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BREAKING NEWS

NEARLY 1 MILLION CHILDREN REQUIRE URGENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AFTER NEPAL EARTHQUAKE



A UNICEF worker speaks to a child seeking temporary shelter in Kathmandu following Nepal's massive earthquake.

particularly vulnerable - limited access to safe water and sanitation will put children at great risk from waterborne diseases, while some children may have become separated from their families.

UNICEF is mobilizing staff and emergency supplies to meet the urgent humanitarian needs of children affected by the earthquake, focusing on water and sanitation, nutrition, education and child protection. UNICEF is already supporting tankering of water and provision of oral rehydration salts and zinc supplements to people gathered in

informal settlements, and providing tents for field medical facilities, using supplies already prepositioned in the country.

UNICEF is also readying two cargo flights with a combined 120 tonnes of humanitarian supplies including medical and hospital supplies, tents and blankets, for urgent airlift to Kathmandu.

Meanwhile, UNICEF's Representative in Nepal, Tomoo Hozumi on May, 7, 2015, said that almost one million children who were enrolled in school before the earthquake, could now find they have no school building to return to.

At least 940,000 children living in areas severely affected by yesterday's (April 25, 2015) earthquake in Nepal are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance, says UNICEF. The 7.9 magnitude earthquake on April 25, and nearly 60 aftershocks, caused vast devastation across much of the country, including more than 2,000 deaths and widespread destruction of buildings.

There have been reports of dwindling supplies of water and food, power outages, and downed communication networks. Hundreds of thousands of people spent the night sleeping in open areas, out of fear of more tremors. Heavy rain is now also reported which can further worsen the conditions. This crisis leaves children

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CONDOLENCES

The APPA Secretariat extends its deepest condolences to the victims and families affected by the major killer earthquake that had hit Nepal on April 25, 2015. More than 8,800 people have died in the massive 7.9-magnitude earthquake.

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THEME: CHILD HEALTH PRIORITIES IN POST – MDG WORLD

From the desk of the Organizing Committee



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Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Organizing Committee of 15th APCP - 53rd PEDICON - 5th APCPN 2016! It gives us immense pleasure to invite you all to the Pearl city of India- Hyderabad, for the Country's biggest educational and Scientific feast of the year 2016 - Joint meeting of 15th Tri-Annual Asia Pacific Pediatric Association, 53rd PEDICON 2016 and 5th Asia Pacific Pediatric Nursing.

The conference would have a galaxy of International and National faculty who will share their knowledge and expertise in the field of medical care of neonates, infants, children and adolescents. We hope you will join us in Hyderabad for this educational and scientific feast.

Hyderabad has been transformed into one of India's prime economic regions. Boasting of a cyber city and state-of-the art medical facilities, it is home to several of the world's largest corporations, a huge film city, Genome Valley and even a dedicated 'edu' city. It is also called Pharma capital of India.

Hyderabad is truly a gourmet's paradise. Known for its biryani – a rice dish with succulent melt-in-the-mouth pieces of meat cooked delicately with the best Indian spices. Top the taste with a spoonful of Qubani ka meetha – a delicious dessert of apricots and cream and feel the charm of the Nizams overcome you.

Shopping here is a unique experience too. Head to the old city and explore the lanes of the colourful marketplace. Bright, beautiful bangles, pearls of all shapes and sizes, exquisite Indian embroidery, you'll be spoilt for choice! For the more urban shoppers, there are of course swanky malls and designer boutiques.

The magnificent palaces and the forts still stands tall, inviting you to experience the glorious history of the past. The royal legacy of the city of Hyderabad waits to embrace you with its warm hospitality add myriad attractions. Added to that a brilliant platform for exchange of knowledge and interaction.

About Conference



Mark your dates

Pre Conference Workshops: Tuesday, 19th January, 2016
Pre Conference Workshops : Wednesday, 20th January, 2016
Conference : Thursday 21th | Friday 22 | Saturday 23th | Sunday 24th
Exhibition Grand Opening : Thursday, 21th January, 2016
Inauguration : Thursday, 21th January 2016
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APPA President's Message

More Natural Disasters - Role of Paediatricians?



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope all of us are in the best of health to carry out our duties for the sake of children everywhere. We need that physical health and the mental strength to ensure that they stay healthy and live their potential.

In the last few months we have once again been hit by major natural catastrophic events. The earthquake in Nepal has spared no one and I have not had any contact with some friends there. In Malaysia, after the massive floods in our east coast in December and January, we had an earthquake in Sabah resulting in the untimely deaths and injuries of schoolchildren from Singapore and a local school while descending Mount Kinabalu, the highest mountain in Southeast Asia.

Paediatricians in natural disasters

In light of these natural disasters that have now hit countries that had been ill-prepared for such events, Search and Rescue teams have to be more innovative in their efforts. In such natural catastrophes, what exactly is the role of the Paediatrician? Although our training involves emergency medicine, there was little discussion or teaching on large scale disasters. These are in the realm of the Emergency Physicians. The International Pediatric Association (IPA) has a team of trainers willing to be invited to talk on and teach at workshops on the role of the Paediatrician in such disasters. I must admit that I have no personal field experience in such situations but am willing to guess that our role is with the rehabilitation part and treating the sequelae of such events.

Perhaps we have to include a group of interested Paediatricians to form a disaster relief technical advisory group to teach our peers on this delicate issue.

Vaccinology updates

I am writing this while attending the 5th Asian Vaccine Conference in Hanoi, Viet Nam. Vaccinology has now become a complicated issue with the introduction of newer vaccines against rotavirus, pneumococcal and meningococcal diseases, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine for teens and adults), dengue and a few others to come. Vaccination is in the realm of work of almost all Paediatricians and keeping up with the latest, while mastering the basics, is mandatory for us. Our work does not stop at administering the vaccines. It goes beyond that to advising parents and convincing vaccine hesitant families about the benefits of immunisation.

A step beyond vaccine hesitancy is antivaccine lobbies that mischievously influence the general public to shun

vaccination. While we need to inform parents about the risks of not vaccinating their children, it is not worthwhile to go on a debate against the antivaccine groups. We can only disseminate the correct evidence-based and unbiased advice and information to the parents we encounter and to the general public.

A useful website that is made for the Malaysian public but accessible to all can be found at www.immunise4life.my or www.ifl.my. This is an effort by the Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Health Malaysia and multi-industry financial support to provide information to parents on vaccination. There will also be a smartphone application or app for parents to be launched in the third quarter of 2015. With this effort, it is hoped that Internet savvy parents can have access to reliable and scientifically sound advice on vaccination rather than pseudomedical advice from sites run by people with questionable qualifications, unknown ulterior motives or misled religious teachings that demise vaccination. There is of course the CDC website and I understand that the Indonesian Paediatric Society (IDAI) is also in the process of putting up their own vaccination website and we should be promoting each other in this. We have to ensure that reliable vaccination information is available at the click of a mouse or keystroke because googling 'vaccination' now leads a searcher to antivaccine information!

Local congress and 15th APCP

The MPA is organising its annual congress on 16-19th September 2015 and a parallel thread on 'Asia Pacific Vaccinology Update focussing on Diarrhoea and Pneumonia' will be held then too. I would like to extend a sincere invitation to all our APPA colleagues and national paediatric societies to come to Kuala Lumpur on these dates to share your experiences while revel in the excitement of KL. Information can be obtained from www.mpaweb.org.my or email the APPA secretariat, MPA secretariat (mpaeds@gmail.com) or my personal email. It will be an opportunity to update, share and discuss on vaccination for the two major killers of children in our region.

We must not forget that the 15th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (15th APCP) will be in Hyderabad, India in January 2016. Please encourage your nurses to attend the 5th Asia Pediatric Congress of Pediatric Nursing too. With the dynamic team organising this massive event, I am sure it will be a rousing success. See you all there.

Zulkifli Ismail
President, APPA



BREAKING NEWS

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UNICEF is concerned that great strides made over the last 25 years in increasing primary school enrolment in Nepal- from 64 percent in 1990 to more than 95 percent today- could suffer a serious setback in the aftermath of the earthquake.

- *UNICEF, Kathmandu, Nepal, April 26, 2015 & May 7, 2015*

Footnote

To date, more than 8,800 people have died and more than 23,000 people were injured in the April 25th killer earthquake in Nepal. Nearly 290,000 buildings were completely destroyed and 250,000 were partially damaged. Dozens of people were also reported to have been killed in India, Bangladesh and in the Chinese region of Tibet.

In another tragic development, Nepal also experienced a second major earthquake measuring 7.3 magnitude on May 12, 2015, killing more than 200 people and injuring more than 2,800. Another 17 people were reported dead from the quake in India and one person in China.

Please donate at: www.supportunicef.org/nepal

STATEMENT FROM THE NEPAL PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY (NEPAS):

Dr. Laxman Shrestha, President & Dr. K.P. Bista, General Secretary.

Greetings from the Nepal Paediatric Society (NEPAS). NEPAS would like to express its sincere gratitude for APPA's concern for the disaster that has fallen us. Presently, medical fraternity is busy in emergency disaster management in the health facilities and temporary health camps. NEPAS members are also actively involved in this process. We are also preparing education materials for children with psychological stress. We are expecting many more post disaster medical problems especially in children in days to come and preparing active plans for management. We will remain in touch for help and support in the near future.

CONDOLENCES MESSAGE FROM THE APPA PRESIDENT:

Dr. Zulkifli Ismail, APPA President

We send our best wishes and prayers to NEPAS and hope that the members and their families and properties are safe from the disaster. The Malaysian MERCY mission and the Islamic Medical Association of Malaysia (IMAM) have already sent personnel and aid to Nepal. The Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA) has also donated MYR 20,000 to help with relief work. We pray for the complete recovery of Nepal after this tragedy and we really hope that not many of the Nepali Paediatricians have been affected personally by the quake.

Take care and do let us know what form of assistance that we can provide.

CONDOLENCES FROM APPA AFFILIATES & MEMBERS:

Prof. Tahir Masood Ahmad, President Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA) & Prof. Aishah Mehnaz, Secretary General, PPA

Dear colleagues from Nepal, The Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA) extends its heartfelt condolences to the Nepal Paediatric Society on the colossal loss of human lives, many of whom are children in the recent earthquake. We reaffirm our commitment to stand by our colleagues in this natural calamity. The Pakistan Government has already shown its resolve by sending the goods, army support and the mobile hospital to Nepal. PPA in its own capacity will go all out in helping the needy people in this hour of need.

Myanmar Pediatric Society

Dear Colleagues from Nepal, The Myanmar Pediatric Society extends its deepest condolences to the victims and families affected by a major earthquake that had hit Nepal on Saturday (April 25, 2015). We knew there were also victims in Bangladesh, India and in the Chinese region of Tibet. Our condolences are extended to the Nepal Paediatric Society (NEPAS), Bangladesh Paediatric Association (BPA), The Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) and the Chinese Pediatric Society.

Prof. Milagros S. Bautista MD, President, Philippine Pediatric Society (PPS)

Our deepest condolences from the Philippine Pediatric Society to the Nepal Pediatric Society. Our prayers for all the victims of the earthquake.

Dr. Aman Pulungan, President, Indonesian Pediatric Society

On behalf of the Indonesian Pediatric Society, our heartfelt condolences to the victims and families affected by a major earthquake in Nepal. May their strength prevail to help them through this difficulty times.

Dr. Musa Mohd Nordin, Chairman, FIMA Advisory Council; Advisor, IMARET (IMAM Response & Relief Team), a team powered by the Islamic Medical Association of Malaysia (IMAM); and Treasurer, Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA)

The Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA) has tasked Doctors World Wide Turkey (DWWT) to lead the FIMA medical & humanitarian relief efforts.

Cash transfer through our Maybank account: Persatuan Perubatan Islam Malaysia 562834623415 (please notify: imamrelief@gmail.com or label your donation #imaret4nepal.



PIDST Celebrates 20th Anniversary in Pattaya

30 April - 3 May 2015



Group Photo of Faculty

The Pediatric Infectious Disease Society of Thailand (PIDST) was formed on 24 January 1995. This year it celebrates 20 years of influential existence by having an annual congress with the involvement of ASEAN Paediatric leaders in vaccine advocacy and research. A workshop on National Immunisation Program and Vaccine Coverage in ASEAN countries was organised on 30th April 2015 before the start of the 19th Annual Meeting of PIDST. The venue was the prestigious Royal Cliff Hotels in Pattaya.

WHO keynote speaker

The keynote speaker was Dr Jean-Marie Okwo-Bele, WHO Director of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals, Family, Women's & Children's Health based in Geneva. He talked about the Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP) 2011-2020. He also elaborated on maternal vaccines, the current recommendations being tetanus, influenza and pertussis in the cocoon theory to protect newborns. Early stages of development involve Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and Group B Streptococcus (GBS) vaccines. He reminded the audience that maternal and neonatal tetanus has been eliminated in 36 countries in 2000-2015, leaving 23 countries still having neonatal tetanus.

The flagship of adolescent vaccines is of course human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine. The uptake by countries has been slow. Others include Td and MR boosters.

WHO request

He ended by stating what WHO requests of paediatricians - ensure patients are fully immunized, travelers are advised appropriately, advocacy role with government officials, and contribute to surveillance activities.

This keynote was followed by reports of the National Immunisation Programs and Vaccine Coverage in ASEAN countries starting with Cambodia (certified measles free in 2015 with no measles cases from 2011), followed by Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Laos.

Best of six

After lunch were six oral presentations judged by seven judges from different ASEAN countries. The high quality presentations

were hard to judge and the marks were very close. The winner was Dr Terapong Tantawichien et al with their presentation on immunogenicity of new single-visit booster regimens for rabies post-exposure prophylaxis in pre-immunized individuals. Other oral presentations involved varicella zoster, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of vancomycin, influenza and RSV diagnostic kits, rabies-free zone at Lat Krabang district in Bangkok and vaccination coverage in metropolitan Bangkok, all of which were interesting. There were also many poster presentations.

The informal Faculty Night was at the Panorama Restaurant in the same hotel complex starting at sunset and ending with entertainment by each of the participating countries.

Simple yet Elegant opening

The next day was the opening ceremony with entertainment by a group of talented young musicians from Dr. Sax Chamber Orchestra belting out a soprano and a medley of popular songs. Prof Usa Thisyakorn gave the most concise talk on what's new in dengue in 20 minutes followed by Prof Tikki Pang on the policy issues related to the dengue vaccine.

The remaining days of the meeting were in the Thai language. The 500+ delegates definitely enjoyed the scientific discourse and social interactions.

We congratulate PIDST President, Prof. Usa Thisyakorn and its committees on its 20 years of unsurpassed excellence and influence in promoting infectious disease research, treatment, control and prevention. We wish them twenty and more years of success...

Zulkifli Ismail

APPA President



At the opening ceremony, a soprano singer with the chamber orchestra



14 Million Children Impacted by Conflict in Syria and Iraq: UNICEF

As Syria crisis enters fifth year, more support urged for young adolescents



Five-year-old Iman from Syria at the Saadnayel camp in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

Despite the upheaval caused by the conflict, children and young people continue to demonstrate incredible courage and determination. In a series of new portraits unveiled on a special website, **childrenofsyria.info**, UNICEF recounts stories such as that of 16-year-old Alaa, who fled his home in the war-torn city of Homs, and is today continuing his studies while leading training courses for other children, and 10-year-old Christina, living in a shelter in the north of Iraq who helps even younger children with their lessons.

“Despite the harm they have suffered, the wrongs they have endured, and the apparent inability of adults

to bring an end to this horrific conflict, the children affected by this crisis still have courage and determination to build better lives,” said Lake. “Seeing their determination, how can we be any less determined to help them? Knowing that they have not given up hope, how can we?”

UNICEF is urging longer-term investments to meet the needs of children and adolescents, to equip them with the skills and motivation to build a more stable future for themselves. Such investments, UNICEF says, should include:

- Opportunities for remedial education, vocational training, and recreation for adolescents. With some 5 million Syrian aged between 12 and 18 years old, young people require support that can provide skills and support livelihoods.
- Formal and informal learning opportunities for children impacted by conflict, and certification systems that help maintain pupils' academic status.
- Services for vulnerable children, including survivors of violence, that provide psychosocial care and assistance.
- Strengthening education and health systems, as well as livelihood support, in host communities so all children affected in some way by the conflict are supported.

- UNICEF, New York, USA / Amman, Jordan, March 12, 2015

Some 14 million children across the region are now suffering from the escalating conflict sweeping Syria and much of Iraq, said UNICEF today.

With the conflict in Syria now entering its fifth year, the situation of more than 5.6 million children inside the country remains the most desperate. That includes up to 2 million children who are living in areas of the country largely cut off from humanitarian assistance due to fighting or other factors. Some 2.6 million Syrian children are still out of school.

Almost 2 million Syrian children are living as refugees in Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan and other countries. This is in addition to the 3.6 million children from vulnerable communities hosting refugees, who themselves are suffering due to the strain on services like education and health.

Meanwhile, the increasingly interlinked crisis gripping Iraq has forced more than 2.8 million children from their homes, and left many trapped in areas controlled by armed groups.

“For the youngest children, this crisis is all they have ever known. For adolescents entering their formative years, violence and suffering have not only scarred their past; they are shaping their futures,” said UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake. “As the crisis enters its fifth year, this generation of young people is still in danger of being lost to a cycle of violence - replicating in the next generation what they suffered in their own.”



POLIO

Pakistan Arrests Parents For Refusing Polio Vaccination

Hundreds detained for refusing to vaccinate children in country seen as one of the last strongholds of deadly disease.



About 60,000 children have missed polio vaccines due to parental refusals this year [EPA]

Pakistani authorities have arrested hundreds of parents who are refusing to vaccinate their children against polio, officials have said, as community opposition and Taliban threats block efforts to eradicate the crippling disease in one of its last strongholds. Frustrated officials turned to police to deal with parents influenced by some clerics who decry government vaccination campaigns as a tool to undermine their Islamic values, according to Pervez Kamal, director of health for Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa region in the northwest.

“There was no other option. We have run so many awareness campaigns for the parents and general masses that there is no harm in the vaccine, but to no avail,” Kamal said on Tuesday.

Pakistan reported 306 polio cases last year, out of the 359 cases recorded worldwide by the Global Eradicate Polio Initiative.

Kamal said on Tuesday that a list of “chronic” refusal cases has been prepared and warrants issued for more than 1,000 parents. “So far, we have arrested 471 parents and efforts are under way to capture others,” a police officer in Peshawar said.

Once a common childhood disease, polio - which can cause paralysis and mostly affects children under age five - has declined by 99 percent in the last 25 years with aggressive vaccination campaigns, according to the WHO.

Health workers targeted

Polio has made a comeback in Pakistan since the Taliban, seeking to topple the state and establish strict Islamic rule, began targeting government health workers conducting vaccine campaigns.

Sixty-four people have been killed in attacks on polio teams and their security escorts since 2012, when the Taliban banned vaccinations in areas they controlled. Some Pakistanis are also against vaccinations because they believe they are part of a Western plot to sterilise children.

The government conducts a national campaign against polio every month. Data from the first campaign of the year shows that nearly 60,000 children had been missed due to parental refusals.

A government official, Riaz Mehsud, said there had been more than 14,000 refusals alone in Peshawar. “We have decided to take it a challenge and make sure that every child gets vaccinated,” Mehsud said.

- Source: Agencies, Peshawar, Pakistan, March 3, 2015

PEDICON 2015

The 52nd Annual National Conference of IAP



The 52nd Annual National Conference of Indian Academy of Pediatrics (PEDICON 2015) was held in Hotel Samrat-Ashok Hotel Complex from January 22- 25, 2015. The total number of delegates participated in this huge conference was more than 7,000.

The delegates were from all over the India as well as from the other countries.

To encourage young talents and veterans from the field of Pediatrics, PEDICON 2015 had given a special discount to PG students and to the senior citizen who were between 65-70 years of age.

PEDICON 2015 also had waived off the fee of the senior citizens who were over 70 years which resulted in the good attendance of the delegates. SAARC countries had been provided with the special discounted registration fee for the PEDICON 2015.

The scientific feast in the PEDICON 2015 started with 40 workshops on

January 21, 2015 with the attendance of more than 2000 participants, covering various hospitals of Delhi followed by the Presidential Dinner at Indian Habitat Centre.

On January 22, 2015, 7 CMEs were held at Hotel Samrat Ashok Hotel Complex followed by the Inaugural Ceremony at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. PEDICON 2015 had expanded its wings and started the conference with 13 scientific halls which

included 2 halls completely dedicated for sub specialty chapters and 2 halls completely dedicated for Oral Paper Presentations. There were 650 & 150 posters and oral presentations respectively that were presented in the conference.

PEDICON 2015 had used the e-posters technology for the posters. The Scientific Program got enhanced by the lectures from the foreign faculties. 40 Scholarships were given to young pediatricians who had presented the free papers. PEDICON 2015 had also introduced a special session called Meet the ministers, which was supported by Smt. Maneka Gandhi.

More than 30 companies had participated in this huge conference. It was an honour for PEDICON 2015 to have Dr. Jatinder Singh, MOS in The Prime Minister's Office as the Chief Guest and Ms Dr Heena as the guest of honor for the valedictory ceremony. The scientific program got rewarded with 28 Hours and 50 Minutes Credit Points from the Delhi Medical Council.

- **Dr. N. Ravi Kumar**
The 15th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) Organising Secretary

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DENGUE

Anti-Mosquito Wall Paint Latest Tool To Fight Dengue in Malaysia

An anti-mosquito wall paint is to become the latest tool to reduce the number of dengue cases in Malaysia, Health Minister Dr. S. Subramaniam said today.

The paint, mixed with the insecticide deltamethrin, is a product of research conducted by the Institute for Medical Research (IMR) and can kill mosquitoes that come into contact with walls coated with it, he said.

“IMR has scientific proof on the effectiveness of this anti-mosquito wall paint and the ministry has held discussions with the company keen to produce the paint,” he added.

Subramaniam said the paint was expected to be in the market by July this year.

He also said that the ministry would apply the outdoor residual spray (OPS) approach that could reduce dengue cases by up to 95 per cent.

“The spray applied once on the external walls of buildings remains effective for three months,” he said.

The minister said other approaches to fight the dengue menace included fogging indoors and keeping the surroundings clean.

This year up to March 21, 2015 a total of 30,890 dengue cases with 98 deaths were recorded, up from the 21,967 cases with 54 deaths during the corresponding period of last year, he said.

-BERNAMA (Malaysian National News Agency), Selangor, Malaysia, March 25, 2015



UNICEF REVAMPED DATA

Easier Access to the Most Reliable and Up-To-Date Stats on Children Through Unicef’s Revamped Data Websites

UNICEF has made all its data on health, nutrition, education, water and sanitation, child protection, and HIV/AIDS publicly available, in an easily searchable format which includes redesigned country profiles and a new data visualisation tool for the creation of charts, maps and graphs. All of which make UNICEF the most reliable and up-to-date source of statistics on women and children.

Problems that go unmeasured often go unsolved. Consistent, credible data about children, their families and their communities are critical to the improvement of children’s lives and indispensable to the realisation of their rights.

UNICEF’s data provide a fuller picture than ever before of the situation of children across the globe. The data tells intricate and detailed stories about where and how children are born and cared for, how they grow, learn, work and connect with others, and how they make their way in the world.

What’s new:

Redesigned and expanded data.unicef.org website:

- Easy access to latest data on children and women on key indicators, including child survival, HIV, health and education.
- New and detailed statistical profiles of individual countries.
- Clear and visually intuitive display of data.

Redesigned and expanded mics.unicef.org (Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys) website:

- Easy access to entire breadth of MICS datasets for data users.
- Access to surveys, tools and resources, including close to 250 surveys in over 100 countries

A rich, fully featured database of child-related data using DevInfo.org:

- This powerful system for monitoring human development for the first time provides access to all the trend data available in UNICEF’s global databases in one place.
- Disaggregation of data by gender, wealth quintile and other dimensions previously not readily available online.

Data Visualization Dashboard Builder on DevInfo.org:

- Visualization of complex datasets making large volumes of data easier to access and use.
- Ability to create well-designed tables, maps, and graphs in an animated, interactive platform.
- New dashboard to facilitate data sharing (similar to Google Analytics Dashboard)

Did you know:

- Every 10 minutes, somewhere in the world, an adolescent girl dies as a result of violence.
- Nearly 1.1 million new HIV infections were prevented in children between 2005 and 2013.
- Since 1990, the world has saved approximate 100 million children’s lives - including 24 million newborns.
- Nearly half of all deaths in children under age 5 are attributable to under nutrition. This translates into the unnecessary loss of about 3 million young lives a year.
- 14 per cent of the global population, or one billion people, practice open defecation.
- By the end of the century, Africa will be home to almost 40 per cent of humanity.

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- UNICEF, New York, USA, March 23, 2015



EVENTS

International Medical Events in 2015

SRI LANKA

18th Annual Congress of The Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians (SLCP) & 2nd SAPA conference
Dates: July 30-August 2, 2015
Venue: Bandaranayake Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH).
Website: http://slcp.lk/page_id=5248

Singapore

2nd 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
For more information Email: ckc_enquiries@nuhs.edu.sg

EGYPT

The International Congress of Pediatric Hepatology, Gastroenterology and Nutrition
Dates: August 26-29, 2015
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MALAYSIA

37th Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA) Congress & Asia Pacific Vaccinology Update
Theme: Paediatric Infections and Vaccinology
Dates: September 16-19, 2015
Venue: Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
E-mail: mpaeds@gmail.com
Website: www.mpaweb.org.my
Tel: 603- 2698 9966 / 603-2691 5379
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NORWAY

The European Academy of Paediatrics Congress and MasterCourse (EAP 2015)
Dates: September 17-20, 2015
Venue: Oslo, Norway
Congress website: www.eapcongress.com and programme with topics are available at www.eapcongress.com/preliminary-timeline/.

SPAIN

The 12th World Congress of Perinatal Medicine
Dates: November 3-6, 2015.
Venue: Madrid, Spain
Website: www.wcpm2015.com

HONG KONG

Update in Paediatric Respiratory Diseases 2015 & Paediatric Respiratory and Critical Care Workshop
Dates: November 13-15, 2015
Workshop Venue: Li Ka Shing Medical Sciences Building, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin, Hong Kong (November 13, 2015)
Conference Venue: Shaw Auditorium, Post graduate Education Centre, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin, Hong Kong (November 14-15, 2015)
Enquiries: Department of Paediatrics, 6th Floor, Lui Che Woo Clinical Sciences Building, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin, HKSAR, China
E-mail: pae_conference@cuhk.edu.hk
Website: www.pae.cuhk.edu.hk/PRD2015
Co-organizers: The Chinese University of Hong Kong & Fudan University, Shanghai, China.

BRAZIL

The 9th World Congress on Pediatric Infectious Diseases (WSPID)
Dates: November 18-21, 2015
Venue: Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
Website: <http://wspid.kenes.com>

ENGLAND

Neonatal Update 2015 "The Science of NewbornCare."
Dates: November 30-December 4, 2015
Venue: BMA House, London, England
Website: www.symposia.org.uk/neonatal

ENGLAND

2015 Excellence in Pediatrics Conference
Dates: December 10-12, 2015
Venue: Church House Conference Centre, London, England
Secretariat Email: secretariat@ineip.org



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International Medical Events in 2016

INDIA

**15th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (15th APCP),
5th Asia Pacific Conference of Pediatric Nursing
(APCPN) and 53rd Annual Conference of Indian
Academy of Pediatrics (Pedicon 2016)**

Dates: January 21-24, 2016

Venue: Hyderabad International Convention Centre
(HICC), Hyderabad, India

Organised by: Indian Academy of Pediatrics

Website: www.apcpedicon2016.in

CANADA

**The 28th International Congress of Pediatrics
(IPA2016)**

Dates: August 17-22, 2016

Venue: Vancouver Convention Centre, British
Columbia, West Canada

Secretariat: MCI Canada/AFEA

Phone: 1-604-688-9655 E-mail: IPAinfo@mci-group.com

Website: IPA2016.com

THAILAND

**8th Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases
(ACPID)**

Dates: November 7-10, 2016

Venue: Queen Sirikit National Convention Center

Hosted by the Pediatric Infectious Disease

Society of Thailand in Collaboration with the

Asian Society for Pediatric Infectious Disease

Theme: Working Together to Safeguard Children

Website: www.acpid2016.com E-mail: secretariat@acpid2016.com

PHILIPPINE

**53rd Philippine Pediatric Society Annual
Convention 2016**

Dates: April 3-6, 2016

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

E-mail: ppsinc1947@yahoo.com, ppsinc@pps.org.ph

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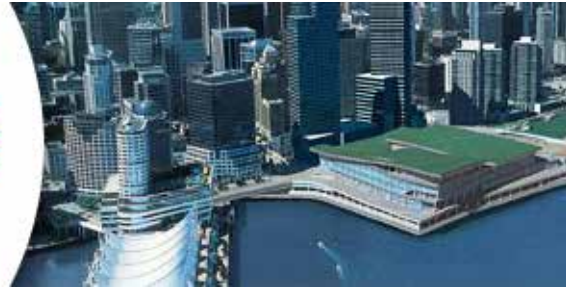
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We are delighted to be hosting the 28th International Pediatric Association Congress (IPA 2016) in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, from August 17 - 22, 2016.

Vancouver is one of the world's most spectacular cities, sitting at the edge of the Pacific Ocean, and nestled in and around the slopes of the towering Coast Mountain Range. We look forward to welcoming you to Vancouver to enjoy the Conference, as well as the city's natural beauty, cosmopolitan flair and unique mix of cultures.

On behalf of the International Pediatric Association (IPA) with its 168 member organizations, we will be pleased to welcome you to the 28th International Pediatric Association Congress to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, August 17-22, 2016. The conference theme of "Community, Diversity, Vitality" reflects both the meeting location and the content of the scientific program.

Vancouver is a vibrant city on the west coast of Canada with potential pre- and post-conference activities including both the ocean and the mountains. Further information on the social aspects of this Congress will be available later.

We invite you to be part of this process to improve the health and well-being of children and youth throughout the world and to utilize this opportunity to establish or further effective working relationships at the International Pediatric Association Congress in Vancouver, August 17-22, 2016.

We look forward to your participation.

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