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### BEWARE!

## 15<sup>th</sup> APCP SOLICITING EMAILS



Dear national paediatric society presidents and office-bearers,

It has been brought to my attention that a PCO (professional conference organiser) has written to some national paediatric associations asking for details of members and their contacts on behalf of the organisers of the 15<sup>th</sup> APCP scheduled to be held in Hyderabad, India.

Please note that this is a scam and the organisers have not even appointed a PCO.

Please DO NOT RESPOND to such emails requesting for details of members or their contact particulars. Similarly, the APPA secretariat has to be more vigilant

about what we disclose to unsolicited and unfamiliar emails.

As most of you know, there are now a few PCOs that organise medical conferences without being under any specific professional organisation. They will flash big internationally-renowned names and reap the huge income from industry. It is a big money spinner and we do not want to be a part of it.

Thank you.

Keep up your good work for the children in our region.

Peace be unto you all.

Regards,  
**Zulkifli Ismail**  
*President, APPA*  
July 30, 2014

### CONDOLENCES TO PAKISTAN

Dear Friends & Colleagues in APPA,

Greetings from the APPA Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The APPA Secretariat is deeply shocked and saddened with the death of 132 school children who were brutally gunned down Tuesday (December 16, 2014), by Pakistani Taliban fighters (TTP) at a military-run school in Peshawar in Pakistan's northwest.

According to news network Al Jazeera.com Wednesday, 10 staff members from the Army Public School were also killed in the attack, which is considered one of the bloodiest attacks in Pakistan's history.

Officials told Al Jazeera that all seven attackers were killed in the operation. The deadly attack triggered shock and outrage across the world.

TTP spokesperson, Muhammad Khorasani told Al Jazeera that the attack was in retaliation for an ongoing Pakistan Army operation against the TTP and its allies in the North Waziristan tribal area.

APPA would like to express its deepest condolences to the families and those affected by this tragedy. The condolences is also extended to the Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA).

May God protect and bless us all. Ameen.

**Warm regards from the APPA Secretariat,**  
**Dr. Zulkifli Ismail**, President, APPA  
**Prof. Mohd Sham Kasim**, Secretary General, APPA  
**Dr. Hung Liang Choo**, Deputy Secretary General, APPA  
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**Fairos Nazri**, Executive Secretary, APPA

-December 17, 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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## APPA President's Message

# Will 2015 be a better year?



Dear Friends & Colleagues,

We are again approaching a new year - 2015 - with new resolve and also with apprehension at the atrocities that children worldwide face. There have been successes but there are also many instances where we are helpless to curb the maltreatment that we witness.

### India's success

India has been credited as being the last country in the South East Asian Region (SEAR) of the World Health Organisation (WHO) to be declared polio free. Looking at the population and diversity of India, this is a great and exemplary achievement that can be used by the three remaining countries still plagued by this debilitating disease.

Another success in India is the introduction of universal rotavirus vaccination. This will definitely see a significant reduction in under-5 mortality in a large population where the birth cohort is almost 27 million per year, and 20 million children. The end result will be achieving MDG goals for that huge country in our region. APPA congratulates India on these significant achievements in child health.

### Vaccination fiasco

Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine has also been introduced in the Philippines albeit surrounded by some controversy that again involves politics and politicians. APPA had to put up a press statement in a Filipino newspaper to help diffuse the situation and ensure that vaccine uptake is not affected. It would have been a shame if a fiasco involving politics were to affect the introduction and uptake of the vaccine.

### Paediatric nursing

As a region, we are collaborating well in the field of paediatric nursing too. The organisation of a stand-alone paediatric nursing conference in Hong Kong will help to even out the standards of paediatric nursing care in our region. We should be supporting this initiative so that paediatric nursing care reaches a higher level in tandem with the development of paediatric medical specialties. Our philosophy of the more resource- and knowledge-endowed countries and regions helping the lesser ones

should guide our nursing colleagues too. We encourage and congratulate Susanna, the President of the Asia Pacific Pediatric Nurses' Association (APPNA), in her leadership of the Association. They will also be involved in our next congress in Hyderabad.

### World conflicts

The world is now in a turmoil with conflicts in the Middle East and other areas, suppression of minority groups, blatant invasions of borders, etc. These are all politically-motivated conflicts that result in suffering of whole populations, the main sufferers of which are the women and children. As Paediatricians, we are not combatants and neither are we needed in the initial missions other than financially helping the affected families. To this end, many of our members are involved directly in humanitarian efforts in conflict stricken areas all over the world. The IPA and ISTP have come up with a statement to denounce civilian casualty and suffering in these conflict situations. The statement is being revised and when ready, APPA will also adopt it and we will all circulate through our member countries' paediatric associations. We have to make a statement that should be heard by the highest world bodies. This is the least we can do as advocates for child health and well-being!

As I write this, I am saddened by news of the shooting of a health worker in Pakistan during polio vaccination rounds and the killing and wounding of innocent children in Peshawar. As doctors and ordinary human beings, we cannot comprehend the power play involved that can result in such acts of terror. What has happened to our hopes for a peaceful world for the generations to follow? Will we not see any light at the end of the tunnel? What will 2015 bring for the children in our region and the world?

We can try to make the world a better and healthier place for children, and show the way to the end of the tunnel. For this, our voices must be heard as the voices of the children cannot.

**Zulkifli Ismail**  
President, APPA

## The Asia Pacific Paediatric Nursing Conference 2014

Theme: “Moving The Frontiers of Paediatric Nursing in the Asia Pacific Region”  
 Organized by The Asia Pacific Paediatric Nurses Association  
 Held on 26, 27 and 28 September 2014 in Hong Kong

By Ms Susanna Lee  
 President of The Asia Pacific Paediatric Nurses Association

The Asia Pacific Paediatric Nurses Association (APPNA) was established in 2012 with its inauguration ceremony held in the 14<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics and the 4<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatric Nursing at Sarawak, Malaysia. At present, APPNA has 6 national member associations including Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association, Paediatric Nurses Association of Thailand, Japanese

advance and make changes in the paediatric environment, 4) Advances in clinical paediatric nursing practice and 5) Parent and patient empowerment.

To promote evidence based practice, sessions for free paper - oral and poster presentations were arranged in the conference for the participants to share their good works of local practice. Outstanding Oral and Poster Presentation Awards were honored to the best achievers.

In the conference, a total of 28 speakers were being invited to speak on their expert areas. Keynote speakers were world renowned experts including Dr. Chan Chok Wan, President of International Pediatric Association (IPA) (2007-2010), Honorary President of the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA); Dr. Naveen Thacker, President Elect of APPA; Dr. Prakin Suchaxaya, Co-ordinator Gender, Equity and Human Rights, Regional Office for South East Asia (WHO); Dr. Masako Kanai-Pak, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of International Council of Nurses (ICN) and Prof. Chen



Group photo of the Asia Pacific Paediatric Nurses Association Conference

Society of Child Health Nursing, Australian College of Children and Young People’s Nurses, Paediatric and Neonatal Chapters of Singapore Nurses Association, Mother and Child Nurses Association of the Philippines.

The Asia Pacific Paediatric Nursing Conference (APPNC) 2014, organized by The APPNA, hosted by Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association (HKPNA) was held on 26, 27 and 28 September 2014 in Hong Kong. It was the first time The APPNA organized the international paediatric nursing conference since its establishment in 2012. The theme of the conference was “Moving the Frontiers of Paediatric Nursing in the Asia Pacific Region”.

The conference provided the opportunity for the participants to have more understanding and discussions on 1) The global and current health care issues imparting impact on child health and paediatric nursing practice, 2) Quality and safety in paediatric care, 3) Leadership skills necessary to



Opening ceremony of the Asia Pacific Paediatric Nursing Conference, September 26, 2014

Jianjun, Chairman of China Pediatric Nursing Association Professional Committee. Besides local nursing experts, other prominent speakers from Mainland China, Australia, Japan, Thailand and Singapore were invited to share with us their

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## Progress for Children in South Asia, but Inequalities still Exist: UNICEF Report

According to a new UNICEF report released today (11/9/2014) there has been progress in the health and well-being of children in South Asia over the last 25 years, but glaring inequalities remain.

“More than 2 million children in South Asia die from preventable causes before their fifth birthday every year and more than 35 percent of the region’s children have chronic malnutrition,” said Karin Hulshof, Regional Director for UNICEF in South Asia.

Today’s report analyses progress made over the last 25 years on nine key issues that directly affect the lives of children. It also provides ideas and recommendations to improve the lives of children across the region.

Key findings from *Improving Children’s Lives, Transforming the Future - 25 years of child rights in South Asia* include;

- Approximately 8 million children below the age of one are not immunized
- More than 45 percent of girls marry before the age of 18, and 18 percent marry before age 15
- South Asia is home to the largest number of stunted children in the world
- Nearly 700 million people still defecate in the open
- Approximately 100 million children under five are not registered at birth

“South Asia continues to be one of the riskiest places in the world to become pregnant or give birth, with the second highest number of maternal deaths worldwide,” Hulshof added. “Far too many children get married, and far too many girls are never born. But together, we can turn the tide.”

Today’s report was published to celebrate this year’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). All countries in South Asia have incorporated aspects of the CRC into domestic legislation and have set up ministries and oversight institutions in charge of children’s issues.

In some countries, very progressive legislation has been enacted, establishing children’s legally enforceable rights to health, education, protection and participation.

Yet, pervasive poverty and disparities prevent millions of children in South Asia from living in dignity, reaching their potential and making choices about their own future.

“On the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child we must ensure children and their mothers have access to health services, good nutrition and proper toilets. We also need to provide quality schooling and create opportunities for children. The good news is that we have the knowhow and innovative approaches to make positive changes in the lives of children in South Asia” said Hulshof.

UNICEF South Asia is also marking the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CRC by launching “Generation@25” a child rights campaign which focuses on improving girls’ education in Afghanistan, preventing stunting in India, ending open defecation in Nepal, and ensuring all children receive a birth registration in Bangladesh. Learn more about the campaign here [www.generation25.org](http://www.generation25.org).

- UNICEF, September 11, 2014, New York, USA

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state-of-the-art information and knowledge.

We felt proud that the conference was well supported by prestigious international professional associations. Congratulatory Messages were received from Dr. Judith Shamian, President of ICN and Dr. Zulkifli Ismail, President of APPA. Locally, we were honored to have the great support from Food and Health Bureau (FHB), Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and The Hospital Authority (HA), Hong Kong. Dr. Ko Wing Man, Secretary for FHB, HKSAR ; Prof. Sophia Chan, Under Secretary for FHB, HKSAR; Dr. Leung Pak Yin, Chief Executive of The HA and Dr. Chan Chok Wan, Honorary Adviser of APPNA were being our Guests of Honor in officiating our Outstanding Oral and Poster Presentation Award Ceremony and Opening Ceremony of the conference.

The scientific paper submissions were overwhelming. We had received 67 abstracts from different countries in the AP region. The papers were reviewed by the Review Panel formed by 5 countries under the Scientific Committee of The APPNA. The selected papers were further presented and scored by adjudicators in the conference. Ms Germac Shen from Singapore who presented the paper on “Nursing Reassessment at Children’s Emergency” won the Outstanding Oral Presentation Award. Ms Ko Wai Fong from Hong

Kong who presented the paper on “A Continuous Quality Improvement Programme to Enhance Medication Safety” won the Outstanding Poster Presentation Award.

The conference was well attended with 350 attendants, 1/4 of the participants were from overseas including China, Macau, Thailand, Japan, Australia, Singapore, Philippines, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Taiwan. The feedbacks to this conference were good, participants agreed unanimously that the APPNC 2014 served a good platform for nurses in cross pollination of paediatric nursing knowledge and advanced nursing care. Through this conference, the cohesiveness, commitment and support from pediatric doctors and nurses in AP region were well testified. I was deeply indebted to organizing committee and subcommittee members, steering committee members, member associations of APPNA for their unfailing support, active participation and promotion, with days of hard work in the preparation to enable this Conference to become realized. This amazing spirit and collaborative effort in achieving synergy was inspiring. The APPNA was looking forward to collaborate with APPA for the organizing of the 15th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics and the 5th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatric Nursing in Hyderabad, India in 2016. The APPNA would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the unfailing support from APPA under the great leadership of Dr. Zulkifli Ismail, the support from Dr. Naveen Thacker and



## Building Vaccinology Expertise in South East Asia

Padjadjaran University, Bandung, West Java, Indonesia 29-30 November 2014

The prevention of diseases through vaccination is the way forward. In support and promotion of this, the Network for Education & Support in Immunisation (NESI) / Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium and the University of Padjadjaran, Indonesia in collaboration with the Indonesian Paediatric Society (IDAI) organised a vaccinology symposium tailored for the practitioners, policy makers and industry.

Covering a wide range of basic topics and many new vaccines, the course attracted more than 200 participants from Indonesia, MOH representatives from Malaysia, Cambodia, India, Bangladesh, Mongolia, China, etc.

Starting on a high note of MDG targets, Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP) and Decade of Vaccines (DoV), the Global Action Plan for the Prevention & Control of Pneumonia and Diarrhoea (GAPPD), the symposium switched to less programmatic mode by discussing specific new vaccines, ie rotavirus, pneumococcal, influenza and dengue vaccines.

The talks on individual vaccines were concise yet thorough with the speakers taking great pains to keep to their half hour limits.

### Dinner with panoramic views

The first day ended slightly beyond the allocated time. After braving the Bandung evening traffic made up of holidaying Jakarta inhabitants, we had the faculty dinner at The Stone Cafe located on a hilltop at Dago. It was the ideal place for dinner with the informal environment

and the cordial Indonesian hosts. The local food was just delicious.

The second day split the participants into two groups, one for program managers and the other practitioners. This was not a good idea in our opinion as the two groups should know what the other is doing and they have to work in tandem to promote vaccination.

The program group discussed various programmatic, research and anti-vaccine issues. The group for practitioners discussed adult and adolescent vaccines, barriers to childhood vaccinations, and the role of Bio Farma as a vaccine producer for the world. There was even a session on vaccinology education. The atmosphere was informal and questions overflowed from the audience.

### Pride of Indonesians

The talk by a research officer from Bio Farma should make every Indonesian in the audience proud to have their own vaccine manufacturing facility that produces vaccines that are WHO prequalified. Instead of producing for its local use, it is exporting vaccines to the world, no mean feat for an Asian company.

The organisers should be congratulated for organising such a successful symposium. Credit has to be given to Prof Kusnandi Rusmil and Prof Cissy Kartasasmita who worked hard with NESI and IDAI. The aim of building expertise in vaccinology in Indonesia with support from the region has been achieved through this symposium.

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**The APPA Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Wishes Everyone A Happy,  
Safe and Productive 2015.**

### CONDOLENCES

The Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) Secretariat would like to express its deepest condolences to the families and those affected in natural disasters such as earthquake, flash floods, landslides and typhoon, which had hit China, Nepal, Japan, India, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Malaysia throughout this year.



## Alice In Wonderland Syndrome

It's an unusual condition with a colorful name. Kids with Alice in Wonderland Syndrome (AIWS) see sudden distortions in objects they're looking at. Things get very large, really tiny, or their own bodies appear to change size.

It's a lot like the main character in the Lewis Carroll story.

Like most kids, Sadie McKinney is full of imagination. She also has a neurological condition with a storybook name. However, her symptoms are very real.

"I would turn and everything started getting blurry and it was like pushing back and everything," Sadie told Ivanhoe.

Dr. Grant Liu studies the visual distortions that are part of AIWS. "Patients experience a change in their own body shape", Grant Liu, MD, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, USA, told Ivanhoe Newswire.

Ivanhoe is a health news channel.

"Their hand might get big, or their head might get big."

Alice in Wonderland Syndrome is most common in children from age 2 to 13, with the average patient being 6 years old. More girls are affected than boys. Episodes last a few minutes.

"We don't really know what causes it," Dr. Liu explained. "We think it's a dysfunction of the area of brain that governs shape analysis."

Dr. Liu said out of 50 patients seen at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia from 1993 to 2013, 25 percent developed migraines. Otherwise, the condition is harmless. Most outgrow AIWS shortly after they learn their condition has a name.

"I think it gives children and parents a voice to be able to understand what their kids are going through," Sadie's mother Maria McKinney told Ivanhoe.

Dr. Liu said doctors may order an MRI in some cases to rule out more serious conditions. There are no statistics to indicate how many children have experienced Alice in Wonderland Syndrome.

He also said it's likely that many parents never seek medical attention for their child's symptoms, because they go away on their own.

- *Ivanhoe.com, Philadelphia, USA, Sept 17, 2014.*

## Bangladesh's Maternal Mortality

Experts try to explain dramatic fall in number of women dying during labour despite widespread poverty.

**Bangladesh is on target to become one of nine countries to dramatically reduce maternal mortality by 2015.**

Experts are struggling to explain what has been called the "Bangladesh paradox" after the developing nation reached a milestone in the battle to reduce the number of women dying during childbirth, but failing to score well in other development indices.

It has become one of only a handful of countries to achieve one of the United Nations' key development targets by sharply decreasing its maternal mortality ratio (MMR), the number of mothers who die per 100,000 live births.

Yet the South Asian nation of 160 million people has done so in spite of widespread poverty, regular political upheaval and weak institutions - factors some think may have even contributed to its achievement.

Doctor Zafrullah Chowdhury, the founder of one of Bangladesh's oldest NGOs, Gonoshasta Kendra (GK), believes a transformation in attitudes towards women may explain this Bangladeshi success story. "Culture has not changed, religion has not changed - but attitude has changed," he told Al Jazeera.

Regional leader

According to an article in the Lancet medical journal Bangladesh is on target to become one of only nine countries to reduce its MMR by three quarters by 2015 - one of the UN's key millennium development goals (MDG).

Bangladesh's current MMR is about 194 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births, but between 1998-2001 this averaged 322 per year and in the intervening years, notes the Lancet, the country beat all expectations with a decline of 5.6 percent a year.

This means the MMR in Bangladesh has fallen by more than 66 percent over the last two decades - putting it ahead of its richer neighbours: Pakistan's MMR is 260 and India's is 230. Experts are trying to explain the apparent paradox of plummeting MMR in a country that otherwise scores poorly on other development indicators.

Bangladesh's GDP per capita in 2011 was \$752 compared with Pakistan's \$1,256, and out of all South Asia nations, it has the lowest proportions of births attended by a "skilled birth attendant" with only around 30 percent of births supervised, compared with 50 percent in India.

Yet the Lancet said that despite being poorer than Pakistan - a country it split away from in 1971 - Bangladesh is ahead in "all education and health indicators".

- *aljazeera.com 24/9, 2014, Dhaka, Bangladesh*



## Nobel Peace Prize 2014

# UNICEF Statement on Award of Nobel Peace Prize to Malala Yousafzai and Kailash Satyarthi

“UNICEF is delighted that **Malala Yousafzai** and **Kailash Satyarthi**, two powerful advocates for children’s rights, have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

“The timing of well-deserved honor for two brave and determined champions for children could not be more appropriate: This is the year the international community celebrates the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

“This award will be an inspiration to all the millions of unnamed and unknown children around the world who battle silently in their own lives for the right to an education and the right to be heard and protected. “The courage of Malala and Kailash is a rallying cry for the cause of children, everywhere.”

- UNICEF, New York, USA, 10/10/2014



Malala Yousafzai

**Malala Yousafzai**, born 12 July 1997 is a Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest-ever Nobel Prize recipient. She is known mainly for human rights advocacy for education and for women in her native Swat Valley in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of northwest Pakistan, where the local Taliban had at times banned girls from attending school. Yousafzai’s advocacy has since grown into an international movement.

On the afternoon of October 9, 2012, Yousafzai boarded her school bus in the northwest Pakistani district of Swat. A gunman asked for her by name, then pointed a pistol at her and fired three shots. One bullet hit the left side of Yousafzai’s forehead, travelled under her skin through the length of her face, and then went into her shoulder.

In the days immediately following the attack, she remained unconscious and in critical condition, but later her condition improved enough for her to be sent to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, England, for intensive rehabilitation.

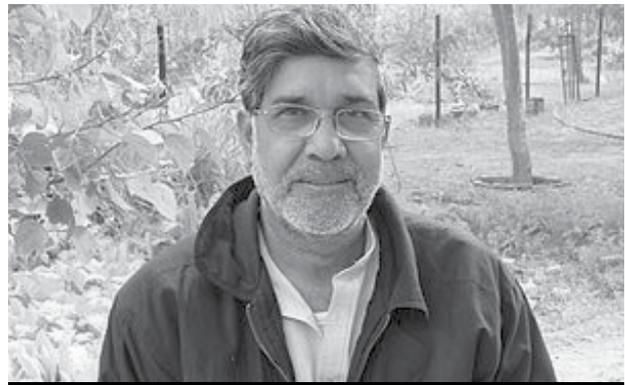
The assassination attempt sparked a national and international outpouring of support for Yousafzai. United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education Gordon

Brown launched a UN petition in Yousafzai’s name, using the slogan “I am Malala” and demanding that all children worldwide be in school by the end of 2015 - a petition which helped lead to the ratification of Pakistan’s first Right to Education Bill.

In the 29 April 2013 issue of Time magazine, Yousafzai was featured on the magazine’s front cover and as one of “The 100 Most Influential People in the World”. She was the winner of Pakistan’s first National Youth Peace Prize.

On 12 July 2013, Yousafzai spoke at the headquarters of the United Nations to call for worldwide access to education. On October 16, 2013, the Government of Canada announced its intention that the Parliament of Canada confer Honorary Canadian citizenship upon Yousafzai and on 15 May 2014, Yousafzai was granted an honorary doctorate by the University of King’s College in Halifax.

On 10 October 2014, Yousafzai was announced as the co-recipient of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize for her struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education. At age 17, Yousafzai is the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate.



Kailash Satyarthi

**Kailash Satyarthi**, born January 11, 1954, is an Indian child rights activist and a global frontrunner against child labour.

He founded the Bachpan Bachao Andolan (lit. Save the Childhood Movement) in 1980 and has acted to protect the rights of more than 83,000 children from 144 countries.

It is largely because of Satyarthi’s work and activism that the International Labour Organization (ILO) adopted Convention No. 182 on the worst forms of child labour, which is now a principal guideline for governments around the world.

His work is recognized through various national and international honours and awards including the Nobel Peace Prize of 2014, which he shared with Malala Yousafzai.

- *Wikipedia*


**15<sup>th</sup> APCP & 5<sup>th</sup> APCPN**


**15<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (15<sup>th</sup> APCP), 5<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Conference of Pediatric Nursing (APCPN) and 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Pediatrics (Pedicon 2016), 19-24 January 2016, Hyderabad, India**

**Hosted by Twin Cities branch Hyderabad  
Organized by Indian Academy of Pediatrics**

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- ❖ **Venue:** Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), Hyderabad, India
- ❖ **Dates:**
  - ✦ Pre-congress Workshop: 19-20 Jan 2016
  - ✦ Congress: 21-24 Jan 2016 ( CME on day one)
- ❖ **Scientific Program:**
  - ✦ APCP and PEDICON will have a common scientific program
- ❖ **Registration fees:**
  - ✦ Early bird registration for APPA member countries delegates
    - USD 250, Valid till 31 March 2015
- ❖ **Theme suggested by committee:**
  - ✦ Child Health Priorities in Post-MDG World
- ❖ **Accommodation**
  - ✦ There are many hotels and service apartments near HICC.
- ❖ **Transport**
  - ✦ Shuttle service to be provided from hotels and apartments to and from HICC.



## EVENTS

## International Events in 2015

## HUNGARY

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Global Congress for Consensus in Pediatric and Child Health**

**Dates:** March 19-22, 2015

**Venue:** Corinthia Hotel Budapest, Budapest, Hungary

**Website:** [www.2015.cipediatrics.org](http://www.2015.cipediatrics.org)

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## PHILIPPINE

**The 52<sup>nd</sup> Philippine Pediatric Society Annual Convention 2015**

**Date:** April 12-15, 2015

**Venue:** Philippine International Convention Center, CCP Complex, Pasay City, Philippine

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## JAPAN

**The 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Japan Pediatric Society & the 11<sup>th</sup> Asian Society for Pediatric Research (ASPR) Congress**

**Dates:** April 14-19, 2015

**Venue:** Osaka, Japan

**Website:** [www.aspr.jp/](http://www.aspr.jp/)

## HUNGARY

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress on Controversies in Pediatrics (CoPedia)**

**Date:** April 16-19, 2015

**Venue:** Budapest, Hungary

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

**Email:** [copedia@congressmed.com](mailto:copedia@congressmed.com)

## VIETNAM

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Asian Vaccine Conference (ASVAC 2015)**

**Dates:** June 11-14, 2015

**Venue:** Hanoi, Vietnam

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## SINGAPORE

**2<sup>nd</sup> Primer in Paediatric Nephrology for Asia, Singapore**

**Dates:** August 19-22, 2015

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

**Website:** [www.nuh.com.sg/ktp-nucmi/events/event-home.html](http://www.nuh.com.sg/ktp-nucmi/events/event-home.html)

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## SPAIN

**The 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Perinatal Medicine**

**Dates:** November 3-6, 2015.

**Venue:** Madrid, Spain

**Website:** [www.wcpm2015.com](http://www.wcpm2015.com)

## International Events in 2016

## PHILIPPINE

**53<sup>rd</sup> Philippine Pediatric Society Annual Convention 2016**

**Dates:** April 3-6, 2016

**Venue:** Philippine International Convention Center, CCP Complex, Pasay City, Philippine

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## Entertaining highlights of the 15<sup>th</sup> APFC



The participants with their answers.

### ASEAN Mastermind Quiz

One of the many entertaining highlights of the 14<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Pediatric Federation Congress in Penang, Malaysia was the quiz, dubbed the Mastermind Quiz. The first quiz was at the 14<sup>th</sup> APFC 2011 in Singapore and since it was such a success, we decided to carry on the 'tradition' in Penang. Moderated by Dr Soo Thian Lian, Malaysian Paediatrician from Sabah, a salvo of 24 questions on various academic and non-academic issues were dealt out to the seven participants. Representing Brunei (Dr Wee Chun Yen), Indonesia (Dr Madeleine Ramdhani Jasim), Malaysia (Dr Vanessa Lee Wan Mun), Myanmar (Dr Nuhtar Wai), Philippines (Dr Janesa Valerie M. Reyes), Singapore (Dr Valerie Ho) and Thailand (Dr Watsamon Jantarananjakul), all the participants were women, much to the embarrassment of the mainly male audience!



The two finalists with their answers. Only one is right!

### General medical knowledge

The questions were tricky and many tested general medical knowledge rather than textbook material. Questions like 'Who holds the copyright to Nelson Textbook of Pediatrics?', 'How many chromosomes do the Great Apes have?' and 'Which paediatric journal has the highest impact factor?' dumbfounded the candidates, as well as the audience. We even learnt that adipose tissue was the richest source of stem cells (not cord blood or amniotic fluid)! And that both Robin Williams and Susan Boyle were reputed to have Asperger's Syndrome!

The stress showed in the candidates up on stage as well as the supporters on the floor. There were cheers, sighs,

grunts and groans heard throughout the quiz, mainly from the audience while the contestants kept their cool exterior throughout.

### Elimination rounds

At the end of the first round, all results being tallied by the judges Drs Thiyagar and Selva Kumar, two were eliminated and then another three. The two remaining contestants were from Indonesia and Malaysia (Dr Vanessa Lee). In the tense two question sudden death round, Indonesia represented by Dr Madeleine triumphed as the winner amid cheering, congratulations and photo sessions from the Indonesian supporters.

It must have been stressful for the participants, but a fun excursion from the serious didactic talks for the audience, and the winner Dr Madeleine walked away with USD 300 and, of course, bragging rights.

The Mastermind Quiz allowed participation by young trainee paediatricians and is a good way of encouraging participation other than the poster and oral presentations. The quiz should definitely be a tradition of the APFC in the future.

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Quiz-master Dr Soo Thian Lian (left) enjoying stressing out the young participants.

# 15<sup>th</sup> APFC in Penang, Malaysia

## 17 - 20 September 2014



Malaysian Paediatric Association(MPA's) Monetary contribution back to society. MPA President, Dr Kok Chin Leong (standing behind, fifth from left).



An after dinner picture. APPA President, Dr Zulkifli Ismail (sixth from left), APPA Treasurer, Dr Koh Chong Tuan (seventh from left) and Dr Musa Mohd Nordin, MPA Treasurer (fifth from right).

The 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Pediatric Federation Congress 2014 held at the Equatorial Hotel in Penang on 17-20/9/2014 attracted 800 delegates from countries beyond the ASEAN borders with many from India. The academic programme was conducted by faculty from many countries including the US and Australia. With the theme of 'Integrated Approach to Childcare : The Way Forward' the first keynote address by Prof Azizi Omar, a Respiratory Paediatrician with management experience in the university and private sector, dealt about Quality and Safety in Paediatric Healthcare. He gave an inciteful history of quality and safety in the arena of patient care.

This set the tone for the ensuing discussions and other plenaries, the most notable of which is the ethics of children in research by Prof David Isaacs. The simultaneous symposia were well attended as they dealt with different aspects and updates in subspecialty areas. From ARDS and sepsis to gender orientation and learning disability, every topic was covered within the stipulated time to give complete exposure by the excellent invited speakers.

### Child rights forum

Other than the usual plenaries and simultaneous symposia, there was also a 'Hard Talk Forum' discussing on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in relation to what is right for the child. The three panelists made up of Dr David Isaacs and activists Prema Devaraj and Hartini Zainudin, moderated by Prof Zulkifli Ismail, kept the audience enthralled by the discussion. The involvement of the audience in the discussions made the activity more interactive. Everything from refugee children to abuse at home were discussed but the short hour session could not cover issues like the disabled, compulsory education and many more aspects.

### Another quiz

Following on the success of the quiz held at the 14<sup>th</sup> APFC in Singapore in 2011, an APFC Mastermind Quiz carried the tradition with participants consisting of paediatric trainees from seven ASEAN countries, supported by

their countrymen, answering quiz questions that were not necessarily from the textbooks. After two intense knock-out rounds and a final involving Malaysia vs Indonesia, the candidate from Indonesia won!

### Breastfeeding debate

Another addition to this APFC was a debate on breastfeeding, exclusive or not. Both sides consisting of lactation management consultants and paediatricians kept the crowd in stitches with their eloquent twist of words, counter arguments and amusing slides.

The usual unearthly early morning Meet-the-Expert Sessions starting at 7:30 am were surprisingly relatively well-attended with people rushing through breakfast to attend.

### Live band at dinner

The congress dinner was definitely the highlight of the 15<sup>th</sup> APFC, especially the entertainment by a live band from Lam Wah Ee Specialist Hospital, The Pacemaker, led by local Paediatrician and talented musician Dr Lee Yu Chuang. Every member of the band, made up of doctors and nurses, could belt out a song in different languages. It certainly gave life to the dinner.

Nothing held in Penang would be complete without the food and heritage sites. Many delegates did come earlier, stayed back after the congress or just skipped some sessions to savour these. It would not have made their trip worthwhile if they had gone home without having tried the local food or toured the island.

Until the 16<sup>th</sup> APFC 2017 in Myanmar, the delegates and faculty who were in Penang will always remember the local hospitality, the amusing debate and the amazing live band. There is of course the ASEAN camaraderie that cross our country borders and cultures.

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A lively children's traditional Penang Boria performance.

