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## 32<sup>nd</sup> APPA Business Meeting

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To: APPA Exco Members  
President / Secretary General / Advisory Board Members of  
National Paediatric Association / Societies affiliated to the  
Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA)

Dear APPA members,

### Re: 32<sup>nd</sup> APPA Business Meeting – July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, Surabaya, Indonesia

Greetings from the APPA Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

I would like to inform you that the 32<sup>nd</sup> APPA Business Meeting will be held at Pacific Room, JW Marriot Hotel, Surabaya, Indonesia on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 from 1200hrs - 1400hrs.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> APPA Business Meeting is held in conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ACPID), which will be held at the JW Marriot Hotel in Surabaya, Indonesia from July 2-5, 2008, in conjunction with the 14<sup>th</sup> Indonesia Congress of Pediatrics (KONIKA) from July 5-9, 2008. The 4<sup>th</sup> ACPID is organised by the Indonesian Pediatric Society (IDAI) and the Asian Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ASPID).

Matters arising from the recent 31<sup>st</sup> APPA Business Meeting held in Athens, Greece on August 26, 2007 and the 31<sup>st</sup> & 32<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting of National Delegates of APPA held on March 13 & March 14, 2007 respectively in Colombo, Sri Lanka, will be discussed during the Business Meeting.

For the record, please confirm with the APPA Secretariat who will be attending the APPA Business Meeting from your national paediatric association / society. Those who have already confirmed their participation to APPA, may not need to do so. If no President, Secretary or Advisory Board members could attend the 32<sup>nd</sup> APPA Business Meeting, please nominate someone from your association to attend the meeting.

**Please submit the names by June 6, 2008.**

I look forward to your reply. Thank you very much.

Warm regards,  
**Prof. Mohd Sham Kasim**  
Secretary General, APPA  
March 18, 2008

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## 32nd APPA Business Meeting

This is to inform you that the above meeting will be held on:

**Date:** July 3, 2008

**Time:** 1200hrs - 1400hrs

**Venue:** Pacific Room, JW Marriot Hotel  
Surabaya, Indonesia

### Tentative Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Establishment of a Quorum
3. Adoption of Rules and Procedures
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Business Meetings
  - 5.1 31st APPA Business Meeting - August 26, 2007, Athens, Greece
6. Matters arising from the above Minutes.
7. Minutes of the 31st & 32nd Council Meeting of National Delegates of APPA held on March 13 & March 14, 2007 respectively in Colombo, Sri Lanka
8. Report by the President
9. Report by the Secretary General
10. 13th Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatrics progress report
11. Other matters
  - 11.1 Application by the Macau Pediatric Association to join APPA
  - 11.2 Laos application to join APPA
  - 11.3 Cambodia Pediatric Association application to join APPA

Thank you.

## IPA Standing Committee Report

### Report of the Standing Committee (SC) Meeting of International Paediatric Association (IPA) held on March 1-2, 2008 at Johannesburg, South Africa

Submitted by Prof. Sanath Lamabadusuriya and Dr. Naveen Thacker.

APPA is represented in the SC of IPA, by APPA President, Prof. Sanath Lamabadusuriya and Dr. Naveen Thacker for the period of 2007-10. We are fortunate to have Prof. Chok-wan Chan as president of IPA, Dr. Swati Bhave as coordinator of development and Dr. Zulfikar Bhutta as treasurer of IPA.

We also have Prof. Yu-lung Lau, representing International Paediatrics Chair Association, Prof. Geoffery Cleghorn representing FISPGHAN and Prof. Jie Ding representing ICNA in SC.

Prof. Yonghao Gui, Prof. Usa Thisyakorn, Prof. Yoshikato Eto and Prof. Vinod Paul are members of Scientific Committee of The 26th International Paediatrics Association Congress to be held in Johannesburg in August, 2010.

This was the first meeting of the year 2008 and it was very well organized and conducted by Prof. Chok-wan Chan. In addition to the usual agenda, there were Lunch time meetings of different committees. Prof. Sanath Lamabadusuriya and Dr. Naveen Thacker participated in Governance and Constitutional Amendment

Committee on March 1, 2008 and strongly represented the case of APPA to increase number of seats from 2 to 4.

Council of delegates meeting at Athens has already passed a resolution in this regard. On March 2, 2008, Dr. Naveen Thacker participated in Communication committee meeting and was selected as Convener of the committee.

Suggestions received from APPA affiliated national societies were also presented to SC.

Appointments were also made for various program areas of IPA. Prof. Sanath Lamabadusuriya was appointed as co-chair of Committee on Child Health in Humanitarian Emergency, Dr. Naveen Thacker was appointed as Editor of IPA website: [www.ipa-world.org](http://www.ipa-world.org) and Dr. Swati Bhave as Editor of IPA newsletter.

APPA affiliate national paediatric societies are requested to pay their dues regularly, send news and activity reports for publication in Website and News letter and suggestions for program areas and IPA conference.

It is suggested to change the congress frequency to a biennial from a triennial one and we request member societies to send their views about that.

We will continue to give you update from IPA and request all national societies to give their feedback.



# Minutes of the Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) 31<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting

**Date** : 26 August 2007

**Time** : 4.00 pm

**Venue** : Room M.C 3.2, The International Conference Center of the Athens Concert Hall, Athens, Greece

## 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4.22 pm after registration of delegates

## 2. Establishment of quorum

Introduction of members was done. Quorum for the meeting was established as per the constitution and by-laws of APPA. Representative from the Philippines was absent.

## 3. Adoption of Agenda

The proposed agenda was adopted.

## 4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting in Pattaya, Thailand were approved by Dr Sajid Maqbool (Pakistan) and seconded. There were no amendments to the minutes.

## 5. Matters arising from Minutes

With no outstanding matters arising from the minutes of the meetings in Pattaya and Kuala Lumpur, the meeting proceeded with the rest of the agenda.

## 6. Report by the President

The President, Dr Sanath Lamabadusuriya, read his President's Report as in appendix. He reported that the Sri Lanka APCP had 214 foreign delegates and more than 200 local delegates. A more detailed report was provided for those interested.

## 7. Report by the Secretary-General

With the absence of the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General Dr Zulkifli Ismail, conveyed Dr Mohd Sham Kasim's apologies and, in line with the Constitution, proceeded to read the Secretary-General's Report.

7.1 He congratulated Dr Lamabadusuriya on the success of the 12<sup>th</sup> APCP and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatric Nursing in March 2007.

7.2 The "State of Asian-Pacific Children" 4<sup>th</sup> edition/2006 was launched at the 12<sup>th</sup> APCP.

7.3 Fellowships

7.3.1 Australian Travelling Fellowship has received 19 Travelling Fellowships. The 20<sup>th</sup> Fellow for 2007

has already been picked. Dr Neil Wigg requested that a follow up of the previous 19 fellows be done for the Australasian College to look at the impact of the Fellowship Programme.

*Action required* : APPA to track previous Fellows and report on their current activities.

7.3.2 Malaysian Travelling Fellowship by the Malaysian Paediatric Association has increased the duration to one year. Five recipients have gone through the Fellowship. The latest candidate from Myanmar was offered for the period May 2007 to May 2008.

7.3.3 The first Chinese Taipei Fellowship was given for an extended period of three years for the first recipient from June 1999 to July 2003.

7.4 APPA's official journal, the Asian-Oceanian Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health (AOJPCH) has had 8 issues published. An invitation was extended to member countries to submit articles for the journal. Twenty one issues of APPA Bulletin were published.

## 8. Report by the Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report had just been presented in Sri Lanka. As such, the next report will be presented at the next Meeting of National Delegates in Shanghai, China.

## 9. 13<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics & 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia Pacific Nursing Conference

Dr Xiaohu He presented the programme for the above Congress.

9.1 It was suggested that the Gala Dinner be part of the programme and not an optional itinerary.

9.2 Hotels that are farther away but cheaper are included for nurses and others who cannot afford.

9.3 It was also suggested that Child Survival and the Millenium Development Goals be discussed.

9.4 Request for vegetarian and halal meals be provided to assure Dr Naveen Thacker that he will not starve in China.

## 10. Asian Strategic Alliance for Pneumococcal Disease Prevention (ASAP)

The letter written by Prof Lulu Bravo asking for affiliation of ASAP with APPA was discussed. The proposal was rejected based on the commercially generated organization. It was proposed that APPA set up a professionally formed association or that ASAP dissociates itself from commercial / industry interest.



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## 11. Other Matters

- 11.1 Additional Seats in IPA Standing Committee  
Dr Naveen Thacker suggested that APPA proposes an increase of the number of seats in the IPA Standing Committee from the current 2 to 4. This had been brought up by Dr Pongsakdi during his term of office but it was turned down. It was suggested that the proposal be put up at the Council of Delegates meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> August. This was unanimously agreed upon.  
*Action required:* APPA President will put forward the proposal to increase the number of seats to 4.
- 11.2 Australian Fellowship  
Dr Neil Wigg requested that a follow up of the previous 19 fellows be done for the Australasian College to look at the impact of the Fellowship Programme.  
*Action required:* APPA to track previous Fellows and report on their current activities.
- 11.3 Georgia  
The representative from Georgia, Dr George S. Chakhunashvili introduced himself and was allowed as an observer. The geographical status of Georgia will be checked to determine if it is in Asia.
- 11.4 Vaccinology 2008  
India volunteered to organize the next Vaccinology 2008 following the previous ones in Malaysia and Thailand.

- 11.5 Sponsorship  
Dr Arif Manzoor (Pakistan) suggested that there be a system of sponsorship by the richer countries for poorer delegates. No discussion on this issue.
- 11.6 Child Survival Issues in National Congresses  
It was suggested that National Paediatric Societies include child survival issues in their national congresses to keep local paediatricians informed.
- 11.7 Future Congresses  
**Malaysia** - World Congress of the International Association of Adolescent Health (IAAH) in Oct 2009  
**Pakistan** - 10<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Asian Pan-Pacific Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition (APPSPGHAN) in Nov 2007  
**Myanmar** - 54<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Medical Conference in Jan 2008  
**Hawaii** - Pediatric Academic Societies and Asian Society for Pediatric Research in May 2008  
**Indonesia** - 4<sup>th</sup> Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ACPID) in Surabaya in July 2008  
**Vietnam** - National Congress in Dec 2008

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5.44 pm.

*Prepared by :* Dr Zulkifli Ismail

*Checked by :* Dr Mohd Sham Kasim

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Warmest greetings from Singapore! We wish to provide the following information of our Joint Singapore Paediatric Congress (SPC) & APAPARI Meeting 2008 :

**Name of Meeting :** Joint Singapore Paediatric Congress (SPC) & APAPARI Meeting 2008

**Date :** 3rd - 5th October 2008

(3rd October - Pre-Congress Workshops @ National University Hospital (NUH))

(4th - 5th October - Scientific Sessions @ Sheraton Towers Singapore)

**Theme :** Evidenced-Based Guidelines in Clinical

**Practice Today Website :** [www.ams.edu.sg/spc2008](http://www.ams.edu.sg/spc2008)

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Thank you.

With warmest regards

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## Message From IPA

Dear IPA Member Societies,

2007 has been a busy and productive year for the International Pediatric Association (IPA). We are working hard to bring the voices of the international pediatric community, your voices, to be heard in the world of global child health and to represent the interests and needs of your children and your professional societies to the global health community.

Soon, you will be receiving the **2007 summary newsletter** which will describe the highlights of our efforts and activities during the past calendar year. This year we are planning to issue a quarterly newsletter as well. Your news items are always welcome for both IPA newsletter and IPA website ([www.ipa-world.org](http://www.ipa-world.org)). Please send any of your news items to [jschaller@cw.bc.ca](mailto:jschaller@cw.bc.ca) with a copy to IPA Administrative office at [adminoffice@ipa-world.org](mailto:adminoffice@ipa-world.org).

Many of you attended the **25th International Congress of Pediatrics** in Athens, Greece in August 2007. The Congress program highlighted IPA areas of interest in global child health and attracted key international speakers and distinguished international pediatric leaders. This Congress was attended by some 6,000 pediatricians and other participants from countries all over the world, and garnered many favorable comments from colleagues in other organizations.

During the 25th Congress, Chok Wan Chan of Hong Kong assumed the Presidency of IPA and, the Council of Delegates (which includes the official representatives of each of our IPA Member Societies in attendance at the Congress) elected Sergio CABRAL of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as IPA President Elect and selected Melbourne, Australia, as the host city for the 27th IPA Congress of Pediatrics in 2013.

We are now looking forward with great anticipation, the 26th International Pediatric Association Congress of Pediatrics which will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa in August 2010 (<http://www.ipa-world.org/IPAcongress>), and we look forward to welcoming all of you to what promises to be a landmark event.

These coming years are a key time for child health and child survival initiatives. There is increasing emphasis on achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) by 2015. The **IPA Millennium Call to Action** of 2006 is an IPA statement which summarizes the efforts that pediatricians can make at national level to address any of the Millennium Development Goals.

During the Athens 2007 Council of Delegates meeting, the Council unanimously passed a further resolution affirming the launching of an **IPA Millennium Development Goal Project** which will encourage and assist each of our national and regional and specialty member societies in developing a specific program to address one or more of the MDG goals or targets.

We look forward to working with all of you on this project during the next years. WHO, UNICEF, The World Bank, The Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), the Partnership for Maternal Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), and The Countdown to 2015 process are all geared to the achievement of the MDGs by 2015, with particular emphasis on MDGs 4, 5 and 6 which are instrumental in improving maternal newborn and child health.

It is good for our international pediatric community to join in these efforts and show that we pediatricians can make a fundamental difference at country and regional levels. IPA has firm working relations with WHO and UNICEF, is a partner in the Countdown to 2015 initiative, and has seats on the governing boards of GAVI and PMNCH, so we have a voice in what is going on. But our voice can only be as strong as the voices of all of you, our members, joined together.

If your society has any difficulty or questions concerning dues payments, please do not hesitate to contact the Administrative Office ([adminoffice@ipa-world.org](mailto:adminoffice@ipa-world.org)) and we will do our best to sort out any problems. Please be aware that your representatives on the IPA Standing Committee have voted unanimously that IPA should adhere to its constitutional rule that IPA Member Societies must pay annual dues for the years 2008, 2009, and 2010 to qualify for voting rights at the 2010 International Congress meetings of the IPA Council of Delegates.

We welcome your input and suggestions about IPA activities 2008-2010, topics of interest for the 2010 Congress, and your suggestions for the celebration of our 100th IPA Birthday in 2010. And we are always glad to hear from you with your news and anything else you would like to tell us.

We look forward to greeting all of you in 2010, if not sooner!

With kind regards and best wishes,  
**Chok Wan Chan, President**  
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## Conferences and Congresses held in 2007

- 1) Workshop on "The Child with Special Needs" – 19th June 2007, Kandy for 150 participants. This was conducted in collaboration with the UNICEF and the Family Health Bureau.
- 2) Workshop on Nutrition, sponsored by the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka. 18th October 2007, Kandy for 107 Medical Officers and 46 Medical Students
- 3) Workshop on Audit and Research for 350 Nursing Officers in Kandy in July 2007. This was sponsored by the Ministry of Health.
- 4) Paediatric Quiz. -An Inter University Paediatric Quiz was held on the 24th of February 2008. and the University of Colombo won the challenge trophy. This is an annual fixture and would be held each consecutive year in which all medical students of the respective Medical Faculties in Sri Lanka would participate.
- 5) Workshop on "Link Hands with Autistic Children", was held on the 2nd of April 2008 in Colombo to mark World Autism Day. There were about hundred participants

- 6) Provincial Satellite Meetings - These meetings are part of the outreach programme of the SLCP this year. The main objective is to disseminate medical knowledge at the periphery to upgrade and enhance the knowledge of Paediatricians, Senior House Officers, House Officers and Medical Officers with a special interest in Paediatrics. The two day meetings are planned for all the 9 Provinces of Sri Lanka. On the first day in addition to the session for doctors, a separate educational session commences for the nurses. On the second day, a practical Course in Neonatal Life Support is held. Seven successful meetings have been held so far. These include meetings held in Uva, Sabaragamuwa, Western and the Wayaba, Southern, North Central Provinces. Meetings are planned for the Eastern and Northern Provinces.

## Details of Future Paediatric Conferences and Congresses that will be held in 2008

- 1) The 11th Annual Congress of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians will be held from the 19th to the 22nd of June 2008. This is the main academic session of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians and about 150 to 200 Senior Consultants, House Officers and Medical Officers with Special interest in Paediatrics will participate at this event. There are many international guest speakers who will participate as resource persons. The annual congress will be preceded by 5 Pre Congress Workshops on Advanced Paediatric life support, Fluid and Blood Gas, Paediatric and



## AFFILIATE

# The Hong Kong Paediatric Society

The Hong Kong Paediatric Society was formed in February 1962 with the aim of advancing the knowledge of Paediatrics, help maintaining the standard of paediatric practice in Hong Kong and to promote child health.

The Society was never meant to be an academic or regulatory body. The function of the Society is "to organize scientific and social meetings in order to encourage interchange of ideas and to stimulate cooperation in the various fields of Paediatrics."

Another important function that has evolved in the past few years is "to promote child health through public education and to participate actively in all topics of current interest regarding child health."

The society organizes regular update clinical meetings whereby interesting and educational topics are discussed. Our Annual Scientific Meeting usually takes place in October /November of each year, and the event is always well attended and received by all personnel involved in childcare. We encourage all interested parties to join our established and energetic society.

We celebrated our Society's 45th birthday in December 2007 and the society took this opportunity to examine the ever-challenging roles of paediatricians in our local community and how we could better equip ourselves to meet the health care needs of our children.

An Anniversary Forum on Child Health was held on December 15, 2007 with fellow members practicing in different sectors in paediatrics and child health sharing with us their views on the role of paediatricians in Hong Kong, at present and in the coming future. The report and a CD presentation of the forum will be available soon.

### The Hong Kong Paediatric Society's Office-Bearers for 2007-2008:

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*Prepared by The Hong Kong Paediatric Society,  
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Neonatal Mechanical Ventilation, Management of Thalassaemia, Paediatric Injury Prevention and a Pre Congress Scientific Session on Paediatric Nursing

### The Latest Situation in Regard to Child Health Issues in Sri Lanka

- 1) There has been an outbreak of the Chikun Gunya epidemic in Sri Lanka and this disease has affected mainly adults but nearly 50 reported cases were under 14 years
- 2) Introduction of the Pentavalent Vaccine including Hib vaccine from January 2008 to the National immunization schedule

### Future Plans of the SLCF

- 1) Health Sector Development Project-
  - The national guidelines and protocols for the management of various childhood diseases were made and policy guidelines were introduced at the Provincial Satellite Meetings

- Development of skills in doctors  
Neonatal resuscitation skills were improved by the provincial satellite meetings and this will be held in the future. Advanced Paediatric Life Support Courses will be held to improve the emergency management of children, the first of this will be held in June 2008 as a pre-congress workshop of the annual academic sessions
  - Improvement of infrastructure facilities in the Uva and Southern Provinces. A survey has been carried out already. Depending on the results a plan would be made to improve infrastructure facilities in the above two provinces.
- 2) Implementation of the Rainbow Sponsorship Fund to Tsunami affected children. Forty six children are being sponsored to the age of 18 years with the help of donors.

*Prepared by the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians,  
April 4, 2008*



## Injury, a leading killer for children in Asia

Children in Asia are at great risk of dying from injuries such as drowning and road accidents. Surveys from Bangladesh, China, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam reveal that injury is the leading cause of death and disability among children older than one year of age in these countries, with drowning taking the heaviest toll.

A child born in Asia is still at greatest risk of dying in the first month of life. But the survey findings confirm what has often been known within communities across the region: that the risk of dying from injury increases after infancy as children grow more independent and interact with their environment and as the threat of death from infectious and non-communicable diseases falls.

Nearly half of all child deaths included in the studies happened after the age of five. The most easily preventable causes were suffocation and drowning, which mostly occurred in children under five years of age.

The research, conducted over the last seven years, was spearheaded by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and The Alliance for Safe Children (TASC), working in partnership with local public health teams. Responses were gathered from face-to-face interviews done with more than half a million households covering more than two million people in the five countries.

For the first time ever in the countries covered, the causes of death and disability among a representative sample of all children up to 18 years were reliably recorded. The results highlight injury - in its different forms - as an acute menace to children's lives.

Over the past few decades, Asia has made major progress in cutting the number of deaths among children-under five, with extended vaccination coverage, better access to sanitation and good hygiene and improvements in nutrition playing a critical role.

"This evidence overwhelmingly confirms that injury is and has been a major killer. It is now time to make it a public health necessity and to reverse the tide of child injury-related deaths," said Pete Peterson, President of TASC.

Findings from the five-country household surveys indicate that the causes of injury differ by age group and are associated with exposure to different types of risks:

- Infants younger than 1 year have limited exposure to injury because mothers and caregivers tend to provide a protective environment. While the child is dependent upon them, the risks are limited to choking, suffocation and falls.
- Toddlers aged 1-4 years, exposed to hazards in and around the home, are at greater risk of drowning.
- School-aged children aged 5-9 years spend a lot of time outside the home, either in school or engaged in social activities, and are thus at greater risk from drowning and road traffic accidents.
- Adolescents aged 10-17 years are navigating the difficult transition to adulthood and are thus more exposed to risk-taking behaviour in addition to exposure to violence.

Alarming, most of the surveys indicated that intentional injury - homicide and suicide - was the leading cause of death among adolescents. Taking into account the difficulty and sensitivity in collecting such information through interviews, the researchers believe that even this new reported incidence is likely to underestimate the magnitude of the problem.

The national surveys relied on large sample sizes to enable reliable identification of causes of death and their breakdown by categories such as age, sex and urban or rural location. The data collected looked at deaths from all causes in the previous three years as well as all circumstances that required children and adults to miss work or school or to be hospitalized from injury in the previous year.

Many injuries, especially those that are fatal, are rarely reported to hospitals. As a result the cause of these deaths is often missing from national health statistics and civil registry systems. This creates a major challenge to accurately monitor child mortality, especially among children 5 years and older, and it underscores the need for adequate systems to track and record births and children's deaths.

"If we are ultimately going to meet the Millennium Development Goal to reduce child mortality, it is imperative that we take action to address the causes of childhood injury," said Anupama Rao Singh, Regional Director of UNICEF East Asia and Pacific. "We know that with a judicious mix of public health interventions - from investing more in awareness campaigns to equipping children and their parents with knowledge and skills - we can prevent the majority of these deaths."

UNICEF and TASC are calling for better systems to record births and deaths as well as the expansion of child injury prevention programmes. These include campaigns for better road safety to lessen road traffic accidents, increased supervision and swimming lessons for children to prevent drowning and household safety education to prevent suffocation, falls, poisoning and animal bites. Source: UNICEF, Bangkok, Thailand, March 11, 2008





# Integrated Health Strategies Can Save Children's Lives, says UNICEF Flagship, State of the World's Children Report 2008



Strategies that can help reduce the number of children who die before their fifth birthday were highlighted today, at the launch of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF's) flagship report - The State of the World's Children 2008: Child Survival - Geneva, Austria.

While recent data show a fall in the rate of under-five mortality, the State of the World's Children Report 2008 goes beyond the numbers to suggest actions and initiatives that should lead to further progress.

"Community-level integration of essential services for mothers, newborns and young children, and sustainable improvements in national health systems can save the lives of many of the more than 26,000 children under five who die each day," said Ann M. Veneman, UNICEF Executive Director.

"The report describes the impact of simple, affordable life-saving measures, such as exclusive breastfeeding, immunization, insecticide-treated bed nets and vitamin A supplementation, all of which have helped to reduce child deaths in recent years."

The report's analysis also reveals that far more needs to be done to increase access to treatments and means of prevention, so the devastating impact of pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria, severe acute malnutrition and HIV can be better addressed.

The challenge is to ensure children have access to a continuum of health care, backed by strong national health systems. The new formation in The State of the World's Children 2008 is drawn from household survey data as well as material from key partners, including the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank.

It provides examples of successful initiatives, such as the Accelerated Child Survival and Development Initiative, which provides integrated primary care to impoverished households in sub-Saharan Africa, and the Measles Initiative; a global campaign that has helped to reduce measles deaths by around 68 percent

worldwide, and by more than 90 percent in Africa, since 2000.

The approach to child survival that the report advocates would see the best disease-specific initiatives combined with investment in strong national health systems to create a continuum of care for mothers, newborns and young children that extends from the household, to the clinic, to the district hospital and beyond.

The report emphasizes the need to involve local communities. These communities generate necessary demand for quality health care and their engagement is vital if marginalized and remote populations are to be reached.

Nowhere is the need for life-saving strategies more apparent than in sub-Saharan Africa where, on average, one child in every six dies before their fifth birthday. In 2006, almost half of all under-five deaths occurred in sub-Saharan Africa, even though less than one quarter of the world's children live there.

The report provides information on a strategic framework developed by UNICEF, WHO, and the World Bank - at the invitation of the African Union - to help African countries and others reduce the toll of maternal and child deaths. The framework calls for:

- Good data to inform policies and programmes;
- A shift to combine disease-specific and nutrition interventions in integrated packages to ensure a continuum of care;
- The mainstreaming of maternal, newborn and child health and nutrition into national strategic planning processes to scale up and strengthen health systems;
- Improved quality and increased, predictable financing for strengthening health systems;
- Political commitments to approaches that provide a continuum of care; and
- The harmonization of global health programmes and partnerships.

Source: UNICEF, January 22, 2008, Geneva, Austria.



# 13<sup>th</sup> Asian Pacific Congress Of Pediatrics

**13<sup>th</sup> APCP, From Oct 14-18, 2009, 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.



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**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 and environment among children.

**Plenary & Symposia topics**

There will be at least 14 Plenary Lectures, covering topics like child abuse, adolescent problem, mental health, accident and injury, genetics, obesity, learning problem, 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**

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



## EVENTS

# International Events For 2008 & 2009

## AUSTRALIA

### Annual meeting of The Paediatrics & Child Health Division of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

The Paediatrics & Child Health Division of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP), will hold its annual meeting as part of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians' annual Congress.

The meeting will be held in Adelaide, South Australia from 13-15 May 2008. The meeting is a mix of expert sessions, clinical updates and research sessions.

For more information about the meeting, please visit <http://www.racpcongress.com>

## GREECE

### Congress of the European Society for Pediatric Dermatology

**Date** : May 15 to 17, 2008  
**Venue** : Athens Hilton Hotel, Athens, Greece  
**Congress Organising** : Erasmus Conference, Tours & Travel SA, 1, Kolofontos & Evidikis str., 161 21 Athens, Greece  
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## INDONESIA

### 4<sup>th</sup> Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ACPID) in conjunction with the 14<sup>th</sup> Indonesian Congress of Pediatrics (KONIKA)

The 4<sup>th</sup> ACPID will be held at JW Marriot Hotel, Surabaya, East Java, Indonesia from July 2-5, 2008 in conjunction with the 14<sup>th</sup> Indonesian Congress of Pediatrics (KONIKA), which will be held at the Shangri-La Hotel in Surabaya from July 5-9 July 2008.

For more information, please contact the Secretariat:

#### 4<sup>th</sup> ACPID & 14<sup>th</sup> KONIKA 2008

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## NEW ZEALAND

### The Paediatric Society of New Zealand - 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting

The Paediatric Society of New Zealand will hold its 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting at Paihia, Bay of Islands from 29-31st October 2008. The theme of the meeting is entitled: "Improving Outcomes for New Zealand Children & Young People."

For further details, please contact Conferences & Events Ltd at:

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## MALAYSIA

### 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA)

The above congress will be held in Holiday Inn, Melaka state, south of peninsular Malaysia from August 21-24th, 2008. The theme for the above meeting is: "Focus on Prevention and Vaccines 2008". It is organised by the Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA).

For more information, please contact the MPA Secretariat at:  
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 66, Jalan Raja Muda Abdul Aziz, 50300 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.  
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## KOREA

### The 59<sup>th</sup> Korean Pediatric Society (KPS) Congress

**Date:** Oct. 17-18th, 2008  
**Venue:** Sheraton Walkerhill Hotel, Seoul, Korea

For details, please contact the Korean Pediatric Society (KPS) at:  
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Seocho-Dong, Seocho-ku, Seoul 137-070, South Korea.

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## INDIA

### 46<sup>th</sup> National Conference of Indian Academy of Pediatrics (Pedicon 2009)

The above conference will be held in Bangalore, India, from December 18-21, 2008.

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## *Asian Prominent Paediatrician*

Prof. Narada Warnasuriya

Prof. Narada Warnasuriya is the founder Professor of Paediatrics and currently the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, one of the leading national universities in Sri Lanka. He was the Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences prior to being appointed to the current post. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London, the Sri Lanka College of Physicians, the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians and an Honorary Fellow of the College of General Practitioners of Sri Lanka. He is also a founder member of the College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka.

He was born in 1944 in Kandy and is the eldest son of Ariyadasa Warnasuriya and Millie de Silva. He had his secondary education at Royal College, Colombo (1955-1962) He entered the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo in 1963 and graduated with MBBS (Second Class Honors) in 1968. He had his postgraduate training in Paediatrics as a Registrar in the University Paediatric Unit, Lady Ridgeway Hospital Colombo and the Royal Victoria Infirmary Newcastle upon Tyne, UK. He returned to Sri Lanka in 1977 and was appointed a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Paediatrics, University of Colombo. During this period he served as a Consultant Paediatrician in the University Unit, Lady Ridgeway Hospital.

He was the first Secretary of the Board of Study in Paediatrics of the Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, Colombo. He was also the first Postgraduate Tutor in Paediatrics. He was a founder member of the Board of Study of Family Medicine and General Practice and has actively contributed to develop the training programme and the examination for the Diploma in Family Medicine. He has been an examiner for the MD and DCH examinations in Paediatrics, the Diploma in Family Medicine and MD in Family Medicine as well the MSc and MD in Community Medicine. He was invited as a visiting examiner for the DCH exam in Dublin and the examination for the Fellowship in Paediatrics of the College of Physicians of Pakistan. Prof. N. Warnasuriya has played an active role in several professional and academic associations. Some of the posts held by him include Editor of the Ceylon Journal of Child Health, President of the Nutrition Society of Sri Lanka, Vice President of the Endocrine Society of Sri Lanka, Chairman Committee for Popularization of Science of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science, and Chairman of the Board of Management of the Sri Lankan Twin Registry. He was elected President of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians in 2000/2001.

Prof. Warnasuriya's research interests have been in the field of nutrition, growth and social Paediatrics. He pioneered the first national clinic for growth disorders at the Faculty of Medicine, Colombo and has been influential in introducing a strong component of nutrition and social Paediatrics into the undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Paediatrics. He has published many scientific papers in local and international journals in these fields and has served on many expert committees. He has been an invited guest speaker at many national and international academic sessions. He was a member of the WHO expert consultation on "Optimal duration of exclusive breast feeding".

In 1984/85 while on sabbatical leave from the University he worked as a Consultant Paediatrician at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Wales, and UK. In 1989 he proceeded to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as Senior Consultant Paediatrician and Medical Educator at the North West Armed Forces Hospital.

He returned to the newly created Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura in 1996 and was appointed to the Founder Chair of Paediatrics in May 1997. He was responsible for establishing the undergraduate programme in Paediatrics at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and the Colombo South Teaching Hospital. He was elected Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences in June 2004 and was appointed the Vice-Chancellor in June 2005.

During the latter period of his professional career, he played an active role in developing and implementing higher education policy in Sri Lanka. He was the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors (CVCD), a member of the Executive Council of the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

He is a member of the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance and Accreditation of the UGC. He was the chairman of the committee that developed the subject benchmark for undergraduate degrees in medicine. He has also been a member of the Board of Management of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM), Academic Board of the National Institute of Education and the Council of the Open University of Sri Lanka.

Prof. N. Warnasuriya who is a much loved clinical teacher has made a significant contribution specifically to Paediatric education and higher education in Sri Lanka.

