The 13th Asian Pacific Congress of Pediatrics and 3rd Asian Pacific Congress of Pediatric Nursing was held in Shanghai, China from October 14-18, 2009. The Congress started with the one-day pre-congress workshop on Promotion of Breastfeeding, which was considered as the first highlight of this Congress. The Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception was arranged on October 14 at the venue and started with the opening address and welcome remarks from Prof. Xiaohu He, President of APPA2009 Congress, followed by congratulatory messages from WHO representative Prof. Jose Martins, President of APPA, Prof. S. P. Lamabadusuriya, Dr. Chok-wan Chan, President of International Pediatric Association, Mr. Zhao Minggang, Director of the Dept. of Medical Administration, Ministry of Health, Mr. Liu Yanfei, Secretary of Party Committee of Chinese Medical Association, and Prof. Shen Xiaoming, Vice Mayor of city of Shanghai. The Ceremony was chaired by Prof. Yonghao Gui, President of Chinese Society of Pediatrics, Executive President of APPA2009. A Faculty Dinner was also hosted at Shanghai YONGFOO ELITE the night of October 15, followed by a Gala Dinner at Shanghai Harbor the night of October 17.

Immense support has been received building up to the three and a half day Scientific Program from October 15-18, which contributed as the most highlighted part of this Congress and covered 3 key-note speeches, 12 plenary lectures, a full-day nursing session, 48 topic-oriented sessions, accompanied by free paper sessions, and poster discussions. The first key-note speech was delivered by Dr. Chok-wan Chan at the Opening Ceremony on Building a Supportive Environment for Children.

The Young Research Awards competition at this Congress was carried out among 1180 cont'd on pg. 2
paper submissions, and as a result, 10 were given the award. This Award was considered a big encouragement for our young researchers to pursue better achievement on an academic level.

The industrial exhibition of this Congress contributed as another highlight of this Congress. World famous companies like Mead Johnson, Johnson & Johnson, GSK, Sanofi-Pasteur, Wyeth all participated for this Congress, showing their dedication on improving Children's healthcare in each of their specialized field. The Congress strictly followed and conducted the WHO Code on exclusive breastfeeding among all the nutritional companies, which received high compliments from WHO representative Prof. Jose Martins.

The Congress was successfully concluded on October 18. In summary, this Congress has received 1180 paper submissions, during the past three and half days, 288 oral presentations were delivered, among which, 190 are invited lectures, and 98 are free paper presentations. 337 posters were presented in total. Some 2536 delegates participated in this Congress, whereby 1278 were from China, and 1258 from 56 overseas countries and regions, among which, I want to share with you the numbers from the top 10 countries and regions. We have 201 delegates from Indonesia, 167 (Thailand), 130 (Vietnam), 76 (Philippines), 75 (Hong Kong), 70 (Malaysia), 57 (India), 47 (Chinese Taipei), 39 (Bangladesh), and 37 delegates from Singapore.

The event was well organized and ran smoothly on both the academic and logistic level. The Congress would like to take this opportunity to thank the following organizations:

- International Pediatric Association
- Asian Pacific Pediatric Association
- Chinese Pediatric Society & Chinese Medical Association

By Prof. Xiaohu He
APPA President
April 20, 2010

Note:
The 14th Asian Pacific Congress of Pediatrics & 4th Asian Pacific Congress of Pediatric Nursing will be held in Sarawak, Malaysia in September 2012.
NEW OFFICE-BEARERS

13th Asian Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP), Shanghai, China, October 14 - 18, 2009
New Office-Bearers Of APPA

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Macau Pediatric Society - New APPA Member

April 18, 2010

APPA Executive Committee Members
Advisory Board Members & President / Secretary General
National Paediatric Society / Association, affiliated to the Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA)

Dear All APPA members,

Re: New APPA Member - Macau Pediatric Society
Greetings from the Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) Secretariat office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

APPA is pleased to announce and welcome The Macau Pediatric Society as the new APPA member.

This decision was reached during the 33rd & 34th Council Meeting of National Delegates of APPA, held in Shanghai, China on October 15th & 16th, 2009 respectively. The Council Meeting was held in conjunction with the 13th Asian Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP), held from Oct 14-18, 2009 in Shanghai, China.

Below, is the list of office-bearers and correspondence address of the Macau Pediatric Society.

Thank you very much.

Kind regards,
Prof. Mohd Sham Kasim
Secretary General, APPA

MACAU PEDIATRIC SOCIETY (MPS)

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Dr Kin Man Lui is the representative from Macau in the APPA Advisory Board.

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Twelve recipients received the prestigious Outstanding Asian Pediatrician Award 2009 during the 13th Asian Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP), which was held at the Shanghai International Convention Center (SICC) from Oct 14-18, 2009.

Here are the names of the 12 Outstanding Asian Pediatricians 2009:

**Prof. Usa Thisyakorn (Thailand)**
Prof. Usa Thisyakorn is currently Professor of Pediatrics at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. For more than 30 years, Prof. Usa has worked closely with UNICEF, WHO, the government of Thailand and UNAIDS to reach important milestones in Pediatrics. Her international work in the fields of HIV/AIDS & Dengue is well-known, making her well-respected among her peers and colleagues. Her pioneer efforts in tackling mother-to-child transmission of HIV plays a major role in leading Thailand to success as one of the few countries in prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and serve as a lesson learned at global level. Chief among Prof. Usa's responsibilities is her position as Deputy Director of the Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre and UNAIDS Collaborating Centre, apart from among others, Secretary General of the Asian Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Advisory Board Member of the Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA).

**Prof. Fu-Yuan Huang (Chinese Taipei)**
Prof. Fu-Yuan Huang is a distinguished expert in the fields of pediatric infectious diseases and pediatric nephrology. From year 2000-2002, he worked as Deputy Minister of the Department of Health, Executive Yuan, Taiwan and made great contribution to the welfare of children and the establishment of national health insurance system. In 2003, as one of the leaders of the SARS team, he successfully led the combat against SARS in Taiwan. He has also written numerous articles in local & international journals and books. Although now retired, he still works very hard at the national level of medical care and is also engaged in improving children's health care in the Asia Pacific region.

**Prof. Narada Warnasuriya (Sri Lanka)**
Prof. Narada Warnasuriya is presently the Senior Professor of Paediatrics of The University of Sri Jayawardanepura. Prior to this, he was the Vice Chancellor and Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences in the same University. He is a senior academic with a wealth of experience both in Sri Lanka and abroad, having worked as a Consultant Paediatrician and Postgraduate tutor in the United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia. He was also the Past President of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians. Prof. Warnasuriya's research interest has been in the field of growth and nutrition and has authored many research papers and served as member of several national and international expert committees in this field. He is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

**Prof. Dr. S.Yati Soenarto (Indonesia)**
Prof. Dr. Yati Soenarto is Professor of Pediatrics, Consultant for Gastroenterology at the Faculty of Medicine, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Among her present international appointments are as member of the Asian Surveillance Rotavirus Network (ASRN), WHO's temporary consultant for Medical Education on Diarrheal Disease and member of Data and Safety Monitoring Board in Southeast Asia Infectious Disease Clinical Research Network. While at the national level, she is among others, Director, Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatics Unit, Faculty of Medicine, Gadjah Mada University & Consultant at the Integrated Crisis Services of Women & Children at Sardjito Teaching Hospital.

**Dr. Yen Chow Tsao (Hong Kong)**
Dr. Y.C. Tsao is the most senior practicing paediatrician in Hong Kong today. He qualified in 1958 and in his long career, has launched many pioneering work in the field of paediatrics in Hong Kong. Together with the late Prof. C. Elaine Field, he built the HKU Department of Paediatrics from scratch and organised the Departmental Laboratory to serve the needs of children and for research. He joined the Hong Kong Paediatric Society when it was newly formed and had served in various capacities in its Council, including two terms as President. Dr. Tsao is now in private practice but is also the Deputy Medical Superintendent and Member, Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital, the most prestigious private hospital in Hong Kong.
Dr. Chung-bong Chow (Hong Kong)

Dr. Chung-bong Chow is currently, among others, Consultant Paediatrician at the Departments of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, Princess Margaret Hospital and Caritas Medical Centre. He is also Chairman of various associations such as the Hong Kong Childhood Injury Prevention & Research and Hong Kong Early Childhood Development Research Foundation. Dr. Chow is Editor of the Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics and Hong Kong Medical Journal and has carried out various researches and intervention programmes. Among his present experience is Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Nursing, Hong Kong Polytechnic University. He has written over 100 original articles, abstracts and chapters in books.

Prof. Makoto Nakazawa (Japan)

Prof. Makoto Nakazawa is Prof. Emeritus at the Tokyo Women's Medical University; Director, Pediatric and Lifelong Congenital Cardiology Institute Southern Tohoku General Hospital and Visiting Professor at Tohoku University. Prof. Nakazawa has been devoting his career to the healthcare of children especially in the field of pediatric cardiology and more recently as one of the directors of the Japan Pediatric Society, where he has been involved to establish the guideline for proper pediatric emergency care in the national health care system. He is President-elect of the Asian Pacific Society for Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery as well as Vice-chair, Division of Pediatric Cardiology, Asian Pacific Society of Cardiology and Founder of the JCK (Japan-China-Korea) Pediatric Forum. He is recognized as one of the representatives of pediatric cardiology of Asia region.

Dr. Mazeni Alwi (Malaysia)

Dr. Mazeni Alwi is currently Consultant & Head of the Department of Paediatric Cardiology, National Heart Institute (IJN) in Kuala Lumpur. Dr. Mazeni, a consultant since IJN's inception in 1992 was given the responsibility of starting the new department of Paediatric Cardiology as a separate entity from the Department of Cardiology, taking cognizance growth in the speciality for diagnose and treatment of congenital heart disease. He has also established the Clinical Research Department in 2004 where he is Director. Dr. Mazeni's main area of clinical work and research interest is in interventional cardiology and have published a number of papers on the subject and presented at many interventional conferences. His peer-reviewed publications, invited articles and Book Chapter have also appeared in the British Heart Journal, American Journal of Cardiology, Asia Pacific Heart Journal, Journal of the American College of Cardiology and Asian-Pacific Heart Journal. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Cong Khanh has contributed greatly towards improving the healthcare of Vietnamese children and also in the field of paediatrics and research. He was former Vice Chairman of Pediatric Faculty at the Hanoi Medical University and Director of the National Hospital of Pediatrics in Hanoi, Vietnam. Currently, Prof. Nguyen Cong Khanh who is Professor of Pediatrics is the Secretary General and Vice President of Vietnam Pediatric Association (VPA). As former Advisory Board Member of the Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) from 2003-2009, he has enhanced the relation between VPA, APPA and the International Pediatric Association (IPA) and indirectly, improving Asian children healthcare. Prof. Nguyen Cong Khanh is Chief Editor of several medical journals and have published over 150 articles in various national journals, whereby some were reported and printed at international congresses.

Dr. Xiqiang Yang (China)

Dr. Xiqiang Yang is Professor of Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital, Chongqing Medical University in China. As a pediatrician, he makes great effort in saving and improving the health of thousands of infants and children with various illnesses. He also regularly visits remote and mountain areas in Western China to serve indigenous children. Prof. Yang has also engaged actively in confronting the prevalence of SARS and Avian Influenza Infections in the country and devoting in reforming the medical education system in China. His research's interest is pediatric clinical immunology and is the Principal Investigator for 7 projects of the National Nature Science Foundation of China. Prof. Yang has published 480 articles and has received numerous awards for his contribution in the healthcare of infants and children in China.

Prof. Dr. Aye Maung Han (Myanmar)

Prof. Dr. Aye Maung Han is President of the Pediatric Society of Myanmar Medical Association (PSMMA). He is a brilliant & well-known clinician and academician in the field of Pediatrics, not only in Myanmar but also in the region. Prof Dr. Han recently retired as Rector (Dean) of the University of Medicine (1), Yangon, Myanmar in May 2009 after a distinguished career spanning 33 years in the service of
his country. He has served on many government policy committees and has co-authored and published more than 25 articles and papers. When Cyclone Nargis hit the country in 2008, he was among the first to reach the affected area to organize and coordinate relief activities in the field. In the aftermath of the cyclone, Prof. Dr. Han was instrumental in sending nutritional supplements to children in the affected villages and played a pivotal role in helping to rebuild schools and villages as well as establishing safe water supplies.

Dr. Uday Govindrao Bodhankar (India)
Dr. Uday Govindrao Bodhankar has made distinguished contribution in preventing aspects of neonatal through the Commonwealth Association for Health And Disability (COMHAD) and therefore was elected as COMHAD UK's Secretary General of Commonwealth foundation comprising 54 member countries. He is the founder of Neonatology chapter of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics and fought for the rights of newborn. Currently, he is Chairman for the Indian College of Maternal and Child Health Pediatric Unit, India. Dr. Bodhankar is also a well-known crusader in initiating, protecting & promoting breast-feeding. He has strived hard for extending maternity leave benefits to working mothers in the welfare of neonate and has delivered many guest lectures on newborn care and pediatrics at national & international conferences and has numerous articles to his credit in various journals. Dr Bodhankar has also received various international recognition for his great contribution to child welfare.

Compiled by Fairos Nazri

NEWS FROM AFFILIATES

A report by the Vietnam Pediatric Association

On December 2008, the Vietnam Pediatric Association (VPA) organized its 19th annual meeting in Ho Chi Minh City. Approximately 600 pediatricians all over Vietnam participated in the event. It was honored to have Dr. Chok Wan Chan - President of the International Pediatric Association (IPA), Dr. Mohd Sham Kasim- Secretary General of the Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA), Prof. Xiaohu He, Honorary President of the Chinese Pediatric Society and other Professors and Doctors from China and Japan attending the meeting.

During this meeting VPA has selected its 19th Executive Committee which included 49 members. Prof Nguyen Thu Nhan, Prof Nguyen Cong Khanh & Prof Le Nam Tra were elected as Chairwoman, General Secretary and Deputy Chairman of the VPA respectively.

In the last year, VPA has worked effectively and:
1. Organized 12 trainings for pediatricians from 10 cities and provinces across the country. The topic for the training include: Immunology and Allergy, Functional Foods, New Growth Chart of WHO, Newborn Screening, Antibiotics, Asthma, New Vaccines, Program of Immunization for Children, Newborn Care and Pediatric Emergency.
2. Completed 2 research projects:
   - Food allergy
   - Detection and early treatment of aminoacidemia and organic academia in children using GC/MS
3. Organized Extended Pediatric Conferences in Da Nang and 12 provinces in the middle of Vietnam.
4. Organized a Vietnam delegation to participate in the 4th European Pediatric Meeting in Moscow in July 2009, and
5. Working on the completion of a Pediatric text book.

Apprently, Vietnam is also suffering from flu A/H1N1 and Dengue fever epidemics. Pediatric Hospitals and Pediatric Departments (of other Hospitals) are overloaded with high number of patients.

However, almost all pediatricians are working effectively and actively participating in meetings and writing text books.

By: Prof. Nguyen Thu Nhan, President, Vietnam Pediatric Association
October 13, 2009
DIARRHOEA AMONG CHILDREN

Diarrhoea – Why children are still dying and what can be done: UNICEF and WHO launch report on the second greatest killer of children

Despite the existence of inexpensive and efficient means of treatment, diarrhoea kills more children than AIDS, malaria and measles combined, according to a report issued by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

The report, titled: “Diarrhoea: Why Children Are Still Dying and What Can Be Done,” includes information on the causes of diarrhoea, data on access to means of prevention and treatment, and a seven-point plan to reduce diarrhea deaths. It is a tragedy that diarrhoea, which is little more than an inconvenience in the developed world, kills an estimated 1.5 million children each year,” said UNICEF Executive Director, Ann M. Veneman. “Inexpensive and effective treatments for diarrhoea exist, but in developing countries only 39 percent of children with diarrhea received the recommended treatment.”

Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of WHO said: “We know where children are dying of diarrhoea. We know what must be done to prevent those deaths. We must work with governments and partners to put this seven-point plan into action.”

Diarrhoea is a common symptom of gastrointestinal infection, which can have a variety of sources. However, just a handful of organisms are responsible for most acute cases of diarrhoea and one, Rotavirus, is responsible for more than 40 percent of all diarrhoea-related hospital admissions of children under five. A new vaccine for Rotavirus has been found to be safe and effective but is still largely unavailable in most developing countries.

Though most episodes of childhood diarrhoea are mild, acute cases can lead to significant fluid loss and dehydration. This dehydration can lead to death unless fluids are quickly replaced. Oral rehydration therapy is the cornerstone of fluid replacement and the new low-osmolality formula of oral rehydration salts (ORS) is a simple, inexpensive and life-saving remedy that prevents dehydration in children suffering diarrhoea.

Some 88 percent of diarrhoeal deaths worldwide are attributable to unsafe water, inadequate sanitation and poor hygiene.

Access to clean water and good hygiene practices are extremely effective in preventing childhood diarrhoea. Hand washing with soap has been shown to reduce the incidence of diarrhoeal disease by over 40 percent, making it one of the most cost-effective interventions for reducing child deaths caused by this neglected killer. The overall health and nutrition of children is also critical to their susceptibility to diarrhoea and the damage it can cause. Undernourished children are at higher risk of suffering more frequent, severe and prolonged episodes of diarrhoea, and repeated bouts of diarrhoea also place children at greater risk of worsening nutritional status.

The seven point plan to save the lives of children stricken by diarrhoea includes two treatment and five prevention elements. The two treatment elements are: 1- fluid replacement to prevent dehydration and 2- zinc treatments, which decrease the severity and duration of the attack.

While the five prevention elements are: 1- immunization against rotavirus and measles; 2- early and exclusive breastfeeding and vitamin A supplementation; 3- handwashing with soap 4- improved water supply quantity and quality and 5- promoting community-wide sanitation.

Campaigns targeting childhood diarrhoea in the 70s and 80s achieved success by educating caregivers and scaling up oral rehydration therapy to prevent dehydration. The campaigns delivered promising results but following that success, focus shifted to other health problems.

There is now an urgent need to shift attention & resources back to treating & preventing diarrhoea. – UNICEF / New York, United States, Oct. 14, 2009.
Brief report on the First Asian Vaccine Conference (ASVAC) 2009

The First Asian Vaccine Conference (ASVAC) 2009 with the theme “Improving Child Survival through Vaccination” organized by Asian Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ASPID), National Pediatric Hospital Cambodia (NPH), International Society of Tropical Pediatrics – Philippines (ISTP-Ph) and Philippine Foundation for Vaccination (PFV) was held at Royal Angkor Resort, Siem Reap, Kingdom of Cambodia from August 20-22, 2009 with Professor Lulu C Bravo as the over-all chair. Many distinguished international speakers were invited as well as the members of the Asian Strategic Alliance for Pneumococcal disease Prevention (ASAP), the EPI and National immunization Program managers of many Asian countries and the leaders of the 4 organizing societies, ASPID, NPH, ISTP-Ph and PFV. There were 350 participants from several countries mainly from Asia.

The ASVAC 2009 highlights the role of immunization in the control and prevention of childhood illnesses that claim the lives of millions of children each year. Almost 4 million lives could be saved every year in the world if these vaccines could be universally available to the children especially of the developing countries of Asia and Africa. The conference focus the value of vaccination and how this can contribute to the achievement of the 4th millennium development goal.

Presentations covered the value of vaccination, The basic of immunology, Assessing new vaccines for inclusion in the national immunization programs, Advances in vaccination: 21st century solutions to age-old diseases, Vaccine for all ages, Getting new vaccines into the national immunization programs, New vaccines in the horizon: dengue, AIDS, Malaria and TB, Practical considerations in immunization, Vaccine as a social right, Communicating value of vaccines, Sharing best practices in immunization. Participants participated fully in the accompanying discussions.

The signing of “Siem Reap Declaration 2009” by all country representatives and organizations were done as its output will call on all Asian governments, health care workers, NGOs, industry, professional and civil societies and all policy makers to recognize the value of immunization and support the introduction of new underutilized vaccines that have been found to be safe and efficacious for the control of childhood illnesses.

The ASVAC 2009 was successful in sharing the strategies and activities to achieve universal vaccination by various groups and is feasible which could be adopted by the community at large.

Professor Usa Thisyakorn, M.D., President the 9th ICTP 2011, Secretary General, Asian Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Advisory Board Member, Asian Pacific Pediatric Association.
# International Events 2010-2012

## China

### 19th World Congress of the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions
- **Dates:** June 2-6, 2010
- **Venue:** China National Convention Center, Beijing, China
- **Secretariat:**
  - TEL: 861058303190
  - Mobile: 861381467954
  - E-mail: iacapap2010@cma.org.cn

### 6th Congress of the Asian Society for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions
- **Dates:** June 2-6, 2010
- **Venue:** China National Convention Center, Beijing, China
- **Secretariat:**
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## Belgium

### 27th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases, Brussels, Belgium, June 9-13, 2009
- **Further Information:** Please log on to: www.kenes.com/espid

## Canada

### Innocenti & Beyond Breastfeeding in a Family-Friendly World
- **Venue:** WABA Global Forum & Quebec City, Canada
- **Dates:** June 14-17, 2010
- **Website:** www.waba-globalforum3.org

### Brain Development & Learning: Making Sense of The Science
- **Venue:** Hyatt Hotel, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- **Dates:** July 16-20, 2010
- **Website:** www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/dlb.html

## Chinese Taipei

### The 5th Asian Congress of Pediatrics Infectious Diseases, Taipei, Taiwan
- **Dates:** Sept. 23-26, 2010
- **Venue:** 201Oacpid.org

## India

### 3rd World Congress of Pediatric Surgery 2010 (WOFAPS)
- **Venue:** Department of Pediatric Surgery, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi - 110029 India
- **Website:** www.pedsurgery.in
- **Email:** wcps.info@gmail.com / secretariat@pedsurgery.in

## Austria

### The 1st Global Congress for Consensus in Child Health & Pediatrics
- **Dates:** 17-20 February, 2011, Vienna, Austria
- **Website:** www.cipedia.org

## Indonesia

### The XVIII International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), International Congress
- **Venue:** Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
- **Dates:** Sept. 26-29, 2010
- **Email:** congress2010@ispcan.org
- **Website:** www.ispcan.org/congress2010

## United States

### The 3rd Congress of the European Academy of Pediatric Societies (EAPS), Copenhagen, Denmark
- **Dates:** Oct. 23-26, 2010
- **Theme:** Three Societies. One Congress. A Wealth of Knowledge.
- **Secretariat:** Kenes International,
  - 1-3 Rue de Chantepoulet, P.O. Box 1726, CH-1211 Geneva 1, Switzerland.
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### 4th WCPGHAN World Congress of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
- **Venue:** Taipei, Taiwan
- **Dates:** Nov. 14-18, 2012
- **Website:** http://www.wcpghan2012.com

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Compiled by: Fairoz Nazri & Prof. Iqbal Ahmed Memon, Vice-President, Pakistan Pediatric Association (Center)
The 6th World Congress of the World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (WSPID) was held at Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel & Convention Center, Buenos Aires, Argentina from November 18-22, 2009 with 2,700 participants from over 90 countries.

The opening ceremony was held on the evening of 18th November, 2009 with the opening words by Professor Ron Dagan, President of the WSPID; Dr. Angela Gentile, Chairperson of the Local Scientific and Social Event Committees followed by children choir and a small string orchestra.

The scientific program started in the morning of the 18th November, 2009 and went on until the 22nd November, 2009. At the closing, two awards were given to one best free paper and one best poster out of 800 abstracts submitted.

The scientific program included vaccines, nosocomial infections, respiratory infections, immunocompromised patients, emerging infections, the regional societies symposia from Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe, North America and Latin America, antimicrobial resistance, infection control, consensus symposium on catheter related infections and quinolone use in children, the world lecture on elimination of rubella and the following 9 meet the professor sessions: update on immunization, pneumonia in developing countries, immunization of HIV-infected child, TB in children, hospital acquired outbreaks, treatment of bacterial respiratory infections, diarrheal diseases, bacterial meningitis, children with sore throat.

Eight hundred abstracts were submitted, some were selected for oral presentation and some were selected to be orally presented in the poster walk session.

The 6th World Congress of the WSPID was a very successful event in opening dialogue of pediatric infectious diseases worldwide, exchanging ideas, sharing new methods of prevention and treatment and breakthroughs, most of all it creates the worldwide partnerships that can cross borders not only to specialists, practitioners, researchers and scientists, but to the patients as well.

The next World Congress of the WSPID will be held in Melbourne, Australia on 16-20 November 2011.

Professor Usa Thisyakorn, M.D.
President, 9th ICTP 2011
Executive committee, International Society of Tropical Pediatrics
President, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society of Thailand
Secretary General, Asian Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases
Board member, World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases
About Gangliosides

Background:
Gangliosides are components of cell membranes and are found throughout the body; they are involved in cell structure and function, in particular in the brain. The fastest rate of Ganglioside synthesis and accumulation in the developing brain occurs during pregnancy and in early neonatal life, during the periods of dendritic branching and new synapse formation.

The role of Gangliosides in brain development includes:

- Stimulating neuronal cell outgrowths - axons and dendrites.
- Formation of synapses - Gangliosides are most concentrated at nerve endings where the connections between brain cells are formed.
- Function of the synaptic connections including neurotransmitter release, recognition of neurotransmitters, restoration of the synapse.
- Function in myelination and in maintaining the integrity of axons and myelin.

Clinical Findings:
Preclinical and clinical data now show that increased dietary Gangliosides (GA) from Complex Milk Lipids improves cognitive function.

Serum GA levels; Control vs Supplemented Group + CML - GA

Impact of supplementation on cognitive development at early stage of life.

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Breast milk is the best food for optimal growth and development in infants. This is because breast milk contains just the right amount of all nutrients needed to fulfill the infants' total nutritional requirements during the first 6 months of life. The best time to initiate breastfeeding is within 1 hour post-delivery. Furthermore, the act of breastfeeding provides a unique biological and emotional foundation for bonding between mother and child. A complete and balanced maternal diet is important for maintaining the quality and supply of breast milk. There can be negative effects on breastfeeding if partial bottle-feeding is introduced too early. Once bottle-feeding is initiated, the decision to discontinue breastfeeding may be difficult to reverse. Prior to using infant formulas, mothers should be aware of the social and financial implications of bottle-feeding. Incorrect preparation or feeding methods may lead to health hazards in infants. Working mothers should be encouraged to continue breastfeeding for as long as possible, even after they resume their full-time jobs. Those who need support and advice can seek help from healthcare professionals.

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