April 20, 2007

Dear Taiwan Society of Cardiology,

Re: Fellowship in CAPSC, 1st Convocation in December 2007

The College of the Asian Pacific Society of Cardiology (CAPSC) is inviting applicants for Fellowship in the CAPSC. The deadline for application submission is September 1, 2007. We are asking that you please inform your membership about this unique opportunity to become one of the first Fellows of the CAPSC, and thereby participate in our historical first convocation, which will be held in Taipei during the 16th APCC.

The CAPSC has been formed to create an institution for the advancement, promotion, and development of cardiovascular medicine in the Asia-Pacific region. Members of the CASC are individuals in cardiovascular medicine who meet our high standards of membership. The mission of the CAPSC is to promote quality cardiovascular care through the education, training, research, development and application of clinical guidelines.

Membership categories include Fellow, Associate Fellow, and Fellow in Training. Details about each of the categories are in the CAPSC Bylaws and the Application instruction information. Please note that for the first convocation only, letters of recommendation will be waived. The Accreditation Committee of the CAPSC will vet each application to ensure each candidate meets our high standards.

Look for the CAPSC bylaws and Fellowship application on the APSC website (www.apscardio.org). The CAPSC website (www.capsc.net) will be established soon and will also be a resource for this information and more.

As the Secretariat and Leadership of your society, we’re sure that you know many deserving persons in your society for the honor of being a Fellow in CAPSC. We ask that you encourage each of these deserving persons to apply for membership.

Respectfully,

Michael Lim
Fellowship of the
College of the Asian Pacific Society of Cardiology

Join CAPSC
We Welcome You to Apply for Fellowship

A) Categories of Fellowship

1) Fellows

The awarding of a diploma to recognize an individual as a Fellow is the highest accolade and professional recognition given by the College to outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions in the area of cardiovascular medicine. Applicants must have completed a formal specialist training program in the area of cardiovascular medicine that is recognized by the National Specialist Accreditation Committee or equivalent body in their country. They must be recognized in their country as reputable consultants or scientists of high standing, and are currently actively involved in the field of cardiovascular medicine. Candidates must provide evidence that they are recognized as specialists of consultant grade or as scientists in the area of cardiovascular medicine and shall be at least 2 years post-completion of cardiovascular specialty training. Fellows will be awarded a diploma recognizing their high standards of professional excellence in the area of cardiovascular medicine.

2) Associate Fellows

Applicants must have completed a formal specialist training program in the area of cardiovascular medicine that is recognized by the National Specialist Accreditation Committee or equivalent body in their country. Applicants will generally be those who have recently obtained their specialist accreditation in the area of cardiovascular medicine and are just starting out on their careers. They are currently actively involved in the field of cardiovascular medicine. Applicants who do not have a formal specialist accreditation in the area of cardiovascular medicine but are established recognized teachers or scientists in the area of cardiovascular medicine are also eligible. This category of fellowship is for those who have just recently obtained their accreditation as specialists in the field of cardiovascular medicine but do not meet the criteria for Fellow. Associate Fellows who meet the criteria will eventually be eligible for application to be a Fellow.

3) CAPSC Fellows in Training

Applicants must have completed five years of post-graduate medical training, including 12 months of formal cardiology training. Applicants who have not been in a formal cardiology training program must show evidence that they are involved in teaching or research in the field of cardiovascular medicine. This will also include those who are currently undergoing training in cardiology but have yet to obtain their specialty accreditation in the field of
cardiovascular medicine. This category of fellowship is for those who do not have sufficient training and experience required for Associate Fellow or Fellow.

**B) Application Process**

The following are the instructions for the application for any fellowship category in CAPSC:

1) Obtain an application from the website.

2) Complete all sections of the application form thoroughly and do not leave any sections blank. Where it is inapplicable, applicant must write “N.A” or “inapplicable.”

3) Ensure that all required documentation is attached to the application form, including letters or documents to verify

   - postgraduate training
   - specialist accreditation (where applicable)
   - institutional or professional appointments
   - certified true copy of medical qualifications

4) Enclose reference letters from Fellows of the College or established recognized cardiovascular specialists of international repute who have agreed to support your application. Two reference letters are required and they can be in the following combination:

   - **References** from two Fellows of the College (FCAPSC)
   - **One** reference from a Fellow (FCAPSC) and **one** letter from the National Society, signed by the president of the society, or established recognized cardiovascular specialist of international repute
   - **One** reference from National Society and **one** reference from an established recognized cardiovascular specialist of international repute

* For the first Convocation ceremony, the reference letters are waived. Application will be vetted by Accreditation committee.
5) Check that your final submission of documents include the following:
   - completed and signed application form with attachments as stated in B (3) above
   - Reference letters as in B(4) above
   - Payment for annual fellowship fees

   **Annual Fellowship Fee Schedule for 2007**

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6) The payment for annual fellowship fees (including non-refundable processing fee) must be attached with the application form and sent to the following address:

   *College of the Asian Pacific Society of Cardiology (Attn: Dr Michael Lim)*
   #06-08 Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre,
   3 Mount Elizabeth Road Spore 228510

**C. Election of Fellows to the College**

All applications received will be reviewed quarterly by the College Accreditation Committee at the end of every quarter. Successful applicants will be invited to participate at the scheduled Convocation Ceremony of the College.
D. Benefits of CAPSC Fellowship

1) CAPSC Fellows privileges:

- Participation in international scientific conferences and events.
- **Special** privileges for the Asian Pacific Congress of Cardiology, including reduced conference registration.
- **Fellows Directory on the website.**
- **Diploma** recognizing your status as an outstanding specialist in the area of cardiovascular medicine.
- **Convocation Ceremony:** Solemn and distinguished ceremony during which FCAPSC status is conferred by the CAPSC President accompanied by the Board of Trustees.
- Information on Congresses and educational programs.
- Access to CAPSC training fellowships and grants.

2) CAPSC Associate Fellows privileges:

- Participation in international scientific conferences and events.
- **Special** privileges for the Asian Pacific Congress of Cardiology, including reduced conference registration.
- **Associate Fellows Directory on the website.**
- **Certificate** recognizing your status as an Associate Fellow.
- Information on Congresses and educational programs.
- Access to CAPSC training fellowships and grants.

3) CAPSC Residency Fellows privileges:

- Participation in international scientific conferences and events.
- **Special** privileges for the Asian Pacific Congress of Cardiology, including reduced conference registration.
- **Residency Fellows Directory on the website.**
- **Certificate** recognizing your status as a Residency Fellow.
- Information on Congresses and educational programs.
- Access to CAPSC training fellowships and grants.