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### SPECIAL COURT

## THE FIRST IN SOUTH EAST ASIA: MALAYSIA'S SPECIAL COURT FOR SEXUAL CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN



The interior of the special court for sexual crimes against children. Photo by nst.com.my

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak today (Thursday, June 22, 2017) officiated the special criminal court to handle sexual crimes against children at the Palace of Justice, in Putrajaya, near Kuala Lumpur.

The setting up of the court is in tandem with the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017 passed by Malaysian Parliament in April, 2017.

"For now, the special criminal court will handle cases happening in west coast Selangor state, Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya. God willing, we will extend the establishment of this court to all 13 states throughout Malaysia," he said after officiating the new court located at the lower court building of the Palace of Justice.

Najib said the court would focus on cases such as pornography, child grooming and child sexual assault in accordance with the act which would be enforced soon, and the first case was expected to be heard by the court on July 4, 2017.

"The court will be handled by a Senior Session Court Judge who has vast experience in the field of judicial and legislative matters," he added.

This special court is different from the existing Court for Children which hears cases where the perpetrator of the crime is a child.

"The newly formed special court to handle sexual crimes against children is mainly to discuss on sexual crime cases where the victim is a child. With the existence of this court, it will help to accelerate and ensure smooth proceedings as well as hearings of sexual crime cases which affect children," he said.

The Prime Minister also suggested that a special guideline should be formulated soon to handle cases of sexual offences against children.

"For this purpose, a working committee involving the court, Attorney General's Chambers and Women, Family and Community Development Ministry and as well as several children NGOs, including UNICEF, needs to be set up to create this special guideline.

"Furthermore, this special guideline should also meet the requirements and needs of a child witness, in accordance with best practices in other countries in the world," he said.

Placed at the second floor of the Palace of Justice, the facilities provided meet the needs of child witnesses. It includes Court Recording and Transcription (CRT) facility, child-friendly witness rooms and waiting rooms, equipped with video-link facilities, as well as disabled-friendly tools. - **Astro Awani news/Putrajaya, Malaysia, June 22, 2017**

### Note

Since the court was formed on June 22, 2017, a total of 293 cases had been filed and 84 percent or 248 cases were cleared in the first three months. - **malaymailonline.com, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, October 24, 2017**

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We invite articles and feedback  
from readers. - Editor



## APPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Very warm season's greetings to all My APPA Colleagues!

It has been a great pleasure for me to serve as a President of APPA and I appreciate the work and contribution of APPA member societies. I am happy to share some progress of APPA action plan 2016-2018

### APPA Monogram

Pleased to inform you all that under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Chok-wan Chan the Monograph on "History of APPA" is ready for distribution.

Thank you to Dr. Chok wan Chan, Ms. Susanna Lee and Dr. Lillian Wong for making this happen.

### APPA TAGs

All the respective APPA TAGs are making good efforts to work as per their mandate. We have shared the analysis of APPA survey questionnaire on Adolescent Health, Children with Special Needs, Immunization, Non-Communicable Diseases with all APPA TAGs members and they have been requested to share the action plan and activities of their respective TAGs

### APPA Task Force

Happy to inform you all that we have formed APPA Task Force on **Obesity, Antimicrobial Resistance and Tuberculosis**.

Further, APPA Executive Committee has also decided to start a new APPA task force on **Rare Diseases**.

On the occasion of "World Antibiotic Awareness Week" the members of APPA task force on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) shared the action plan on reducing the spread of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). The action plan especially for Chinese children was announced during **10<sup>th</sup> Congress of the World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (WSPID) by Dr. Yong Hong Yang**.

Soon the chairs of other APPA Task force will be sharing their work progress.

### APPA Journal

We are in the process of re-launching the APPA e-Journal now named "Asia Pacific Journal of Pediatrics and Child Health (APJPCH)". The first issue is slotted for Jan 2018.

Thank you to Dr Muhammad Ashraf Sultan, Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Anupam Sachdev, Managing Editor and the APPA Journal Editorial team Dr. Ravi Kumar, Prof. Iqbal Ahmad Memon, Assoc. Prof. Daniel Goh, Dr Arun Neopane, Dr Partini Pudjastuti, Dr. Cecilia Maramba-Lazarte, Dr. Rintaro Mori for taking this responsibility.

### APPA Strategic Planning Meeting

Thank you Japan Pediatric Society and Dr. Shinichi Hirose for organizing the APPA Strategic Planning Meeting during the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Japan Pediatric Society (JPS) will be held from 20 - 22, April 2018

### Amendments in APPA Constitution

We are working on constitution amendments which will be presented during next APPA congress at Bali. I look forward for your continued support in taking APPA Flag to new heights.

**Dr. Naveen Thacker**  
President - APPA



# 2018

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



## CONDOLENCES

**Dear Members of the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA),**

Greetings from the APPA Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur.

It is with profound sadness that the APPA Secretariat extends its deepest condolences to the family and sons of the late Professor Xiaohu He, former APPA President from China, on her demise on June 28, 2017 in Beijing.

APPA was informed of Professor He's death by Dr. Chok-wan Chan, APPA Honorary President, on late Tuesday evening, October 17, 2017.

Professor He, 80, who was also former President & Honorary President of the Chinese Pediatric Society (CPS), was a prominent paediatrician at the Beijing Children's Hospital in China and has devoted much of her time and energy to developmental paediatrics and issues concerning child health. Professor He was also formerly a Member of the International Pediatric Association (IPA) Standing Committee.

The condolence message is also extended to the Exco members, colleagues n staff of the Chinese Pediatric Society (CPS) and the Chinese Medical Association (CMA).

God bless her soul. May the late Prof. He rest in peace.

**Kind regards,  
The APPA Secretariat, on behalf of the  
APPA Executive Committee (Exco) Members  
October 19, 2017**

### *Our Fond Memory For the Late Professor HE Xiaohu*



**President of the Chinese Pediatric Society, CMA**

**President of Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (2009-2012)**

**Standing Committee Member of the International Pediatric Association (IPA)**

# Obituary: To a long friend of APPA

Professor HE was born in January 1937 in Fujing, China. She graduated from the Department of Medicine, Beijing Medical College (currently known as Faculty of Medicine, Beijing University) in 1959. She joined the Beijing Children's Hospital in the same year and engaged in medical teaching and research work until now. In early 1980s, Professor HE was awarded the World Health Organization (WHO) Scholarship to have overseas study in the United States (1982 to 1985). She passed the WHO examination and the British Michigan English Test with flying colours. She obtained further subspecialty training and postdoctoral research in the Subspecialty of Paediatric Rheumatology under the world-famous pioneer of the Subspecialty Dr. Earl J. Brewer Jr., M.D., FAAP at the Rheumatology Section and Division at Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine, United States. During her three years of postdoctoral research, she had done a lot of research and clinical work on rheumatic diseases in children with excellent achievements and outstanding results. After returning to Beijing Children's Hospital, she set up the first National Childhood Connective Tissue Disease Research Section, followed by establishment of an outpatient clinic and in-patient services for childhood Rheumatology first in Beijing and then throughout the whole nation of China. She excelled her work in Paediatric Rheumatology through her clinical skills, patient management, teaching and research for more than 40 years.

Professor HE Xiaohu worked as *Director of Connective Tissue Disease Research Section*, Beijing Children's Hospital, *Supervisor of Master Students*, *Professor of Paediatrics and Attending Paediatrician* in the Capital Medical University and Beijing Children's Hospital. As a professional leader, she has been Chairman of the Paediatric Division of the Chinese Medical Association (2002-2006), Honorary Chairman of Paediatric Division of the Chinese Medical Association, (2007- present), President of the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) (2009-2012), Standing Committee Member of the International Pediatric Association (IPA) (2007 to 2013), as well as Vice Chairman of Academic Steering Committee of the Chinese Pediatric Journal. As a leading world expert in Childhood Rheumatology, Professor HE was member of the Standing Committee of the Chinese Society of Rheumatology, Standing Committee of the Asian Society of Rheumatology, International Association of Rheumatology and Member of the Task Force Group. Academically, she worked as member of Editorial Boards for the Chinese Journal of Clinical Pediatrics, the Chinese Journal of Rheumatology, the Clinical Pediatric Journal, the Asia-Pacific Rheumatology Board, the Japanese Modern Rheumatology Magazine, and the International Pediatric Rheumatology Online Journal (PROJ). Throughout her professional career, she had published more than 50 papers in peer-reviewed Chinese and International

journals. Professor HE also participated in the preparation of the various novel textbooks in Paediatrics and in Child Health such as *"Practical Pediatrics"*, editions 5, 6 and 7, *"Modern Pediatrics"*, *"Rheumatology"* and other books on childhood rheumatology. She was the Chief Editor of the Book on "New Guide on Child Care" *《育兒指南新編》*, "Words of Wisdoms from Medical Experts - Pediatric Section" *《醫家金鑑-兒科篇》*. She was conferred the Beijing Science and Technology Progress Award twice and the APPA Asian Outstanding Pediatricians Award in 2006. As Secretary General of the Organizing Committee, she worked closely with Professor JIANG Zaifang, Congress President, Professor WU Xiru, Professor SHEN Kunling and others to organize the 23rd International Pediatric Congress in Beijing in 2001 with over 5,000 attendants (3360 foreign delegates and 1360 local delegates). This was so far, the largest international medical conference held in China. In October 2009, Professor HE, as Congress President, together with Professor GAO Yondhao and Professor SHEN Kunling successful hosted the 13th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics in Shanghai with a total of 2536 delegates (1258 foreign and 1278 local) attended the meeting and subsequently she was elected as President of the Asia-Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) (2009 to 2012). These two conferences were highly appreciated by local and international professionals both in terms of academic standard and organizational capacity.

We are all sad that Professor HE has left us. To the profession, we have lost a great leader, a respected senior, a close friend and a great multi-talented colleague. To our children, they will forever miss this great paediatrician who has devoted her lifetime to the promotion of their health and welfare. She has indeed established a strong infrastructure for her successors to promote and demonstrated clear directions for her colleagues to follow. She will be eternally remembered by all of us at the medical profession.

Professor HE Xiaohu passed away peacefully at the age of 80 years old in the early morning of June 28, 2017 in Beijing. She is survived by her two sons and numerous grandchildren. To her family, we would like to convey our most sincere condolences. To the medical professionals, we shall forever miss her!



Dr. Chok-wan CHAN

President of International Pediatric Association (IPA) (2007-2010)  
Honorary President of Asia-Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA)



## Unicef hails Malaysia's special court for sexual crimes against children

The UN body says it is ready to lend its support and expertise to set up standard operating procedures for handling cases involving child sexual victims.

The United Nations International Children's Fund (Unicef) Malaysia, welcomed the launching of a special court for sexual crimes against children and the "Permata Room" for the comfort of child witnesses.

Unicef Malaysia representative Marianne Clark-Hattingh, in a statement here, said the launch of the special court was a tangible step towards setting up the systems and structures necessary for protecting the child victims of sexual crimes.

"Unicef is ready to lend our support and expertise to the working committee in order to establish standard operating procedures for handling cases involving child sexual victims," she said.

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak on June 22, 2017 inaugurated a special court to handle sexual crimes against children, the first such court in Southeast Asia.



Marianne Clark-Hattingh

Clark-Hattingh said the establishment of the court was also an important step in a series of initiatives needed to ensure that the Malaysian judicial system continues to protect child victims of sexual crimes.

"Additionally, the Malaysian criminal justice system is encouraged to consider additional improvements to court practices for child victims, which include having dedicated judges and prosecutors, clear practice guidelines for them, special procedures for evidence from child victims and witnesses and pretrial 'directions' or 'ground rules' hearings between judges and counsel," she said.

- Malaysian National News Agency (BERNAMA), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, June 24, 2017



# YEMEN-WORLD'S LARGEST HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

## Statement by UNICEF Executive Director, Anthony Lake, WFP Executive Director, David Beasley and WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, following their joint visit to Yemen

"As the heads of three United Nations agencies - UNICEF, the World Food Programme (WFP) and WHO – we have travelled together to Yemen to see for ourselves the scale of this humanitarian crisis and to step up our combined efforts to help the people of Yemen.

**"This is the world's worst cholera outbreak in the midst of the world's largest humanitarian crisis. In the last 3 months alone, 400 000 cases of suspected cholera and nearly 1900 associated deaths have been recorded.** Vital health, water and sanitation facilities have been crippled by more than 2 years of hostilities, and created the ideal conditions for diseases to spread.

**"The country is on the brink of famine, with over 60 per cent of the population not knowing where their next meal will come from. Nearly 2 million Yemeni children are acutely malnourished.** Malnutrition makes them more susceptible to cholera; diseases create more malnutrition. A vicious combination.

"At one hospital, we visited children who can barely gather the strength to breathe. We spoke with families overcome with sorrow for their ill loved ones and struggling to feed their families. And, as we drove through the city, we saw how vital infrastructure, such as health and water facilities, have been damaged or destroyed.

"Amid this chaos, some 16 000 community volunteers go house to house, providing families with information on how to protect themselves from diarrhea and cholera. Doctors, nurses and other essential health staff are working around the clock to save lives.

"More than 30 000 health workers haven't been paid their salaries in more than 10 months, but many still report for duty. We have asked the Yemeni authorities to pay these health workers urgently because, without them, we fear that people who would otherwise have survived may die. As for our agencies, we will do our best to support these extremely dedicated health workers with incentives and stipends.

"We also saw the vital work being done by local authorities and NGOs, supported by international humanitarian agencies, including our own. We have set up more than 1000 diarrhoea treatment centres and oral rehydration corners. The delivery of food supplements, intravenous fluids and other medical supplies, including ambulances, is ongoing, as is the rebuilding of critical infrastructure – the rehabilitation of hospitals, district health centres and the water and sanitation network. We are working with the World Bank in an innovative partnership that responds to needs on the ground and helps maintain the local health institutions.

"But there is hope. More than 99 per cent of people who are sick with suspected cholera and who can access health services are now surviving. And the total number of children who will be afflicted with severe acute malnutrition this year is estimated at 385 000.



**A child receiving treatment for suspected cholera at the centre at Alsabeen Hospital, Sana'a, Yemen. - Photo UNICEF/Muohialdin Fuad Alzekri**

"However, the situation remains dire. Thousands are falling sick every day. Sustained efforts are required to stop the spread of disease. **Nearly 80 per cent of Yemen's children need immediate humanitarian assistance.**

"When we met with Yemeni leaders -- in Aden and in Sana'a -- we called on them to give humanitarian workers access to areas affected by fighting. And we urged them – more than anything – to find a peaceful political solution to the conflict.

"The Yemeni crisis requires an unprecedented response. Our 3 agencies have teamed up with the Yemeni authorities and other partners to coordinate our activities in new ways of working to save lives and to prepare for future emergencies.

"We now call on the international community to redouble its support for the people of Yemen. If we fail to do so, the catastrophe we have seen unfolding before our eyes will not only continue to claim lives but will scar future generations and the country for years to come."

- UNICEF, WHO & WFP, Aden / Sanaa, Yemen, July 26, 2017

### Note

**According to UN agencies, more than 10,000 people, mostly civilian, have been killed during more than two years of war in Yemen that also displaced some 3 million people. In March 2017, UNICEF put the death toll of children from the war at 1,546 and other 2,450 injured. - Xinhua News Agency, Sanaa, Yemen, August 8, 2017**

## Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake on the situation in Yemen



"Yesterday, Mark Lowcock, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, called on all parties to the conflict to provide safe, rapid, unhindered humanitarian access to people in need, through all ports and airports, including Hudaydah port and Sana'a airport.

"The recent closure of all ports and airports is making an already catastrophic situation even worse.

"Today, nearly 400,000 children in Yemen are at risk of death from severe acute malnutrition. To potentially add tens of thousands more children to this toll - tens of thousands more personal catastrophes for children and grieving parents - is simply inhuman.

"Children are not responsible for the conflict and carnage created by the adults. But they are the first victims. "We must ask all the parties: What kind of Yemen do the ultimate victors expect to gain as they destroy it?"

- UNICEF, New York, November 9, 2017



## CRISIS IN YEMEN

### MORE THAN 1,500 CHILDREN KILLED IN YEMEN'S WAR AS IT ENTERS THIRD YEAR



"Around 500,000 children in Yemen are suffering from severe acute malnutrition."  
"[http://news.images.itv.com/image/file/1259999/article\\_update\\_img.jpg](http://news.images.itv.com/image/file/1259999/article_update_img.jpg)"  
> Credit: UNICEF

As the war in Yemen enters its third year more than 1,500 children have been killed, while a similar number have been recruited in the fighting. In total more than 10,000 people have been killed in the fighting.

The latest figures released by UNICEF also reveal that 2,450 children have been injured in the war, while violence has created a food security emergency.

**In total around 19 million people in the country are in need of humanitarian assistance.**



"Half of Yemen's population do not know where their next meal is coming from."  
"[http://news.images.itv.com/image/file/1260001/article\\_update\\_img.jpg](http://news.images.itv.com/image/file/1260001/article_update_img.jpg)"  
> Credit: UNICEF

Speaking to ITV News earlier in March, this year, Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Chief Executive Saleh Saeed, who is originally from Yemen, and has recently returned from a visit to the war-torn country said families are having to make the "unbearable" decision between buying medicine or food for their children.

"Families are having to choose whether they buy medicine for one child or buy food for their family. Just imagine that as a parent, how difficult would it be to make those choices."

He added: "It's unbearable and heartbreaking to see those families having to make those decisions."  
- ITV News, 27 March, 2017



## SYRIAN WAR



As many as a million children have been orphaned by the war in Syria which is in its sixth year.

The UN has warned against the dangers facing children without parents such as lack of education, trafficking and being indoctrinated by armed groups.

Many children are living in orphanages being run by local charities both inside Syria and abroad.

"I was five years old when Shabiha attacked and rounded everyone up," said Mariam al Shalan, an orphan from Homs. "Then they opened fire and killed everyone. My mother came in front of us and took the

bullets. My mother asked me for water. When I came back, she was dead. Me and my brother spent two days under the blood and the bodies."

In a centre for orphans in the opposition-controlled city of Idlib, almost every child that has been affected by the war suffers from trauma and psychological stress.

However, care givers have limited financial support. In addition to salaries, they need help including repair work for the buildings as winter approaches.  
- Al Jazeera News, November 20, 2017



## 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Pediatric Federation Congress (APFC) 2017, Myanmar

### History and the aims of APF

ASEAN Pediatric Federation (APF) was founded on August 3, 1976 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

#### The aims of the APF are:

To foster the study and dissemination of all aspects of pediatric knowledge, particularly in the region of the ASEAN

To promote cooperation in scientific exchange among the member countries and establish closer personal and professional contacts among those interested and working in this field

To organize and hold an ASEAN Pediatric Federation Conference (APFC) at least every 3 years and to promote and support such other activities as may be deemed necessary for the realization of the above aims.

The first APF congress was held in 1983 in Thailand and the 15<sup>th</sup> APF congress was held in 2014 in Malaysia.

These Congresses are held every 3-years and recently Myanmar hosted the 16<sup>th</sup> APF Congress in Yangon, from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Next congress, 17<sup>th</sup> APF congress will be in 2020 in Vietnam.

### 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Pediatric Federation Congress, 2017, Myanmar

The theme of the congress was "Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well being of ASEAN children".

It was attended by 110 foreign participants from 10 countries (Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Cambodia, Japan, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Italy) together with 362 local participants.



APF President Dr. Kok Chin Leong from Malaysia delivering a speech during the APFC 2017



Group photo of distinguished delegates to the 16th APFC 2017

### Academic Activities held during the Congress:

#### Pre-congress Workshops

GRADE (Grading of Recommendation Assessments, Development and Evaluation) - Practical workshop in evidence synthesis and making recommendations  
Neonatal ventilation

#### Key-note Lectures

Where's the evidence for evidence-based medicine?  
Therapeutic cooling for perinatal asphyxia  
Modifying adult disease risk - important of early life

#### 20 parallel symposia on general pediatrics and sub-specialties including:

- Neonatology - infection control, drug resistance, antibiotic stewardship,
- Neonatology - quality improvements, evidence based strategies in neonatal intensive care unit
- Neurology - neonatal neurology, movements disorders
- Sleep medicine in pediatrics
- Pediatric intensive care - critical care transport, septic shock, nutritional needs of critically ill children
- Pediatric emergency medicine - challenges, training and education

- Gastroenterology - chronic diarrhea, feeding issues, liver failure
- Rheumatology - joint pain, vasculitis, autoinflammation
- Cardiology - Congenital heart disease - newborn screening, intervention
- Respiriology - chronic cough, wheezing, pneumonia
- Haematology - red flags and soft signs, Thalassaemia
- Common renal problems in pediatrics
- Endocrine - diabetes in children, obesity
- Vaccinology - current status in Myanmar, vaccines in pregnancy, combination vaccines
- Kawasaki disease
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorders

#### Speakers

46 foreign speakers from 15 countries (Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, India, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, UK, USA, Turkey, Canada) and 6 local speakers

Papers (with Best Paper awards)

Oral presentations - 12

Posters - 22

**-Prof. Kyaw Linn, Secretary, Myanmar Pediatric Society**



## *UNICEF setting up hundreds of new learning centres for Rohingya refugee children*



On 29 September 2017, students with their teacher at the Child Learning Centre at the Unchprang Makeshift Camp in Cox Bazar.

to reach 200,000 children over the next year.

“It is critical that these children, who have suffered so much in this crisis should have access to education in a safe and nurturing environment,” said Edouard Beigbeder, UNICEF Representative in Bangladesh. “This is critical not just to provide them with a much-needed sense of normalcy now, but so that they can build a future to look forward to.”

The learning centres provide early education to children aged 4 to 6, as well as non-formal basic education to children from ages 6 to 14. In each learning centre there are three shifts, with each shift comprising of 35 children.

Children learn English, Math, Burmese, Science, Arts and Anthems in the learning centres. Children also receive psychosocial counselling, and are taught hygiene and life skills. The children are given books, pens, colouring pencils, school bags and other educational materials.

UNICEF announced today (September 29, 2017) that it is planning to establish more than 1,300 new learning centres for Rohingya children who have fled Myanmar to neighbouring Bangladesh.

UNICEF is currently running 182 learning centres in Rohingya camps and makeshift settlements in Cox’s Bazar, and has enrolled 15,000 children. It plans to increase the number of learning centres to 1,500.

Over a quarter of a million Rohingya children have fled Myanmar into Cox’s Bazar since August 25, 2017.

- UNICEF, Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh, September 29, 2017

**Latest news: Malaysia has set up a Field Hospital at Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh and will send a paediatrician and an obstetrician/gynaecologist for the next 3 months. The main health issues currently affect children and women.**

- Dr. Zulkifli Ismail, Secretary General, APPA



Panama City, Panama in Central America - Photo by travel innate.com



## **29<sup>th</sup> International Pediatric Association (IPA) Congress**

**The 29<sup>th</sup> IPA Congress will be held from March 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 in Panama City, Panama, Central America.**



## Seven Years of EWEC!

### 2017 is *Every Woman Every Child's* 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary:

seven years of raising the profile of sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health! The EWEC movement has also raised significant financial resources, improved alignment, engaged multiple stakeholders and constituencies, including the private sector, and contributed to improved health outcomes for women, children and adolescents around the world over the last years.

Since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda in 2015, EWEC has mobilized more than 180 multi stakeholder, 3 sub-national and 66 country commitments, corresponding to more than \$28 billion in support for women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being. We estimate that these commitments to the *EWEC Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health* have reached a minimum of 273 million women, children & adolescents since 2015. EWEC has happily accepted 40 new commitments this year, 38 of which from governments.

We now have a powerful movement with representation from all sectors united under the EWEC umbrella-and we continue to grow, particularly as we enhance collaboration within the health sector and beyond to support global efforts across to deliver on an integrated agenda for women, children and adolescents.

### And here are seven notable things that happened in 2017...

#1  
In April, we were thrilled to welcome the UN Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres, as Senior Co-Chair of the *Every Woman Every Child* High Level Steering Group. The **announcement** was made during the EWEC High-Level Steering Group second in-person meeting, endorsing the EWEC 2020 Partners Framework, which identifies 6 focus areas for additional focus and advocacy through 2020 to help ensure countries are on track to achieve the 2030 targets of the *EWEC Global Strategy*. Each focus area will be led, or co-led, by High-Level Steering Group members.

#2  
May witnessed the launch of the report of the **High-Level Working Group for Health and Human Rights of Women, Children and Adolescents**. The report-the first of its kind presented both to the World Health Assembly and the Human Rights Council-called on governments to step up their action to uphold the right to health in national law; to protect people who advocate for rights-including health workers; and to strengthen the collection of rights-sensitive data for better monitoring and reporting. Working Group co-chair Tarja Halonen, former President of Finland, also co-chair of the **High-level Steering Group for *Every Woman Every Child***, noted that human rights cannot be fully enjoyed without health and health cannot be fully enjoyed without the dignity that is upheld by all other human rights.

#3  
In July, Latin America and the Caribbean became the first region to have a coordination mechanism to tailor the implementation of the *Global Strategy* to its regional context with the launch of the



**Commitment to Action** led by H.E. President Michelle Bachelet of Chile, as Co-Chair of the High-Level Steering Group for *Every Woman Every Child*. Through collective commitment across sectors and borders, the EWEC LAC initiative aims to address critical drivers of poor health and wellbeing for women, children and adolescents in the region.

#4  
Also in July, the first ever *EWEC Global Strategy* progress report was launched in the margins of the High-level Political Forum at the UN Headquarters in New York. The report "**Progress in Partnership**"-the first progress report on the *EWEC Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health* - provided a comprehensive snapshot of women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being across the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), highlighting cross-sector linkages and the power of partnerships to deliver on a sustainable, inclusive and integrated development agenda.

#5  
News from the fast-paced high-level week of the 72<sup>nd</sup> United Nations General Assembly included a US\$200 million pledge by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation towards the replenishment of the Global Financing Facility in support of *Every Woman Every Child*, with the goal to raise US\$2 billion to expand the GFF to a total of 50 countries during the next five years. The announcement was made during a **high-level event** at the **EWEC Hub**, a tent set up for EWEC partners with a full-fledged conference program and more than 20 events across sectors and SDGs. The key message was that women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being are key to achieving sustainable development.

#6  
The 2017 report of the Independent Accountability Panel for *Every Woman Every Child* was also launched during the UNGA. The UN Secretary-General welcomed the report: "Accountability lies at the core of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. (...) The Independent Accountability Panel for *Every Woman Every Child* provides a critical, autonomous voice to help guide our efforts to deliver on an integrated and rights-based agenda for women, children and adolescents."

#7  
In October, the *Every Woman Every Child* China Partnership Network, under the leadership of Mme. Li Xiaolin, a member of the High-level Steering Group for EWEC and the President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, mobilized **the first set of sub-national commitments** in support of EWEC from three provincial governments in China. Sub-national commitments are pivotal in mobilizing grass-root efforts, enhancing local community engagement, and allowing for exchange of experiences and best practices that respond to the unique needs of communities. - **EWEC Team, Dec 19, 2017.**

### What is *Every Woman Every Child*?

Launched by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during the United Nations Millennium Development Goals Summit in September 2010, *Every Woman Every Child* is an unprecedented global movement that mobilizes and intensifies international and national action by governments, multilaterals, the private sector and civil society to address the major health challenges facing women, children and adolescents around the world. The movement puts into action the ***Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health***, which presents a roadmap to ending all preventable deaths of women, children and adolescents within a generation and ensuring their well-being.



# ADOLESCENT HEALTH

## Investing in Adolescent Health-The Future is Now The Partnership for Maternal Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) at the International Association for Adolescent Health - 11<sup>th</sup> World Congress

On 27 October, 2017 more than 1,100 delegates including young people came together in New Delhi, India for the International Association for Adolescent Health - 11<sup>th</sup> World Congress hosted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India along with MAMTA Health Institute for Mother and Child (MAMTA) and Consortium Partners.

India has the world's largest population of adolescents and as such provided a relevant backdrop to the 11th World Congress, which served as a major milestone event for adolescent health and wellbeing. The Congress combined clinical and public health perspectives and presented new approaches and best practices that can contribute to accelerated action for adolescent health and rights, both globally and with specific reference to India and the sub-region.



Youth delegates: PMNCH AYC and Lancet Youth commission members. Photo by PMNCH

importance of adolescent health as Sustainable Development priority that needed to be tackled the right way from the start. She said, 'If we can get a child a can of soda, we can get them the adequate health information and services they need to live prosperous lives.'

### Inaugural ceremony: Setting the stage

The congress was inaugurated by Ms Preeti Sudan, Secretary of Health and Family Welfare and PMNCH Board Co-Chair. Along with other keynote speakers, Ms Sudan helped set the stage for the coming days with an outline of some of the central messages on the evidence for adolescent health and wellbeing including:

- Adolescents are a diverse group of people, all experiencing numerous life changes-physical, mental, emotional and social-that will affect their health and well-being for the rest of their lives.
- Adolescence is a gateway for improved adult health outcomes -- its impact on newborn, child and maternal health and also that it is the life stage for preventive interventions for issues like mental health and non-communicable diseases.
- Adolescent health and well-being are not driven only by one sector but underpinned by collaboration between health, education, water and sanitation, empowerment and social justice amongst others. A synergised multi-sectoral action was needed to make a difference.
- Ownership and country leadership is critical to driving political and financial commitments for adolescent health and wellbeing to action
- Meaningful youth engagement is a necessity to ensure design, implement, monitor and evaluate evidence-based adolescent health policies and programming.

## From Global to National: 'Advocating for Change for Adolescents!'



Delegates holding up 'Advocating for change for Adolescents!' toolkit at launch event. Photo by PMNCH

The YP Foundation also hosted a national India launch of the 'Advocating for change for Adolescents!' toolkit, with the endorsement of the Government of India

### A call to action: Adolescents define their key priorities

'Young Voices Count,' a video showcasing 10-year olds from around the world and what they envision for the next ten years was a highlight of the last day of the conference. Youth delegates also presented a Youth Charter, defining eight priorities pertaining to adolescent health and wellbeing:

- Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, including access to safe abortion;
- Rights-based, age-affirming Comprehensive Sexuality Education;
- Gender-based Violence;
- Mental Health and Suicide;
- Adolescents and young people in humanitarian settings;
- Sexual orientation, gender identity and expression (SOGIE)
- HIV/AIDS; and
- Non-communicable diseases.

The youth delegates made a call to action in some areas to decision makers and donors including enabling access to stigma-free services, implementing multi-component programs that promote healthy behaviours and integrating NCD prevention and treatment into primary health programs through a lifecycle approach.

The Partnership also hosted a series of bilateral meetings with partners such as the Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing, Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine and the India RMNCAH coalition partners including the Government of India. Discussions centred on strategic opportunities to build stronger partnerships and collectively strengthen adolescent and youth engagement in research, financing and decision making.

-[www.who.int/pmnch/media/news/2017/investing-in-adolescent-health/en/](http://www.who.int/pmnch/media/news/2017/investing-in-adolescent-health/en/)

### Note

The Partnership is governed by a Board, and administered by a Secretariat hosted at the WHO in Geneva, Switzerland.



# INTERNATIONAL PAEDIATRIC EVENTS 2018 / 2019

## SPAIN

**The International Congress of Hypertension in Children and Adolescents (ICHCA 2018)**

**Dates:** February 9-11, 2018

**Venue:** Valencia, Spain

**Website:** [www.htpaediatrics.com](http://www.htpaediatrics.com)

**E-mail:** [secretariat@htpaediatrics.com](mailto:secretariat@htpaediatrics.com)

## ITALY

**5th International Conference on Nutrition & Growth**

**Dates:** March 1-3, 2018

**Venue:** Paris, France

**Website:** [www.kenes.com](http://www.kenes.com) **E-mail:** [aboyanova@kenes.com](mailto:aboyanova@kenes.com)

## ITALY

**2018 Neonatal Ultrasound Course: Why, How and When an Ultrasound Image?**

**Dates:** March 20-23, 2018

**Venue:** Palazzo Ricasoli Polihotels, Florence, Italy

**E-mail:** [latorre.visioliz@teletu.it](mailto:latorre.visioliz@teletu.it)

## SINGAPORE

**Paediatric Airways Course**

**Dates:** March 26-28, 2018

**Venue:** National University Hospital Singapore, Singapore

**Website & Online Registration:** [nuhentcourse.com](http://nuhentcourse.com)

## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)

**The 6th Annual Elite Ped GI Congress**

**Dates:** April 25-27, 2018

**Venue:** Beach Rotana Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE

**Website:** [www.elifepeds.com](http://www.elifepeds.com)

**Tel:** 971 52 792 0801 / 971 55 47 22 759

## SINGAPORE

**The 30th Global Experts Meeting on Neonatal Nursing and Maternal Healthcare**

**Dates:** May 14-15, 2018

**Venue:** Singapore

**E-mail:** [neonatalnursingcongress@nursingmeetings.com](mailto:neonatalnursingcongress@nursingmeetings.com)

## SWEDEN

**The 36th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases (ESPID) 2018**

**Dates:** May 28-June 2, 2018

**Venue:** Malmo, Sweden

**Website:** [www.espidmeeting.org](http://www.espidmeeting.org)

## SINGAPORE

**9th Congress of the World Federation of Paediatric Intensive and Critical Care Societies (WFPICCS 2018)**

**Dates:** June 9-13, 2018

**Venue:** Suntec City Convention Centre, Singapore

**Website:** <http://wfpiccs.kenes.com/2018/Pages/default.aspx#.WgkzI-Cymx>

## BELGIUM

**International Neonatology Association Conference**

**Dates:** June 22-24, 2018

**Venue:** Ghent, Belgium

**Website:** [worldneonatology.com](http://worldneonatology.com)

**E-mail:** [secretariat@worldneonatology.com](mailto:secretariat@worldneonatology.com)

## SINGAPORE

**The 3rd Premier in Paediatric Nephrology for Asia, Singapore & 3rd IPNA-AsPNA Junior MasterClass Organised in conjunction with the 7th Wong Hock Boon Paediatric Masterclass.**

**Dates:** August 14-18, 2018

**Venue:** NUHS Tower Block Auditorium, 1E Kent Ridge Road, Singapore 119228

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## INDONESIA

**16th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP 2018) & 6th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatric Nursing (APCPN)**

**Theme:** "SDGs and Reducing Inequalities: How Far Have We Come?"

**Dates:** August 25-29, 2018

**6th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatric Nursing (APCPN)**

**Theme:** "Pediatric Nurses-A unified Voice towards Achieving SDGs and Reducing Inequalities"

**Dates:** August 28-29, 2018

**Venue:** Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center (BNDCC), Nusa Dua Bali, Indonesia

**Secretariat:** Indonesian Pediatric Society (IPS), Jl Salemba 1 No. 5, Jakarta Pusat 10430, Indonesia

**Website:** [www.apcp2018.org](http://www.apcp2018.org) **Email:** [secretariat@apcp2018.org](mailto:secretariat@apcp2018.org)

**Tel:** 6221 31 48610 **Fax:** 6221 391 3982

## AUSTRALIA

**The 32nd International Papillomavirus Conference (IPVC 2018)**

**Dates:** October 2-6, 2018

**Venue:** Sydney, Australia

**Website:** [www.kenes.com](http://www.kenes.com) **E-mail:** [lprodanova@kenes.com](mailto:lprodanova@kenes.com)

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## JAPAN

**International Conference on Pediatrics, Neonatology and Geriatrics**

**Dates:** October 26-27, 2017

**Venue:** Osaka, Japan

**Theme:** Current Trends and Novel Advancements in the Pediatric and Geriatric Care

**Website:** [goo.gl/oEMkxB](http://goo.gl/oEMkxB)

## JAPAN

**The 9th Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ACPID)**

**Dates:** November 10-12, 2018

**Venue:** Fukuoka International Congress Center, Fukuoka Sunpalace, 2-1 Sekijomachi, Hakata Ward, Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture 812-0032, Japan

**Website:** [www.c-linkage.co.jp/jspid50-acpid9/en/index.html](http://www.c-linkage.co.jp/jspid50-acpid9/en/index.html)

## PANAMA

**The 29th International Pediatric Association (IPA) Congress 2019**

**Dates:** March 17-21, 2019

**Venue:** Panama City, Panama, Central America



APPA



# 16<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) 2018 and 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of Indonesian Pediatric Society (ASMIPS)

*SDGs and Reducing Inequalities: How Far Have We Come?*  
25-29 August 2018

## The 6<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatric Nursing *Pediatric Nurses – A unified Voice towards Achieving SDGs and Reducing Inequalities*

28-29 August 2018

Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center (BNDCC)  
Nusa Dua - Bali, Indonesia



### PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Day 1   25 Aug 2018	Day 2   26 Aug 2018	Day 3   27 Aug 2018	Day 4   28 Aug 2018	Day 5   29 Aug 2018
Registration, Pre Congress Workshops	Pre Congress Workshops	Breakfast Meeting (Meet the Experts, Pro Cons, Case, Tutorial), Plenary, Breakthrough Symposia, Lunch Symposia, Parallel Symposia, Free Paper	Breakfast Meeting (Meet the Experts, Pro Cons, Case, Tutorial), Plenary, Breakthrough Symposia, Lunch Symposia, Parallel Symposia, Free Paper	Breakfast Meeting (Meet the Experts, Pro Cons, Case, Tutorial), Plenary, Breakthrough Symposia
	39 <sup>th</sup> APPA Business Meeting, Opening Ceremony	40 <sup>th</sup> APPA Business Meeting	The 6 <sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatric Nursing	The 6 <sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatric Nursing
			Gala Dinner	Closing Ceremony
			Posters & Exhibition	

### SCIENTIFIC TOPICS

#### 16<sup>th</sup> APCP 2018

- First 1000 days
- Stunting
- Breastfeeding
- Adolescent health
- Immunization
- Hematology-oncology
- Endocrinology
- Allergy-immunology
- Nutrition and metabolic diseases
- Cardiology
- Pediatric radiology
- Gastroenterology and hepatology
- Infection and tropical diseases
- Neurology
- Nephrology
- Social pediatrics
- Pediatric critical care
- Respiriology
- Neonatology
- Pediatric pharmacy
- Child protection
- Newborn screening
- Disaster medicine and crisis management

#### 6<sup>th</sup> APCPN 2018

- First 1000 days
- Breastfeeding
- Pediatric Acute Care
- Neonatal Intensive Care
- Pediatric Intensive Care
- Pediatric Oncology
- Pediatric Palliative Care
- Pediatric Rehabilitation and Convalescence
- Pediatric Infectious Diseases
- Pediatric Transitional Care
- Adolescent Health
- Children with Special Health Care Needs
- Child Mental Health
- Child Protection
- Community Care and Partnership
- School Health
- Quality and Safety in Pediatrics
- Nursing Education and Research
- Nursing Management
- Nursing Informatics
- Pediatric Radiology Nursing
- Multidisciplinary Collaboration
- Pharmacology in Pediatrics
- Pediatric Nutrition

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