

International Leadership Service Award

The International Leadership Award is given to a Fellow or Master of the ACG in recognition of outstanding and substantial contributions to gastroenterology, to the College and to the international gastroenterology community. Substantial contributions internationally may include, but are not limited to the following: The training of individuals from other countries who have gone on to become leaders in gastroenterology in their community; leadership in international organizations that has resulted in improvement in the care of patients; and participation in humanitarian efforts.

2018 Recipient

Francis K. L. Chan, MD, FACC



Professor Francis K. L. Chan obtained the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) with honors from The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) in 1988. In 1998 and in 2011, he received the Doctor of Medicine and the Doctor of Science, respectively, from CUHK. In recognition of his outstanding scholarship, he has been conferred the title of Choh-Ming Li Professor of Medicine and Therapeutics of CUHK. He is a Board Member of the Hong Kong Hospital Authority.

Professor Chan joined CUHK as a lecturer in 1997. He was promoted to Professor of Medicine in 2005. An outstanding teacher, he was voted Teacher of the Year by students 5 years in a row and received the Vice-Chancellor's Exemplary Teaching Award in 2000 and 2007. In 2010, he was appointed as Director of the Institute of Digestive Disease of CUHK, and the Specialty Board Chairman of Gastroenterology & Hepatology in Hong Kong. Since January 2013, he has been appointed as the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine in CUHK.

He has been conferred many national and international honors and awards – The Most Outstanding Contribution Award (Clinical Therapeutics, Food and Health Bureau, HKSAR Government, 2007); State Scientific and Technological Progress Award (National Office for Science and Technology Awards, PRC, 2007); Croucher Senior Medical Fellowship 2008; Andy Martynoga Memorial Lecturer (England) 2008; JGHF Marshall and Warren Lecturer (Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology) 2011; Outstanding Scientific Research Output Award (Ministry of Education, PRC, 2011). Recent honors include being named Professor Gerald Choa Memorial Lecturer (The Hong Kong College of Physicians) 2014; The 19th Vikit Viranuvatti's Lecturer (Thailand) 2016; The State Natural Science Award (PRC) 2016; and the 27th Seah Cheng Siang Memorial Lecturer (Singapore) 2017; Honorary Fellow of Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of Thailand 2018.

International Leadership Service Award, continued

Over the past 20 years, Professor Chan's research has focused on improving the care of patients on NSAIDs and anti-platelet drugs, who are at high risk of gastrointestinal bleeding. His findings published in leading medical journals such as *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *The Lancet*, and *Gastroenterology* since 2001, have contributed to major revisions to national and international clinical management guidelines.

Professor Chan has been active in nurturing leaders in gastroenterology within and outside of Hong Kong. Over the past 15 years, nine young fellows from Greater China, Japan, UK and Switzerland, whom he supervised, took leadership positions in their respective institutions.

In 2011, Professor Chan established an Asia-Pacific multi-disciplinary panel on the management of patients on NSAIDs and anti-platelets to review and update current guidelines and standards of care, in order to improve the care of these high-risk patients in many developing Asian countries.

In 2016, the Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology (APAGE) and the Asian Pacific Society for Digestive Endoscopy (APSDE), jointly appointed Professor Chan as convenor of a conjoint working panel on management of patients on anti-thrombotics undergoing GI endoscopy. Many Asian countries and professional societies have widely adopted recommendations in the panel's reports.

Professor Chan has provided voluntary health service to institutionalized, mentally handicapped children for over 10 years. During the SARS outbreak in Hong Kong in 2003, Professor Chan organized a large-scale, free screening program to detect silent SARS infection for Hong Kong citizens. In recognition of his contributions to society, the Hong Kong Government conferred upon him the honor of Justice of Peace in 2011.

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2012	Flavio Steinwurz, MD, FACG
2011	Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, FACG