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President Message

Greetings from India,

It is a matter of great joy for me to learn that SAPA news Bulletin is being published by Pakistan Pediatric Association. I extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to Prof Tahir Masood and Prof Aisha for bringing out this inaugural issue of SAPA Bulletin. In fact, it is a matter of great pride and honor for me to write my message as founder President of SAPA, I am extraordinarily happy as bringing out this Bulletin is a mile stone in our Journey of strengthening SAPA. All of us (the member countries) might be independent geographically and politically, but if

we turn the pages of History we all belong to the same native culture, therefore our societal framework and mental status remains the same. Different member countries might have different work culture, dress code, worship styles but our cognitive process and perception for health issues by and large remain same. An asphyxiated newborn only needs an effective first breath he is not at all concerned that hands who are providing him first breath belong to which country. So the Nationality of a Pediatrician is children land and his religion is to provide an optimal opportunity for our children so that they are mentally, spiritually and physically strong in entire south Asia.

Ours is a region of thriving democracy; of rich inheritance; the unmatched strength of youth; and, a strong thirst for change and progress. Nowhere in the world are collective efforts to combat Under Five Mortality are more urgent than in South Asia; and, nowhere else is it so modest. Big and small, we face the same challenges - a long climb to the summit of child survival. But, I have great belief in our boundless potential, and, confidence - that comes from the many inspiring stories of innovation and initiative in each of our countries. There is much to learn from each other; even more - to do together. If we are sensitive to each other's child health issues, and the lives of our people, we will deepen friendships, spur cooperation and advance stability in our region. SAPA stands with NEPAS in the recent calamity and we pay our sincerest homage to the departed souls of our children there. Let us work together to fulfil the pledge to combat preventable child Deaths in our region. Long Live SAPA, long live our SAPA Bulletin.



CP Bansal, President SAPA

Sapa an Overview

South Asia Pediatric Association (SAPA) is an association of Pediatric societies of South Asia. Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are among the founder member countries. The representatives from all these countries met on November 16, 2013 at New Delhi and constituted SAPA with the common vision of promoting child health through regional co-operation. SAPA is affiliated with International Pediatric Association (IPA). The objectives of SAPA are promotion of friendship between the Pediatricians of all South Asian countries for the benefit of children and the promotion of child health throughout the region. First SAPA conference was organized with the Bangladesh Pediatric association (BPA) in April 2014. Delegates from all member countries actively participated in the first SAPA conference.

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Editor's Note

It is an honor and immense pleasure to bring forth the first issue of SAPA bulletin. The task was assigned to Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA) by SAPA countries during its first meeting. In the electronic era of fast communication, SAPA bulletin is a small endeavor to bring member countries close to each other. The news bulletin will also provide a platform for sharing new views, information and knowledge among SAPA countries. Through this bulletin I also request the members of SAPA countries to share their innovative ideas or ongoing projects in their countries that can bring a measurable change in the life of children and youth in other countries. Looking forward to your comments and suggestions.

Prof Aisha Mehnaz

"There is no trust more sacred than the one the world with children. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are respected, that their welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and want and that they can grow up in peace"

Kofi Annan

"Together let us build alliance to realize that goal, secure in knowledge that in serving the best interests of children, we serve the best interest of all humanity"

Carol Bellamy

Brief Introduction of SAPA Countries

Bangladesh Paediatric Association (BPA)

Bangladesh Paediatric Association (BPA) is an organization of fifteen hundred Pediatricians. BPA was established in the year 1972 soon after the Independence of the country by few Pediatricians. Prof. Dr. M.R. Khan the founder President of BPA is teacher of all teachers in Paediatrics, National. Since inception BPA has been working towards improving the health of the children in Bangladesh and looking after the welfare of Paediatricians of this country. By now 43 years have been passed and this professional body has gained optimum momentum and has got importance in home and abroad.



BPA has got a link all over the country through its member Pediatricians. BPA has got Branch offices in all divisional headquarters and few districts of Bangladesh. Presently BPA has very active 8 branches in the country. These BPA branches are formed according to the guideline laid down in the constitution of Central BPA and carry on their activities following the bye laws of the constitution.

BPA is run by 39 members Executive Committee (EC) for two years term. EC is formed through general election by all members at the end of every two years tenure.

BPA is also an active member of Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) and South Asia Pediatric Association (SAPA).

BPA has been working with the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) in all the policy making issues of child health eg. Expanded Program of Immunization (EPI), Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI), Essential Newborn Care (ENC), Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF), TB Care in Children, Breastfeeding Movement & Breast Milk Substitute Code (BMS Code), National Nutrition services etc.

BPA has become an active partner in various national programmes & projects under taken by Development Partners like Saving Newborn Life, Save the Children, USAID, alive & thrive, NGOs like BRAC, International Agencies like icddr'b, WHO, Unicef.

BPA is a registered organization with Social Welfare Directorate under Social Welfare Ministry of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB).

BPA has its own land of 3600 square feet in Dhaka city awarded by the ministry of land of GOB at low cost, where eight storied BPA building is under construction. The building is going to house BPA central office including conference hall and also offices of various subspecialties.

BPA is looking forward to improving health situation and ensuring the wellbeing of the children of Bangladesh and beyond, that is of the countries in South Asian Region.

Dr. Mohammad Shahidullah
President BPA

Dr. M AK Azad Chaudhri
General Secretary BPA

Indian Academy of Paeditrics (IAP)

The Indian Academy of Pediatrics is committed to the improvement of the health and well being of all children. For this purpose the Academy dedicates its efforts and resources. The Academy shall strive for the achievement of the optimum growth, development and health in the physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual realms of all children irrespective of diversities of their backgrounds. The Academy shall fulfill the mission through the following activities.

Professional Education & Improvement

Provide and promote ethical and professional standards among the members and provide and promote education and training for the improvement of the knowledge, attitude and skills of members in pediatrics in its widest sense.

Support for Pediatricians

Provide a forum for promoting the role and opportunities of pediatricians as the best-equipped professionals for the care of sick children and to maintain the health and well being of all children. IAP remain as the spokemedium of appropriate training of medical and related supportive professionals involved in the care of children in different settings.

Membership Service

Provide services, benefits and recognition to assist and support the members for meeting the needs and challenges inherent in pursuing our missions.

Education of Parents and the Public

Design and conduct programs and efforts for the education of parents, the public and policy makers on their role in the promotion of health and well being of children at home, in school and in other situations.

Consultancy

The Academy offers its expertise and scientific inputs to the individuals, organizations, institutions and the government and its agencies in the areas of child health. The Academy represents at the Consultative Committees / Task Forces / Boards constituted by the Government and/or its agencies in matters related to child health and offers scientific inputs.

Dr. Sacchidanand Kamath
President IAP

Dr Pravin K Mehta
General Secretary IAP



Nepal Paeditric Society (NEPAS)

Nepal Paediatric Society (NEPAS) is the professional, non-profit making, social welfare organization of the paediatricians of Nepal committed to strive for the overall development of the children of Nepal. Through support for child right issues, child health including preventive measures and professional upgrading and welfare of its members.

The Society was established in 1981 A.D. by a group of paediatricians working in Nepal. Since its inception it has played pivotal role in the development of community child health by its endorsement of child health policies strategies and interventions developed



by WHO, UNICEF, USAID and other agencies working in the field of child health and also work closely with these agencies in establishment of ORT units training of health manpower in ARI, diarrhea, malnutrition, breastfeeding, vitamin A and IMCI etc. On its own initiative the society established extended paediatric service in the suburbs of Kathmandu valley in Bode, Thimi, clinic in Namgel School, Swayambu and High School Bode and it also runs free clinic in its premises in Pulchok Lalitpur. It has played a major role in carrying out training for doctors and nurses for district hospital in clinical management of diarrhea and ARI through a project sponsored by USAID in 1985. NEPAS is conducting regular programs like monthly CMEs, NEPAS day celebration, World Pneumonia Day, Immunization Week, Paediatric Conference on every two years. In recent years NEPAS has conducted different workshops and researches like Kangaroo Mother Care, Child Abuse, Immunization, HIV/AIDS, Hib Research project etc.

Prof. Dr. Laxman Prasad Shrestha
President NEPAS

Dr. Krishna Prasad Bista
General Secretary NEPAS

Pakistan Paediatric Association (PPA)

Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA) is a National representative association of Pediatrician of Pakistan. It was registered on in May 1965 as a no profit welfare society. Its over 2500 members are all qualified Pediatricians. PPA has a Central Executive Committee, which has its head office at Karachi, Pakistan. It also has four Provincial branches and a Federal branch. In addition PPA has an International chapter and many committees and specialty groups e.g. Child Right's group, Neonatology group, Gastroenterology group, Neurology, pulmonology, developmental pediatrics, infectious diseases groups etc.

PPA is a member of International Pediatric Association and many regional and specialty organization. PPA is a truly democratic body, elections are held every two years and President's chair rotates among various branches. PPA is committed to academic and social advancement of Pediatricians. It regularly holds National and International conferences, seminars and trainings. It has published a text book Pediatrics. It regularly publishes News Bulletin and other policy papers. Quality papers written by its esteemed members are regularly published in reputable National and International journals.

The prime objective of PPA is to achieve optimum health, growth and development of all the children of Pakistan, Protects their Rights and prevent child abuse and neglect. Its members have always been in the forefront whenever a disaster situation struck Pakistan or its neighboring countries. PPA promotes study and advancement of science and practice of Pediatrics. PPA works closely with the Government of Pakistan and other INGO's and NGO's for betterment of condition of children in Pakistan. PPA is a global partner in achieving Millennium development goal (MDG).

Prof Tahir Masood Ahmad
President PPA

Prof Aisha Mehnaz
General Secretary PPA

Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians (SIPA)

The Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians is the leading organization in the country which is involved in continuing medical education and research in the field of Paediatrics. More than 500 doctors are members of this prestigious organization to date.

The Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians is the successor to the original Ceylon Paediatric association which was inaugurated in 1952. Ceylon Paediatric association later became Sri Lanka Paediatric Association and transition of Sri Lanka Paediatric



Association to the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians took place in 1996 with Dr. B.J.C.Perera as the Founder President.

Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians is the most dynamic professional organisation in the country providing continued medical education not only to its members but also to the other health care providers. Paediatric life support, Neonatal life support, Advanced Paediatric life support courses are conducted throughout the year. Monthly clinical updates are being held specially focussing on current paediatric practices to introduce evidence based medicine to budding paediatricians. This organisation takes the leading role in policy developments and formulation of disease specific treatment guidelines.

The college encourages young Paediatricians to get involved in research activities by providing guidance as well as research grants. The official publication of the College is the "Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health" (ISSN 1391-5452) which is published quarterly and is indexed in SciVerse Scopus, IMSEAR and available as free access full text in the World Wide Web.

Annual academic sessions conducted during the mid-year provide a platform for the young researchers to showcase their scientific activities. Invited speakers from overseas join hands with our own experts to share the knowledge and experience with young Paediatricians in the country.

This year we are organising the 18th Annual Scientific Congress of The Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians in conjunction with the 2nd South Asian Paediatric Association conference. We look forward to have the most vibrant academic sessions from 31st July to 2nd August.

Prof. Sujeewa Amarasena
President SIPA

Dr. Jithangi Wanigasinghe
General Secretary SIPA

PAST EVENT:

- First South Asian Pediatric Association (SAPA) and 18th Biennial Conference of Bangladesh Pediatric Conference was held at Dhaka, Bangladesh from 6th-7th April 2014. The conference was attended by the representatives of all SAPA countries. They deliberated on the issues and problems faced by the children of South Asian Countries.
- 22nd Biennial International Pediatric Conference was held from 20th November to 23rd November at Lahore, Pakistan. It was attended by large numbers of Pediatricians from home & abroad.
- The 52nd Annual National Conference of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics Pedicon 2015 was held from 21st January 2015 to 25th January 2015 in New Delhi.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- 18th Annual Scientific Congress of The Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians and 2nd South Asian Paediatric Association conference will be held from 31st July to 2nd August in Sri Lanka.
- 12th World Congress of Perinatal Medicine will be held in Madrid from 3rd to 6th November,
- 17th National Pediatric conference of Pakistan Pediatric Association and 13th Child Rights conference of PPA will be held from 6-9th November at Quetta Pakistan.
- National Pediatric Pulmonology Conference of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics will be held at the Grand Hyatt, Kalina Mumbai on 12-13 Dec 2015
- 15th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP), 5th Asia Pacific Conference of Pediatric Nursing (APCPN) & 53rd Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Pediatrics (PEDICON 2016), to be held in Hyderabad, India from January 21-24, 2016, for your information and onward.



SAPA COUNTRIES IN PICTURES

