

15th AOCCN

The 15th Asian Oceanian Congress of Child Neurology (AOCCN) in conjunction with the 41st Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA) Annual Congress 2019



APPA Secretary General, Dr. Zulkifli Ismail (third from the left), APPA Deputy Secretary General/MPA President, Dr. Hung Liang Choo (6th from left) and extreme right is APPA new Treasurer and MPA Vice President, Dr. Selva Kumar Sivapunniam.

The 15th Asian Oceanian Congress of Child Neurology in conjunction with the 41st Malaysian Paediatric Association Annual Congress 2019 was successfully held from the 19th till 22nd September 2019 at Shangri-La Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

One thousand one hundred eight participants from 24 countries attended this congress held back in Malaysian shores after a lapse of twenty years.

I was then a young paediatrician attending the 6th AOCCN, held in Penang, northern Malaysia from the 5th till 8th September 1999 and now again after twenty years as a seasoned paediatrician, attending the same congress and given the honour to report it briefly

AOCCN 2019 AT A GLANCE

- 1,108 participants
- 24 countries represented
- Two pre-congress workshops
- Six plenary presentations
- 33 symposiums

- 11-morning sessions
- Eight lunch symposiums
- 30 oral free papers
- 30 moderated poster presentations
- 293 poster presentations
- 6 MPA Young Investigators Award Presentation
- 30 exhibitors

Following the congress theme of 'Synergy to Challenge Boundaries in Child Neurology', delegates heard the latest, highly stimulating and cutting edge scientific lectures. It was a platform where clinicians, subject matter experts and researchers from various field of child neurology came together and shared their valuable clinical experience and research findings relevant to the broad spectrum of participants from this region.

Apart from the usual concurrent symposia, two pre-congress workshops and several morning teaching sessions were held to cater to the needs of general paediatricians, trainees and allied health professionals that are involved in the care of children with the neurological disorders. These sessions were a hit amongst the delegates even though conducted as early as 7.30 am.

Professor Dr Ikuya Nonaka from the National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry, Japan was the speaker for the Yukio Fukuyama Memorial Lecture, and his lecture was on Diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to floppy infants.

This congress featured a plethora of innovative, exciting topics and speakers. Over and above, the organising committees' objective achieved as the fostering for closer networking, and collaborative work in the advancement of diagnostic and therapeutics on various neurological disorders affecting children was very evident during this four-day event.

Congratulations to the local hosts, Malaysian Paediatric Association and Malaysian Society of Neurosciences for organising this fantastic congress yet again, after twenty years.

A special thank you to The Asian & Oceanian Child Neurology Association for the trust and confidence given to the local organisers. Thank you as well to the exhibitors and sponsors for the continuous support and their generosity. I was then a young paediatrician attending the 6th AOCCN, held in Penang from the 5th till 8th September 1999 and now again after twenty years as a mature paediatrician, attending the same congress.

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