florence Chu (wife of Dr. Tung), S. J. Yue, David Ju and S. H. Ying, all graduates (late 1930s to early 1940s) of the National Medical College of Shanghai. They then invited graduates of other medical schools: Drs. Bernard C. H. Chang, Charles C. Chang and Sophia H. Y. Chang (wife of Dr. Charles Chang) of St. John's University Medical College, Drs. Horace Yu and Paul N. Yu and also some from Peking Union Medical College to participate. This group became known as the "Founders Group".

There were many planning meetings held in the home of Drs. Percy Tung and Florence Chu in Great Neck, Long Island. By late 1962, it became apparent that it was both desirable and feasible to form such a society, which they named "American Chinese Medical Society". Dr. Florence Chu was requested to serve as the secretary, and Dr. Percy Tung was assigned the task of drafting the Constitution and the By-laws. In drafting the two documents, Dr. Tung consulted a number of people, including Dr. Frederick Reiss, a former Professor of Dermatology at National Medical College of Shanghai and St. John's University Medical College, who provided copies of the American Hungarian Medical Society Constitution and By-laws as a guide. A great deal of effort was put into re-writing the draft to suit the purposes of the American Chinese Medical Society.

When that was done, Dr. Tung consulted an attorney for guidance in registering the yet-to-be-born society with the New York State Department of Education. In the meantime, Dr. Chu wrote many letters of solicitation to Chinese physicians whose names she had culled from the membership lists of various medical organizations. The responses were overwhelming. In the spring of 1963, at a general membership meeting, about 70 physicians approved the draft of the Constitutions and By-laws as well as the proposed name for the Society. A Board of Directors was elected. The newly formed Board asked Dr. S. J. Yue, the most senior member, to be the first President. This historic gathering was later referred to as the "Founders Meeting." The Constitution and By-Laws, as well as names of the Board of Directors and Officers were then submitted to the New York State Education Department for registration. The official seal of the American Chinese Medical Society was designed at this time by Dr. Tung. It was carved in Taiwan, and has been used

since then on all letterheads and official communications. The first Secretary, Dr. Chu served for four years, 1964-1967. She was at the time working full time at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Because of heavy work load at the hospital, she had to resign from the post of the Secretary at ACMS.

The following year, 1964, the NYS Department of Education approved the Society's application for registration. The American Chinese Medical Society was officially established. A general meeting was held at the China Institute in New York to announce the good news. Dr. S. J. Yue officially became the President, Dr. Percy Tung the Vice-President, Dr. Florence Chu the Secretary and Dr. C. H. Chang the Treasurer.

Dr. Yue served as president for 2 terms, 1964 and 1965. Dr. Tung became the president in 1966 and served 2 years, 1966 and 1967. During this time, Dr. Tung worked closely with an attorney on an application to the Department of the Treasury for tax exempt status since the Society was a non-profit organization. This was later granted.

Background and Early Activities

In the 1950s, a number of Chinese physicians, along with other professionals and students, fled China because of the regime change in 1949. Some went first to Taiwan or Hong Kong while others continued their exodus to the United States of America, Canada and other Western countries. Whereas previous visitors eventually returned to China after their studies and training, a majority of this group settled down and integrated into the mainstream. However, there were many reminders in those days of their newly found place in American society, and of their longing for something that only association with other Chinese could offer. The commonality of language and culture proved strong magnets to the formation of such associations, as every new immigrant group has experienced. When the bond of medicine was added, it resulted in the establishment a number of medical alumni associations.

Since its inception, the ACMS differed in that its members came from several different medical schools, even though the 5 nuclear founding members were all graduates of the National Medical College of Shanghai. There were other important differences between the ACMS and other such associations, including the stated objectives of advancing medical knowledge and scientific research, and establishing scholarships for students and endowments for medical schools and hospitals. These were written into the Constitution and By-laws of this young association.

In the beginning, dinner meetings, some with invited speakers, were the staples of the Society. After a few years, it branched out to include holiday celebrations at exotic sites such as Atlantic City (in the pre-casino era). The Society also started newsletters to keep members informed. By 1976 (vol. 13, #1), the Newsletter had evolved into a Bulletin with a magazine format which included word-for-word transcriptions of the material presented at annual scientific meetings, listings of articles published by members in peer-reviewed medical journals, minutes of business meetings, Treasurer's reports, awards and honors received by members, and other items of personal news serving to bond the members as well as to highlight their achievements. The issues came out 4 times a year, and varied from 14 pages to as many as 32 pages. Some of the articles were in Chinese only. A sample of a cover from 1977 is seen below.

An acknowledgment is in order to the members who must have worked late into the night to put together those issues in the pre word-processing era. Even today their enthusiasm and energy are palpable as we re-read those pages.

Change of Name

What's in a name? The Board of Directors in 1985 thought it important enough that they decided to change to Chinese American Medical Society (CAMS) from American Chinese Medical Society (ACMS).

The arguments for the change included the appreciation that the members were settling down in America, and that we were (or were becoming) Americans, with only a qualifier to remind us of our origins. Another reason was that the prior name had connotations of traditional Chinese medicine, such as acupuncture, of which the vast majority of the membership knew little to nothing. This willingness to change and adapt spoke well for the Society.

Below is the top half of the cover of a 1977 Bulletin. The greetings, written in Chinese, are by Dr. Eddy Tong.

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美洲中華醫學會
第十三屆年會祝詞

十三是一個不平凡的數字，我們的第十三屆年會也將不平常的舉行。

我們開會的時間由慣常的半天改為全天。

我們開會的地點，由慣常租借醫院學校的課室或示範堂改為在市中心的豪華飯店。

我們學術討論，由慣常的邀請一二位名流演講改為由各 Specialty 的學術討論會和會員論文發表。

當然，我們還繼續每年的 A.C.M.S. Award 頒獎及 Award lecture。今年我們在會場還圖選舉行會員藝術展覽。

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CHAPTER II PROGRAMS

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Annual Meetings, usually held in mid-November, have been a tradition with the Society for as long as can be remembered. At first they consisted of just a dinner gathering with one or more speakers and perhaps a musical recital or exhibition of art by members or their families. It was relaxed and informal, and blended the medical and convivial aspects of the Society.

As membership grew with the years, the meetings became more structured and formalized. A whole day program became the norm, with meetings held in major hotels such as the Barbizon Plaza Hotel (1976) and the Waldorf-Astoria (1977). In the 1980s, meetings were moved to auditoriums of medical schools and hospitals such as Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Cornell University Medical College, Pace University and New York Downtown Hospital. The meetings are now planned months in advance with speakers who are members or non-members, on topics that focus on major, common diseases with wide audience appeal, often with emphasis on health and disease among Chinese Americans. There is usually an overall theme for each meeting. The lectures are published verbatim or abstracted in subsequent issues of the Bulletin or Newsletter. Category I CME credits have been awarded to these programs.

In the 1990s, there were often poster presentations by members and by the Chinatown Health Clinic. Booths put up by various pharmaceutical companies demonstrating their products added to the general excitement. The Society provided breakfast and lunch, and for a number of years forgave registration fee, thanks to the generosity of pharmaceutical companies.

The Scientific program ends with a talk by the Scientific Award Recipient of the year. Following this inspiring presentation, often on a subject far removed from the day to day practice of medicine, the members attend the Annual Business Meeting where major decisions are made or ratified, including the election of Officers and Board members. The members then hurry home to change and fetch their spouses to attend the dinner banquet. This is a celebratory, gala affair, with special attractions such as musical or dance performances, and occasionally ballroom dancing. An attempt is made to keep speeches to a minimum.

In the 1990s, the Society was able to secure locations other than medical schools and hotels for its annual meetings. These include the New York Athletic Club, the Harvard Club and more recently the CitiCorp Convention Center at its sites in midtown and downtown in TriBeCa.

Annual Scientific Awards

With the intent of acknowledging the achievements of noteworthy physicians and scientists, many of whom were members of the Society, as well as adding extra interest and glitter to the Annual Meeting, an Annual Scientific Award was initiated in 1973. A glance at this list of recipients shows that the Society has been able to attract some truly notable people, known nationally and internationally, to New York City for our Annual Meeting. A lecture by the award recipient and a dinner banquet are the highlights of the evening, a worthwhile and enjoyable gathering for all.

A listing of the Award recipients, with their institutional affiliations and the titles of their talks, is attached. In a few cases, some of the information was not available.

CAMS ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC AWARD RECIPIENTS (1973-2003)

- 1973 **Paul N. Yu, MD**
Sarah McCort Ward Professor of Medicine, Chief of Cardiology, Strong Memorial Hospital, University of Rochester School of Medicine. Past President, American Heart Association.
- 1974 **K. K. Chen, MD**
Pharmacologist (Discoverer of ephedrine in Chinese drug ma huang, from work done in laboratories at Peking Union Medical College.)
- Chien-Pien Li, MD**
Microbiologist, Chief, Virus Biology Section, Laboratory of Virology, NIH (Dr. Li was a co-developer of the Li-Schaeffer strain, a strain of polio virus used for production of Type I vaccine.)
- Min-Chiu Li, MD**
Director of Medical Research and Oncology, Nassau Hospital, Mineola (now Winthrop-University

Hospital)
"Effect of Methotrexate on Choriocarcinoma."

1975

Chu-Huai Chang, MD

Professor of Radiation Oncology, Columbia University.
"Recent Studies on Radiation Sensitizers"

Florence Chu, MD

Clinical Professor of Radiology, Cornell University Medical Center.
"Recent Advances in the Treatment of Breast Center."

1976

Shih-Chun Wang, MD, PhD

Pfeiffer Professor of Pharmacology, Columbia University, discoverer of the vomiting center in the CNS, leading to the development of anti-emetics. Member, Academia Sinica.
"CNS Involvement in Cardiovascular Diseases. "

1977

Peter Kuo, MD

Professor of Medicine, Chief, Division of Cardiovascular Disease, Rutgers Medical School.
"Beta Adrenergic Blocking Agents in Coronary Heart Disease."

1978

Shih-Hsun Ngai, MD

Professor of Anesthesiology and Pharmacology, Columbia University. Member, Academia Sinica.
"Clinical Use of Muscle Relaxants."

1979

Hsien-Chang Meng, MD, PhD

Professor of Physiology, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.
"Nutritional Assessment and Methods of Support in Hospitalized Patients with Special Reference to Total Parenteral Nutrition."

1980

Shu-Chien, MD, PhD

Professor of Physiology, Columbia University.
"The Role of Rheology in Medicine"

1981

Stuart H. Q. Quan, MD

Attending Surgeon, Colo-Rectal Service, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Past President, American Rectal Society.
"Environmental Influences on Colo-Rectal Cancer."

1982

Ts'ai-Fan Yu, MD

Research Professor of Medicine, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine.
"Uricemia and Gout in Chinese."

1983

Choh-Hao Li, PhD

Professor and Director, Laboratory of Molecular Endocrinology, University of California, San Francisco.
" β -endorphin: A Pituitary Hormone with Morphine-like Activity."

Shelley N. Chao, MD, PhD

Professor and Head, Department of Neurosurgery, University of Minnesota School of Medicine.
"Brain Imaging at Square One."

1984

Mark O. M. Tso, MD

Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Illinois School of Medicine.

1985

Charlotte Tan, MD

Professor of Pediatrics, Cornell University Medical College, Pediatric Oncologist, New York Hospital, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.
"Use of New Chemotherapeutic Agents in Pediatric Patients."

- 1986 **Pei Fei Lee, MD**
Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, Director of Glaucoma Service, Albany Medical College.
"Glaucoma: Past, Present, and Future."
- 1987 **Te-Wen Chang, MD**
Associate Professor of Medicine (Infectious Diseases), Tufts University School of Medicine.
"Clostridium difficile Disease: A Decade of Reminiscence."
- 1988 **Chiu-Chen Wang, MD**
Professor of Radiation Oncology, Harvard Medical School, Head of Clinical Services, Department of Radiation Oncology, Massachusetts General Hospital.
"Altered Fractionation Radiation Therapy for Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma."
- 1989 **Ming T. Tsuang, MD, PhD**
Professor of Psychiatric Epidemiology, Harvard School of Public Health.
"Schizophrenia: Heredity or Environment?"
- Jacqueline Whang-Peng, MD**
Chief of Cytogenetic Oncology Section, National Cancer Institute. Member, Academia Sinica.
"3p Deletion in Lung Cancer."
- 1990 **Min-Fu Tsan, MD, PhD**
Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Albany Medical College.
"Monokines and Oxygen Toxicity."
- 1991 **Yuet-Wai Kan, MD**
Professor, Department of Medicine and Laboratory Medicine, Chief, Division of Molecular Medicine and Diagnostics, University of California, San Francisco.
"Prospects for the Control of Thalassemia."
- 1992 **George Y. Wu, MD, PhD**
Professor of Medicine and Physiology, Chief, Division of Gastroenterology, University of Connecticut School of Medicine.
"Targeted Delivery of Genes for the Correction of Inherited Metabolic Disorders."
- 1993 **C. Clifton Ling, PhD**
Chief Radiation Physicist, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.
"3D Conformal Radiation Therapy."
- Samuel D. J. Yeh, MD, ScD**
Associate Professor of Medicine, Cornell University Medical College. Attending in Nuclear Medicine, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.
"Advances in Nuclear Medicine"
- 1994 **David D. Ho, MD**
Professor of Medicine and Virology, New York University School of Medicine, Director, Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center.
"Drug Therapy in AIDS"
- 1995 **Victor J. Dzau, MD**
Professor of Medicine, Chief of Medical Services, Stanford University School of Medicine.
"Future Molecular Approaches in the Treatment of Cardiovascular Diseases-Gene Therapy."
- 1996 **Lan Bo Chen, PhD**
Professor of Pathology, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School.
"Probing Mitochondria in Living Cells."

- 1997 ***Chiu-Chen Wang, MD***
 Professor of Radiation Oncology, Harvard Medical School, Head of Clinical Services, Department of Radiation Oncology, Massachusetts General Hospital.
"New Developments in Radiation Therapy of Carcinomas of Oral Cavity."
- 1998 ***Frederick P. Li, MD***
 Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Professor of Clinical Cancer Epidemiology, Dana Farber Cancer Center.
"Cancers in Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders: Migrant Studies."
- 1999 ***Stanley Chang, MD***
 Edward S. Harkness Professor, Chairman of Ophthalmology, Columbia University.
"Recent Advances in Vitreous Surgery."
- 2000 ***Savio L. C. Woo, PhD***
 Professor and Director, Institute for Gene Therapy and Molecular Medicine, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine.
"Perspectives on Gene Therapy as a Novel Treatment for Genetic and Acquired Disorders"
- 2001 ***David T. W. Chiu, MD***
 Professor of Plastic Surgery, New York University School of Medicine.
 Director, Center for Restorative Surgery.
"Progression through Reduction: A Salient Principle in Reconstructive Surgery"
- 2002 ***Ray C. J. Chiu, MD, PhD***
 Professor of Cardiovascular Surgery, McGill University
"Comparative History of Chinese and Western Medicine."
- 2003 ***John C. L. Wang, MD, PhD***
 Associate Professor of Medicine, Weill Medical College of Cornell University.
 Senior Member, Rogosin Institute.
"Nephrology: Back to the Basics."

SEMIANNUAL MEETINGS

This was started during the tenure of Dr. Eddy Tong. The first one was held in Tamiment Mountaintop Hotel in the Poconos region of eastern Pennsylvania, July 30-August 1, 1976. Besides a 4-hour medical Symposium, there were many other activities, including tennis, swimming, dancing and gourmet dining. The setting encouraged attendance by families, and by friends from out of state. This formula has proved so attractive that it has continued, almost without interruption, until 1995. Beginning in 1996, a more formal

semi-annual meeting was held in the spring, usually in late May, for half a day without family participation or dinner. Now the formula is on the change again. We felt that it was too much work to have two meetings a year, especially since getting support from pharmaceutical companies is becoming more and more difficult. In 2003, a family outing to Bear Mountain was arranged, with a BBQ lunch and no scientific program.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL STUDENTS

The members and the Board made this a major program of the young Society and went to considerable lengths to fund and administer it. Initially, the funds came from donations by members and friends. Some years later, fund-raising banquets were held at the time of Chinese New Year solely for the scholarship program, and annual dues reminders included a "check-off" for the Educational Fund.

Starting in 1973, an average of 4 worthy students were selected from among the applicants, and awarded annual scholarships of \$1,000 each. In 1986, the Constitution and By-Laws of the CAMS Educational Fund, Inc. were amended to conform to the rules governing charitable tax-exempt organizations. In 1989, the family of the late Dr. Esther Lim

created a scholarship in her memory, and in 1996, Dr. George Liu funded a scholarship in memory of his late wife, Ruth Ru-yin Liu. With these 2 additions, there are at present 6 scholarships, with stipends ranging up to \$2,000 per annum. The recipients, future young physicians and dentists, are now practicing in many locations, and many are on the faculty of medical schools. A total of more than 130 scholarships have been awarded from 1973 -2002. Academic excellence remains the principal criterion for selection, two slots are now made for students with financial needs. The Society has been successful in continuing the program, although the awards remained static despite the great inflation in medical school cost over the past 30 years.

RESEARCH FUND AND SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

This fund was started in July, 1997 with a donation from the David M. C. Ju Foundation., in memory of the late Dr. Ju, the President in 1968. It was later augmented with funds from the Society. The object of the fund is to promote studies for improving the health of Chinese Americans, including clinical studies, basic science studies, and community-based research projects leading to the creation of clinical data bases.

Some of these were in the form of summer research fellowships while others were year-round grants. Those in the latter group, given in years 2000 and 2001, include the following:

1. The mechanism of action of an herbal anti-cancer drugs.
2. The relationship of genetic make-up of Chinese children to their response to anti-allergic drugs.
3. The characteristics of stroke in Chinese patients.

The Summer Research Fellowships, given to medical and dental students, were started in 2000. Each student is to have a sponsor who will supervise the work and will support the work in his/her laboratory. In turn, the Society provides the student a \$300 per week stipend, up to 8 weeks. A written report is expected at the completion of the project. And also a poster presentation is given at the Annual Scientific Meeting.

The names of the Summer Research Fellows and their research topics are as follows:

2000 **Karen Chang-Chen**, SUNY Stony Brook, "Epidemiological analysis of Chinese asthmatic patients at a community health clinic."

Jason Hu, CUNY Medical School, "The hepatitis profile of a population of immigrant patients."

Roger Yang, SUNY Stony Brook, "Differential expression of skin prick testing data among atopic versus non-atopic Chinese asthmatic patients."

Natalie Yip, P&S, "Demographic influences on co-morbidities of high body mass index in an Asian American population."

2001 **Lois Chiu**, SUNY Syracuse, "Breast feeding in Chinese immigrant women at the Chinatown Health Clinic."

Jennifer Fu, Stanford University, "NMDA receptors and L-type voltage-sensitive Ca⁺⁺ channels differentially stimulate neuronal early-gene expression."

Alan Ka, SUNY Stony Brook, "Temporal expression of HOX genes during fracture repair."

Christopher Leung, UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson, "Eastern vs. Western Medicine - Attitude comparison of two age cohorts in Chinese American community."

Llanyee Liwanpo, P & S, "Social factors affecting screening rates for breast cancer and cervical cancer in Chinese women in San Francisco bay area."

Casey Ng, Cornell, "Prostatic health among Chinese-American men in New York City."

2002 **Jennifer Chuy**, Northwestern, "Assessment of Community Awareness of health risks, treatment options, and cultural barriers of care for chronic hepatitis B infection in recent Chinese immigrants in New York City."

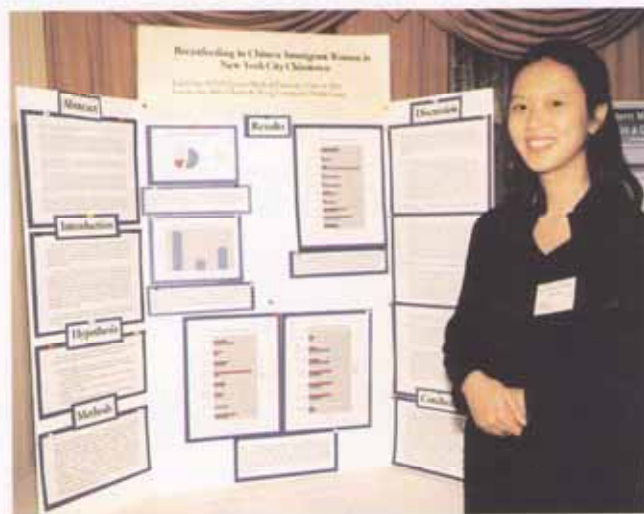
Carol Yuan, Albert Einstein, "Nasopharyngeal carcinoma staged by MRI vs clinical examination."

2003 **Jennifer Kuo**, P & S, "The role of transcription factor ATF5 in neural differentiation and tumorigenesis."

Wei Wei Li, SUNY Brooklyn, "Assessment of risk factors in Chinese American children in New York City for tuberculosis infection."

Peter Sue, SUNY Binghamton, "Detection of HBV surface antigen mutations in children who failed neonatal hepatitis B prophylaxis."

Aline Wong, Mt. Sinai, "Assessing the antibiotic efficacy of a monoclonal antibody to transforming growth factor Beta (TGFB) in the thioacetamide induced model of liver fibrosis."



Poster display by Lois Chiu of SUNY Syracuse at The 2001 Annual Scientific Meeting

MEDICAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Starting in 1979, a scant 7 years after President Nixon's epochal trip to China, China Institute in America initiated a Medical Exchange Committee to explore ways in which American advances in medical knowledge and technology could be shared with China. The Executive Committee was chaired by S. J. Yue, our first President and a Trustee of China Institute, with the able assistance of Drs. Chang Chu Huai, Samuel Yeh, Kenneth Sze, Ts'ai Fan Yu and Dorothy Yang, all of whom were stalwart members of the Society. Funds were provided by a few foundations, by friends of China Institute, and by grateful patients of Dr. S. J. Yue and Dr. Ts'ai Fan Yu. Committee members put in a great amount of time arranging placements for the visiting scholars, entertaining them during major holidays, not to mention the tremendous amount of correspondence involved in such a project. After 2 years of background preparatory work, the first group of senior Chinese medical faculty arrived in the US in 1981. Before the program ended in 1992, more than

80 medical faculty from 21 medical centers in China had come to the States to spend from 3 months to 1 year as observers or research workers in a number of major medical centers. After their stay here, these faculty returned to China to provide modernization of teaching, practice and research. In exchange, during these years, 14 US faculty members went to China for one month teaching tours. These included Drs. Samuel Yeh, Ts'ai Fan Yu, S. J. Yue, as well as Donald Armstrong, Chief of Infectious Diseases at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and a long time friend of China.

As an aside, CAMS and China Institute were a little disappointed at the modest number of Chinese American physicians going to China for limited teaching engagements. In contrast, those coming to US were most enthusiastic to see the outside world, and some received faculty promotions soon after their return. There is no doubt that the motivation and enticements were quite different for the 2 groups.

CHAPTERS

THE CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER

Some of the officers of the early years had visions of a truly national medical organization of Chinese physicians.

As part of this, the Society started organizing chapters in several areas with a nucleus of members. The first one was the New York State Capital District Chapter centered in Albany. On October 28, 1976, a general membership meet-

ing was held at the Shanghai Restaurant in Albany, and a Constitution and By-Laws and a slate of officers were approved. Dr. Pei-Fei Lee, a well-known ophthalmologist, was elected President of the Chapter. The following year, the newly formed Chapter hosted the Semi-annual Meeting on July 2-4 at the Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Springs, New York. This was an exciting locale for a meeting and introduced the downstate visitors to some of the beautiful scenery of upstate New York. The program included 2 symposia focused on Recent Advances in Medicine. Subsequently, the Chapter hosted another meeting in the Catskills. Albeit small, the Albany Chapter has remained steadfast, with one or more members, among them Dr. Ching Y. Lee, Dr. Numeriano Go, Dr. Karen Tan and Dr. Kevin Lau, regularly attending the Annual Meetings.

The Chapter anticipates growth in new directions, such as becoming more involved with the proposed Chinese Community Center, and to be providing medical care for the growing Chinese population in the Albany area.

THE GREATER BOSTON CHAPTER

The history of this group started in the late 1970s, when Chinese American physicians in Boston formed a medical society. Not long after, responding to overtures from ACMS, the group reorganized to become the Greater Boston Chapter of ACMS. The date of this inauguration was around 1980, the first President was Dr. Chang-Seng Liang and the second President, Dr. Stephen Louie. On June 30, 1984, Dr. Louie organized the celebration of a 20th Anniversary of ACMS at a Semi-Annual meeting in Sturbridge, MA. There was a scientific program at which Dr. Te-Wen Chang talked about Herpes infections and Dr. Eddie Kwan about neuroradiology. This was followed by another Semi-Annual meeting at Hyannis on Cape Cod. The Society's 1988 Annual Scientific Meeting was hosted by the Chapter on November 12 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston. Organized by Chapter President Dr. Stephen Lau, it had stimulating medical and social programs.

The Chapter has grown, and has maintained spring and fall dinner lecture meetings, with talks usually by someone in research or academic medicine. It has had, since the late 1980s, medical students and residents in training as members, without dues payment. The feeling was that some of these young physicians will remain members after they enter practice, either in Boston or some other CAMS chapter and that the early introduction to the Society is a good recruitment strategy.

Being relatively close to New York City, Chapter members have regularly participated in Annual Meetings over the years. Also, a number of our Scientific Award Recipients have been from the faculty of the 3 medical schools that call Boston their home.

THE MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER

(A Brief History and a Tribute to Dr. C. T. Byron Kao and Dr. Kai-yiu Yeung by Anthony Chang, M.D.)

After Dr. Kao came to a small town in rural Maryland several decades ago and opened his practice in general and thoracic surgery, he and a group of physicians and scientists founded the Mid-Atlantic States Chinese Medical and Health Association in 1972. The initial goal of the Association was to promote interaction and exchange of ideas among members, but its activities soon broadened to community services, such as hosting health fairs in the Washington, D.C. area, supporting other local Chinese organizations, and providing scholarships for outstanding high school students. In 1978, the Association became legally incorporated and changed its name to the Chinese American Medical and Health Association (CAMHA). Its members consisted of not only physicians, dentists, and scientists, but also nurses and other allied health professionals. Through the enthusiastic support of members and the devotion of the officers, CAMHA made significant contributions to the local Chinese-American community.

During Dr. Kao's term as President of CAMHA, he sought collaboration with CAMS and organized the first joint scientific meeting in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia in June, 1978. A year later, CAMS sponsored the second joint scientific meeting in Pocono, Pennsylvania. When Dr. Helen Y. Koo took over the helm of CAMHA, she arranged the third joint meeting held in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in the summer of 1980.

As more Chinese American physicians established their practices and attained positions in medical institutions in the Mid-Atlantic regions, the need for a more focused and physician-only organization emerged. In 1989, Dr. David Chiu, then in the process of forming a Federation of Chinese American Medical Societies, came to Washington, D. C., to help Dr. Jimmy Chow establish a chapter of CAMS in the Mid-Atlantic region. Dr. Chow became the founding President of the CAMS Mid-Atlantic Chapter. The initial members were from not only Washington D. C., Maryland and Virginia, but also from the neighboring states of Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and North Carolina. The highlights of the activities at that time were the bi-monthly local meetings and the annual joint scientific sessions with CAMS. During a scientific session held in Atlantic City, one member even hit the big jackpot at a casino. In the early 1990s, the number of members began to dwindle as people moved away and long distance attendance became more difficult. However, under the leadership of subsequent presidents and supporting officers, CAMS Mid-Atlantic Chapter eventually flourished. Dr. Kai-Yiu Yeung played the most pivotal role in the shaping of the Chapter. During his term as President, he established the Chapter's unique identity, secured its financial foundation, and

expanded its membership. Dr. Yeung has collaborated with pharmaceutical companies and has gained their support to fund the Chapter's activities. The main function of the Chapter has then become the CME dinners held about five to six times a year. Members attend excellent lectures, receive CME credits, and enjoy fine dining and the opportunity to socialize with each other. The dinner meetings attract many of the practicing physicians in the area.

Many medical, dental and health professionals in the greater Washington metropolitan area, including Drs. Kao and Yeung, were active in both organizations. However, success had an unfortunate consequence because it became difficult for many members to find time in their demanding personal and professional lives to participate in both organizations. To solve the problem, Dr. Yeung conceived the idea of merging of the two groups. In early 2000, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter started working with CAMHA President Yushi Cho, RN. The Board of Directors of the CAMHA and the Executive Committee of the CAMS Mid-Atlantic Chapter reviewed common goals, similarities and differences in their focuses and philosophy. After a series of joint meetings and activities, the two organizations concluded that a merger would benefit their members by combining resources and

manpower. The CAMHA and CAMS Mid-Atlantic Chapter merged in 2001 to form the new CAMS Mid-Atlantic Chapter. The Chapter now represents a diverse membership encompassing physicians, dentists, nurses, scientists, those in the federal regulatory agencies, and other allied health professionals. It continues to offer regular dinner lecture meetings, annual Chinese New Year banquets, scholarships for excellent high school students, and support for the Chinese community. The Chapter also works closely with the national CAMS and strives to accomplish its missions.

Dr. Byron Kao remains spirited and energetic even years after retirement. He has made generous donations for the scholarship program for the last 30 years, and has attended every single annual meeting except one, when he went to New York for the national CAMS meeting. The Chapter will continue to benefit from his support in the years to come. Dr. Yeung is enjoying his successful practice and his life with his family, with a vigor envied by many. He is still the elder statesman of the Chapter and continues to offer his wisdom, advice, and support. Drs. Kao and Yeung have personified the trail-blazing spirit of Chinese Americans and have given impetus to the younger generation. There is no better occasion than the 40th anniversary of CAMS to honor them.

CAMS AND THE CHARLES B. WANG COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER (FORMERLY CHINATOWN HEALTH CLINIC)

The fact that there were relatively few Chinese physicians in New York City in the 1960s and 1970s meant that many physicians were active in a number of medical associations. Such was the case with the Chinatown Health Clinic, founded in 1971, where Drs. Samuel Yeh and John Li were 2 of the 3 founding physicians. Dr. Yeh was a member of CAMS Board in the mid 70s when the newly founded Clinic was raising funds to move to a larger and more appropriate site. The Director of the Clinic, Jane Eng, Esq., wrote a letter of appeal to the Society. With Dr. Yeh's support and that of Dr. Eddy Tong, President in 1976-1977, the Society made a donation of \$2,000. Since then the 2 groups have often shared members and projects. Other Clinic volunteers who became active in CAMS include Drs. James Chang, Raymond Fong, and Benjamin Chu. Several Medical Directors of the Clinic, Drs. Margaret Teng Lee, Henry Chung and Alan Tso, played active roles on the Society's Board and fostered joint projects between CAMS and the Clinic.

CAMS and the Health Center have relied on each other for cross-education and information, leveraging the Health Center's strong ties with the community, and CAMS' academic and clinical expertise to improve the quality of care. The Health Center staff regularly hold training sessions with CAMS to increase physician awareness about the issues and

concerns facing the population they serve.

Most recently, CAMS has served as a Community Partner in the Mental Health Bridge Program. The Bridge Program was created in 1998 by Dr. Henry Chung, then the Medical Director of Chinatown Health Clinic, with the goal of increasing the utilization of mental health services among the Chinese community in New York City's Chinatown and throughout the metropolitan area. The Bridge Program seeks to integrate mental health into primary care services at a single site. It seeks to improve primary care providers' ability to identify and treat patients with psychiatric conditions, increase community awareness of mental health issues, and reduce the stigma associated with mental disorders. The Mental Health Bridge Program was funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation under its Local Initiative Funding Partners Program, and supported by matching grants from community partners, including CAMS, New York University Downtown Hospital, Gouverneur Hospital, the Pfizer Foundation, the New York Community Trust, the Sergei Zlingoff Fund, and the Van Ameringen Foundation. In 2001, CAMS contributed \$12,000 in matching funds for the Mental Health Bridge Program, and the Program was recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services (of the federal government) as a Model That Works.

MANAGED CARE AND CAIPA

Managed care, as we know it today, started on the West Coast in the early 1980s, and gradually swept eastward, reaching New York in the early 1990s. In response, the Society held numerous discussions on the subject at our Board meetings and organized a panel discussion on health care reform at the Annual Meeting in 1993. Anticipating the rapid growth of managed care, the President, Dr. John Li, added a new standing committee, the Clinical Practice Committee, whose purpose is to inform the Board on issues affecting the practice of medicine. The first chairman, Dr. Sun Hoo Foo, promptly formed a committee which included Drs. George Liu, Marcus Loo, Raymond Fong and Warren Chin, all of whom have offices in Chinatown. It so happened that Dr. Liu had a patient who was in the administration of Oxford Health Plans, an organization that stressed quality by requiring all its participating providers to be board certified. Oxford was anxious to break into the Chinatown market and entered into negotiations with Dr. Liu. Eventually, a contract attractive to Chinese American physicians was reached. In 1994, the Chinese Physicians Partnership (CPP) with Oxford was formed, led by Drs. George Liu and Sun Hoo Foo. The organizing members were members of CAMS, and rather than starting another medical society, they required that Partnership members were also to be CAMS members. There were 70 members at its outset.

To respond to the volatile managed care scene, the CPP was incorporated as the Chinese American Independent Practice Association (CAIPA) by 1998. After successfully negotiating another contract with Oxford, CAIPA, Inc. became a major entity among Chinese American practitioners. By 2003, there were over 240 CAIPA members, of whom 70% were in primary care. In addition to Oxford, CAIPA manages contracts for its members with a number of different managed care organizations, some of which are risk-sharing contracts.

It is the feeling of the leadership of CAIPA that as a general rule, Chinese American physicians practicing in areas with large Chinese American populations, such as New York's Chinatown, and Flushing in Queens, work long hours, many having office hours on Sundays, charge very reasonable fees, and manage to keep their patients out of ERs and hospitals. All of these characteristics, of course, are the goals of managed care.

CAMS/CAIPA Community Service Fund

This fund receives a part of the annual surplus distribution from the contract with Oxford Health Plans. It is administered by a Board of 5 physicians representing the 2 groups. The first distribution was in 2000. Since then, it has been used toward a number of meritorious programs.

A 5-year commitment was made to support the Chinese

Community Partnership for Health (CCPH) Endowment of the New York University Downtown Hospital. This \$100,000 commitment for outreach services to the surrounding community includes health screening, lectures and literature in Chinese, free flu shots, radio program, and a toll free hotline in Chinese. The CCPH is supported by many CAMS members, and among its officers are Dr. Eric Poon and Dr. Sun-Hoo Foo.

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2. In 2002, in addition to CCPH, awards were presented to 2 community projects:
 - 1) Comprehensive Cancer Education and Screening Program of the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center (formerly the Chinatown Health Clinic). This will focus on cancer awareness and screening for breast, cervical and prostate cancer.
 - 2) Osteoporosis outreach program of the Downtown Family Care Center of New York University Downtown Hospital.



Dr. George Liu, Chairman of CAIPA Management Committee and Peggy Sheng, the valuable CAIPA Administrator, at the CAMS 2000 Annual Meeting.

QUEN SAU NAM MEMORIAL LECTURES

This lectureship was established by the Medical Staff and Administration of the Chinese Hospital of San Francisco and dedicated to the memory and outstanding contributions of Quen San Nam. Mr. Quen was a herbalist who studied Chinese medicine in Canton. He emigrated from China around 1890, set up practice in traditional Chinese medicine in San Francisco, and married a local girl, Miss Wong Shee, who bore him 10 children. In the early 1900s, Quen Sau Nam was a co-founder of the Oriental Clinic in San Francisco Chinatown. This, in turn, led to the establishment of the Chinese Hospital in 1925.

The lectureship was generously funded by Dr. Stuart H. Q. Quan, the youngest of the Quen children, member of CAMS and a distinguished surgeon in New York City. This series of 8 lectures by leaders in their fields were given at the biennial International Conference on Health Problems Related to the Chinese in North America, starting with the Third Conference in 1986, and ending with the Tenth Conference in 2000. The Eighth and concluding Lecture was, fittingly, given by Dr. Quan.

1986 The First Lecture was the keynote address of the Third Conference, in New York City.

"Cardiovascular Diseases of Chinese Americans"

Speaker: Paul N. Yu, MD, Chief of Cardiology, University of Rochester School of Medicine

1988 The Second Lecture was at the Fourth Conference, in San Francisco, CA.

"Liver Disease Among the Chinese: Is Conquest in Sight?"

Speaker: Myron J. Tong, MD, PhD Chief, Liver Center, Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, CA

1990 The Third Lecture was given at the Fifth Conference in Toronto, Canada.

"Control of a Molecular Disease Through Molecular Genetics."

Speaker: Yuet Wai Kan, MD Louis K. Diamond Professor of Hematology, University of California, San Francisco

1992 The Fourth Lecture was given at the Sixth Conference in San Francisco "Surgical Problems of Chinese Immigrants."

Speaker: John Wong, MD Chairman, Department of Surgery, University of Hongkong

1994 The Fifth Lecture was given at the Seventh Conference in New York City.

"Recent Advances in Understanding the Causes and Therapy of Essential Hypertension."

Speaker: Peter K. T. Pang, PhD Professor of Physiology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

1996 The Sixth Lecture was given at the Eighth Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. "Medicine, Business and Politics, Hong Kong Before and After 1997."

Speaker: Dr. Edgar Cheng Medical Oncologist, Hong Kong

1998 The Seventh Lecture was given at the Ninth Conference in Universal City, CA.

"Genetics and Genomics: Novel Approaches in Cardiovascular Medicine."

Speaker: Victor Dzau, MD Hersey Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine, Harvard Medical School. Chairman of Medicine, Brigham and Women Hospital.

2000 The Eight Lecture was given at the Tenth Conference in San Francisco.

"Cancer of the Colon and Rectum in the Chinese Population."

Speaker: Stuart H.Q. Quan, M.D., Clinical Professor of Colo-Rectal Surgery, Cornell University Medical College. Senior Attending Surgeon, Memorial Sloane Kettering Cancer Center.

SPONSORED MEDICAL TRIPS

For some members, this is a favorite means of going abroad. Traveling with a medical group means participating in lectures, visiting medical facilities, making new contacts and friends as well as the delights of sight-seeing. The time devoted to medicine receives Category II CME credits. For all the above reasons, tours to Europe, China, Taiwan and many other points of interest have been organized and

offered to members, once or twice a year. The first tours were organized by then President Dr. Eddy Tong, and subsequently other energetic members have done so, among them Dr. Yun-Hsi Hsu. Lasting friendships have developed on these trips, and the tours are enthusiastically welcomed and fondly remembered.

Chapter III PRESIDENTS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PROFILES OF PRESIDENTS OF CAMS: 1964 - 2003

SHYH-JONG YUE, M.D.

First President, 1964, 1965

Deceased, 2000



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| PLACE OF BIRTH: | Shanghai, China |
| MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: | National Medical College of Shanghai, 1938 Training in Orthopedic Surgery in USA Orthopedic Surgeon in Chinese army during the Second World War National Defense Medical Center, Shanghai and Taipei, late 1940s Training in Physical Medicine in USA, late 1950s |
| YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: | Early 1950s |
| SPECIALTY: | Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine |
| FACULTY/HOSPITAL: | Associate Clinical Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine College of P & S, Columbia University Director, Rehabilitation Medicine, St. Luke's Hospital |
| NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS: | Active in promoting regulatory aspects of acupuncture practice in New York State. Founder of Acupuncture Society, and holder of Acupuncture License no. 2. Past Chairman, Executive Committee, US-China Medical Exchange Program, CAMS-China Institute during 1980-1990. |

REMARKS: Dr. Yue was one of the core group of 5 founding members of CAMS as well as its first President. He was for many years a major figure in Chinese American medical circles in the New York area. Starting in the 1970s, his interest shifted to acupuncture. He played a significant role in the recognition of acupuncture as a medical specialty in New York State. This opened the way to the great expansion of acupuncture as an accepted treatment modality by licensed and trained physicians, often anesthesiologists specializing in pain management. Dr. Yue was a member of the Board of Trustees of China Institute.

PERCY P. TUNG, M.D.

President, 1966, 1967

PLACE OF BIRTH: Shanghai, China

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: National Medical College of Shanghai 1941

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: 1947

SPECIALTY: Anesthesiology

FACULTY/HOSPITAL: Assistant Attending Anesthesiologist
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Director, Anesthesiology Service, Parsons Hospital, Flushing, 1955-1988

SERVICE IN MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS: Co-founder, CAMS
Author, Constitution and By-Laws of CAMS



DAVID MING-CHANG JU, M.D.

President, 1968
Deceased, 1996

PLACE OF BIRTH: Beijing, China

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: National Medical College of Shanghai, 1944

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: 1949

SPECIALTY: Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

FACULTY/HOSPITAL: Attending Surgeon, Presbyterian Hospital
Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery, Columbia University
Chief of Head and Neck Service, Francis Delafield Hospital

NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS: AWARDS AND HONORS: First Kerbs Achievement Award, American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons
Career Achievement Award from The Webster Society
CAMs Special Community Service Award, 1996

SERVICE IN MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS: Founding member of CAMS



KENNETH CHIA-CHE SZE, M.D.

President, 1969



PLACE OF BIRTH: Peking, China

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: George Washington University, 1943

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: 1939

SPECIALTY: Thoracic and General Surgery

FACULTY/HOSPITAL: Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery, New York University School of Medicine
Attending Surgeon, French Hospital, New York University Downtown Hospital and Beth Israel Medical Center

NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS:
AWARDS AND HONORS: Fellow, American College of Surgeons
Trustee, New York University Downtown Hospital 1992 to present

SERVICE IN MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS: Major, US Army Medical Corps.
Chief of Chest Surgery, 98th General Hospital, Neubrucke, Germany 1951-1953
Exchange Program Committee, CAMS-China Institute

REMARKS: Dr. Sze was the senior surgeon on the trauma team at New York University Downtown Hospital when a young man, victim of a stabbing at the Fulton Fish Market was brought in. The young man was clinically dead upon arrival at the hospital. Thanks to Dr. Sze and others who worked for 12 hours straight, he eventually walked out of the hospital. The story was featured in New York Magazine (February 22, 1982 issue).

WILLIAM SHING-ZUNG KUH, M.D.

President, 1970

Deceased, 1992



PLACE OF BIRTH: Shanghai, China

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: St. John's University Medical College, 1945

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: 1947

SPECIALTY: General Practice, Acupuncture

FACULTY/HOSPITAL: Department of Family Practice, Somerset Medical Center Somerville, NJ (1955-1992)

NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS:
AWARDS AND HONORS: Paul Harris Scholar Award, 1989, The Rotary Club International

SERVICE IN MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS: President, 1985, Somerset County Medical Society

REMARKS: Dr. Kuh was the first Chinese American physician to be elected President of the Somerset County Medical Society. He was a humorous, gentle and caring person.

MIN-CHIU LI, M.D.

President, 1971, 1972

Deceased, 1980

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Mukden, China

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR:

Shenyang Medical
College

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA:

1947

SPECIALTY:

Cancer Research

FACULTY/HOSPITAL:

Sloan Kettering Institute, 1953
National Cancer Institute, 1955
Director of Medical Research and Oncology, Nassau Hospital
(now Winthrop-University Hospital) 1963- 1976
Chairman, National Cancer Research Committee, National
Science Council, Republic of China
Director of Cancer Center, Scripps Memorial Hospital, LaJolla,
California, 1976-1980

NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS:

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Alfred Sloan Award, 1957

Albert Lasker Award for Clinical Research, 1972

AN APPRECIATION: "With his 1956 report of 3 cases of choriocarcinoma responding to methotrexate, Dr. M. C. Li became the first therapeutic scientist to demonstrate that systemic chemotherapy could result in the cure of metastatic malignant disease. He recognized the value of tumor markers by measuring chorionic gonadotropin levels in blood during and after use of methotrexate in treating choriocarcinoma. In 1960, Dr. Li published another important and original finding, the use of multiple agent combination chemotherapy for metastatic testicular cancer. Combined with techniques for local control, this has virtually eliminated testicular malignancy as a major cause of mortality in men. In 1977, Dr. Li reported the effect of 5-fluorouracil given as an adjuvant after colon surgery in improving long term survival. This led to intensive re-investigation of the question of adjuvant treatment for this disease."

REMARKS: The above was written by Emil J. Freireich, MD, and published in 2002. Dr. Freireich and Dr. Li met in the 1950s when they both worked at NIH and developed a long-lasting friendship. Dr. Freireich is a renowned researcher with a special focus on innovative leukemia therapies. He is at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas.

JEROME WEI- PING LOH, M.D., Ph.D.

President, 1973, 1974


Deceased, 1988

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| PLACE OF BIRTH: | Nant'ung, China |  |
| MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: | National Medical College of Shanghai 1945 Boston University School of Medicine PhD | |
| YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: | 1947 | |
| SPECIALTY: | Pathology and Forensic Pathology | |
| FACULTY/HOSPITAL: | Clinical Professor of Pathology, Indiana University School of Medicine Chairman, Department of Pathology, Methodist Hospital, Gary, Indiana Coroner, Gary, Indiana | |
| NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS: AWARDS AND HONORS | Distinguished Service Award, 1981, Indiana Sickle Cell Foundation Distinguished Alumni Award, 1987, Boston University School of Medicine | |
| SERVICE IN MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS: | Medical Director, Indiana Sickle Cell Foundation Past President, Asian American Medical Society Past President, American College of International Physicians | |


REMARKS: Dr. Loh played a leadership role in a number of medical organizations that brought together physicians from many different backgrounds. He was instrumental in getting CAMS listed in the AMA Directory. He was the second Chinese American to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award from Boston University School of Medicine.

KUO CHEN WANG, M.D.

President, 1975


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| PLACE OF BIRTH: | Shanghai, China |  |
| MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: | National Central University, Medical College, Nanking, 1943 | |
| YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: | 1949 | |
| SPECIALTY: | Anesthesiology | |
| FACULTY/HOSPITAL: | Attending Anesthesiologist, St. Clare's Hospital, New York City Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases St. Francis Hospital, Roslyn | |

EDDY C.K. TONG, M.D.
President, 1976, 1977


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| PLACE OF BIRTH: | Guangzhou, China |  |
| MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: | National Defense Medical Center, 1953 | |
| YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: | 1959 | |
| SPECIALTY: | Radiology and Nuclear Medicine | |
| FACULTY/HOSPITAL: | Associate Professor of Radiology, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine New York Medical College Director of Radiology: Cumberland Hospital, North General Hospital, Metropolitan Hospital Center | |
| NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS: AWARDS AND HONORS: | Outstanding Alumnus of National Defense Medical Center (twice) Fellow, American College of Radiology | |
| SERVICE IN MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS: | President, Chinese American Society of Nuclear Medicine President, Alumni Association of National Defense Medical Center (22 terms) | |

* Partial listing of many Achievement or Appreciation awards from various organizations.

JOSEPH C. LIN, M.D.
President, 1978


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| PLACE OF BIRTH: | Fujian, China |  |
| MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: | National Taiwan University School of Medicine, 1957 | |
| YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: | 1959 | |
| SPECIALTY: | Radiology and Neuroradiology | |
| FACULTY/HOSPITAL: | Professor of Radiology, New York University School of Medicine, 1974-1997 Director of Neuroradiology, University Hospital, Bellevue Hospital | |
| NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS: AWARD AND HONORS | Fellow, American College of Radiology Stroke Council of the American Heart Association | |
| SERVICE IN MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS: | Led the first CAMS delegation to visit The Peoples Republic of China in 1978 | |

SHU CHIEN, M.D., Ph.D.**President, 1979**

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| PLACE OF BIRTH: | Beijing, China |  |
| MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: | National Taiwan University School of Medicine, 1953 Columbia University PhD (Physiology) 1957 | |
| YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: | 1954 | |
| SPECIALTY: | Physiology, Biomedical Engineering | |
| FAULTY/HOSPITAL: | Professor of Physiology, Director of Circulatory Physiology and Biophysics, College of P & S, Columbia University 1969-1988 Director, Institute of Biomedical Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taipei 1987-1988 Chair, Department of Bioengineering, University of California at San Diego 1994 to present University Professor of Bioengineering and Medicine, University of California at San Diego, 2002 to present | |
| NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS: AWARDS AND HONORS | Teacher of the Year, 1972, 1974, 1981, 1983, College of P & S, Columbia University CAMS Annual Scientific Award, 1980 Zweifach Award, 1991 National Health Medal, Department of Health, Taiwan 1998 Poiseuille Gold Medal, International Congress of Physiological Science 2002 | |
| SERVICE IN MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS: | President, American Physiology Society, 1990-1991 Chair, National Organizing Committee, International Congress of Physiological Sciences, 2001-2005 President, International Society of Biorheology, 2002-2005 | |

REMARKS: Dr. Chien is a recipient of many other awards, honors and appointments.

SAMUEL D. J. YEH, M.D., Sc.D.**President, 1980**

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| PLACE OF BIRTH: | Kunming, China |  |
| MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: | National Defense Medical Center, 1948 Johns Hopkins University ScD, Biochemistry, 1960 | |
| YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: | 1953 | |
| SPECIALTY: | Nuclear Medicine | |
| FACULTY/HOSPITAL: | Attending Physician of Nuclear Medicine, Endocrinology and Clinical Chemistry, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Associate Professor of Medicine, Weill Medical College of Cornell University | |
| NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS: AWARDS AND HONORS | CAMS Service Award, 1983 Emily Dunning Barringer Award, Gouverneur Hospital, 1990 CAMS Annual Scientific Award 1993 CAMS Special Community Service Award 1998 | |
| SERVICE IN MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS: | One of 3 founding physicians and volunteer physician of Chinatown Health Clinic since 1971 Past Executive Committee Member, US-China Medical Exchange Program, CAMS-China Institute | |

DOROTHY C. YANG, M.D.**President, 1981**

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| PLACE OF BIRTH: | Shanghai, China |  |
| MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: | St. John's University Medical College, 1945 | |
| YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: | 1946 | |
| SPECIALTY: | Pediatrics and Pediatric Neurology | |
| FACULTY/HOSPITAL: | Associate Medical Director, Stanley S. Lamm Institute for Developmental Disability, Long Island College Hospital | |
| NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS: | After retirement in 1987, Dr. Yang attended a seminary, received the degree of Master of Divinity, and is at present practicing her new calling in Philadelphia. | |

PERSONAL STATEMENTS: I had the opportunity to serve disabled children and their parents. God gave me the love, compassion, and patience to encourage them, to share with them their sorrow, their disappointments and their hope. I was not only their doctor but their friend who cared. Speaking for my generation, I always feel that in America we were blessed for our profession and our family. Our children received the best education. Many of us have contributed in the field of medicine (I was one of the first child neurologists trained at Children Hospital and Hospital of University of Pennsylvania with a grant from NIH in the sixties). Now our new generation is doing the same. May CAMS live on with God's blessings.

HSUEH HWA WANG, M.D.

President, 1982

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Peking, China

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR:

National Central University
Medical College, 1946

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA:

1946

SPECIALTY:

Cardiovascular Physiology and
Pharmacology

FACULTY/HOSPITAL:

Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of
Pharmacology, Columbia University, 1985-1990
Professor Emeritus of Pharmacology, Columbia University 1990

NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS:
AWARDS AND HONORS

Outstanding Woman Scientist Award, Association for Women in
Science, Metropolitan New York Chapter, 1991
American Physiology Society
American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental
Therapeutics
Society of Chinese Bioscientists in America

SERVICE IN MEDICAL
ORGANIZATIONS:

Executive Director of CAMS, 1986 to present.



CHU-HUAI CHANG, M.D.

President, 1983

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Fukien, China

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR:

St. John's University Medical
College, 1944

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA:

1947

SPECIALTY:

Radiation Oncology

FACULTY/HOSPITAL:

Professor Emeritus, Radiation Oncology and Past Director,
Radiation Therapy Service, Columbia University
Consultant Emeritus, Radiation Oncology, New York-Presbyterian
Hospital

NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS:
AWARDS AND HONORS:

CAMS Annual Scientific Award, 1975
Outstanding Radiation Oncologist Award, New York Roentgen
Society, 1989.
Cited in Best Doctors in USA 1970- 1990



THOMAS KING, M.D.

President, 1984

PLACE OF BIRTH: Shanghai, China

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: University of Edinburgh,
MB ChB 1959, MD 1963

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: 1965

SPECIALTY: Pulmonary and Critical Care
Medicine, Physiology

FACULTY/HOSPITAL: Associate Professor of Medicine
and Biophysics,
Weill Medical College of Cornell University

NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS:
AWARDS AND HONORS Pulmonary Academy Award, National Heart and Lung
Institute, 1972- 1977
Fellow, Royal College of Physicians, London
American College of Chest Physicians

SERVICE IN MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS: President, New York Trudeau Society 1978-1979
Medical Research Society of United Kingdom
American Thoracic Society
American Federation for Clinical Research
American Physiology Society



LILLIAN K. CHEN, M.D.

President, 1985

PLACE OF BIRTH: Kiangsu Province, China

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: Kaohsiung Medical University,
Taiwan, 1960

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: 1963

SPECIALTY: Anesthesiology

FACULTY/HOSPITAL: Assistant Chief, US Public
Health Hospital, Staten Island, 1970-1973
Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology, St. Vincent's
Medical Center, Staten Island, 1978-2000

SERVICE IN MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS: CAMS delegate to the Asian American Health Forum,
sponsored by the Chinese Hospital of San Francisco.



DAVID T. W. CHIU, M.D

President, 1986, 1987

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Sun Wei, Kwantung, China

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR:

College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, 1973

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA:

1967

SPECIALTY:

Plastic Surgery, Hand Surgery, Cosmetic Surgery, Microsurgery, Peripheral Nerve Surgery

FACULTY/HOSPITAL:

Professor of Plastic Surgery, New York University School of Medicine
Adjunct Professor of Clinical Surgery, Columbia University
Director, Center for Restorative Surgery

NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS:
AWARDS AND HONORS

Gold Medal, Alumni Association, College of P & S, 1997

SERVICE IN MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS:

President, New York Society for Surgery of the Hand, 1996-1997
President, American Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery, 1998-1999
President, American Society of Peripheral Nerve Surgery, 1999-2001
Listed in "Best Doctors" in New York Metropolitan area in New York Magazine.

* Partial Listing



WEN-HSIEN WU, M.D.

President, 1988, 1989

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Shanghai, China

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR:

National Taiwan University School of Medicine, 1958

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA:

1960

SPECIALTY:

Anesthesiology

FACULTY/HOSPITAL:

Professor and Chairman of Anesthesiology, UMDNJ- New Jersey Medical School, 1979-1996
Director, Pain Management Center, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, 1981 to present

NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS:
AWARDS AND HONORS

Cited in Top Doctor New York-New Jersey Area, 2000, in Pain Management
Scientific Advisor, National Bureau of Controlled Drugs, Department of Health, Taiwan



STANLEY CHANG, M.D.

President, 1990, 1991

PLACE OF BIRTH: Shanghai, China

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, 1974

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: 1949

SPECIALTY: Ophthalmology

FACULTY/HOSPITAL: Edward S. Harkness Professor of Ophthalmology, Columbia University
Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology
New York Presbyterian Hospital

NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS:
AWARDS AND HONORS CAMS Scientific Award, 1999
Listed in Best Doctors in New York Metropolitan area in New York Magazine.



REMARKS: Dr. Chang is a recipient of many other awards and honors.

JOHN K. H. LI, M.D.

President, 1992, 1993

PLACE OF BIRTH: Nanking, China

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: Harvard Medical School, 1958

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: 1949

SPECIALTY: Pathology

FACULTY/HOSPITAL: Chairman of Pathology, Long Island College Hospital, 1992 to present
Associate Clinical Professor of Pathology, State University of New York, Brooklyn, 1993 to present



NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS:
AWARDS AND HONORS CAMS Special Community Service Award, 1998
Annual Recognition Award, Othmer Cancer Center, Long Island College Hospital, 2001

SERVICE IN MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS: One of 3 founding physicians, Chinatown Health Clinic, New York City
Member, Board of Directors, Chinatown Health Clinic
President, Pathologists Club of New York, 1989, 1990
Alternate Delegate, House of Delegates, College of American Pathologists

SUN-HOO FOO, M.D.

President, 1994, 1995

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR:

National Taiwan University
School of Medicine, 1972

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA:

1973

SPECIALTY:

Neurology, Internal Medicine

FACULTY/HOSPITAL

Clinical Associate Professor of Neurology, New York University
School of Medicine
Director of Neurology, New York University Downtown Hospital



NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS:
AWARDS AND HONORS

Courvoisier Leadership Award, New York 1992
Governor Cuomo Award for Outstanding Asian American 1993
Chairman's Award, Board of Trustees, New York University
Downtown Hospital 1997, 1999
Distinguished Trustee Award, United Hospital Fund 1999
Wholeness of Life Award, A Light in the Community International
Foundation 1999
Unsung Hero Community Service Award, Chinese American
Planning Council 2003
Listed in Best Doctors in New York Magazine

SERVICE IN MEDICAL
ORGANIZATIONS:

Co-organizer-Chinese American IPA (CAIPA)
Co-founder, Tien An Men Foundation (TMF)

MARCUS LOO, M.D.

President, 1996, 1997

PLACE OF BIRTH:

New York City

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR:

Cornell University Medical
College 1981

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA:

1970 (Returning from childhood
in Hong Kong)

SPECIALTY:

Urology

FACULTY /HOSPITAL:

Clinical Associate Professor of Urology, Weill Medical College of
Cornell University
Associate Attending Urologist, New York Presbyterian Hospital

NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS:
AWARDS AND HONORS

Trustee, Cornell University
Fellow, American College of Surgeons
Best Doctors 2003 - NY Metro Area New York Magazine

SERVICE IN MEDICAL
ORGANIZATIONS:

Admissions Committee of Weill Medical College of
Cornell University



RAYMOND FONG, M.D.

President, 1998, 1999

PLACE OF BIRTH: Hong Kong

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: Cornell University
Medical College 1981

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: 1960

SPECIALTY: Ophthalmology
Cataract Surgery and LASIK

FACULTY/HOSPITAL: Manhattan Eye & Ear Hospital



NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS:
AWARDS AND HONORS: Cited in Best Doctors - New York Metro Area
consistently since 1993

SERVICE IN MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS: President, Chinatown Health Clinic Foundation

PERSONAL STATEMENT: Dr. Fong's greatest challenge in the last few years has been trying to master the Nintendo Game cube, and according to his 7 year old son, Xander, has failed miserably. However, his wife Winnie and his 4 year old daughter Kayla still love him. His biggest regret in life is not having made friends with Bill Gates in college. Unfortunately, he chose the wrong roommate from Seattle.

JOHN C. L. WANG, M.D., Ph.D.

President, 2000, 2001

PLACE OF BIRTH: Taipei, Taiwan

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: Cornell University Medical
College, M.D. 1979
Cornell University Medical
College, Ph.D. in
Biochemistry, 1979

YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: 1969

SPECIALTY: Nephrology


FACULTY/HOSPITAL: Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Weill Medical
College of Cornell University
Associate Attending Physician, New York Presbyterian
Hospital
Senior Member, Rogosin Institute
Director, Jack J. Dreyfus Clinic



NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS
AWARDS AND HONORS: The Rogosin Institute Hope and Humanity Award 2003
CAMS Scientific Award 2003

SERVICE IN MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS: Medical Advisory Board, National Kidney Foundation

DAISY SAW, M.D.**President, 2002, 2003**

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| PLACE OF BIRTH: | Burma |  |
| MEDICAL SCHOOL AND YEAR: | Rangoon Medical College, 1964 | |
| YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN USA: | 1986 | |
| SPECIALTY: | Anatomic Pathology and Clinical Pathology, Cytopathology | |
| FACULTY/HOSPITAL: | Chairman of Pathology, 1978-1986, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Hong Kong Consultant, Technicon Corporation, Tarrytown, NY, 1986-1989 Associate Professor of Pathology, New York University School of Medicine Clinical Associate Professor of Pathology, Weill Medical College of Cornell University Consultant, Department of Clinical Chemistry, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Associate Director of Anatomic Pathology, New York Hospital Queens, 1991 to present | |
| NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS; AWARDS AND HONORS | Fellow, Royal College of Pathologists, United Kingdom and Australia | |
| SERVICE IN MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS: | Chairman, Membership Committee, New York Pathological Society Board Member, Chinese Unit, American Cancer Society | |

CAMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 1964 - 2003

1964 S. J. Yue (President), Percy Tung (Vice President), Florence Chu (Secretary), C. H. Chang (Treasurer), David Ju, Paul Yu, Laurence Wu, William Yang, Horace Yu, William Li, Robert Yuan, S. H. Ngai

1965 S. J. Yue (President), Percy Tung (Vice President), Florence Chu (Secretary), C. H. Chang (Treasurer), David Ju, Paul Yu, Lawrence Wu, William Yang, Horace Yu, William Li, Robert Yuan, M. C. Li

1966 Percy Tung (President), Horace Yu (Vice President), Florence Chu (Secretary), Shu Chien (Treasurer), David Ju, S. J. Yue, William Li, M. C. Li, Charles Chang, John Chao, Charles Bien, Robert Yuan

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1969 K. Sze (President), W. Kuh (Vice President), W. Hsia (Secretary), S. Chang (Treasurer), Lewis Li, S. J. Yue, B. Peng, Percy Tung, T. G. Li, Florence Chu, C. W. Chang, David Ju, Daniel Choy, W. P. Loh, S. H. Ying

1970 W. Kuh (President), M. C. Li (Vice President), W. Hsia (Secretary), Sophie Chang (Treasurer), Shu Chien, David Ju, K. Sze, Percy Tung, K. C. Wang, W. P. Loh, S. J. Yue, C. W. Chang, Harry Fong, Lewis Li, S. H. Ying

1971 M. C. Li (President), Shu Chien (Vice President), K. C. Wang (Secretary), Shun Hua Lin (Treasurer), D. Ju, Percy Tung, K. Sze, S. H. Ying, W. Hsia, Harry Fong, Er Yi Ting, John Chao, C. H. Chang, W. Kuh, S. J. Yue

1972 M. C. Li (President), Shu Chien (Vice President), K. C. Wang (Secretary), S. H. Lin (Treasurer), D. Ju, James Chien, C. H. Chang, S. J. Yue, Er Yi Ting, Percy Tung, Harry Fong, K. Sze, John Chao, Patricia Lee, Te-Fang Yang

1973 Wei Ping Loh (President), Eddy Tong (Secretary), Hua Ching Chen (Treasurer), Chu Huai Chang, David Ju, John Chao, Shun Hua Lin, Er Yi Ting, James Chien, Patricia Lee, Te-Fang Yang, Charles Chang, Albert Chang, M. C. Li, K. C. Wang

1974 Wei-Ping Loh (President), K. C. Wang (Vice President), Eddy C. K. Tong (Secretary), Hua-Chin Chen, (Treasurer), James Chien, Patricia Lee, Te-Fang Yang, Charles Chang, Albert Chang, Min C. Li, K. C. Hu Chien, Yu-Shang Chang, Hsin S. Chung, Sophia Chang, Samuel Yeh

1975 Kuo Chen Wang (President), Eddy C. K. Tong (Vice President), Samuel D. J. Yeh (Secretary), Hua-Chin Chen (Treasurer), Kuang-Chung Hu Chien, Yu-Shang Chang, Yun-Hsi Hsu, Sophia Ho-Ying Chang, Charles Chi Chang, William S. Z. Kuh, Wan Ngo Lim, Man Hei Shiu, Albert Chang, Hsin S. Chung, Min C. Li, John Chao

1976 Eddy C. K. Tong (President), Shu Chien (Vice President), Samuel D. J. Yeh (Secretary), Hua-Chin Chen (Treasurer), K. C. Hu Chien, Yu Shang Chang, Man Hei Shiu, Sophia H. Y. Chang, Charles Chi Chang, William Kuh, Shyh-Jong Yue, Yun Hsi Hsu, Wan Ngo Lim, Hsin S. Chung, Edwin Chi-Hao Lee

1977 Eddy C. K. Tong (President), Shu Chien (Vice President), Samuel D. J. Yeh (Secretary), Hua-Chin Chen (Treasurer), K. C. Hu Chien, Man Hei Chiu, Sophia H. Y. Chang, Charles Chi Chang, William Kuh, Shyh-Jong Yue, Yun Hsi Hsu, Wan Ngo Lim, Edwin Chi-Hao Lee, Joseph P. T. Lin, Hsueh-hwa Wang, Pei-fei Lee

1978 Joseph P. T. Lin (President), Shu Chien (Vice President), Samuel D. J. Yeh (Secretary), Hsueh-hwa Wang (Treasurer), K. C. Hu Chien, Pei-fei Lee, Alfred T. C. Peng, Dorothy C. Y. Yang, William Kuh, Shyh-Jong Yue, Yun Hsi Hsu, Wan Ngo Lim, Eddy C. K. Tong, Lillian Y. F. Hsu, Tak-Ching Lau, Shao-Chi Yu

1979 Shu Chien (President), Samuel D. J. Yeh (Vice President), Dorothy C. Y. Yang (Secretary), Hsueh-hwa Wang (Treasurer), K. C. Hu Chien, Pei-fei Lee, Alfred T. C. Peng, William Kuh, Yun Hsi Hsu, Wan Ngo Lim, Lillian Y. F. Hsu, Joseph P. T. Lin, Tak-Ching Lau, Hsiang Mei Liu, Henry Chang

1980 Samuel D. J. Yeh (President), Dorothy C. Y. Yang (Vice President), Margaret Teng Lee (Secretary), Hsueh-hwa Wang (Treasurer), Shu Chien, Alfred T. C. Peng, William Kuh, Yun Hsi Hsu, Chin L. Lin, Wan Ngo Lim, Lillian Y. F. Hsu, Tak Ching Lau, Hsiang Mei Liu, Henry Chang, Thomas King, Wen Hsien Wu, Kai Ming Chen, Shyh Jong Yue

1981 Dorothy C. Y. Yang (President), Hsueh-hwa Wang (Vice President), Wen Hsien Wu (Secretary), Shirley Tung (Treasurer), Henry Chang, Kai Ming Chen, Lillian K. Chen, Shu Chien, Thomas King, Benjamin C. P. Lee, Margaret Tang Lee, Tak Ching Lau, Hsiang Mei Liu, Hsien Kwang Liu, Alfred T. C. Peng

1982 Hsueh-hwa Wang (President), Chu-Huai Chang (Vice President), Wen-hsien Wu (Secretary), Shirley Tung (Treasurer), Henry Chang, Kai Ming Chen, Lillian K. Chen, Thomas King, Benjamin C. P. Lee, Margaret Tang Lee, Tak Ching Lau, Hsien Kwang Liu, Alfred T. C. Peng, Kuo-Chen Wang, David C. S. Yang, Dorothy C. Yang, Tak Ching Lau, Chang-seng Liang, Shi-Kuang Pent

1983 Chu-Hui Chang (President), Thomas King (Vice President), Lillian K. Chen (Secretary), Ming Neng Yeh (Treasurer), Tak Ching Lau, Benjamin C. P. Lee, Hsien Kwang Liu, Alfred T. C. Peng, Shirley Tung, Henry Chang, Kuo-chen Wang, David C. S. Yang, Kai Ming Chen, William W. Chen, Wen-hsien Wu, Hsueh-Hwa Wang, Stephen Louie

1984 Thomas King (President), Lillian Chen (Vice President), Hsien Kwang Liu (Secretary), Ming Neng Yeh (Treasurer), Pei-fei Lee, Stephen Louie, Shirley Tung, David T. W. Chiu, Jir Shiong Tsai, William C. Lowe, David C. S. Yang, Kai Ming Chen, Wen-Hsien Wu, William W. Chen, Kuo-Chen Wang, Chu Huai Chang

1985 Lillian Chen (President), David T.W. Chiu (Vice President), Hsien Kwang Liu (Secretary), David C.S. Yang (Treasurer), Ming Neng Yeh, Pei-Fei Lee, Stephen Louie, Shirley Tung, Kai Ming Chen, Wen-Hsien Wu, William Chen, Solan Chao, William C. Lowe, Jir Shiong Tsai, Thomas King

1986 David T.W. Chiu (President), Wen-Hsien Wu (Vice President), Stanley Chang (Secretary & Treasurer), Hsueh-Hwa Wang (Exc. Director & By-laws), John Chen, Jacob Huang, Pei-fei Lee, Hsien Kwang Liu, Stephen Louie, William C. Lowe, Han-Yu Shen, Shirley Tung, David C.S. Yang, Lillian Chen

1987 David T.W. Chiu (President), Wen-Hsien Wu, (Vice President), Stanley Chang (Secretary and Treasurer), Hsueh-Hwa Wang, (Executive Director), Clarence Chen, John Chen, Raymond Fong, Jacob Huang, Pei-Fei Lee, John Li, Stephen Lau, William Lowe, Han-Yu Shen, David C.S. Yang

1988 Wen-Hsien Wu (President), Stanley Chang (Vice President), Sun-Hoo Foo, (Secretary), Hsueh-Hwa Wang (Exe. Director & Treasurer), Chu-Jiang Chang, Clarence Chen, Francis Eng, Raymond Fong, Jacob Huang, John Li, Stephen Lau, Jonathan Ligh, William Lowe, Fun-Sun Yao

1989 Wen-Hsien Wu (President), Stanley Chang (Vice President), Sun-Hoo Foo (Secretary), Hsueh-Hwa Wang (Exe. Director & Treasurer), Clarence Chen, Virginia Chen, David T.W. Chiu, Ann M. Chiu, Francis Eng, Raymond Fong, Thomas Hui, Lily Lew, John Li, Jonathan Ligh, William C. Lowe, Fun-Sun Yao, Thomas K.T. Wu (Capital district Chapter), Robert Lee (Greater Boston chapter), Jimmy Chow (Mid-Atlantic Chapter), Anthony T. Yeung (Southwest Chapter)

1990 Stanley Chang (President), John Li (Vice President), Sun-Hoo Foo (Secretary), Hsueh-Hwa Wang (Exe. Director & Treasurer), Clarence Chen, Virginia Chen, David T.W. Chiu, Francis Eng, Waldo Feng, Raymond Fong, Thomas Hui, Lily Lew, Jonathan Ligh, Marcus Loo, John C. Wang, Fun-Sun Yao, Thomas K.T. Wu (Capital District Chapter), Eddie Kawn (Greater Boston Chapter), Randolph Wong (Mid-Atlantic Chapter), Anthony T. Yeung (Southwest Chapter)

1991 Stanley Chang (President), John Li (Vice President), Sun-Hoo Foo (Secretary), Hsueh-Hwa Wang (Exe. Director & Treasurer), Victor Chang, Clarence Chen, Virginia Chen, David T.W. Chiu, Francis Eng, Waldo Feng, Raymond Fong, Thomas Hui, Lily Lew, Jonathan Ligh, Marcus Loo, John C. Wang, Fun-Sun Yao, Chun K. Yip, Thomas K.T. Wu (Capital District Chapter), Bing Ko (Greater Boston Chapter), Jimmy Chow (Mid-Atlantic Chapter), Anthony T. Yeung (Southwest Chapter)

1992 John Li (President), Sun-Hoo Foo (Vice President), Raymond Fong (Secretary), Hsueh-Hwa Wang (Exec. Director & Treasurer), Jui-Chun Chang, Victor Chang, Clarence Chen, Virginia Chen, David T.W. Chiu, Angie M.C. Eng, Waldo Feng, Thomas Hui, Jonathan Ligh, Marcus Loo, John C. Wang, David Weng, Fun-Sun Yao, Chun K. Yip, Rosita Dee (Mid-Atlantic Chapter), Bing Ko (Greater Boston Chapter), Winston Wong (Capital District Chapter), Anthony Yeung (southwest Chapter)

1993 John Li (President), Sun-Hoo Foo (Vice President), Raymond Fong (Secretary), Hsueh-Hwa Wang (Exec. Director & Treasurer), Jui-Chun Chang, Victor Chang, Clarence Chen, Virginia Chen, David T.W. Chiu, Angie M.C. Eng, Waldo Feng, Thomas Hui, Jonathan Ligh, Marcus Loo, John C. Wang, David Weng, Fun-Sun Yao, Chun K. Yip, Rosita Dee (Mid-Atlantic Chapter) Bing Ko (Greater Boston Chapter), Winston Wong (Capital District Chapter), Anthony Yeung (Southwest Chapter)

1994 Sun-Hoo Foo (President), Marcus Loo (Vice-President), Raymond Fong (Secretary), Hsueh-Hwa Wang (Exec. Director & Treasurer), Victor Chang, Virginia Chen, David T.W. Chiu, Jeanne Chow, Angie M.C. Eng, Waldo Feng, John Li, Jonathan Ligh, George C. K. Liu, Daisy Saw, Linda Tao, Jer Shiong Tsai, John C. Wang, David Weng, Chun K. Yip, Dominic Foo (Greater Boston Chapter), Ching Y. Lee (Capital District Chapter), William Li (Southwest Chapter), Kai Yiu Yeung (Mid-Atlantic Chapter)

1995 Sun-Hoo Foo (President), Marcus Loo (Vice-President), Raymond Fong (Secretary), Hsueh-Hwa Wang (Exec. Director & Treasurer), James Chang, Victor Chang, Virginia Chen, David T.W. Chiu, Angie M.C. Eng, Kimberly Huang, Trevor Lim, George C. K. Liu, Janet Moy, Daisy Saw, Linda Tao, John C. Wang, Chun K. Yip, Dominic Foo (Great Boston Chapter), Ching Y. Lee (Capital District Chapter), William Li (Southwest Chapter), Kai Yiu Yeung (Mid-Atlantic Chapter), Trevor Lim and Kimberly Huang (student representatives)

1996 Marcus Loo (President), Raymond Fong (Vice-President), John Wang (Secretary), Hsueh-Hwa Wang (Exec. Director & Treasurer), James Chang, Victor Chang, Angie Eng, Trevor Lim, George Liu, Janet Moy, Linda Tao, Daisy Saw, James Wong, Cynthia Wu, Chun K. Yip, Gifford Lum (Greater Boston Chapter), Ching Y. Lee (Capital District Chapter), William K.P. Li (Southwest Chapter), Kai-Yiu Yeung (Mid-Atlantic Chapter), Eric Chang and Margaret Chow (Student representatives)

1997 Marcus Loo (President), Raymond Fong (Vice-President), Hsueh-Hwa Wang (Exec. Director & Treasurer), James Chang, Harold Chin, Nai-Kong Cheung, Angie Eng, Trevor Lim, George Liu, Janet Moy, Linda Tao, Daisy Saw, James Wong, Cynthia Wu, Chun K. Yip, Gifford Lum (Greater Boston Chapter), Ching Y. Lee (Capital District Chapter), Bendy So (Southwest Chapter), David Alyono (Mid-Atlantic Chapter), Laura Su and Julie Wang (student representatives)

1998 Raymond Fong (President), John Wang (Vice-President), Henry Chung (Secretary), Hsueh Hwa Wang (Exec. Director & Treasurer), James Chang, Harold Chin, Nai-Kong Cheung, Pak Chung, William Ju, Tak Kwan, George Liu, Daisy Saw, Alan Tso, James Wong, Cynthia Wu, Gifford Lum (Greater Boston Chapter), Steve P. Chow (Capital District Chapter), Bendy So (Southwest Chapter), David Alyono (Mid-Atlantic Chapter) Lorraine Pan and Chris Liu (student representatives)

1999 Raymond Fong (President), John Wang (Vice-President), Henry Chung (Secretary), Hsueh Hwa Wang (Exec. Director & Treasurer), James Chang, Harold Chin, Pak Chung, William Ju, Tak Kwan, George Liu, Joseph Ma, Eric Poon, Daisy Saw, Alan Tso, James Liao (Greater Boston Chapter), Steve P. Chow (Capital District Chapter), Bendy So (Southwest Chapter), Anthony Chang (Mid-Atlantic Chapter) Elias Hsu and Alan Ka (student representatives)

2000 John Wang (President), Daisy Saw (Vice-President), Alan Tso (Secretary), Hsueh Hwa Wang (Exec. Director & Treasurer), James Chang, Harold Chin, Benjamin K. Chu, Henry Chung, Pak Chung, William Ju, Wilson Ko, Tak Kwan, Joseph Ma, Eric Poon, Jyming Wang, Karen Tan (Capital District Chapter), James Liao (Greater Boston Chapter), Anthony Chang (Mid-Atlantic Chapter), Bendy So (Southwest Chapter) Elias Hsu and Alan Ka (student representatives).

2001 John Wang (President), Daisy Saw (Vice-President), Alan Tso (Secretary), Hsueh hwa Wang (Executive Director & Treasurer), Susan Lau (Associate Executive Director), Harold Chin, Warren Chin, Benjamin K. Chu, Henry Chung, Pak Chung, Wilson Ko, Tak Kwan, Alex Ky, Eric Poon, Windsor Ting, David Wang, Jyming Wang, David Chiu (Emeritus), Sun-Hoo Foo (Emeritus), Karen Tan (Capital District Chapter), James Liao (Greater Boston Chapter), Shirley Yang (Mid-Atlantic Chapter), Eugene Farng and Llanyee Liwanpo(student representatives).

2002 Daisy Saw (President), Tak Kwan (Vice-President), John Wang (Executive Vice-President), Alan Tso (Secretary), Hsueh Hwa Wang (Executive Director & Treasurer), Susan Lau (Associate Executive Director), Harold Chin, Warren Chin, Henry Chung, Pak Chung, Wilson Ko, Alex Ky, Eric Poon, Windsor Ting, David Wang, Jyming Wang, Savio Woo, David Chiu (Emeritus), Sun-Hoo Foo (Emeritus), Karen Tan (Capital District Chapter), James Liao (Greater Boston Chapter), Shirley Yang (Mid-Atlantic Chapter), Eugene Farng and Llanyee Liwanpo(student representatives).

2003 Daisy Saw (President), Tak Kwan (Vice-President), John Wang (Executive Vice-President), Alan Tso (Secretary), Hsueh Hwa Wang (Executive Director & Treasurer), Susan Lau (Associate Executive Director), Warren Chin, Danny Chu, Pak Chung, Wilson Ko, Alex Ky, Eric Poon, Windsor Ting, David Wang, Jyming Wang, Savio Woo, Darryl Wu, David Chiu (Emeritus), Sun-Hoo Foo (Emeritus), Karen Tan (Capital District Chapter), James Liao (Greater Boston Chapter), Shirley Yang (Mid-Atlantic Chapter), Florence Wang and Llanyee Liwanpo(student representatives).

CAMS Board of Directors at the 2002 Annual Scientific Meeting. From left, Drs. Sun-Hoo Foo, Tak Kwan, Wilson Ko, David Chiu, Hsueh hwa Wang, Daisy Saw, Jyming Wang, David Wang, Alan Tso, John Wang and Savio Woo (not present, Drs. Harold Chin, Warren Chin, Henry Chung, Eric Poon, Windwor Ting, Eugene Farng, Llanyee Liwanpoo and Susan Lau - who took the photograph)



CHAPTER IV TRIBUTES

DR. PERCY TUNG AND DR. FLORENCE CHU

The history of the Chinese American Medical Society would not be complete without short biographies of the two persons who were instrumental in creating it. It started in wartime Shanghai where Dr. Tung and Dr. Chu were schoolmates at the National Medical College of Shanghai, then known as Shanghai Medical College. Dr. Tung was in the class of 1941, and Dr. Chu a year behind. They were married in 1943. Both took competitive examinations to qualify for government scholarships to do postgraduate studies in the United States.

In 1947 they came to New York City. Dr. Tung chose anesthesiology as his specialty and Dr. Chu diagnostic radiology. Wishing to learn more about therapeutic radiology, Dr. Chu accepted a fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) even though the hospital offered no stipend. After a year, Dr. Chu became Junior Attending in the Department of Radiation Oncology. At the same time, Dr. Tung was on the staff of the Department of Anesthesiology at MSKCC.

Dr. Chu remained at Memorial for a total of 37 years. In 1976, she was appointed Chairman of the Department of Radiation Oncology, a position she held until her retirement in 1983. Dr. Chu writes that she had valuable opportunities to do patient care, research and teaching. She treated thousands of patients, most of them with breast cancer. She also found tremendous satisfaction in teaching scores of residents and fellows. Her work in clinical research brought her to medical meetings in many countries as well as to NASA.

Soon after her retirement, Dr. Chu was asked to be Chief of Radiation Oncology at New York Hospital - Cornell University Medical College, across the street from Memorial. She served there for 10 years, retiring a second time at the age of 78.

Dr. Chu is the recipient of many awards, including the Marie Curie Award from the American Association of Women Radiologists, Scientific Award from CAMS, and Distinguished Alumnus Award from MSKCC Alumni Association

Dr. Tung, after several years at Memorial was invited to be Chief of Anesthesiology at Parson's Hospital, now known as Flushing Hospital. He worked there for many years until his retirement.

Between their busy professional and personal lives, Drs. Tung and Chu somehow managed to devote their time and energy to create the Society. The details of this story are recorded under Story of the Founding.



Drs. Tung and Chu at the CAMS Council Meeting, November 2002

DR. DAVID T.W. CHIU

Dr. David Chiu emigrated from southern China in 1967, and by 1973 had received his MD degree from Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons. After residency training in plastic and reconstructive surgery, he became Professor of Clinical Surgery at Columbia University, and later, Professor of Plastic Surgery at New York University School of Medicine. He joined ACMS in 1983 and became President of the Society in 1986. He has played a decisive role in many major changes. The following is a summary of Dr. Chiu's innovations for the Society:

- 1985** Name change -ACMS to CAMS (Chapter I)
Re-defined the objectives of the Society (Chapter VII)
Established the Council of CAMS

Established an office of Executive Director, and recruited Dr. Hsueh-Hwa Wang as the first Executive Director.
Enacted a Chinese New Year fund-raiser to benefit the Educational Fund
- 1986** Amended the term of the presidency from 1 year (renewable) to a single 2-year term.
- 1987** Established a category of life membership and raised annual dues to \$100. These changes helped put the Society on sound financial footing.
- 1988** Started a 6-year process of negotiating the creation of a Federation of Chinese American and Chinese Canadian Medical Societies (Chapter VI).
- 1989** Organized the Southwest Chapter and the Mid-Atlantic Chapter (Chapter II)

1994 Inauguration of the Federation in New York City on the occasion of the 7th Conference. Elected the First President of FCMS.

2002 Elected ex-officio member of CAMS Board of Directors and designation of President Emeritus.

Between his administrative leadership roles, Dr. Chiu gave us colorfully illustrated lectures on microsurgery of limb re-attachments, nerve transplantation, and similarly demanding techniques. He attended a majority of the meetings and dinners with his wife, Dr. Lilian Chiu, and at times, his children.

We salute Dr. David Chiu for his vision, commitment and leadership.



Dr. Chiu asking CAMS members to donate to FCMS Foundation at the 11th Health Conference in New York City

TRIBUTE TO AN UNSUNG HERO

What would you say about someone who organizes medical symposia several times a year, while serving as treasurer (accounts receivable and accounts payable), publisher of a newsletter (3 times a year) and of a membership directory of almost 1,000? That this person works tirelessly, has unlimited initiative and displays a no-nonsense decisiveness must be prerequisites for this job.

This is an attempt to highlight our much loved and admired Executive Director, Dr. Hsueh-Hwa Wang, who has been carrying these multiple jobs on a voluntary basis since 1986. When Dr. Wang retired as Professor of Pharmacology at Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1990, she said that she could then have more time to devote to her beloved Society. True to her word, she has since then helped to organize 2 International Conferences (1994 and 2002), as well as annual and semi-annual

meetings, not to mention fund raising dinners, dinner seminars, and monthly meetings of the Board of Directors. Currently, Dr. Wang is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Chinese American and Chinese Canadian Medical Societies (FCMS). Dr. Wang is proof of the statement, "If you want something done, get a busy person to do it".

To give a little personal background, Dr. Wang was married to Dr. S. H. Ngai, former Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology, at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University, and a renowned researcher. Following his death in 1999, his school developed a S. H. Ngai Research Fellowship in Anesthesiology. Dr. Wang and Dr. Ngai have 3 children, their daughter Mae is Assistant Professor of History at the University of Chicago, daughter Janet, physical therapist, was the moving force in establishing a Community Medical Clinic in rural Virginia, and their son John is Professor of Cellular and Molecular Biology at University of California, Berkeley. Besides doing and being all the above and more, Dr. Wang is also an avid tennis player and gardener.



Dr. Wang accepting an award at the 7th Health Conference banquet at Tavern-on-the-Green in New York City.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

During the tenure of Dr. Sun Hoo Foo, the Special Community Service Award was created to honor a physician who contributed significantly to the health of the Chinese community. The first awardee, in 1994, was Dr. Solan Chao, Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Roosevelt Hospital, who had an office on the western outskirts of Chinatown, and whose office patients were mostly Chinese. Dr. Chao provided his patients excellent and compassionate care. The second awardee, in 1996, was Dr. David M. C. Ju, our third president, a renowned plastic and reconstructive

surgeon on the faculty of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Ju passed away before the award date, and it was presented posthumously in care of his son, Dr. William David Ju. In 1998, there were two awardees, Dr. Samuel D. J. Yeh, and Dr. John K. H. Li. They were recognized for their contributions to the Chinatown Health Clinic where they constituted 2 of the 3 founding physicians at its 1971 inception. They have continued to be active in Clinic affairs, with Dr. Yeh volunteering his services on Sundays. In 1999, the award was given to Dr. Henry Chung, Medical Director of the Chinatown Health Clinic, an advocate of improved health care of Chinese Americans, especially in the field of mental health. In 2002, the recipient was Dr. George C. K. Liu, an internist and endocrinologist, who has forcibly led programs to improve health care for the Chinatown community. In 2003, the recipient was Dr. Sun Hoo Foo, a medical activist, catalyst for better health care, and Director of Neurology at New York University Downtown Hospital.



Drs. Yeh (center) and Li (right) receiving Special Community Service Awards from president Dr. Raymond Fong (back). At left is Dr. H. H. Wang

BEST DOCTORS

Through the years, a number of Society members have been included in the Castle-Connolly and New York Magazine "Best Doctors in New York" lists, often for consecutive years. We congratulate the following members:

Chu-Huai Chang
James Chang
Stanley Chang
David Chiu
Kenneth Eng
Raymond Fong
Yuman Fong
Sun-Hoo Foo
Victor T. Ho
Marcus Loo
Jeffrey Ngeow
Eric Poon
Stuart Quan
Livia Wan
W. Douglas Wong
David C. Yang
Chun K. Yip

Dr. Wen-Hsien Wu was cited in the "New Jersey Best Doctors" list.

(Lists may be incomplete.)

CHAPTER V STUDY OF MEDICAL SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Medical School Admission: 1980 to 1990

As Chinese-American physicians who may have received our medical education before coming to US, we have wondered at the chance of getting admitted to medical school here. This feeling is acute if we have an offspring who is interested in becoming a doctor. In 1990, the Board of Directors asked those questions, and requested 3 members to look into it. Dr. Victor Chang (New York University School of Medicine '83), medical student Waldo Feng (Mt. Sinai School of Medicine '93), and Dr. Marcus Loo (Cornell University Medical College '81) studied the data and wrote a report entitled "An Inquiry into Medical School Admissions of Asian Applicants". The report ran into 7 pages, and the highlights are summarized here.

Covering the years from 1980 to 1990, the authors used as their source the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) publication, "Minority Students in Medical Education, Facts and Figures V", Washington, DC. In essence, the report found the following:

- (1) The Asian applicant pool more than doubled between 1981 and 1990, going from 2000 to over 4200.
- (2) The admission rate of Asians steadily increased over the decade, together with that of white men and women.
- (3) Asians, especially Asian women, had a lower admission rate than white men and white women.
- (4) The overall GPA of white and Asian applicants was very close in the years 1988-90. The highest GPA group was white women.
- (5) The overall GPA of rejected applicants was highest for white women, followed by Asian women.
- (6) While Asian applicants, both men and women, had higher MCAT scores in the sciences, their reading scores and scores in quantitative sections were lower than that of white applicants.
- (7) The MCAT reading scores of Asian applicants were significantly lower than that of white applicants, while the scores for accepted applicants were much closer for the 2 groups.

Other factors, including the role played by the interview, were postulated as being of possible crucial importance, particularly if an applicant is viewed as less than assimilated into the mainstream.

Editor's note:

Affirmative Action, where and when it exists, does not apply to Asian applicants. It applies to under-represented minorities, including Black, Hispanic and Native American applicants. Given the closeness of the acceptance rates of white and Asian applicants, and the percentage of the total population that Chinese Americans represent, it is fair to state that we are not under-represented.

Medical School Admission: 1991-2001

Dr. Victor Chang, one of the authors of the 1991 study, did a follow-up study based on the 2002 AAMC publication "Minority Students in Medical Education: Facts and Figures XII." Dr. Chang's report is summarized here.

- (1) From 1993 on, the AAMC report separated the Asian/Pacific Islander (A/PI) group into various component groups, such as Chinese, Indian/Pakistani, Korean, Filipino, Vietnamese, Japanese and others. In 2001, Chinese applicants formed 21% and Indian/Pakistani formed 37% of the A/PI group.
- (2) As a percent of all medical school applicants, the A/PI group increased steadily from 5.0% in 1981 to 20% in 1995, where it has been holding (as of 2001).
- (3) Acceptance rates for Chinese applicants have been higher than for the A/PI group and higher than the predominant white group, since separate figures were made available. In 2001, the acceptance rate for Chinese group was 56% versus 51% for A/PI group and 46% for white group.
- (4) Total GPA for the applicant Chinese group in 2001 was 3.53, which was marginally higher than that of the white group at 3.50. In the MCAT, Chinese group scored higher in Physical and Biological sciences than the other groups (10.3 versus 9.5 for white group) and slightly lower in verbal (8.9 versus 9.1).
- (5) Total GPA for the accepted Chinese group in 2001 was 3.66, which was marginally higher than that of the white group at 3.64. In the MCAT, the Chinese group scored 11.2 and 11.0 in the sciences, versus 10.1 and 10.3 for the white group; the verbal score average was 9.6 versus 9.8 in the white group.
- (6) There was a continued inexorable increase in

GPA and MCAT scores for all groups. ("I would not have made it today!" is a familiar parents' lament).

- (7) The Chinese group remained around 25% of the matriculating A/PI group through the decade, and between 4-5% of the entire matriculating group.
- (8) One caveat: There was an overall drop in medical school applications in 1995-2001 affecting all groups, due to questions about affirmative action and the increased lure of other professions.
- (9) A/PI formed 3.6% of the total US population in the 2000 census, yet it formed 20% of the total matriculant pool in 2001. This percentage reflects the percentage of A/PI in the undergraduate student body at leading colleges.

The above findings point to changes in the composition of the physician pool that, if continued, will bring major changes in the ethnic composition of the profession. How this will affect medical school faculty, hospital committee membership, practice patterns, alumni activities and many other issues pose interesting questions for future study.

Editor's Note:

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At right, Dr. Victor Chang moderating a scientific session at the 11th Health Conference in May, 2001, at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City.



CHAPTER VI FORMATION OF FEDERATION OF CHINESE AMERICAN AND CHINESE CANADIAN MEDICAL SOCIETIES

Federation of Chinese Medical Societies

As early as 1976, the idea of a national medical society of Chinese physicians, to include existing medical societies in California, Chicago and other sites, was discussed at the meetings of the Board of Directors. Board members and presidents such as Drs. S. J. Yue, Wei Ping Loh and Eddy C. K. Tong, all embraced the idea. There was little positive response, however, possibly because the inter-relationships, were not satisfactorily worked out. Similar efforts at rapprochement, including a joint summer meeting in Parsippany, New Jersey in June, 1989, with several other medical associations also bore no fruit. It was left to those who followed an alternate track, notably Dr. David Chiu, who worked over a period of 6 years with leaders of medical societies on the West coast, especially several groups in San Francisco and Los Angeles, and in Canada, to hammer out the relationships and documents of a Federation. Society members who participated in the later stages of the multi-lateral Federation included Drs. H. H. Wang, Sun Hoo Foo and John K. Li. Some of the Chinese American medical groups in San Francisco have been active for many decades. One of them, the Chinese Hospital Medical Staff, is unique in that there is only one Chinese-sponsored hospital in the U.S.

The Chinese Hospital Medical Staff had the energy and the vision to put together in 1982, a 2-day meeting entitled International Conference on Health Problems Related to the Chinese in North America. This went so well that the sponsors were able to attract the enthusiastic cooperation of Chinese American and Chinese Canadian medical groups in other cities, such as Toronto, Los Angeles, Oakland, New

York, Montreal and Vancouver. CAMS officers and members were drawn into this project and in 1986 they organized and held the Third Conference in New York City at the Vista International Hotel. The meeting drew 170 participants, 30 of them from California. The conference not only continued the biennial series, it also established CAMS status as a national organization. At the 4th conference in April, 1988, in San Francisco, there were discussions between the West Coast groups, the Canadian groups and CAMS about joining forces. That conference also brought the Asian American Health Forum, a California activist group, to the attention of the East Coasters.

Discussions, meetings and a spirit of sharing continued through the intervening years, culminating in the inauguration of the Federation during the 7th Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in New York City on July 2, 1994. The Federation, formally known as the Federation of Chinese American and Chinese Canadian Medical Societies (FCMS), included 10 founding member societies and over 2,000 individual members. The celebratory banquet following the inauguration was held at Tavern-on-the-Green, a grand locale for the auspicious occasion.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of FCMS following the inauguration, Dr. Harry Lee was elected Chairman of the Board, Dr. David Chiu, the President, and Dr. John Chiu, the Vice-President. Dr. Hsueh-Hwa Wang was charged to head a committee to draft the By-Laws.

A detailed history of FCMS was published in 2002.



The inauguration of FCMS at the 7th Health Conference in New York City. Dr. David Chiu, 4th from left, is flanked by Dr. Harry Lee (San Francisco) on his right and Dr. John Chiu (Toronto) on his left.

CHAPTER VII CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF CHINESE AMERICAN MEDICAL SOCIETY

(A summary of the more memorable items based on available Newsletters and Bulletins.)

1976

The Society has 7 standing Committees (Program, Publication, Nomination, Membership, Placement, Finance, and Trustees Fund), and 3 Special Committees (Award and Scholarship, Charter Tour, and By-Laws Review).

The Board decided to publish a Bulletin in magazine format, 3 issues per year, with articles in both English and Chinese. The first issue was Vol. 13, no.1, dated March-June, 1976. It had 16 pages. The editor was Dr. Eddy C. K. Tong.

Semi-Annual meeting in Tamiment Resort, in the Poconos, July 30-August 1. Theme of the symposium: Recent Advances in Cardiology, chaired by Dr. Paul Yu, a renowned cardiologist. There were 3 other speakers.

The First Charter Tour organized by the American Chinese Medical Society went to Paris, August 24-31. The group visited the Curie Radium Institute and the Cochin-Port Royal Hospital, and held 3 symposia. The tour leader was Dr. Eddy C. K. Tong.

Annual Meeting, December 12, at Barbizon Plaza Hotel. Sequential Symposia on Cancer, Plastic Surgery, Acupuncture, and CT of the Head, were featured. 6 hours of Category 2 credits were awarded. Charge for banquet at Peng's Restaurant was \$15 per person, including cocktails.

Mrs. S. J. Yue was in charge of an exhibit of paintings and sculpture by members, and Mr. Steve Chan, son of Dr. Kam-Fai Chan, played the violin at the banquet.

The Education Fund granted 4 scholarships of \$1,000 each, and ended the year with a balance of \$1,596. The Society's General Fund ended the year with a balance of \$5,007.



At the 1976 Annual Meeting. Seated in the center is Dr. S. C. Wang, Scientific Award winner, holding the award plaque, with Mrs. Wang

Drs. Shu Chien, Eddy Tong and Shyh Jong Yue

- 1977** Five new members of the Board of Directors voted in, including a second 3-year term for Dr. Samuel Yeh, and a first term for Dr. Hsueh-Hwa Wang. Dr. Yeh was Secretary and Dr. Wang became Treasurer.
- Semi-Annual meeting at Saratoga Springs, New York, July 2- 4, was hosted by the Capital District Chapter at the Gideon Putnam Hotel. Two symposia focused on Recent Advances in Medicine. This was the first ACMS meeting hosted by a Chapter.
- Board of Directors Meeting, November 12. Special Committee appointed by the President, Dr. Eddy Tong to assist the Chinatown Health Clinic, consisted of Drs. S. J. Yue, Wan-Ngo Lim and Samuel Yeh.
- Board members and Officers expressed a desire to invite all Chinese medical associations in the US to form one national organization.
- Dr. C. T. Byron Kao stated that the Mid Atlantic States Chinese American Medical and Health Association, with 200 members, includes nurses, technologists and other health workers as full members; they cannot become a chapter of ACMS. He also stated that many physicians in the Washington, DC, area have expressed an interest in joining ACMS, and it may be possible to start a chapter there.
- Dr. Kenneth Kou, a guest, stated that the organization he belongs to, the American Chinese Medical Association of the Greater Chicago area, has about 160 members. He felt there was a possibility of forming a greater ACMS or a Federation. He will bring this to their next Board Meeting.
- Annual Meeting on November 13, at Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Topics were Community Medicine, Family Planning and Cytogenetic and Immunological Aspects of Cancer. Eighty people attended the meeting, 120 attended the banquet.
- 1978** The first Joint Scientific Meeting, sponsored by the Chinese American Medical and Health Association, and The American Chinese Medical Society, was held June 16- 17, at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia. The Presidents of the 2 societies, Dr. C. T. Byron Kao and Dr. Joseph P. Lin, made opening remarks, followed by a day packed with lectures lasting 15 to 20 minutes each. The Keynote Speaker at the banquet was Dr. Freeman Cary, Chief Physician to the US Congress. Dinner was followed by square dancing.
- Board of Directors Meeting, June 17, at Cliffside Motor Inn, Harper's Ferry. The Treasurer, Dr. Hsueh-Hwa Wang, stated that we had 147 dues paying members, and a balance of \$8,104 in the General Fund. Many members had not paid the \$20 annual dues. The Officers expressed concern about ways of attracting young physicians to the Society. The great majority of new members are graduates of foreign medical schools. Annual increase in numbers varied from 30 to as many as 80, but there was a disturbing number of previously active numbers who dropped out.
- 1979** The Sixteenth Annual Meeting on November 17, 1979, at the New York Academy of Medicine: The themes of the Meeting were Cardio-Vascular Disease and Oncology. There was a panel discussion on Mental Health in Chinese American Families.
- 1980** Dr. Samuel Yeh, in his Presidential Address, reviewed the recent history of medicine in China, the terrible deficiencies in the first half of the 20th Century, the contributions of Chinese American physicians, as well as the contributions of American physicians who worked many years in China and brought back some lessons applicable to Western medicine. He urged all members to work together toward the benefit of the Society.
- 1983** The 20th Anniversary of the Society was celebrated on October 16, during the Presidency of Dr. Chu-Huai Chang. A multi-faceted program was successfully carried out, starting with an Anniversary meeting at Ferris Booth Hall, Columbia University. There were 2 Scientific Award Lectures, followed by 3 speakers discussing various aspects of pain and pain relief. In addition to the Award Lectures (See Chapter II), Service Awards were presented to Dr. Percy P. Tung for his visionary leadership in founding the Society, and to Dr. Samuel Yeh for his service to the Society, to the Chinatown Health Clinic, and to the Medical Exchange Program. A record number of 140 attendees were at the Meeting. After lunch, there was a Benefit Concert at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, featuring 4 young Chinese musicians. Dr. David Yang was the Chairman of the Concert Committee. Dinner was at Shun Lee West restaurant, across the street from the concert hall. The after dinner speaker was Don Kingman, a well-known artist. To cap off this memorable occasion, a handsome glass

commemorative mug was given each registered attendee. Later, an Anniversary Issue of the Bulletin was published, totalling 88 pages.

1984

The Second Conference on Health Problems Related to the Chinese in North America took place on August 18-19, in Los Angeles, California. It was sponsored by 4 societies: Chinese Physicians Society of Southern California, Chinese Physicians for Chinatown, Taiwan Medical Society of Southern California and French Hospital of Los Angeles.

Highlights of Annual Business Meeting, 1984. The following items were proposed by the Long Range Planning Committee chaired by Dr. David Chiu:

- (1) Change the name of the Society to Chinese American Medical Society.
- (2) To add to the objects of the Society, "To promote the scientific association of professionals of Chinese descent, and to assume the role as the representative organization for all Chinese American medical professionals."
- (3) To organize a Council, a functioning body including Board of Directors, elected Officers, Committee members, Delegates and guests, to encourage participation in Society affairs.
- (4) To consolidate the publications of the Society to 3 Newsletters and 1 Bulletin a year.
- (5) To create the position of Executive Director, with a term of 3 years, renewable without limit.

1985

The above proposals were adopted at the Annual Business Meeting on November 9, 1985. Dr. William Lowe became Chairman of the Publications Committee. The annual dues were raised to \$50. Dr. Hsueh-Hwa Wang will chair the Planning Committee for the Third International Conference on Health Problems Related to the Chinese in North America in August, 1986. This will be in lieu of our Semi-Annual Meeting.

1986

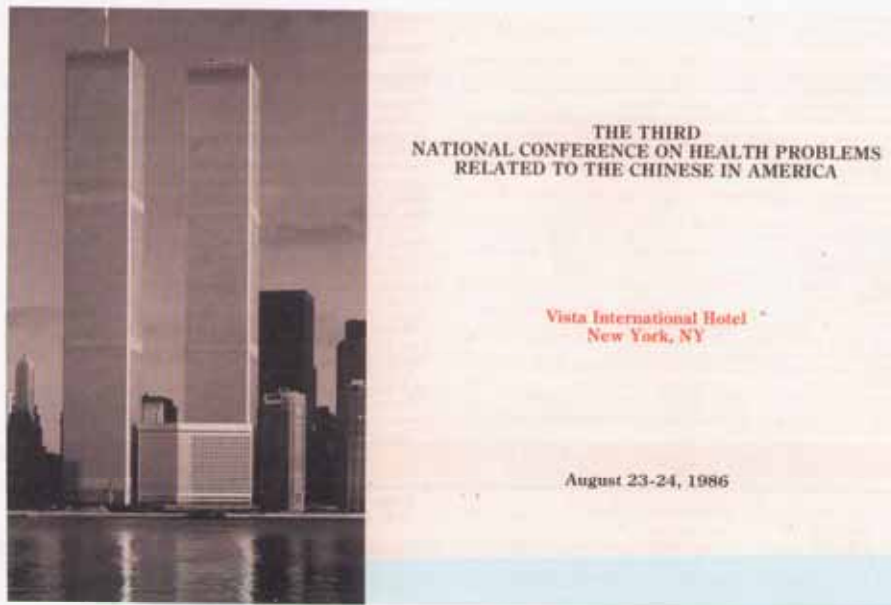
Fund-raising banquet to benefit the Educational Fund was held on February 23, 1986 at Peking Park Restaurant. The Fund netted \$3,200.

A membership drive was started to increase our members beyond the current 400.

The Third Health Conference was held August 23-24, at the Vista International Hotel, sponsored by CAMS. Dr. Hsueh-Hwa Wang was the Conference Chair, Dr. David Chiu the Scientific Program Chair, and Dr. Lillian Chen the Administrative Committee Chair. One hundred seventy registered, including 30 from the West Coast and several from Canada and overseas. There were 9 symposia in all, usually running 2 at a time, from 8:30 AM to 5 PM, and from 8:30 AM to 12 noon the following day. The Symposia included Psychiatric Problems of Chinese Americans; Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture; Hypertension and Diabetes; Ophthalmology Pertaining to Chinese Americans; Cancer; Dental Problems; Epidemiological Studies; Health Services Delivery to the Chinese American Population; Pulmonary Diseases. There were also 3 sessions on abstract presentations. The First Quen San-Nam Memorial Lecture (Keynote Address) was given by Dr. Paul N. Yu, entitled "Cardiovascular Diseases of Chinese Americans". There was also a Special Lecture, "Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma Among the Foreign and Native-Born Chinese in the USA" by Dr. Chu-Huai Chang. The Chinatown Health Clinic participated enthusiastically and imparted local flavor. A dinner dance was held at Windows on the World, in the North Tower of the World Trade Center, with over 200 attendees. The whole meeting was enormously successful and an unforgettable event.

At the 3rd Health Conference, from left, Drs. H. H. Wang, Wen-Hsien Wu, Harry Lee, David Chiu with Dr. Paul Yu, Keynote Speaker and Dr. Ed Chow. At the back is Dr. Lillian Chen.





Flyer of the 3rd Conference, showing the Vista Hotel, at the foot of the memorable World Trade Center

Annual Meeting on November 15 at Cornell University Medical College, Uris Auditorium: Topics included AIDS, followed by a panel discussion on changes in the health care system, so-called health care reform.

1987

Fund Raising dinner in February netted \$5,850. Annual dues were raised to \$100, and a category of Life Member, at \$1,000, was offered. We now had 492 members, residing in 33 states. We added 51 new members, half of whom are medical students who are exempt from annual dues.

Semi-Annual Meeting, June 27-28 at Skytop Resort in the Poconos: The topics included Hand Surgery, Cosmetic Surgery, Renal Stones, Neonatology and Perinatology. There were 22 registrants and total attendance of 62.

Annual Meeting was held November 21, at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. Over 70 members and guests attended topics on Radiology, Nuclear Medicine, and a Symposium on Pain Management. Dinner was at Chez Vong's – "superb".

1987 Annual dinner at Chez Vong's. Dr. David Chiu making an announcement. (Beautiful decor, good food, but we never went back)





Participants of the 1987 Annual Scientific meeting in front of the Health Sciences Building, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. A very windy day in November.

Membership Chairmen Drs. Raymond Fong and Clarence Chen hosted a recruitment party for medical students and house staff at HSF Restaurant. Over 100 showed up and 25 plus students joined.

Dr. Chiu continued efforts to align West Coast physicians with CAMS. He has support for starting chapters in St. Louis, MO, and Washington, D. C.

1988

The Fourth Conference took place August 22-23 at the Hotel Meridien in San Francisco. It was sponsored by the Chinese Hospital Medical Staff.

Semi-Annual Meeting, July 2, at Arrowood Conference Center, Rye Brook, NY: The Symposium centered on Cardiovascular Disease, and included 7 speakers. There was a discussion panel on admission of Chinese Americans to colleges and medical schools.

Annual Meeting on November 12 at Four Seasons Hotel in Boston was hosted by the Greater Boston Chapter led by Dr. Stephen Lau. Up-to-date reviews were presented by 11 speakers, with an Award Recipient Lecture. An exhibition of ping-pong added to the excellent program and subsequent dinner.

Addition of 2 new chapters: Late in 1988, the Southwest Chapter in Phoenix, Arizona, was inaugurated, with 13 founding members. Soon afterwards, in early 1989, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter, with headquarters in Washington, D. C. was inaugurated with 35 founding members. These new chapters are a direct result of the efforts of Dr. David Chiu, who has had the vision of a national Chinese American Medical Society, as well as the persistence to work on it.

1989

We now have 4 chapters:

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| Capital District Chapter around Albany | 16 members |
| Greater Boston Chapter | 50 members |
| Southwest Chapter | 13 members |
| Mid-Atlantic Chapter | 35 members |
| Total Membership: | 500 members (including 87 medical students) |

The Fund-Raising event on March 4 was attended by over 200 people and netted \$4,712 for the Educational Fund. Esther Lim Memorial Scholarship was established, funded by the estate of Dr. Lim and by contributions from her 2 daughters. The income from this fund will benefit the scholarship named after her.

Semi-Annual Meeting on June 3-4 in Parsipanny Hilton, NJ: It was a joint meeting with the Medical College Alumni Association of Taiwan, the Taiwanese Doctors' Association of Greater New York, and the American Chinese Medical Association of New Jersey. Attendance at the meeting was satisfactory, but response to our subsequent overtures was negative.

Dr. Li Tsi-Gziou, a CAMS member, published his memoirs "A China Past". He describes the very different life he led during the Second World War as a colonel in the Chinese Army. The book, one of the few written on this topic in English, gives an account of the War of Resistance, 1937-1945, the heroism of the Chinese armed forces, and the post-war struggle for power within the Kuomintang. After the war, Dr. Li came to the U. S. and became a pathologist, practicing for many years at Richmond Memorial Hospital in Staten Island.

Annual Meeting on November 18, was co-sponsored by the Thanatology Foundation of New York. This is an unusual organization, focusing on life-threatening illness, death, and dying, and our ways of viewing and responding to these profoundly affecting events.

1990

The Fifth Conference on June 23 -24 in Toronto was hosted by the Chinese Canadian Medical Society (Ontario). Over 300 physicians, including 100 from the US attended. Much of the credit goes to Dr. John Chiu.

The Semi-Annual Meeting on August 3-5 was organized by Dr. Randolph Wong of the new Mid-Atlantic Chapter, and held at Skytop Lodge in Skytop, PA.: There was a panel discussion on the diagnosis and management of anxiety and depression by primary care physicians, as well as talks on Beethoven's music. It was a great program and an enjoyable week-end.

Annual Meeting on November 10 was held at the Columbia Presbyterian Health Sciences Center. Updates in 7 different areas of medicine were presented.

The first medical dinner lecture organized by the Society in the tristate area took place on June 16 and was sponsored by the Upjohn Company. Eighty-seven people came to the buffet and heard a talk on "Hair Loss" (Rogaine).

1991

Medical Dinner Seminar on January 26 was held at Uncle Tang's Restaurant. Two authorities on acupuncture, Dr. Alfred Peng and Dr. Shyh-Jong Yue, elucidated the known scientific basis of acupuncture.

Fund-Raising dinner for our Educational Fund on March 2, at the large and brassy Oriental Pearl Restaurant. Over 270 attended, and tried to dance to a 6-piece band on a space-challenged dance floor, but we netted a record \$6,000. Credit goes to Drs. Marcus Loo and Fun-Sun Yao, Miles Laboratories and the Chinatown Health Clinic.

Semi-Annual Meeting June 29 -30 at Stouffer Westchester in White Plains. There were 4 speakers and a group discussion on Chinese American Identities led by psychiatrist Clarence Chen, MD.

The review article, "An Inquiry into Medical School Admission of Asian Applicants", by Victor Chang, Waldo Feng and Marcus Loo, was distributed to the members at the meeting. This article is summarized in Chapter V.

Annual Scientific Meeting was held November 9, at Cornell University Medical College. The meeting, addressing "Thalassemia and Other Hematologic Disorders", was co-sponsored by the Division of Maternal and Child Health of the Department of Health and Human Services and by the Children's Blood Foundation. It was an excellent program, well attended, followed by a satisfying banquet at Golden Unicorn Restaurant.

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter had their third Annual Dinner on December 7 at the Far East Restaurant in Rockville, MD, attended by 30 people.

The Greater Boston Chapter held a dinner meeting on December 14 at the Kowloon Restaurant outside Boston. It was attended by close to 60 people, including 8 students from Harvard.

Educational tours organized and led by Society members ventured to China in September, to Taiwan in November, and a trip to South America is planned for Spring 1992 despite the bankruptcy of Pan Am.



Participants at the 1991 Annual Scientific Meeting. At center is Dr. John Wang with the Scientific Award winner, Dr. Yuet-Wai Kan. Photo taken at the Cornell Medical College by Dr. Shao-Chi Yu (front row, extreme right) with a self-timer.

1992

The Sixth Conference was held on June 19-20 at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Francisco. CAMS was represented by 4 members, 3 of whom are officers. It was sponsored by the Chinese Hospital Medical Staff.

Semi-Annual Meeting held on August 8-9 at beautiful Skytop Lodge in the Poconos once again. This event was organized in conjunction with the Mid-Atlantic Chapter and featured speakers from both groups.

On September 30, members of CAMS met with the Director of Emergency Medicine at Bellevue and Staff of the New York City Poison Control Center to review the issue of contamination of Chinese herbal medications sold in Chinatown. Some of them have been found to contain large amounts of lead or mercury, while steroids and butazolidin have been identified in pain medications. We agreed to alert our members to the possibility of these dangerous adulterants, and to publicize the concerns.

On October 8, the Society participated in a meeting organized by the Medical Society of the State of New York, entitled "Mainstreaming in a Multicultural Society". It was an effort to publicize the concerns of organized medicine, including the American Medical Association, in equitable treatment of foreign medical graduates in obtaining residencies, licensure, and navigating the intricacies of examinations.

The Annual Scientific Meeting was held November 7 at Pace University Downtown, with over 130 registrants. The theme of the meeting was gastrointestinal and hepatic disorders, and it was very well received. A buffet lunch was served in the cafeteria of New York Downtown Hospital, across the street from Pace. We were happy to see Chinese American physicians with practices in Chinatown and in Queens in attendance.

Oxford Health Plans has approached the Society with offers of managed care contracts. We actively pursued this opening.

The New York Downtown Hospital is recruiting Chinese speaking residents and neighborhood physicians, as well as making moves to meet the health needs of the Chinatown community. The Society strongly endorsed the hospital's application to the Local Initiative Funding Partners Program.

The 2 brothers who were apprehended for the brutal murder of Dr. Esther P. Lim in 1988 were brought to trial and convicted.

For the year, we also had 2 dinner lectures, 2 tennis parties and an investment seminar.

1993

February 29 was the date of our Chinese New Year/Scholarship Fund Raising Dinner. Over 250 attendees participated in a program that included a raffle and an auction of donated art. At the end, we ended up with an impressive \$14,000 for the Fund.

Semi-Annual Meeting on June 26 at Stouffer Westchester Hotel. There were 4 speakers, including Dr. Benjamin Chu, Vice President for Medical Affairs of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, who talked about current proposals for health care reform. Dr. Grace Wang, Medical Director of the Chinatown Health Clinic, talked about the characteristics of Asian Americans seen at the Clinic. Although the 30 attendees enjoyed the meeting, the Board was having doubts whether the Semi-Annual meeting has not outlived its usefulness.

The newly-formed Clinical Practice Committee, charged with informing the Board of issues that affect the practice of medicine, was launched. The Committee has met repeatedly with Oxford Health Plans. (See article in Chapter II about CAIPA).

Annual Scientific Meeting on November 20 at Pace University with over 100 attendees. There was a panel discussion on Managed Care in the 1990s, with speakers representing Oxford Health Plans, the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, the Chinatown Health Clinic, the legal firm of Epstein, Becker and Green, and Mt. Sinai Hospital. The Clinton Health Plan received a lot of attention. Five scholarships, each of \$1,500, were awarded.

We garnered 100 new members, of whom 23 are students. All told, we now have 610 members (including active, Chapters, emeritus and students).

We had 3 dinner seminars and 2 tennis parties in addition to the activities listed above.

At the Annual Business Meeting, a fourth object was added to Article II of the Constitution, namely, (4) To improve the health status of Chinese Americans.

On October 17, the Mid-Atlantic chapter held a Seminar on Medical Education, co-sponsored by Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) DC, at Georgetown University Conference Center. Attended by 70 participants, the Seminar offered guidance on applying to medical school and on deriving the most from medical school and residency training. Drs. Rosita Dee of Mid-Atlantic Chapter and David Chiu were the principal speakers.

December – Dr. Raymond Fong, a Board member and ophthalmologist, traveled to China with over 300 lens implants and related materials donated by medical equipment companies, and gave them to Zhong San Ophthalmic Hospital in the name of CAMS. He demonstrated technique of cataract extraction with implant to the surgeons there.

1994

On May 19, Drs. Raymond Fong and George Liu represented CAMS at a White House briefing where Vice President Al Gore and Ira Magaziner described the Clinton Health Plan.

The Seventh Conference took place July 1-3 at Sheraton New York Hotel sponsored by CAMS. The Conference Chair was Dr. David Chiu, the Scientific Program Chair was Dr. John Li, and the Administrative Committee Chair was Dr. Hsueh-Hwa Wang. Over 190 registrants attended the meeting, which included several keynote speakers and 6 symposia with 20 speakers. Abstracts were presented in poster format and were well received. The highlight was the long-awaited inauguration of the Federation, with representatives of the 10 Founding Societies present. We were honored with a representative from Governor Cuomo's office and the presence of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Armstrong representing American Bureau for Medical Advancement in China (ABMAC). Dinner banquet was held at Tavern on the Green in Central Park, with cocktails in the patio, dinner with many speeches and awards and also an art sale.

Annual Scientific Meeting on November 19 at Pace University. There were talks on several different topics, including one by Dr. Paula Fujiwara from the New York City Department of Health, on successful treatment of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis. Dr. David Ho gave an update on AIDS in understandable terms. Henry Lee, PhD, forensic scientist, gave a colorful presentation of forensic cases from his own experience.

7th Conference, the meeting, at Sheraton Hotel



Registration, and giving out sweat shirts and lapel pins



Pre-view of art sale



The meeting room

At Tavern on the Green, cocktails, dinner, awards and art-sale**1995**

Fund-Raising Dinner and Chinese New Year celebration on February 26 at Peking Park Restaurant was a spectacular success, with over 280 members, family and friends. Special features included performance by Dr. Victor Chang on the er-hu and his sister Mona Chang on the yang-chin; a Lion Dance and Ribbon Dance by 17 children from the Chinese Center of Long Island. An art sale and jewelry sale, and raffles added to the excitement. Dr. Raymond Fong, Chairman of the Fund-Raising Committee, and other members of the Board did a magnificent job.

As of June, there were already 2 tennis parties and 4 dinner lectures – we asked Dr. Marcus Loo, the organizer, to have mercy on us!

Our President Dr. Foo attended the First National Health Summit of Asian American and Pacific Islanders (A/PIs) in San Francisco, June 21-24. The meeting was sponsored by 6 Federal agencies and attracted 25 ethnic groups rallying to increase national attention to A/PI health issues. The 2 themes coming from the conference are: (1) Greater inclusion of A/PIs in data collection, research, training, policy-making and leadership positions; (2) Need for policies and programs to foster cultural competence in health services targeted at A/PIs.

Annual Meeting on November 18 at the Essex House. As in recent years, educational grants from pharmaceutical companies enabled us to use facilities of a luxury hotel on Central Park South, and waive the registration fee for all attendees. There were 14 pharmaceutical companies with booths. Topics discussed included GI and hepatic diseases, osteoporosis, and new anti-thrombotic therapies. The Scientific Award lecturer was Dr. Victor Dzau, Chief of Medical Services at Stanford.

Year – End Statistics:

This has been a year of growth for CAMS and its Chapters: Current membership includes the following:

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| New York-New Jersey-Connecticut Area | 448 (includes 52 life members) |
| Capital District Chapter | 20 |
| Greater Boston Chapter | 65 |
| Mid-Atlantic Chapter | 66 |
| Southwest Chapter | 11 |
| Students | 68 |
| Total Membership | 678 (plus 68 emeritus members) |

Greater Boston Chapter held a dinner-lecture meeting on November 19.

1996

Dr. George Liu funded a scholarship in memory of his wife, Ruth, who passed away in early 1996. It will be known as the Ru-Yin Ruth Liu Memorial Scholarship.

Lunch gathering on February 25 of student members, led by Trevor Lim (Pand S, '98) saw 30 students from 6 New York City medical schools exchanging views on mentoring programs, research opportunities, and work at the Chinatown Health Clinic.

Summer Research Fellowships awarded to 2 medical students, the first in what is hoped to be a continuing program (see Chapter II).

Semi-Annual Meeting on May 18 at New York Hilton Hotel. It was a half-day meeting with 4 speakers, including Dr. Marcus Loo on prostate cancer and Dr. Henry Chung on depression among Asian Americans.

Four articles in the Daily News, written by Molly Gordy entitled "Medical Menace" appeared June 2-5. It was an expose on untrained, unlicensed charlatans who were doing harm and exploiting vulnerable immigrants through extensive newspaper advertising. A year and half before these articles appeared, CAMS had alerted the New York State Education Department, Licensing Division, of the unlicensed practitioners. We were told that the State had limited resources and staff, and therefore could not help. After the Daily News articles, the Office of Consumer Affairs, the Department of Health and the District Attorney's office became involved. By August, 10 people had been arrested and others were fined. Four members of CAMS testified at a hearing before the State Senate on June 27. We stressed the gravity of the situation, and the fact that we were not attacking the herbalists and other practitioners of traditional medicine, but those who pretended to be licensed practitioners of Western medicine. The Society supports the on-going State legislative initiatives aimed at protecting the health and welfare of Chinese Americans against charlatans. It praised Dr. Fong and Dr. Foo for their courage in pursuing the problem.

Six scholarships were awarded, including the newly established Ruth Liu Memorial Scholarship.

Eighth Conference held on August 23-25, in Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. It was sponsored by the Chinese Canadian Medical Society (BC).

Annual Scientific Meeting on November 3 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Attended by an unprecedented number, 205, including 18 paramedicals and 26 medical students. With 20 exhibit booths of pharmaceutical and related companies, it was a shopping mall. The theme was Women's Health Issues. Nobel Laureate, Dr. Baruch Blumberg, gave an update on control of Hepatitis B, including a preliminary report from Taiwan that vaccination has led to a diminution in the incidence of hepatocellular carcinoma. There was a panel discussion on Medical Practice in Chinatown, including Molly Gordy (Daily News), Kevin Ergil (Dean, Pacific Institute of Oriental Medicine), Carl S. Leung (Association of Chinese Herbalists), and Doreen Chen (Acupuncturist) as well as CAMS officers Marcus Loo, Raymond Fong and Sun-Hoo Foo. Mr. Leung pointed out that the recent State crackdown on illegal doctors had hurt the herbalists who were also targeted. He welcomed the clarifying statements issued by the Society, and stated that his Association is working to rid itself of unqualified practitioners. The other speakers welcomed the mainstreaming of alternative medicine.

1997

CAMS launched its webpage on February 23, thanks to the expertise of Kevin Cheung, teen-age son of Dr. Nai-Kong Cheung. It contains the Newsletter and other items. The address is www.camsociety.org. All members are encouraged to contribute material to it.

Chinese New Year Fund-Raising Dinner March 8 at Golden Unicorn restaurant. Over 300 people overflowed the place. In full costume, Dr. Victor Chang performed the short beginning act of a Chinese opera. Dr. Marcus Loo took the occasion to initiate the CAMS Research Fund, whose purposes are: (1) To improve the health of the Chinese American population through advocacy, education, research, and the development of community outreach programs; and (2) The development and promotion of clinical protocols, guidelines, and outcomes-based research.

CAMS member Dr. David Ho is Time Magazine's "Man of the Year" for his work on treatment of AIDS. Dr. Raymond Fong was invited to attend the March 24 annual dinner of the Chinese Herbalist Association. With over 400 attendees, including many community leaders and local politicians, this group is clearly widely supported and politically aware. We have something to learn from them!

Semi-Annual Meeting on May 4, a full day at the Harvard Club. Morning session devoted to Update on Ischemic Heart Disease and afternoon session entitled "Chinese Food As Medicine and In Medicine". The latter was co-sponsored by the Institute of the Science and Art of Chinese Cuisine, with the help of Dr. Austin Kutscher of the Chinese Educational and Research Program of the American Institute of Life Threatening Illness. Nine speakers talked about medical aspects of Chinese food and one speaker was a chef.

FCMS Board Meeting in Montreal, August 9 -10. Dr. David Chiu (Chairman of Board, FCMS) and Dr. Hsueh-Hwa Wang (Vice-President, FCMS) represented CAMS. Financially, FCMS is in "satisfactory but guarded condition."

Annual Scientific Meeting on November 22 was held at the New York Athletic Club in collaboration with the American Association of Chinese Physicians (AACP) and the Philippine Chinese American Medical Association (PCAMA). This brought in an attendance of 230 participants who had 26 booths to visit. It also allowed an opportunity to meet new friends and exchange ideas. The lectures focused on entities commonly seen by primary care physicians, such as diabetes, chronic bronchitis, asthma, hyperlipidemia and osteoporosis. The symposium on Managed Care was led by Dr. Raymond Fay, an Urologist from San Francisco and an advocate of an integrated healthcare delivery system. While the West Coast and Minneapolis-St. Paul area are in Stage 5 of the evolution of Managed Care, we in New York are still in Stage 1, not quite 2, at least 10 to 15 years behind. There were representatives from all 3 of the East Coast Chapters present at the meeting and Dinner: Dr. Ching Y. Lee (Albany), Dr. Gifford Lum (Greater Boston), and Dr. David Alyono (Mid-Atlantic).

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter has had 3 dinner lectures this year in various cities in the Beltway area.

At The New York Athletic Club



The meeting



Exhibits



Three presidents from 3 organizations co-sponsoring the meeting (Drs. Mengja Zhao from ACCP, Anita Siu from PCAMA, and Marcus Loo from CAMS)



Drs. Marcus Loo, Raymond Fong & James Chang



"You are not going to convince me", says The expression of Dr. Sun-Hoo Foo to Dr. Marcus Loo.

1998

Incoming President, Dr. Raymond Fong, established a Community Activities Committee to focus on community health problems. Three areas were identified: tuberculosis, hepatitis B, and women's health. The plan is to link with other groups, such as the Chinatown Health Clinic, CAIPA, the Department of Health, as well as our members, in defining the scope of the problems, establishing parameters for treatment, and working together to fulfill the needs. Dr. Fong also stated, "we are finally on solid financial footing!" A Research and Community Health Fund was established to dispense the money.

The Semi-Annual Meeting on May 16 was held at the Harvard Club of New York. The morning symposium on "Reproductive Medicine: East meets West" was arranged by Dr. Pak Chung. The afternoon session, arranged by Dr. Cynthia Wu, centered on "Post-Menopausal Health". The talks and the amenities were excellent.

Dr. Alan Tso of the Chinatown Health Clinic was in charge of the effort to bring more Chinese patients with tuberculosis into effective treatment programs, such as directly-observed treatment (DOT) which includes the incentive of free drugs. He has been working with Chinatown physicians and the DOH Bureau of Tuberculosis.

The Ninth Conference was held August 20-23 at the Sheraton Universal Hotel, Universal City, CA. The conference was hosted by the Chinese Physicians for Chinatown, Pacific Alliance Medical Center, and the PAMC Foundation, all of Los Angeles.

The Annual Scientific Meeting on November 21 at the Citicorp Convention Center in mid-town was organized by Dr. Nai-Kong Cheung. The morning symposium was on Psychiatric and Neurologic Problems. The afternoon session on Pain Management was organized by Dr. Wen-Hsien Wu. The Scientific Award recipient, Dr. Frederick Li of Li-Fraumeni Syndrome fame, brought his wife as well as his 89 year old mother, a New York City resident, who had never been to any of his lectures. The meeting also included a poster session with 14 posters, 2 by our summer student research fellowship recipients. Dinner was at Jimmy Sung's where Dr. Samuel Yeh and Dr. John Li received the Special Community Service Award for their work at the Chinatown Health Clinic, starting in 1971.



Chapter representatives at dinner: Drs. Bendy So (Southwest), Gifford Lum (Boston), David Alyono (Mid-Atlantic) and Steve Chow (Albany)

Right, Dr. Fredrick Li and his mother with President Raymond Fong

Far right, Susan Lau doing registration in addition to taking pictures (with H.H. Wang)



1999

The Semi-Annual Meeting on May 15 was held at the newly renovated Roosevelt Hotel, and addressed the management of advanced disease of several vital organs, including the heart, lungs, kidneys and liver. The final talk was by Dr. J. E. Cimino, Medical Director of Calvary Hospital, a well-known hospice. The entire meeting was supported by Pfizer Pharmaceutical Co. through an educational grant. That same evening, we had a Fund-Raising dinner for the benefit of the Children's Orchestra Society (COS). COS, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1962 by Dr. H. T. Ma, father of violinist Dr. Yeou-Cheng Ma and cellist Yo Yo Ma. Its aim is to teach classical music to children between ages of 5 and 18. Dr. Ma is also a developmental pediatrician and Executive Director of COS. We were treated to a performance by a string orchestra of young players. The meeting also saw the attendance by members of the 3 East Coast Chapters, the Philippine Chinese American Medical Association, and the Board of FCMS. It was an unusually festive occasion.



President Raymond Fong in front of the podium with CAMS big banner in the back



Mrs. Marian Yeh, devoted volunteer, at the registration desk of Evergreen Restaurant



Some members of COS (Children's Orchestra Society) performing at the Evergreen Restaurant

Annual Scientific Meeting returned to Citicorp Conference Center on top of the striking Citicorp building on November 20. The theme was "Preventive Medicine". The Scientific Award recipient, our own Dr. Stanley Chang spoke on "Recent Advances in Vitreous Surgery". The Community Service Award was given to Dr. Henry Chung, Medical Director of Chinatown Health Clinic. A Special Service Award was given to Susan Lau, a long-time photographer of CAMS events.

At the CitiGroup Convention Center



The auditorium (but the AV system failed us)



Discussion (or disagreement?) at the registration desk



At the exhibits



Dr. Stanley Chang receiving the Scientific Award from incoming President Dr. John Wang, at left is out-going President Dr. Raymond Fong

Dinner at Peking Park Restaurant



Drs. David Chiu and H. H. Wang with Chapter representatives: Anthony Chang (Mid-Atlantic), Numeriano Go (Albany) and Gifford Lum (Boston)



With officers from PCAMA

2000

The tuberculosis management initiative has 30 physician participants. Dr. Alan Tso has designed and printed a colorful poster to be displayed at Chinatown pharmacies.

The New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens established an Asian Service for Chinese and Korean patients, with interpreters and employee recruitment plan.

CAIPA decided to donate a portion of its annual surplus to CAMS to establish a "Community Service Fund". This will go a long way toward the Society's ambition to provide community health care.

The Greater Boston Chapter has been having dinner lectures about every 3 months, attended by 60 -70 participants.

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter held a joint meeting on March 11 with the Chinese American Medical and Health Association. They also awarded 10 scholarships to local high school seniors and gave awards for "Outstanding Contribution" and "Community Service".

The FCMS has launched its website, www.fcmsdocs.org, and it is linked to the CAMS site. It contains the contents of all the International Conferences as well as bilingual health pamphlets.

The Semi-Annual Meeting on May 21 was held again at the Roosevelt Hotel. The theme was "Comprehensive Review of Diabetes Mellitus".

The Tenth Conference was held June 30 -July 1, at the Renaissance Parc 55 Hotel in San Francisco. This activity of the FCMS was organized by 5 FCMS organization members in the Bay area. It is fitting that the Tenth Conference return to the City where the First Conference was held, in 1980. There were, as usual, many excellent programs, including several on traditional Chinese medicine and integrated East-West medicine.

Hepatitis B awareness education and screening got off to a good start with funding by Oxford Health Plans and Glaxo-Wellcome, and work by CAIPA and CHC. An effort was made to increase awareness by the local healthcare providers, including 2 orientation sessions held in Flushing and Manhattan.

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter has been buzzing with activity under the leadership of Dr. Anthony Chang. Dinner lecture meetings held on March 11 and April 30 were both jointly sponsored with the Chinese American Medical and Health Association, and were attended by over 100 people. Dr. John Eng delivered a lecture on "Cosmetic Surgery for Asians" and Dr. Richard Chang talked on "Thrombolytic Therapy for Deep Vein Thrombosis".

Summer Research Fellowships were awarded to 4 medical students. Two worked with Dr. Alan Tso of Chinatown Health Clinic and 2 with Dr. Anthony Szema of State University of New York, Stony Brook.

The Presidents' Advisory Commission on Asian American Pacific Islanders (A/PI) held Town Hall meetings in July (Los Angeles) and in September (New York City). On the West Coast, Dr. Collin Quock, Chairman of the Board of FCMS, testified on the lack of quality health care for Chinese Americans. On the East Coast, Dr. Hsueh- Hwa Wang, President of FCMS, elaborated on this theme, and also emphasized the risks of using herbal medicines. Drs. Henry Chung and Sun -Hoo Foo also testified in New York. It was heartening to know that there is a large number of ethnic advocate groups willing to speak up.

The Annual Scientific Meeting on November 18 was once again at the Citicorp Convention Center. The program chairmen, Drs. Tak Kwan and Pak Chung, devised a symposium on "New Technology and Innovations in Medicine" which received enthusiastic reviews.

Some year-end fund-raising galas which CAMS members attended included the United Hospital Fund dinner where Marie Lam, Chairman of the Board of the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center, was honored for her years of service to the Chinese American Community; The Chinatown Health Clinic Foundation Benefit, which was attended by over 800 people; and a dinner gathering by the Philippine Chinese American Medical Association.

2001

The year started with the merger of the Chinese American Medical and Health Association (CAMHA) into the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of CAMS. CAMHA was founded in 1972 in the Washington, D. C. area, by CAMS member Dr. C. T. Byron Kao and for many years was a very active organization with over 200 members, including nurses and other health professionals. Their objectives and activities overlapped with those of CAMS, so it was not surprising that as CAMHA's activities declined in recent years, the leaders of the 2 groups worked out a merger. (See Story in Chapter II).

The Semi-Annual Meeting on May 19 was at the splendid state-of-the-art facilities of the Goldman Sachs Training Center in the financial district. The theme was "Public Health and Preventive Medicine", and there were about 100 attendees.

We again awarded 6 scholarships for medical students, as well as 6 Summer Student Research Fellowships.

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter is bursting with over 90 members. Two dinner lecture meetings occurred, on April 29 and July 1. The first one included a talk "The Management of Cardiac Arrhythmias" by Chapter President Dr. Anthony Chang.

The Greater Boston Chapter, with over 80 members, held a dinner lecture on June 29. Drs. Hsueh-Hwa Wang and Daisy Saw attended.

The Southwest Chapter in Phoenix, Arizona, after several years of dormancy, decided to dissolve. This is regretful, but not unexpected, in view of the low number of members (never more than 15).

The Society mourned the passing of Dr. Shyh-Jong Yue on July 13 at the age of 88. Dr. Yue was a founder, the first President, and a force in CAMS for almost 4 decades.

The Annual Scientific Meeting on November 17 was held at the Roosevelt Hotel. There was a Symposium on Cancer Therapy, including talks on cancer gene therapy, hepatitis and hepatoma and cancer pain management. The luncheon speaker, Rima Cohen, MPH, of the Greater New York Hospital Association, spoke about health care and the challenge of the un-insured. Afternoon symposium was on Women's Health, plus a special lecture on "Post Traumatic Stress Disorder" by Dr. Henry Chung, most timely in view of 9/11. The subsequent dinner saw representatives of all 3 chapters, as well as Dr. Caroline Wang from Vancouver, BC.



CAMS/CAIPA Community Service Fund Award dinner, from left, Dr. Raj Babbar, P.I. of the NYU Downtown Osteoporosis Grant, Dr. Alan Tso, P.I. of the Charles Wang Community Center Grant, Dr. Daisy Saw and Dr. George Liu



Changing of the guard: Outgoing President Dr. John Wang putting the CAMS medallion on 2002 President Dr. Daisy Saw

2002

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter started the year with a dinner-lecture on January 20 in Vienna, Virginia. On February 17, a Chinese New Year (Year of the Horse) gala was held in Rosslyn, Virginia. The program included a dinner-dance during which an announcement was made that 12 high school seniors have been awarded scholarships from the Chapter, thus continuing a tradition of CAMHA.

The Board of Directors of FCMS met May 24 shortly before the Eleventh Conference. The establishment of a FCMS Foundation was announced, with Dr. David Chiu as the President. FCMS dues of \$1000 per Society member was raised to \$2000 for CAMS, since the Society has over 500 individual members and is entitled to 2 representatives on the Board. FCMS published a very attractive booklet, written by Dr. Caroline Wang, commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the International Health Conference.

The Charles B. Wang Community Health Center held a grand opening ceremony at its new site at 268 Canal Street. It now has 2 sites in Chinatown and 1 in Flushing, Queens.

Three awards were given by the CAMS/CAIPA community Service Fund (see Chapter II)

The Eleventh Conference was held on Memorial Day Week-end, May 25-26, at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City. It was sponsored by 3 organizations: CAMS, CAIPA, and the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center. The Scientific program was sponsored by the New York University Downtown Hospital which accredited the program for 9.5 hours of category I CME credits. The meeting had 233 registered attendees, of whom 78 were from out-of-town, 39 from California and 20 from the Chapters. The program is listed below. It included 14 posters and 20 booths. The exciting and state-of-the-art discussions of a number of topics, ranging from innovative therapy, alternative medicine, and neurology and psychiatry, was balanced by 2 symposia on common medical diseases. Public hospitals and community medicine were highlighted by Dr. Benjamin Chu, until recently a CAMS Board member, now President of the Health and Hospitals Corporation of New York City. Two keynote speakers were Dr. David Ho and Dr. Savio Woo, who needed no introduction, nor did Dr. Henry Lee, of forensic medicine fame. The dinner banquet on Saturday night was at the staid University Club, with art sale, dancing, and professional entertainment. It was over all too soon.

Printed below is the Scientific Program of the 11th Conference

Friday, May 24, 2002 (4 PM to 6 PM) Reception (The Palm Room)

Saturday, May 25, 2002 (8:30 AM to 5 PM)

Morning: One session (Grand Ballroom)

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| 8:30 AM | Opening Remarks Hsueh hwa Wang, M.D., President, FCMS Daisy Saw, M.D. and John Wang, M.D., Conference Co-Chairmen |
| 8:45 AM | Keynote Speaker: (introduced by Daisy Saw, M.D.) David Ho, M.D. "HIV pathogenesis and implications for Therapy" |
| | <u>Symposium on Common Medical Diseases (Part I)</u> Moderators: Tak Kwan, M.D. and George Liu, M.D. |
| 9:30 AM | Statins: Are There Benefits Beyond Cholesterol Lowering? James Liao, M.D |
| 10:15 AM | Asians, Insulin Resistance, and PPAR Gamma. Willa Hsueh, M.D. (sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceutical Company) |
| 11:00 AM | Update on Viral Hepatitis. Danny Chu, M.D. |
| 11:45 AM to 12:15 PM | <u>Poster Presentation: (Promenade)</u> |

12:15 PM Lunch (Terrace room)
Luncheon Speaker: (introduced by Tak Kwan, M.D.)
Benjamin Chu, M.D./MPH: "Health Care Directions for the Public Hospitals and the City of New York"

Afternoon: Two concurrent sessions

Symposium on Common Medical Diseases (Part II) (Grand Ballroom)
Moderators: John Wang, M.D. and Chun K. Yip, M.D.

2:00 PM Treatment of Diabetic Macular Edema. Stanley Chang, M.D.

2:45 PM State of the Art: Congenital Heart Disease 2002. Daphne Hsu, M.D.

3:30 PM Fabry's Disease: From Molecular Diagnosis to Enzyme Therapy. Y. Howard Lien, M.D.,

4:15 PM COPD: State of the Art. Chun K. Yip, M.D.

Symposium on Innovative Therapy (Plaza Suite)
Moderators: Wilson Ko, M.D. and Pak Chung, M.D.

2:00 PM Ventricular Assist Devices and the Total Artificial Heart: The Bionic Man Revisited. Benjamin Sun, M.D.

2:45 PM Regenerative Biology and Medicine: A Science Whose Time Has Come. Ray C. J. Chiu, M.D./Ph.D.

3:30 PM Current Concepts in the Management of Colorectal Cancer. W. Douglas Wong, M.D.,

4:15 PM Assisted Reproductive Technology. Pak Chung, M.D.

6:30 PM Banquet dinner at the University Club, 1 West 54th St, New York, NY

Sunday, May 26, 2002 (8:30 AM to 2 PM)

Morning (Grand Ball Room)

8:30 AM Keynote Speaker: (Introduced by John Wang, M.D.) Savio Woo, Ph.D., "Gene therapy as Molecular Medicine in the 21st Century".
Two concurrent sessions:
Symposium on Alternative Medicine (Grand Ballroom)
Moderators: Victor Chang, M.D. and David Zhang, M.D.

9:30 AM NCCAM Perspectives on Research on Complementary and Alternative Medicine: Past, Present and Future. Shan S. Wong, Ph.D.

10:15 AM Commonly Used Natural Products, What is safe? David Zhang, M.D.

11:00 AM The Brown Paper Bag Problem and Traditional Chinese Medicine. Elaine Kang-Yum, R.Ph..

11:45 AM Is Acupuncture Effective for the Treatment of Chronic Pain? An Objective Assessment. Bryan O'Young, M.D.
Symposium on Neurology and Psychiatry (Plaza Suite)
Moderators: Henry Chung, M.D. and Sun-Hoo Foo, M.D.

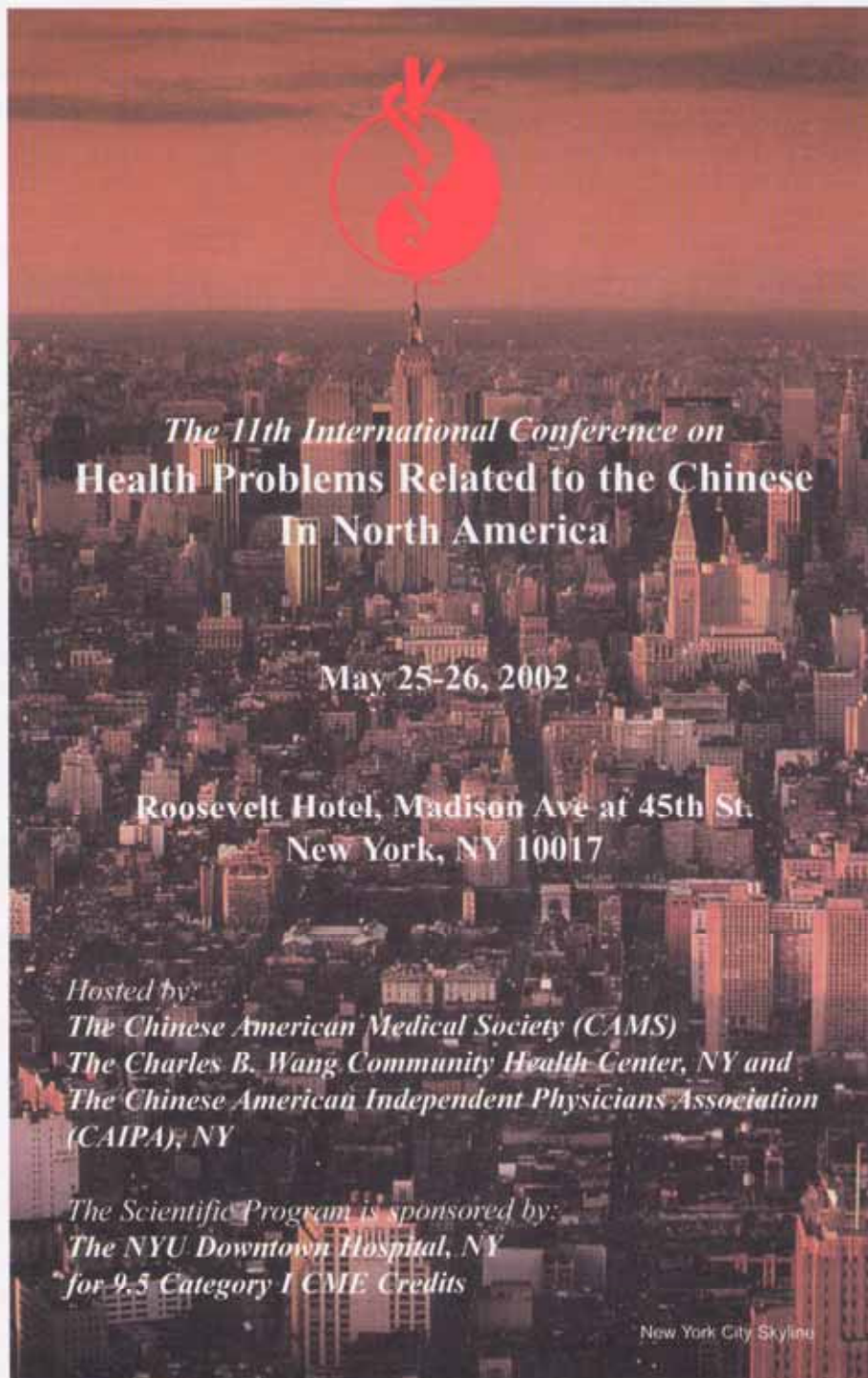
9:30 AM Stroke Among Chinese in New York City. Sun-Hoo Foo, M.D.

10:15 AM Recent Advances in MRI Technology in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Ischemic Stroke.

Chung Y. Hsu, M.D./Ph.D.

- 11:00 AM Cardiovascular Disease and Depression, Recognition and Treatment. Henry Chung, M.D.
- 11:45 AM The Prevalence of Mental Health Problems Among Asian American Adolescents and Children: Symptoms and Treatment Issues. Irene Chung, Ph.D.
- 12:30 PM Lunch (Terrace Room)
Luncheon Speaker (introduced by Fun-Sun Yao, M.D.) Henry Lee, Ph.D., "Signs and the Crime".

Cover of the Brochure announcing the 11th Conference, with background of New York City skyline



Keynote speakers at the 11th Conference



Dr. David Ho



Dr. Savio Woo



Dr. Henry Lee signing autographs of his book

Six medical scholarships and 2 student Summer Student Research Fellowships were awarded.

Many CAMS members attended the benefit concert at Alice Tully Hall on June 4, hosted by the Chinatown Health Clinic Foundation. The proceeds benefit its pediatrics program.

Several CAMS members received awards this year:

Dr. Samuel Yeh, President in 1980, received the prestigious Berson-Yalow Award from the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

Dr. Tak Kwan, Vice-President of CAMS, was honored for his caring service to the Chinese Community by St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center.

Dr. Henry Ting was honored for his involvement in a Queens Senior Center by the Chinese American Planning Council.

Drs. George Liu and Eric Poon were honored as community leaders by the New York City Hall Lions Club at its 20th Anniversary celebration.

The Greater Boston Chapter had 3 dinner lecture meetings over the year, all with speakers from Brigham and Women's Hospital. Each was attended by 50 -70 people.

The Annual Scientific Meeting on November 15 took place at the Citigroup Building in TriBeCa. Over 170 people signed in for the meeting, including 30 medical students. The theme was Emergency Medicine, covering surgical, cardiac, pediatric, orthopedic and gynecologic emergencies. Dinner at Sal Anthony's in Little Italy featured dancing, and singing by talented members Jyming Wang and Savio Woo.

The final meeting of 2002 occurred on December 11, called by President Daisy Saw as a meeting of the Council. This is defined in the By-Laws as a group including all Board members, Committee members, Past Presidents and invited guests, and it should meet twice a year to discuss Society matters. Amid a pouring rain, 6 Past Presidents and many current Board members met to talk about recent events and the future direction of the Society. There was a general feeling that we should continue to increase membership, perhaps best achieved by attracting more people during their resident training years. After all, New York City has more training programs than any other metropolis. Opinions differed as to whether resident physician members should be charged the currently reduced membership fee of \$25, or be granted a pass.

Right, Dr. Ray Chiu receiving the Scientific Award from President Daisy Saw.



Far right, Dr. George Liu with the Special Service Award, with Dr. Saw



At Sal Anthony SPQR



Dr. Savio Woo, our gracious MC and soloist



Dr. Jyming Wang sang many songs



Dr. and Mrs. Ghi dancing away

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CAIPA offered, and CAMS accepted, office space at their quarters at 185 Canal Street in New York City. This is the first time we have had an office outside of someone's home.

The FCMS has changed its location of the 2004 International Health Conference from Vancouver, B.C. to San Francisco. This conference now will be hosted by the 3 organizations in the San Francisco Bay area. Dr. Caroline Wang has resigned as President. Dr. Sun-Hoo Foo is now President of FCMS.

Eight CAMS members are included in the New York magazine Best Doctors' list for metropolitan New York. Congratulations to Drs. Stanley Chang, David Chiu, Kenneth Eng, Yumen Fong, Marcus Loo, Jeffrey Ngeow, Eric Poon and W. Douglas Wong.

We are having our 40th anniversary Annual Scientific Meeting on October 11, 2003 at the CitiCorp Building. The theme of the symposium is "Infectious Diseases". A dinner gala will be held at the Puck Building. This is the first time we are having our festivities in such beautiful settings.

CHAPTER VIII A LOOK BACK AND A LOOK FORWARD

SWEET SUCCESS

Without doubt, CAMS is one of the largest and most successful Chinese American medical societies. When it started 40 years ago, it was one of a number of such organizations, of which there are still a large number. It is fair to state that today, this Society stands prominently among the leaders. In looking into the history of the Society, it became apparent that a number of factors converged to foster this. Geographically, the greater New York area has the largest Chinese American population, second only to San Francisco. It is the home of 6 prominent research medical schools, and 2 more just outside the City limits. It is also home to an unique publicly sponsored medical school targeted at disadvantaged students, often minorities, who are encouraged to go into primary care practice. This concentration of medical schools and teaching hospitals attracts many physicians who are academically oriented, while the presence of the large Chinese population provides practice opportunities.

There are more subtle reasons for the success of the Society. It was decided from its inception that officers would serve 1 year, and be eligible for a second year. Members of the Board of Directors serve 3 years. This ensures a renewing leadership that brings fresh ideas and energy, while avoiding the dynastic tendencies of some other groups. By not limiting itself to graduates of a single medical school or geographic area, the Society is much more inclusive and representative of Chinese American physicians. The Society has also been fortunate to have had a series of energetic and organizationally minded presidents, who through their leadership, worked hard to ensure the continued strength of the Society. It has benefited enormously from having an unpaid Executive Director (a former Treasurer and President) who has, since 1986, provided administrative leadership and continuity to the Society. It has truly grown and developed in ways that can make the Founding members proud.

THE FUTURE

It has been an active, challenging, at times exciting 40 years for the members of this Chinese American Medical Society. The Founding Members, some of whom will join in the Anniversary Celebration, have reason to be proud of the enterprise they launched with hesitant expectations. The Society has attracted, in New York City and the other chapters, a membership that includes some of the brightest lights among Chinese American physicians, whether in practice, in teaching or in research. Through its sponsorship of medical student scholarships and summer research scholarships, work with community physicians, including the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center and CAIPA, and organizations such as New York City Department of Health, area hospitals and medical schools, the Society has increasingly become a force for change. The crucial role it played in the formation of the Federation, which is still in its developmental phase, may yet bring the rewards that its founders had in mind.

This brief history was recorded to document what

occurred with a small group of people, largely immigrants, during a certain period in Chinese and American history. This Society could not have come into being much earlier than the 1960s, for there were too few Chinese American physicians to form such a group; it may not continue to attract new members in another 40 years, since future generations may be so much more integrated into American society that there would be no impetus to join an ethnic medical association. However, given the multiple identities many individuals hold in American society, there still may be enough emotion and reason for such groups to persist.

Finally, the pattern of medical school admissions, as documented by the American Association of Medical Colleges, shows that the A/PI group, among whom Chinese Americans are currently the second largest component, will in the coming decades continue to influence the composition of our profession. It is our hope and wish that the group we represent will continue to contribute to the health of all Americans, as well as it has in the past 40 years.

ARTIFACTS OF THE SOCIETY

Seal of the Society



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Meeting Souvenirs



20th Anniversary mug



25th Anniversary coaster

Design on the 11th conference tote bag



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