



25th ICP

## Report on the 25th International Congress of Paediatrics (ICP), held from 25th - 30th August 2007 in Athens, Greece

The 25th ICP was officially opened on the evening of the 25th August in the presence of the office bearers of the International Paediatric Association (IPA), participants and other dignitaries. The scientific programme started in the morning of the 25th of August and went on until the evening of the 30th of August and the closing ceremony was held the same evening with a speech by the President-elect of IPA.

There were numerous plenary lectures and state of the art symposia where well-known paediatricians from different countries participated. The topics covered included infectious diseases, neonatology, early childhood development, adolescence, nutrition, tropical diseases, vaccines, learning and behavioural problems, ethics, breast feeding, bronchial asthma, nephrotic syndrome, thalassaemia, medical education, allergic disorders, etc.

There were two interesting debates on management of wheezing and end-of-life decision making in paediatric critical care. New guidelines for Kawasaki disease and treatment of childhood tuberculosis were also covered. There were numerous oral and poster presentations as well.

There were also meetings of the executive committee, standing committee and the council of delegates of the IPA. At the 2nd council of delegates voting meeting the venue for the ICP meeting in the year 2013 was elected as Melbourne, Australia by a majority vote. The other contestants were Chile, Japan and Thailand.

Professor Sergio Cabral from Brazil was elected as President-elect of the IPA. Professor Naveen Thacker was elected to the standing committee of the IPA from Asian Pacific Paediatric Association (APPA).

A resolution was proposed by Professor Sanath P. Lamabadusuriya, President of APPA to have 4 members from APPA in the standing committee of IPA (currently there are two) which was accepted unanimously. The resolution was based on the demography, the childhood population and the disease burden in the APPA region.

On the 26th of August, a business meeting of APPA was held, chaired by the President, Professor Sanath P. Lamabadusuriya. In the absence of Professor Sham Kasim, the Secretary General, Professor Zulkifli Ismail, functioned as the acting Secretary General. The meeting was well attended. A presentation was made regarding the 13th Asia Pacific Paediatric Congress in Shanghai, China by Professor Xiaohu He. Preparations for the congress are progressing smoothly.

All participants at the congress were very sad about the forest fires burning in certain parts of Greece which led to loss of many lives, property and enormous economic damage.

**Prof. Sanath P. Lamabadusuriya  
President, Asian Pacific Pediatric  
Association (APPA)  
September 11, 2007**

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| <b>25th ICP REPORT</b> |
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## **Prof. Pongsakdi Visudhiphan's Report on the 25th International Congress of Pediatrics (ICP) in Athens, Greece**

On behalf of Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA), and as a member of the International Pediatric Association (IPA) Standing Committee (SC), I would like to report on the proceedings which took place in Athens, Greece during the 25th International Congress of Pediatrics (25th ICP) from 25-30 August 2007.

The IPA Standing Committee urges the continuation of networking between countries in the different regions and IPA, through various means, including e-mails. We were reminded that Regional IPA Standing Committee Members are there to communicate and relay messages and questions, as well as useful information, to the central IPA body.

Please therefore make the most of this provision.

It was at Athens too, that Dr. Chok Wan Chan takes over the post of the President of IPA from Prof. Adenike Grange who now has taken up an equally prestigious position as Nigeria's Minister of Health.

We wish her all the success. At the same time, it is without doubt that Dr. Chan is certain to provide an inspirational leadership in the coming era.

Moving towards the remaining challenging task in the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), much ground has been covered but work must also surge ahead. IPA members are reminded particularly to MDG 4-7, namely:

- Reducing child mortality
- Improving maternal health
- Combating HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
- Ensuring environmental sustainability

The panel also reiterated the issues on ethics, milk product and conflict of interest.

All that said, IPA stress the bottom line that strategy agreed from meetings must be converted into action.

Turning to the 25th ICP itself which I thoroughly enjoyed, the occasion was a resounding success, both for its historical and beautiful setting.

Praises must go to Professor Andreas Constantopoulos, President of this congress for coordinating and engineering such an extraordinary gathering.

Well over 4,500 participants came to Athens, not including on-site registration. Over 1,500 posters were exhibited while 39 symposia were arranged over the six days.

Paediatricians and allied professions soaked in information from as many as five plenary sessions per day, covering topics common to all in child health plus in-depth ones, including 'Known interventions can prevent needless child deaths and illness' by Zulfiqar-Ahmed Bhutta, 'The current burden of childhood disease' from Robert Black of Johns Hopkins University, United States, 'New World Health Organisation (WHO) Growth Standards for Infants and Young Children', and 'Genomes, variability and human disorders' by Stylianos Antonarakis from University of Geneva Medical School.

Not to be outdone by its classical background, excellent social events were provided both within Athens and dotted across many breath-taking scenic islands and the famous Mediterranean Sea.

As for the 31st APPA Business Meeting and IPA Council Delegate Meeting reports, please kindly refer to Prof Sanath P. Lamabadusuriya. I would also like to congratulate Dr. Naveen Thacker of India for having been selected as IPA SC.

Last but not least, words cannot express how much I have learned throughout the last three years as APPA President. And none of these would have been possible without the support from all of you.

Until we meet again, keep up the good work in making a difference to our Children.

Always the very best wishes,

**Prof. Pongsakdi Visudhiphan**  
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| 12th APCP IN SRI LANKA |
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## Minutes of the 31st Council Meeting of National Delegates of the Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA)

**Date** : 13 March 2007, Tuesday  
**Time** : 1.02 pm  
**Venue** : Committee Room E, Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH), Colombo, Sri Lanka

*Decision & Action Required:* Secretary-General will chair a committee made up of Dr. Ashok Gupta (India), Dr Sukman Putra (Indonesia) and Dr. Chok-Wan Chan (HK and IPA President-Elect) to draft an organised method of affiliation from APF and SAARC.

### 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1.02 pm

### 2. Establishment of quorum

Introduction of members was done. Quorum was established.

### 3. Adoption of Rules and Procedures

### 4. Adoption of Agenda

The proposed agenda was adopted on the proposal of Dr. Iqbal Memon (Pakistan) and seconded by Dr. R.D. Potdar (India)

### 5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- 5.1 Minutes of the **29th APSSEAR Council Meeting of National Delegates - December 4, 2003, Bangkok, Thailand** was approved and accepted. Referring to 6.2.1 of the minutes, Dr. Sanath Lamabadusuriya (Sri Lanka) asked if Singapore was also represented by a dot in the APPA logo.

*Decision:* Secretary-General was asked to ascertain that Singapore is "represented" on the logo.

- 5.2 Minutes of the **30th APSSEAR Council Meeting of National Delegates – December 6, 2003, Bangkok, Thailand** was unanimously accepted with matters arising as stated below.

- 5.3 Minutes of the **29th APPA Business Meeting – December 9, 2004, Selangor Malaysia** was unanimously accepted and adopted.

- 5.4 Minutes of the **30th APPA Business Meeting – July 21, 2006, Pattaya, Thailand** unanimously accepted and adopted.

### 6. Matters arising from Minutes

- 6.1 Referring to para. 9.2 of the **30th APSSEAR Council Meeting of National Delegates on December 6, 2003, Bangkok, Thailand**, the delegate from India asked about the final decision on affiliation status of ASEAN Pediatric Federation (APF) with APPA.. APF Secretary-General, Dr Sukman Putra, explained that the APF constitution states that APF is affiliated with APPA.

### 7. Report by the President

- 7.1 Dr. Pongsakdi Visudhiphan said that he had tried to have a meeting every year during his term as President. Funding was a problem.

- 7.2 He has disseminated information from IPA using electronic mail as much as possible.

- 7.3 There is a need to have APPA activities and cooperation with regard to essential data affecting our region.

- 7.4 He expressed his appreciation to the secretariat team, Dr. Chok-Wan Chan for his support and advice, the Pediatric Society of Thailand and the 11th ACP for some money that allowed for the President's traveling expenses.

### 8. Report by the Secretary-General

- 8.1 The Secretary-General announced that APPA has managed to organize Vaccinology 2004 and Vaccinology 2006 to enable APPA Business Meetings to be conducted yearly during these conferences.

- 8.2 The following Travelling Fellowships are still active:

8.2.1 Australian College of Paediatrics Fellowship has to date awarded 19 traveling fellowships. The 20th Fellow is being selected for 2007.

8.2.2 Malaysian Traveling Fellowship, given for a duration of 1 year every two years, will be accepting its 5th candidate.

8.3 Publications made up of the newsletter every 3 months and the Asia-Oceania Journal of Paediatrics & Child Health published twice a year.

### 9. Report by the Treasurer

The Treasurer informed that the sources of APPA income are from the membership dues from member country associations and USD 10,000 from the country hosting the ACP/APCP. Income-generating suggestions were to get corporate donation (within ethical boundaries) and to have secretariat staff supported by a company.

*Action Required:* Treasurer to prepare a budget.

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#### 10. Proposals to host the 13th APCP in 2009

Presentations to host the 13th APCP were made by China, India and the Philippines.

- 10.1 **China** – Theme “Building a Supportive Environment for Children”. Presented by Dr. He Xiaohu and supported by the Chinese Pediatric Society with 3000 members and the Pediatric Nursing Academy Committee and endorsed by the Ministry of Health and additional support from local Shanghai Authorities.
- 10.2 **India** – Dr. Potdar gave an entertaining presentation that was loaded with information about India with a choice of venue between Delhi and Bombay.
- 10.3 **Philippines** – Dr. Jocelyn Yambao-Franco gave a digital presentation using video. Registration is expected to be USD 200 (USD 250 for on-site registration) if held in the Philippines.

Voting will be held on 14th March 2007 at the 32nd Council Meeting of National Delegates of APPA.

#### 11. Honorary President Post of APPA

The President reminded delegates of the decision that was pending regarding the proposal of conferring Honorary President to Dr. Chok-Wan Chan. Quoting the minutes of the 26th Meeting of National Delegates of APSSEAR dated March 27th, 2000 at the Taipei International Convention Centre, he said that the original proposal by the then President was that the “post of honorary President for a few notable members” meant that it can be conferred to more than one person. Alternative honorific titles included Patron (suggested by delegate from India) and President Emeritus (by Sri Lanka).

Three issues need to be resolved:

1. Minutes of Taipei meeting in 2000
2. The appropriate title for notable members who have contributed significantly to APPA
3. Endorsement of awarding Dr. Chok-Wan Chan the honorific title.

A formal amendment to the constitution is needed and be part of the agenda for the next meeting.

*Agreed:* A constitutional amendment proposal to be sent by electronic mail. It was agreed that, after the e-mail circulation, outcome of voting made by e-mail will be accepted.

#### 12. Nomination of IPA Standing Committee members from APPA

The Secretary-General announced that the two

nominees to the IPA Standing Committee are:

Dr. Usa Thisyakorn from Thailand

Dr. Yoshikatsu Eto from Japan

#### 13. Other matters

##### 13.1 IPA Questionnaires on Human Papilloma virus (HPV)

IPA President Dr. Adenike Grange announced a set of questionnaires on HPV to be filled up by practising paediatricians. The data is needed for presentation at the next IPA Conference in Athens in August.

*Decision:* IPA to send questionnaire by e-mail for circulation to practising members of individual paediatric societies through APPA..

- 13.2 Dr. Iqbal Memon (Pakistan) congratulated the Pediatric Society of Thailand for organizing Vaccinology 2006. He also suggested that the Secretary-General included the activities of member countries in his report in future.

##### 13.3 APPA Representation in IPA

Dr. Memon also stated that the children in the region covered by APPA made up 53% of the world's children. Hence, it was logical that APPA representation in IPA should be more than the two seats allocated presently. As APPA represented 3 WHO regions, appropriate representation was sought in IPA.

*Action:* APPA has to give notice and it will be discussed at the IPA Council meeting.

##### 13.4 Asian Society of Pediatric Research (ASPR)

Dr. Yoshikatsu Eto (Japan) stated that the ASPR was set up as a branch of the American and European societies to support young researchers. Dr. Yamashiro, the founder member of ASPR, encouraged participation of young colleagues who are doing research. He informed the venues of previous conferences as Tokyo (2005) and Yokohama (2006), and announced that the next conference will be in Tokyo on 6-7 October 2007. The conference next year will be combined with the North American Society of Pediatric Research and will be in Hawaii in May 2008. He extended an invitation to member societies to participate in the ASPR conferences.

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3.35 pm.

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Checked by : Dr. Mohd. Sham Kasim

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## 31st Council Meeting of National Delegates of the Asian Pacific Pediatric Association

**Venue :** Committee Room E, Bandaranaike Memorial  
International Conference Hall (CMICH),  
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**Date :** March 13, 2007, Tuesday

**Time :** 1302 hrs

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| <b>12th APCP IN SRI LANKA</b> |
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## Minutes of the 32nd Council Meeting of National Delegates of the Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA)

**Date** : 14 March 2007, Wednesday

**Time** : 12.50 pm

**Venue** : Committee Room E, Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH), Colombo, Sri Lanka

### 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 12.50 pm

### 2. Establishment of quorum

Quorum was established. Representatives from India were absent with apologies.

### 3. Adoption of Rules and Procedures

### 4. Adoption of Agenda

#### 4.1 Honorary

Referring to, and continuing the discussion from the **31st Council Meeting of National Delegates of the Asian Pacific Pediatric Association** on 13th March regarding the post of Honorary President, Dr. Chok-Wan Chan clarified the matter by explaining that the post was proposed in March 1997 in Hong Kong. In March 2000 in Taipei, the proposal was submitted and supported by all members and added to the constitution. Two days later, Prof. Perla Santos-Ocampo was appointed as Honorary President. The constitution had been amended.

*Decision:* It was unanimously agreed that the name remain as Honorary President.

Dr. Pongsakdi proposed that Dr. Chok-Wan Chan be honoured and appointed as Honorary President. This was also unanimously supported by all.

### 5. Election for next venue of the 13th APCP in 2009

India withdrew their bid for the 13th APCP. Voting was conducted by closed ballot with one vote per country. Eleven countries voted and China was elected as the host for the 13th APCP in 2009 with 8 votes.

### 6. Address from the new President of APPA

The Presidency was officially handed over from Dr. Pongsakdi to Dr. Sanath P. Lamabadusuriya. The incoming President thanked member countries for placing their trust in him and Sri Lanka. Although they were very concerned with the number of registrants with the bad publicity, there were many last minute registrants. He congratulated Dr. Chok-Wan Chan on being conferred as Honorary President.

### 7. Introduction of new Advisory Board Members

A vote of thanks was extended to outgoing Advisory Board members 2003-2006 as follows:

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| Dr. Wan Ariffin Abdullah       | (Malaysia)    |
| Dr. Yong Soo Yun               | (S. Korea)    |
| Dr. Chin Yun Lee               | (Taiwan)      |
| Dr. Don Robertson              | (Australia)   |
| Dr. William Wong               | (Hong Kong)   |
| Dr. Chairuddin Lubis           | (Indonesia)   |
| Dr. HPS Sachdev                | (India)       |
| Dr. Pushpa Raj Sharma          | (Nepal)       |
| Dr. Praputt Siripoonya         | (Thailand)    |
| Dr. Amir Mohammad Khan Jomezai | (Pakistan)    |
| Dr. Carmelo A Alfiler          | (Philippines) |

**New Advisory Board members** were introduced:

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Bangladesh, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, South Korea and Vietnam will submit the names later.

### 8. Other matters

Dr. Jane Schaller passed around the International Pediatric Association HPV Survey forms to be filled up by practising paediatricians and returned to the IPA.

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2.00 pm.

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## 32nd Council Meeting of National Delegates of the Asian Pacific Pediatric Association

**Venue :** Committee Room E, Bandaranaike Memorial  
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**Date :** March 14, 2007, Wednesday

**Time :** 1250 hrs

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Asean  
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## What Is APF ?

The ASEAN Pediatric Federation (APF) is a pediatric association that was founded on August 3, 1976 in Jakarta with the initial membership comprising of the national pediatric societies of the ASEAN countries consisting of Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Philippines. Currently, the membership of APF has been expanded where the national pediatric society of Vietnam and Myanmar were formally accepted as APF member in the 12th APF Conference in Pattaya, Thailand 2004. The Cambodian Pediatric Society is expected to be an APF member soon. According to the constitution of APF article 1, this association is affiliated to the regional pediatric association called Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA), formerly called Association of Pediatric Societies of the South East Asian Region (APSSEAR). The governing body in APF consists of the Council of National Delegates which has to decide on the general policy of the APF and the Executive Council officers that consists of a President, Vice-President and Secretary-General & Treasurer.

The aims of APF are:

- 1) To foster the study and dissemination of all aspects of pediatric knowledge, particularly in the region of ASEAN.
- 2) To promote cooperation in the scientific exchange amongst the member countries, and establish closer personal and professional contacts amongst those interested and working in this field.
- 3) To organize and hold an ASEAN Pediatric Federation Conference (APFC) at least every three years and to promote and support such other activities as may deemed necessary for the realization of the above aims.

The APF Conference has been conducted many times. The last conference (12th APFC) was held in Pattaya, Thailand, 2004 with the theme: "Impact of child care on adult disease".

## The APF Scientific Forum on HPV Vaccine 2007 28-29 July, 2007, Bali, INDONESIA

This APF scientific forum was conducted for the first time during the history of APF. In the past, the scientific meeting was only held during the APF conference (APFC) which is every 2 years. There was no forum in between the conferences. Since the APPA and IPA organizing the congress every 3 years, in 2004 APF decided to change the APF conference to every 3 years instead of 2 years in order to go in cycle with both important congress. In between the two APF conference, APF will organize a scientific meeting or workshop. During the last APPA conference in Sri Lanka, the Presidents of national pediatric societies of APF countries agreed to conduct the 1st APF scientific forum in Bali hosted by the Indonesian Pediatric Society. The next APFC will be held in Manila, April 2008. The topic of the first APF Scientific Forum in Bali was the HPV ( Human Papillomatous Virus) vaccine, the most current issue which should be well-informed amongst practising pediatricians all over the region. HPV is widespread throughout the world and HPV infection can cause cervical cancer, the second most cause of female cancer world wide. South East Asia is one of the high risk areas for cervical cancer.

Through this forum, it was expected to provide an appropriate understanding about many aspects in the

practice of HPV vaccination in children and adolescents. In addition the forum would certainly promote cooperation among pediatricians in APF member countries and will establish a closer professional contact amongst those who are interested in this field. The Indonesian Pediatric Society was pleased and greatly honoured to host this kind of scientific forum where all the national pediatric societies participated actively. This valuable meeting was attended by delegates and the Presidents from Pediatric Societies of Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines.



Group photo of some delegates who attended the APF Scientific Forum in Bali.



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There were 4 topics presented by the experts. 1) The natural history of HPV infection and Cervical cancer burden which was presented by Prof. Farid Azis, a consultant Gyneco-oncologist from Indonesia 2) Clinical aspects of GSK cervical cancer prevention Vaccine by Dr. Jovele L. Fernandez from Philippines 3) Approach to adolescents on cancer prevention, presented by Dr. Kusnandi Rusmil, consultant on pediatrics-adolescents health from Indonesia and 4) Pharmaco-economic study: Thailand model by Dr. Jamikorn Bhekasuta from Thailand. The presentation was arranged in 2 sessions moderated by Prof. Usa Thysakorn (Thailand) and Prof. Sri R. Hadinegoro (Indonesia). The total number of participants of the scientific meeting was around 150 consisting of 25 official delegates from APF member countries, and the rest of them were pediatricians from Bali and other provinces and also some participants were obstetric-gynecologists.

Most of the participants were seriously involved in the discussions as this kind of vaccines is relatively new for pediatricians. How to explain this vaccine to the patients and the parents and what is the role of pediatricians is really one of the challenges. The unknown duration of vaccine protection or the protective effectiveness of the vaccine is related to the questions whether the booster is needed or not. The other problem is that the cervical cancer has not received yet the great attention among adolescents and children as it is still out of reach among adolescents experience and knowledge as well as beyond the vaccination problems at this stage. However, conclusions from the scientific forum stated in the closing remarks by Dr. Sukman Putra were as follows:

- Cervical cancer is a clinical manifestation of oncogenic (cancer-causing) human papilloma virus (HPV) infection and one of the causes of death from cancer in women worldwide. Presently, HPV vaccine has been developed in the effort to prevent and reduce the mortality and morbidity rates of patients with cervical cancer caused by the oncogenic HPV infection.
- For pediatricians, who have no experience in cervical cancer, the strategy on how to administer the vaccine and who can administer should be well prepared. Based on the Thailand population modeling study, GSK cervical cancer candidate vaccine against HPV 16/18 with potential additional cross protection against other high risk HPV types, could reduce cervical cancer and mortality by 78% (vaccinating at the age of 10 years)
- According to the HPV Expert Advisory Group held in Geneva in August 2006, the magnitude of benefit of the HPV vaccine in any specific country depends on: a) the burden of disease attributable to the type against which the vaccine

protects or if confirmed cross protection, b) vaccine efficacy, c) achievable vaccine coverage, and d) duration of protection.

- Up to 5.5 years, the GSK cervical cancer candidate vaccine has been shown 100% efficacy against HPV 16 and HPV 18 persistent infection and associated cervical lesions in women aged 15-25 years. Antibody response were induced in virtually all subjects with titres far exceeding natural infection, and the vaccine was generally safe and well-tolerated. In addition, vaccination of young adolescents aged 10-15 years showed 100% seropositivity with levels of antibody titres more than 2x that of titres in the 15-25 year old age group. Most importantly, the vaccine was also safe and well-tolerated in these young adolescents as well.

On 28 July, 2007 there was an APF Business meeting which was attended by all the member country delegates. Consensus has been arrived at to continue APF program in the near future.

- 1) To continue the APF Fellowship Program in collaboration with Abbott that has been running well over the last two years. The national pediatric society is expected to facilitate the placement of the candidate in the intended institution. The young pediatricians who would like to be trained in the subspecialty in pediatrics is encouraged to choose the institution in ASEAN countries as the priority. The application form has been distributed.
- 2) All the delegates have agreed to establish several working group (WG) on the certain subspecialties in pediatrics (e. g ASEAN WG on Asthma, WG on Congenital Heart Disease, WG on Immunization etc.) It could be initiated from now and will be discussed further in the 13th APFC in Manila, April 2008).
- 3) The APF has accepted The Cambodian Pediatric Society as a new member of APF and will be invited to participate in the 13th APF Conference in Manila next year.
- 4) All the national pediatric societies of APF member countries are expected to encourage their members to attend the 13th APF Conference in Manila, April 2008.

This scientific forum was fully supported by GSK. All the participants were satisfied with the scientific as well as the social program. After one day scientific meeting, most of the participants from overseas had an opportunity to visit some interesting places in the beautiful island of Bali (STP).

**Prepared by : Dr. Sukman Tulus Putra - President,  
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**BREAKING NEWS**

## Former APSSEAR President, Datuk Dr. Sam C. E. Abraham Has Passed Away



October 3, 2007

APPA Exco members  
President / Secretary General  
National Paediatric Association / Society  
affiliated to the Asian Pacific Pediatric Association  
(APPA)

### Top Paediatricians of Asia Awardees:

From Left to Right: The late Dr. Sam ABRAHAM, Malaysia; Dr. Santosh BHARGARA, India; Dr. Perla D. SANTOS OCAMPO, Philippines (on behalf of Dr. MAHABILINGAM); Dr. WONG Poatup (on behalf of Dr. P. TUCHINDA, Thailand) . Award presentation during the 8th ACP, New Delhi, India in 1994.

Dear all APPA members,

Greetings from the APPA Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Datuk Dr. Sam C. E. Abraham, formerly President of the Association of Pediatric Societies of the Southeast Asian Region (APSSEAR) from 1985-88. APSSEAR is now known as APPA.

Datuk Dr. Abraham was also one of the signatories who had adopted a resolution to form APSSEAR in Manila, Philippines in 1974 and was the first President of the Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA).

For his tremendous contribution in the field of child health care and paediatric, Datuk Dr. Abraham was among four recipients who received the Outstanding Asian Paediatrician Award during the 8th Asian Congress of Pediatrics (8th ACP) which was held from February 6-11, 1994 in New Delhi, India.

Datuk Dr. Abraham was an active paediatrician and his commitment, dedication and tireless efforts to improve the health of children is evident in his professional contributions, not only in Malaysia but also globally.

God bless his soul. May he rest in peace.

Best regards,

**Prof. Mohd Sham Kasim**

**Secretary General, APPA &**

**Prof. Zulkifli Ismail**

**Deputy Secretary General, APPA / Immediate Past President, MPA**

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## Condolences From Colleagues & Friends Of Dr. Sam C. E. Abraham

### **Prof. Perla D. Santos Ocampo – Honorary President, APPA:**

Dearly beloved colleagues, friends and family of Datuk Dr Sam C.E.Abraham, “It has been an honor and a privilege to have known and worked with Sam. I first met him in Manila during the birth of the Association of Pediatric Societies of the Southeast Asian Region (APSSEAR), now known as Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA). He was representing Malaysia and was one of the signatories to the document formalizing the establishment of APPA.

He was an intensely involved coworker and was most supportive in caring for this newly founded pediatric association which rapidly became one of the most active and progressive regional societies of the International Pediatric Association. We shall always remember him as a dedicated pediatrician, an extremely thoughtful friend, and a most gentle husband to Dulcie. Sam was always cheerful, singing in his lovely baritone during fellowship nights and always had a kind word for everyone.

Together with Mohd Sham Kasim and other Malaysian colleagues, he organized the magnificent 5th Asian Congress of Pediatrics in Malaysia from 5-9 August, 1985. Dear, Sam, you will be sorely missed not only by the children of your country but that of the whole world.”

### **Dr. Chok-wan Chan – Honorary President, APPA:**

“It was very sad to receive this bad news. Sam has been a powerful leader, a great mentor, a knowledgeable paediatrician and a strong advocate. He has dedicated his life to child health within his own country, the Asia Pacific Region and the world globally. We are all sorry to miss such a great paediatrician but we are confident that he will be forever remembered because we are all proud of him”

### **Jane G. Schaller, MD – Executive Director, International Pediatric Association (IPA)**

“Thank you for sharing this news with me. I never had the chance to meet Dr. Abraham, but it sounds as though he played a meaningful role in the history of APPA. You are good to remember your elders and predecessors.”

### **Prof. Iqbal Memon – Vice President, Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA)**

“All of us have to return unto HIM, the creator, but all the same it always is saddening to see a Founder, dedicated and a pioneer leave us for his eternal abode. I and many of our colleagues did not know Datuk personally and or in professional capacity but with his credentials, I am certain that many of us in APPA/APSSEAR have continuously have benefited from his wisdom and guidance throughout. I, on behalf of our membership of PPA, wish to extend our condolences to the family and pray for forgiveness and peace for the departed soul in the life hereafter - Ameen.

### **Sukman T Putra, MD – President, Indonesian Pediatric Society / Secretary General, ASEAN Pediatric Federation (APF)**

“On behalf of the Indonesian Pediatric Society and APF, we would like to express our condolences and deep sympathy for the passing of Datuk Dr. Sam C. E. Abraham, formerly APSSEAR President and first President of MPA. We realized that he had contributed tremendously in the development and progress in the field of Pediatrics in this region.”

### **Dr. Naveen Thacker - President, Indian Academy of Pediatrics**

“ Sorry to receive this sad news. May his soul rest in peace. Please convey our condolences to his family members on behalf of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics and many of his friends and fans from India.”

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| <b>ANNOUNCEMENT</b> |
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## 13th APCP, From Oct 14-18, 2007, Shanghai, China

**Name of Congress** : 13th Asian Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (13th APCP) and 3rd Asian Pacific Congress of Pediatric Nursing (3rd APCPN)  
**Dates** : October 14 (Wednesday) – 18 (Sunday), 2009  
**Venue** : Shanghai International Convention Center (SICC)  
**Theme** : Building a supportive environment for Child Health

### Secretariat:

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### Organisers

Under the auspices of the Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) and International Pediatric Association (IPA). The 13th APCP is organised by the Chinese Pediatric Society, Chinese Medical Association and Chinese Nursing Association.

### LOC-Local Organising Committee

Congress President : Xiaohu He, MD  
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 Secretariat Committee Chair : Kunling Shen, MD  
 Nursing Committee Chair : Renjian Huang, MD  
 Treasurer : Jiong Qin, MD

### Pre-Congress Workshop

The Pre-congress workshop will focus more on issues like TB, HIV/AIDS, environment among children.

### Plenary & Symposia topics

There will be at least 14 Plenary Lectures, covering topics like child abuse, adolescent problems, mental health, accident and injury, genetics, obesity, learning problems, environmental issues, and etc.

At least 40 Symposia topics are being considered, and major ones are: Adolescent Medicine, Allergy, Behavioral Disorders, Cardiology, Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, Infectious Diseases, Community Child Health, Critical Care, Diabetic and Obesity, Genetic and Metabolic Disorder, Environmental and the Child Health, TB, HIV/AIDS, Developmental Pediatrics, Neonatology, Nephrology and Neurology.

Other major symposia topics being considered are: Nutrition, Essential drug access and safety for children in developing countries, Pediatric Surgery, Accident and Injury Prevention, Vaccines, Rheumatology and immunology, Gastroenterology, Pediatric Psychiatry and Pediatric Psychology, Medical Education, Nursing, Challenge for the Pediatric resident training, Evidence base medicine in pediatric practice, Perinatal care and child health, Information Technology in Health Care and Ethical.



### Registration Fees

|                          |                  | Early Bird Registration<br>(up to October 1, 2008) | Pre Registration<br>(up to June 30, 2009) | Late Registration<br>(from July 1 to on-site) |
|--------------------------|------------------|--|---|---|
| Full Participant         | APPA Country     | 250 USD  | 300 USD                                   | 350 USD                                       |
|                          | Non APPA Country | 350 USD  | 400 USD                                   | 450 USD                                       |
| Trainee/Resident Student |                  | 200 USD  | 200 USD                                   | 250 USD                                       |
| Accompanying Person      |                  | 100 USD  | 100 USD                                   | 100 USD                                       |