



## Looking forward to the next 10 years

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2007 is an exciting year for the Society that celebrates ten years of existence. The 10th ASM is a resounding success that saw over 200 participants enjoying 2 days of excellent talks by speakers from around the world. The pre-congress workshops were over-subscribed with very favourable feedbacks from the participants. The new council was also duly elected in the AGM held during the ASM. A number of new faces join the council and I look to the old and new council members for a fresh impetus to carry the Society to new heights. One of the main focuses is to promote the development of the subspecialty of paediatric respirology. In the coming years, the Society will try to help the College to accredit our subspecialty by preparing a workable training program and encourage our members to be recognized as trainers in respirology.

The current issue of the Journal touches on some practical issues in paediatric respirology. Dr. TK Wong provides a nice review of the use of non-invasive ventilation (NIV) for children with obstructive sleep apnoea (OSA). One needs to remember that NIV is sometimes needed for paediatric OSA. Dr. EYT Chan wrote on the use of an interrupter technique to deduce the airway resistance. This would be helpful in those suspected young asthmatics who cannot blow hard or long enough to do a FEV-1 / FVC. The statistical corner sees new authors to provide practical information for clinicians. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Wilfred Wong of HKU for his contributions in the last two years. It is my pleasure to end with a THANK YOU for your support this year and wish you a safe and merry Christmas with your loved ones.

