



Annual General Meeting & Annual Dinner

Time flies! Our society has another busy year in 2004. We are glad to have our Annual General Meeting (AGM) soon to meet all the members again. It is also time to have election of new board of council members for the coming year. All members are cordially invited to join the AGM.

The annual dinner will be held immediately after the AGM. Tables are reserved on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please call our social convener, Dr. K H CHAN, to reserve your seat now. Dr. CHAN can be contacted through the telephone at 2867 5434 or email address at Addi_KH_CHAN@FEHD/HKSARG@FEHD. Please do come and take your lucky draw prizes!

Date	: 10 December 2004 (Friday)
Time	: 6:30pm to 10:00pm
Venue	: East Lake Seafood Restaurant (東湖海鮮酒家) 4/F, Pearl City Mansion, 22-36 Paterson Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.
Price of the annual dinner	: For members: \$150 per person For non-members: \$250 person ➤ Please send your cheque to Dr. K H CHAN at 43/F, Queensway Government Office, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong. ➤ Remember to write your name at the back of the cheque!

Sale of Souvenir

We have prepared some photoframes engraved with the name of society. The price is only \$70 for members and \$100 for non-members.



Academic meeting in November

Our last academic meeting was held on 1 November 2004. The guest speaker was Dr. Anthony Edward James, Director of Laboratory Animal Services Centre, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. We would like to share with you the summary of the talk below:



Zoonotic Diseases & Laboratory Animals

Zoonotic diseases are a small but important part of the hazards that are associated with the care and use of laboratory animals.

Arguably there are more than 150 recognised zoonotic diseases of which about 30 can be transmitted from laboratory animals to man.

However the truth is that most laboratory animal facilities and many laboratory animal veterinarians have never had any experience with zoonotic infections among their personnel.

The reasons are related to the fact that most institutions have a program of integrated management for the oversight of zoonotic infections in animal facilities. The main features of an integrated management program are described.

Xenotransplantation

Several developments have fuelled the renewed interest in xenotransplantation. Although the benefits may be considerable, the use of xenotransplantation also presents a number of significant challenges.

These include:

1. the potential risk of transmission of infections agents from source animals to patients, their close contacts and the general public
2. the complexities of informed consent
3. animal welfare issues

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Our president, chairman and all council members would like to thank all the guest speakers, organizations and members who have supported our society all along. We hope that we can have your full support in the years to come. Thank you!

