



Bangladesh Paediatric Association (BPA)

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BPA is an organization of thousands of pediatrician which established in the year 1972. BPA have been working for the interest of the children of this country since then.

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BPA have associated association like

1. Bangladesh Neonatal Forum (BNF),
2. Paediatric Nephrology Society of Bangladesh (PNSB),
3. Association of Paediatric Surgeons of Bangladesh (APSB),
4. Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Society of Bangladesh (PHOSB),
5. Bangladesh Pediatric Pulmonology Forum (BPPF),
6. Bangladesh Society for Child Neurology, Development & Disability (BSCNDD),
7. Bangladesh Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition Society (BAPGANS),
8. Bangladesh Society of Pediatric Infectious Disease (BSPID),
9. Paediatric Cardiac Society of Bangladesh (PCSB).
10. Bangladesh Paediatric Endocrinology (BPE)

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BPA Activities-

- A) Bangladesh Paediatric Association (BPA) has joined the **26th International Pediatric Association Congress of Pediatrics, South Africa, August 5-9, 2010**. Around 26 Senior Paediatricians of the country attended the congress. Lot of issues on child health discussed in the meeting. Prof. Nurul Huq, BMC, Prof. Tamanna Begum, SShMC & Dr. Md. Abdul Mannan, BSMMU had their poster presentation in the congress.

B) International Pediatric Association (IPA) and UNICEF has jointly declared Prof. Mohammed Hanif, President, BPA as a Immunization Champion in Bangladesh & Dr. Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, Secretary General, BPA as a MDG Champion in Bangladesh.

C) The President & Secretary General of BPA also attended the **33rd APPA Business Meeting** held at Hall I, 4th Floor, the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa, on August 6, 2010.

D) The First National Pediatric Champions Workshop 2010 held on 4-5 August 2010 at Johannesburg, South Africa. Secretary General & President of BPA attended the workshop.
- 5th ACPID (Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases)** held on the 23rd to 26th of September, 2010 at Taiwan. A group of senior paediatrician from BPA have attended the Congress. Prof. Manzoor Hussain, Director of Dhaka Shishu Hospital, Academic Director, BICH and President of BSPID has chaired the session on "Pediatric Infections in Asia". This is a honour for BPA.
- Training Workshop on strengthening "Adverse Event Following Immunization" Monitoring and Causality Assessment at Hotel Sea Palace, Cox's Bazar on 10-14 October 2010 sponsored by WHO. Secretary General of BPA, Dr. Darul Islam, Dr. Mustafa Mahbub & Dr. Shaheen Akter attended as a Resource person.
- Bangladesh Paediatric Association (BPA) along with Save the Children and Five other child related association arranged a Media Dialogue 2010 on **World Pneumonia Day (WPD)** observed at Conference Hall, National Press Club, Dhaka on November 11, 2010. The media dialogue, held at the National Press Club, involved special guests National Professor Dr. M. R. Khan, Professor Dr. Nazmun Nahar (President, Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons) and Dr. A.B.M. Jahangir Alam (Director, Primary Health Care and Line Director, Essential Service Delivery, Directorate General of Health Services). Professor M.S. Akbar, Member of Parliament was chief guest in the occasion. The event was chaired by the President, Bangladesh Paediatric Association. WPD observed by the paediatricians and students of Dhaka Medical College, Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College, Enam Medical College & Sher-e Bangla Medical College, Barisal. WPD also observed by BPA Chittagong, Rangpur & Rajshahi Branch. For outstanding performances done by BPA on WPD, IPA has donated **Five thousand dollars** to BPA.
- Representative of Bangladesh Paediatric Association (BPA) has joined **Asia Pacific Pediatric Association Vaccinology Update 2010**, November 13 And 14, 2010, Mumbai, India.

6. **Paediatric Vaccine Preventable Diseases Working Group Meeting held on 29 November-1December 2010 at Cairo, Egypt.** President of BPA Prof. Mohammed Hanif presented the Bangladesh situation and success of EPI Program and also burden of Pneumococcus & H. influenzae in Bangladesh.
7. **Roundtable Dissemination on use of Chlorhexidine for Umbilical Cord Care** which held on Thursday 02 December 2010 at 9:30 am at BRAC Center, Mohakhali, Dhaka. Mr. Mohammad Humayun Kabir, Secretary Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOH&FW) was present as chief guest. Prof. Mohammad Shahidullah, Pro-Vice Chancellor, BSMMU & Secretary General, BPA have given their decision that Chlorhexidine for Umbilical Cord Care is not feasible and not required at all.
8. BPA is concerned with the formulation of Act for the private health services in Bangladesh and BPA secretary general is attending the meeting organized by DG Health regularly along with other professional bodies.
9. The Executive of BPA has joined a meeting on 10th December 2010 with Secretary of health Mr. Humayun Kabir to upgrade the BMS code of Bangladesh. The expert committee of BPA led by Prof. M Q K Talukder and National Professor M R Khan have worked hard to present this upgraded code to health secretary. Health secretary also appreciated the upgraded code and he assured that BMS code to be discussed in the parliament after screening by the ministry of law.
10. BPA arranged 1st CME program on **“Common Rheumatological Problem on Children”** held on 11 December 2010 at INM Auditorium, D Block, BSMMU, Dhaka. Prof. Pran Gopal Datta, Vice Chancellor, BSMMU was present as Chief Guest on the CME program. The main speaker of the CME was Prof. Shahana Akhter Rahman, Prof. of Paediatrics, BSMMU. The CME was chaired by Prof. M. F. H. Nazir, Chairman, Scientific Sub-Committee, BPA.
11. **The 16th International Congress of FAOPS held at New Delhi, India from 14th to 17th December 2010.** Around 27 Paediatricians from BPA attended the congress. Amongst them National Prof. M. R. Khan, Prof. Nazmun Nahar, Prof. Kishwar Azad, Prof. Mohammad Shahidullah and BPA Secretary General were present. One important symposium was chaired by Prof. Kishwar Azad. It is worth to mention here that Dr. Md. Abdul Mannan, Dr. Abu Sayeed Mohammad Iqbal, Dr. Nargis Ara Begum and Dr. Lutfah had their poster presentation.
12. **22nd national conference of the Indian Society of pediatric Nephrology and a workshop on Renal Imaging** held at Kolkata, India. Two important symposiums were chaired by Prof Mohammed Hanif and Dr Farid Ahmed. Dr Sabina Sultana, Asst Professor, Uttara Adhunik Medical College also attended the conference.
13. **The second Biennial Conference of BPA Rangpur Branch held on 20th January 2011 (Thursday).** Prof. M S Akbar, MP & Chairman, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society was present as a chief guest. Central Executives of BPA also attended the conference. The conference highlighted the issues of paediatrics in the country and there was a strong commitment for the achievement of MDG 4 by increasing the EPI coverage controlling diarrhea and pneumonia and the scaling up nutrition and ensuring essential newborn care practices in the country.

14. **“48th Annual National Conference of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics” Pedicon 2011** held on 19 – 23 January 2011 at B.M. Birla Science & Technology Centre, Jaipur, India. A group of paediatrician from BPA attended the Conference. Amongst them were Prof. Nurul Islam, Prof. Istiaque Hossain & Dr. Mahbulul Haque, Joint Secretary of BPA.
15. BPA has arranged a consultative meeting on 5th February 2011 on Oral Cholera Vaccine feasibility among the paediatrician of the Dhaka city, National Prof. M R Khan has graced as a chief guest.
16. BPA Executives has made a courtesy call 10th February 2011 with Dr. Arun Thapa the new Chief of WHO in Bangladesh, discussed about the child health condition of Bangladesh and the activities going on with collaboration with WHO.
17. BPA Executives attended Scaling up Nutrition consultative meeting with USAID along with all the donors at the American Club on 15th February 2011 and expressed their views how the scaling of the nutrition in Bangladesh can be done.
18. Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) has arranged a meeting on “Health Education & Man Power Development” with the all professional bodies on 17th February 2011 at BMA Bhaban, Dhaka. Secretary General of BPA has pointed out the facts of Paediatrics as a ¼ part of Medicine and promotion of professionals in the medical colleges, district hospitals and he pointed out the need of more man power in different sub-specialty / districts hospitals as well as upozilla hospital. The BMA Executive has agreed to make Paediatric as a separate subject for the better care of child health in Bangladesh as it is in Sri-Lanka, India, Pakistan and Nepal. Review meeting will be held soon.
19. **8th International Symposium on Antimicrobial Agents and Resistance (ISAAR 2011)** held on Seoul, Korea from April 6-8, 2011. The symposium held on under the theme of “Advancing Solutions to Evolving Resistance” and hosted by the Asia Pacific Foundation for Infectious Diseases (APFID). Dr. Mesbah Uddin, Secretary General, BPA and Prof. M A K Azad Chowdhury and Prof. Shah Nawaz Bin Tabib and Dr. M S Haque attended the Symposium.
20. Bangladesh Pediatric Association Rajshahi Branch has organized 2nd CME on **Hemophilia & Rickets** on 17th April 2011 Prof. Md. Iqbal Bari of Rajshahi Medical College & Dr. Md. Anwarul Karim, Assoc. Professor, Hemato-oncology, BSMMU and Professor Chowdhury Yakub Jamal, Scientific Secretary, BPA were the main speaker in the CME. CME was chaired by Prof. A. B. Siddiqui, President, BPA Rajshahi Branch and Dr. Asgar Hossain, Secretary, BPA Rajshahi has given the welcome speech. Dr. Md. Shafiqur Rahman, Vice President, BPA and Dr. Mesbah Uddin, Secretary General, BPA attended the CME.
21. **“The 11th congress of pediatric nephrology”** held on 2nd to 4th June 2011 at Fukuoka, Japan. A group of paediatrician from BPA attended the Congress. Amongst them were Professor Mohammed Hanif(Professor of paediatric nephrology Dhaka Shishu Hospital and President of BPA & councilor of AsPN), Dr Shahabuddin Mahmud(Assistant professor of pediatric nephrology Rajshahi Medical College), Dr. Farid Ahmed (Associate professor of pediatrics, Dhaka Shishu Hospital) and Dr. Sabina Sultana(Associate professor of pediatrics,Uttara Adhunik Hospital,Uttara, Dhaka). Prof. Hanif chairing the Regional problem and Dr Shahabuddin Mahmud presenting a paper "Relationship between fractional excretion of magnesium and renal histology in glomerulonephritis” and Dr. Sabina Sultana **achieved young investigator award** in recognition of the excellence of her

presentations, "Determination of kidney length and volume by ultrasound in 100 term Bangladeshi Newborn" and she also chaired a session on short oral communication and she had also two poster presentations.

22. BPA arranged 3rd CPD program on **“Clinical Identification of Congenital Heart Disease in Neonates”** held on 19 June 2011 at Bangladesh Institute of Child Health (BICH) Auditorium, Dhaka Shishu (Children) Hospital. National Professor M R Khan was present as Chief Guest on the CPD program. The main speaker of the CPD was Prof. Manzoor Hussain, Professor & Head of the Dept. of Paediatric Medicine and Paediatric Cardiology and Director, Dhaka Shishu (Children) Hospital. The CPD was chaired by Prof. M. F. H. Nazir, Chairman, Scientific Sub-Committee, BPA. Prof. M S Akbar, MP also attended the CPD Program.
23. Biannual Conference of **Bangladesh Medical Association, North America Branch** held on 1-3rd July 2011 at Hotel Mariat, Manhaton, Newyork, USA. Secretary General of Bangladesh Paediatric Association (BPA) has been invited there as a faculty and presented a paper on “Millennium Development Goal - 4, the role of paediatrician in Bnagladesh”.
24. **“ISID-NTD 2011 Neglected Tropical Diseases Meeting”** held on Boston, MA, USA, July 8-10, 2011. Secretary General of Bangladesh Paediatric Association (BPA) has been invited and he attended the meeting on behalf of BPA and he highlighted the present situation of **Tropical Diseases in Bangladesh**.
25. “COMHAD conference 2011” held on Goa, India, Friday the 8-10th of September 2011. A group of paediatricians from BPA recently attended COMHAD Conference at Goa, India. Among them Prof. M S Akbar, MP , Prof. Sirajul Islam, Dr. Afzal Bhuyan, Dr. Nurul Islam Sujan, Dr. Shafiqul Islam, Dr. Ajanta Rani Saha and her daughter Progga and Secretary General of Bangladesh Paediatric Association (BPA) were present. The conference was a very successful, discussing all important health issues and prevention of disability in the world. The dances of Progga (A Trisomy 21) were very exciting and enjoyed by all. Health minister of Goa has presented Progga for her extra ordinary event.
26. Bangladesh Paediatric Association (BPA) in collaboration with Dhaka Medical College Teacher's Association has organized 4rt CME on Management of Idiopathic Nephrotic Syndrome in Children an update on 25th September 2011

Main speaker

1. Dr. Shireen Afroz, Associate Professor, Paediatric Nephrology, DMC

2. Dr. Laila Yeasmin, Asstt. Professor, Paediatric Nephrology, DMC

Prof. Mohammed Hanif, President, BPA

Prof. Moazzam Hossain, Chairman Paediatric Nephrology & Treasurer, BSMMU & EC Member, BPA

Dr. Mesbah Uddin, Secretary General, BPA

Professor Md. Ekhlasur Rahman, Professor & Head, Department of Paediatrics, DMC & EC Member, BPA

Professor Habibur Rahman, Professor of Paediatric Nephrology, BSMMU

All the faculty of Department of Paediatrics of Dhaka Medical College and a group of senior paediatricians attended the CME.

The CME was chaired by National Professor M R Khan

Prof. Abul Kalam Azad, President, Dhaka Medical College Teacher's Association and Dr. Md. Abu Yusuf Fakir, General Secretary, Dhaka Medical College Teacher's Association were also present. Prof. Quazi Deen Mohammad, Principal, Dhaka Medical College has graced the occasion as guest of honour.

27. "Workshop on Preliminary Draft National Urban Health Strategy" held on Hotel Ruposhi Bangla on 11 October 2011. BPA Secretary General attended the Workshop and highlighted the child health issues.
28. "Inaugural Session of Autism Documentary & Theme Song" arranged by Ministry of Health, GOB held on 13 October 2011 at BICC. Prof. A F M Ruhul Hoque, MP, Minister for Health attend as a chief guest. BPA senior Executive attended the meeting.
29. Bangladesh Paediatric Association (BPA) along with Save the Children have been arranging School program for development of awareness for prevention of pneumonia throughout the country and both the organization have already decided to arrange program in World Pneumonia Day on November 12, 2011. There will be program at 19 Medical Colleges and media dialogue with the media people where minister for health, member of parliament, senior paediatrician of the country will be present.
30. A meeting on typhoid and strategies going forward for treatment and prevention is being planned for the 14th November, 2011 by the ICDDR,B and Bangladesh Paediatric Association (BPA). Dr Chris Nelson, Director in the initiative "Coalition against Typhoid" is going to participate with us in this one day meeting to give us an input on the global situation on typhoid and the future perspectives. We would also want to make the one day meeting a stage in which we can present research papers on typhoid fever from Bangladesh.
31. WSPID 2011, the 7th World Congress of the World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases, will be held on 16-19th November 2011 at Melbourne, Australia provides thousands of specialists in the field a world forum for sharing the latest knowledge and receiving updates on the treatment and prevention of pediatric infectious diseases. Organized by the World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (WSPID), this biennial congress is the largest gathering of pediatrics in the field of infectious diseases. In this congress around 50 paediatricians is going to participate. Prof. Mohammed Hanif, President, Bangladesh Paediatric Association (BPA) along with Secretary General will be attending the congress.
32. The Asia Enteric Diseases Expert Bureau is being created to address the increasing public health burden of enteric diseases in Asia. Several initiatives are ongoing, mainly focusing on typhoid fever and rotavirus, but cholera is an important, underestimated threat. If only around 200,000 cholera cases are officially reported worldwide to WHO each year, the actual estimated number of cases could be around 3 to 5 million per year¹. Given the potential scale of the problem, we believe it is now time for action. A dozen of Experts from 7 countries will be invited annually to present and analyze the cholera situation in their respective countries, exchange their clinical experience and public health practices, and identify / suggest improved approaches. International organizations will also be invited to collaborate on an *ad hoc* basis with the Bureau. The first meeting of the Asia Enteric Diseases Expert Bureau is scheduled in November 29 to 1st December 2011 to be held in Thailand. Bangladesh Paediatric Association Secretary General has already been invited to attend the Meeting.
33. In all child related issues BPA is working with the Government of Bangladesh, NGO like WHO, UNICEF, Save the Children, USAID etc.

34. Bangladesh Paediatric Association (BPA) has been publishing **“Bangladesh Journal of Child Health” A Journal of Continuing Education on Child Health** every 4 monthly and distributed throughout the members of Bangladesh Paediatric Association and all the Medical Colleges and Institution of the country.

The Executive Committee of BPA decided to organize an international/regional conference on 17-18 February 2012 to be held on Celebrity Hall, Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC), Dhaka, Bangladesh where Minister of health, Advisor for health and other higher govt. official supposed to be attend as chief guest, special guest and the representative from WHO, UNICEF, Save the Children, USAID, etc are supposed to be present in the conference. International Guest as well as SAARC Country guest will be welcomed at Dhaka. Local hospitality (Transfer from airport to hotel, accommodation and food) will be Provided to foreign guest (up to 10 foreign guests).

Sincerely yours

With kindest regards

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