WELCOME TO MALAYSIA

14th APCP and 4th APCPN 2012 in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

The 14th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) and 4th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatric Nursing (APCPN) ended on 12th September after attracting 1284 registered delegates and speakers, 60% of whom were international delegates. The international delegates came from 37 countries. The Philippines and Thailand provided the most number of foreign delegates.

The venue, Borneo Convention Centre (BCC), had sufficient floor area to house 40 Industry exhibition booths plus a few complimentary ones for the indigenous Penan community, a book store, IPA Congress 2013 in Melbourne, ACPIID in Sri Lanka, and Habitat for Humanity Malaysia.

MPA and APPA contribution to Sarawak

Prior to the 14th APCP, the committee visited a house that was built by the local Chapter of Habitat for Humanity for a family to have a roof over their heads. The Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA) then made a contribution on behalf of APPA to sponsor the building of house number 118 costing RM26,000 (approximately 8,600 USD).

The opening ceremony, held on the evening of 8th September was preceded by 7 Pre-congress Hands-on Workshops on Echocardiography, EEG, Lung Function Studies, Childhood injury, Tobacco Control run by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and Patient Management Simulation exercise. All seven were oversubscribed and some interested participants had to be turned away.

Opening ceremony, scientific content and attendance

The opening ceremony saw the Inaugural Perla Santos Ocampa Memorial Lecture given by IPA Past President, Dr Chan Chok Wan. He touched on many issues causing inequity in child health in the world and on the effects of pollution on children from poor families than from the rich. A rendition of dances by Krista Kindergarten then opened the scene for the opening ceremony that was
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punctuated by an iban tribesman bursting a balloon with a blow-pipe. An entertaining award-winning orchestra kept the lively pace during the welcome reception.

The scientific content of the congress was very good with many speakers being spot-on addressing the inequity issue. It was a shame that the attendance in the symposia was disappointingly poor despite the really good presentations. Those who attended were however really interested in the topics discussed resulting in many questions. The high quality presentations by the Faculty was maintained throughout the Congress and the less-than-satisfactory attendance predominated except for the clinically applicable symposia like dermatology, neurology, etc.

Congress dinner
The Congress Dinner was not as had been expected with regard to the Rainforest Nite theme although the entertainment was by an internationally acclaimed group of musicians. The best free papers and posters were given their awards and the Outstanding Asian Paediatrician Awards were also given out to the recipients by the APPA Secretary-General, Prof Datuk Dr Mohd Sham Kasim. The dinner ended with a local Sarawak dance that was joined by some Faculty and delegates.

Many delegates took the opportunity of visiting and touring the many sites that Kuching and its surrounding areas had to offer. The tours offered by the agent engaged by the committee were very competitively priced and provided fair value for money, so much so many delegates returned for other tours after the enjoyable first one. Hence the poor turnout at the Congress symposia.

Transport
It was anticipated that the transport to and from the BCCK will be a challenge for the delegates. A great deal of negotiation and planning went into making the transport facilities as smooth and hassle-free as possible for delegates so that coaches were available every half hour from 07:00 to 09:00 hours and every hour thenceforth, with similar frequency returning to the hotel situated 8 kilometres away. Although there were some complaints about the coaches leaving early (especially from the Hilton Hotel where there was no waiting area), the schedule was strictly followed and no delegate was left stranded.

The committee will accept any feedback regarding the 14th APCP 2012 and they apologise for any shortcomings. Everything that needed to be done to make the Congress as enjoyable, hassle-free, entertaining and educationally fulfilling as possible was done.

With the 14th APCP 2012 over, we look forward to an even more enriching experience in Hyderabad, India, for the 15th APCP 2015 and 5th APCCN.

Dr. Zulkifli Ismail
APPA President
Malaysia

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14th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP),
Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia, September 8-12, 2012

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Dear Friends & Colleagues,
Greetings from the APPA secretariat and from Kuala Lumpur.

Now that the 14th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (14th APCP 2012) is over, we can look forward to doing more for the well-being of children in our region. We in Malaysia hope that all those who took the trouble to join us in Kuching, Sarawak for the APCP found the discussions useful and also managed to enjoy a bit of that part of the country. Please do not hesitate to send us your feedback, good and bad, so that we can ensure that the next ones will be better. The 15th APCP 2015 will be held in Hyderabad, India. We wish the very best to Dr Rohit Agrawal and his team in the organisation.

The 14th APCP managed to gather 1,284 delegates and speakers from 36 countries excluding Malaysia and Singapore. Slightly more than half came from outside Malaysia. I am sure the turnout will be even more in India, with the enormous number of local Paediatricians who will likely make up half the crowd.

Differing Standards
As was eloquently highlighted by many speakers during the 14th APCP, our region is made up of differing standards of child health care and the worse off regions are in our midst. The differing standards can be taken advantage of by all of us in APPA. The better developed countries have already created training fellowships (Australia, Taiwan, Malaysia) and informal training centres in subspecialties that they are strong in (Thailand's Mahidol University, Malaysia's National Heart Institute). There are many more countries that can contribute to this training fellowship for young Paediatricians especially as it is getting harder for us to send our trainees to the United Kingdom due to preference being offered to European Union countries.

Countries like India, China, Singapore, Korea and many more have well-developed subspecialty services that can be excellent training grounds for young Paediatricians from less developed countries. The exchange will benefit both countries and should be looked upon as our contribution to the betterment of our neighbours. It is expected that such a commitment will also entail financial support from the host country and these have to be budgeted for by the national paediatric association. As an example, the Malaysian Paediatric Foundation sets aside approximately USD 10,000 per fellow per year to take care of flights, accommodation, subsistence allowance, medical insurance, immigration fees, medicolegal protection, etc. The supervisors are not paid any extra honorarium for training but this varies among different countries.

APPA is grateful to the Royal Australasian College of Physicians for the training opportunities that they have given over these years. Many of the Paediatricians the College has helped further their training have gone on to improve child health and paediatric services in their countries of origin. Unfortunately, the College has had to stop the training program mainly because of a legal requirement. We at APPA hope that the training opportunity will start again, possibly in other forms.

Vaccine Advocacy
The vaccine advocacy role provided by our members has been extensive and commendable. We congratulate the following Asian countries for having successfully introduced new vaccines into the national immunisation programs: The Philippines with rotavirus vaccine, Pakistan and Hong Kong with pneumococcal conjugate vaccine. We all know that these vaccines, when given, save lives. There will be many more countries that will be introducing new vaccines especially with funding from GAVI. It is now the middle income GAVI non-eligible countries that will be slower in their uptake of these newer vaccines. There should be some method of funding that will start to fill this void in the inequity equation. We hope that organisations like the Asian Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ASPID), ASEAN Pediatric Federation (APF), Asian Strategic Alliance for Pneumococcal disease prevention (ASAP), the ROTA Council along with APPA and many more will come up with a way to bridge this gap with the help of WHO and other organisations.

Wishing all a Happy New Year and may 2013 be a better year for the children in our region and the world.

Best wishes to all.

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EVENTS

International Events 2013

PAKISTAN

The Infectious Disease of Pakistan (IDSP) is organizing the 10th Annual Conference on Infectious Disease
Venue: Expo Center Lahore, in Lahore, Pakistan
Congress website: www.shaukatkhuram.org.pk
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E-mail: Nair at idsp123@yahoo.com
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The 27th International Congress of Pediatrics 2013 (ICP2013)
is organised by the Paediatrics and Child Health Division of the Royal Australian College of Physicians (RACP).
Dates: August 24-29, 2013
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Congress website: www.ipa-world.org/ipacongress
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OUTSTANDING ASIAN PEDIATRICIAN AWARD 2012 (in country alphabetical order)

Nineteen recipients received the prestigious Outstanding Asian Pediatrician Award 2012 during the 14th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP). The award ceremony was held at Pullman Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak on Monday, September 10, 2012.

1. Prof. Mohammad Rafi Khan (Bangladesh)
   Prof. Mohammad Rafi Khan is internationally reputed Paediatrician and founded the Bangladesh Pediatric Association (BPA) in 1972. He is the senior most teacher of paediatrics in Bangladesh and has been called 'Father of Paediatrics in Bangladesh.' He is still an elected EC Member of BPA. Currently, Prof. Mohammad Rafi is a Senior Visiting Professor at the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) as well as Professor and Founder Director and Chairman at the Institute of Child Health and Shishu (Children) Hospital, Mirpur, Dhaka, Bangladesh. He has established various hospitals and received numerous awards & Gold Medals for his outstanding contribution in child health care.

2. Prof. Gui Yonghao (China)
   Prof. Gui Yonghao is formerly, President of the Chinese Pediatric Society (CPS) and is a well-known Paediatric Cardiologist. He is a long-time paediatrician working on paediatric education, research and clinical service. Prof. Gui who is Vice President of Fudan University in Shanghai, China, devotes his great efforts to the development of child health care in China, particularly to the needs of paediatricians who are working in underdeveloped areas and ethnic minority populations. He acts as an educator, editor and advisor of child rights protection and community based service and has published more than 110 scientific papers and seven paediatric text books, launched nationwide as an education course for the community health worker. Prof. Gui endeavors to organise and encourage the Chinese paediatricians to join and get involved in international paediatric congress and academic activity with Asia, Europe and other child health organisations worldwide.

3. Assoc. Prof. Ping-Ing Lee (Chinese Taipei)
   Dr. Ping-Ing Lee is the Secretary General of the Taiwan Pediatric Association and Associate Professor at the Department of Pediatrics, College of Medicine, National Taiwan University, Taipei in Taiwan. He is also the Visiting staff at the Department of Pediatrics, National Taiwan University Hospital in Taipei, Taiwan and Assoc. Prof. Pediatrics at the College of Medicine, National Taiwan University. Dr. Lee's specialty is Paediatrics and Infectious diseases. Prof. Lee is among others, member of the Asian Strategic Alliance for Pneumococcal (ASAP) Disease Prevention, Secretary General, Taiwan Immunization Vision and Strategy.

4. Prof. Pak Cheung Ng (Hong Kong)
   Prof. Pak Cheung Ng is the first and only Paediatrician in Hong Kong who was elected President of The Hong Kong Paediatric Society (2004-2006) and President of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (2008-present). He was awarded Honorary Life Member of the Hong Kong Paediatric Society in 2009, the highest honour given by the Society of the most distinguished paediatrician in Hong Kong for that year. Currently, he is Vice-President of the Hong Kong Society of Neonatal Medicine and has been appointed Chairman/member of many important official government committees and Visiting Professor of many renowned institutions such as Columbia University (USA), University of Florida (USA) and University of Toronto (Canada). He is also a member of editorial board of many prestigious international scientific journals. Prof. Ng is recognized as an authority in his field and a leading expert in the treatment of several rare paediatric subspecialties in Hong Kong.

5. Prof. Louis C.K. Low (Hong Kong)
   Since July 2011 till date, Prof. Louis C.K. Low is Honorary Clinical Professor in Paediatrics, Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at the University of Hong Kong and is also Specialist in Paediatrics at the Paediatric Clinic, Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital. Prof. Low, among others was the Founding President of the Asia Pacific Paediatric Endocrine Society (July 1999-Nov 2002), President of the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians (Nov 2006-Dec 2009) and currently Adviser to the Hong Kong Juvenile Diabetes Association and Diabetes Hong Kong (2001-date) and representative of Hong Kong College of Paediatricians to advise the Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of China in the development of a postgraduate paediatric training programme in China. He is on several editorial boards and has published 20 book chapters, 26 Local Refereed Journals and a total of 92 International Refereed Journals. Prof. Low received numerous major awards such as Honorary Life Member of the Asia Pacific Paediatric Endocrine Society in 2008 and Fellow of the Academy of Medicine, Republic of Singapore in 2007.

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6. Dr. Ashok Kumar Dutta (India)
Dr. Ashok Kumar Dutta is Director, Professor of Paediatrics at the Lady Hardinge Medical College in New Delhi, India. He has represented the Government of India as an expert on immunisation at the Bi-Regional World Health Organization (WHO) meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, invited as temporary WHO adviser in a meeting of paediatric HIV/AIDS in Bali, Indonesia in 2007 and an invited expert in birth defect meeting of WHO in Thailand in 2012. Among his efforts made towards development of Paediatrics are working to improve the department activities in all National Health Programmes in India such as Immunisation, CDD and APR programmes, developed state of the art tertiary paediatric centre at Kalamati Saran Children’s Hospital in 2000 with the collaboration of Japan’s International Co-operative Agency and have made significant contribution to paediatrics in the field of research paediatric education and community paediatrics. Dr. Dutta has published over 150 scientific papers in national and international journals and have edited 6 books.

7. Dr. Naveen Thacker (India)
Dr. Naveen Thacker is Director at the Deep Children Hospital and Research Centre in Chandigarh, Gujrat, India. He is Member of the Global Alliance for Vaccination and Immunization (GAVI) CSC Steering Committee. Standing Committee Member of the International Pediatric Association (IPA) and Editor of the IPA, GAVI and Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APP) websites respectively. He was the Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) President in 2007. Dr. Thacker has worked tirelessly since the last 15 years to achieve polio eradication and also designed, implemented and is still involved as national coordinator in Basic Newborn Care and Resuscitation Program in India. Biggest ever Child survival project in the world. His area of interest include polio eradication, immunization, vaccination and computers in Paediatrics and Telemedicine. He has authored and edited numerous books. As President of IAP in 2007, he organized more than 700 activities that year in 262 IAP branches—a record number in this IAP history.

8. Prof. Sri Rezeki S. Hadinegoro (Indonesia)
Prof. Sri Rezeki S. Hadinegoro, a Paediatrician and Professor of Paediatric Infectious Disease, is the senior lecturer at the Division of Infection and Tropical Paediatric, Department of Child Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Indonesia. She is also among others, Chairman of CME-CPD, Faculty of Medicine, University of Indonesia and Chairman of the Indonesian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation at the Indonesian Ministry of Health. At the international level she is a member of the Asia Pacific Dengue Prevention Board, Treasurer of the World Society of Paediatric Infectious Disease (WSPID) and member of Asian Strategic Alliance of Pneumococcal Diseases Prevention (ASAP). Prof. Sri Rezeki has carried out various research since 1996 and also author and co-authored many scientific publications. Among the award that she received is the ‘Top Doctor of Medicine in Indonesia’ award (Version of Campus, Asia Edition, Vol 2, No.7, 2009).

9. Prof. Dr. Yoshizou Asano (Japan)
Prof. Dr. Yoshizou Asano has been devoting his career to the health care in children, especially in the field of pediatric infectious diseases. One of his achievements is developing varicella vaccine (Oka strain) in collaboration with Dr. Michiaki Takahashi and other researchers. Today, about 32 million doses of varicella vaccine are used annually in as many as 80 countries. It is noteworthy to mention that approximately 18.5 million doses are given to Asian children annually. Thus, Dr. Asano’s work has impacted upon paediatric health in Asia. He not only developed varicella vaccine but also discovered a number of important clinical findings of varicella zoster virus infection at the institutional level. He is a member of the pathogenesis, efficacy of antiviral treatment and establishment of effective preventive methods. Those achievements also helped many Asian paediatricians who deal with this common and occasionally fatal disease. Another important achievement by Dr. Asano relates to exanthema subitum (HHV-6 infection). After retiring from the university, he joined a project supported by the Japan Science and Technology Agency and Japan International Cooperation Agency, and has been more actively working for control of tuberculosis and trypanosomiasis in Africa.

10. Datuk Dr. Zulkifli Ismail (Malaysia)
Datuk Dr. Zulkifli Ismail, a renowned paediatric cardiologist is President of the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APP), President of the Thalassemia Association of Malaysia (TAM), Chairman of the Asian Strategic Alliance for Pneumococcal disease prevention (ASAP) and Chairman, Positive Parenting Management Committee, the Public Education arm of the Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA). Dr Zulkifli, was formerly MPA President, Director of Hospital UKM (HUKM), a government hospital and was Executive Director of UKM Kasihian Sdn Bhd, which is responsible for the running of HUKM’s private wing, UKM Specialist Centre. On 31 July, 2005, he retired as Professor of Paediatrics & Paediatric Cardiologist, UKM and on August 2005, joined the private sector Selangor Medical Centre as Consultant Paediatrician & Paediatric Cardiologist and Visiting Paediatric Cardiologist at Damansara Specialist Hospital. Dr. Zulkifli’s present research are main factors affecting morbidity and mortality of children in various communities, childhood injury especially home injury, transport of the critically ill newborn and child, and cardiac abnormalities associated with other organ system abnormalities. His subspeciality & other interests are paediatric cardiology, injury prevention strategies and vaccination and public education strategies. He has written numerous articles in local magazines, newspapers, international journals, Malaysian journal and published books, proceedings and abstracts with other paediatricians. For his immense contribution to child health care, Dr. Zulkifli received the Honorary Award carrying the prestigious title ‘Datuk’ from the former Malaysian King on Feb 1, 2008.
11. Dato' Dr. Musa Mohd Nordin (Malaysia)

Dato' Dr. Musa Mohd Nordin served the Malaysian Ministry of Health (MOH) for 15 years from 1982-1997. Since 1997, he has been a consultant paediatrician and neonatologist at the Damansara Specialist Hospital. He is also Adjunct Professor of Paediatrics at the Cyberjaya University College of Medical Sciences and an international faculty member of Peshawar Medical College, Pakistan. Dr. Musa recently completed 2 terms (4 years) as President of the Federation of Islamic Medical Association (FIMA). During his presidency, FIMA Save Vision, was awarded for excellence in charitable & humanitarian work, the Richard & Hindia Rosenthal Award in 2008, by the American College of Physicians. Since 1999, Dr. Musa has served on various international advisory boards related to vaccines & immunization. He is the founding member of the Asian Strategic Alliance on the Prevention of Pneumococcal Disease (ASAP) and currently serves on the Asia Pacific Expert Committee on Immunisation, Asia Pacific COMSAP Advisory Board, Asia Pacific PCV Expert Academy and Asia Pneumococcal Advisory Board. Dr. Musa currently sits on editorial boards of MIMAS Paediatrics, Bangladeshi Medical Journal and FIMA Yearbook. Previously, he served on the editorial board of the Malaysian Journal of Paediatrics & Child Health. He is the founding chairman of three Charitable Homes which shelter women and children with HIV/AIDS and is a member of Viva Palestina Malaysia (VPM) and was on the International Viva Palestina 5 Land Convoy from London to Gaza in October 2010. In 2008, he was conferred the medal ‘Darjah Paduka Mahkota Perak’ (DMP) by the Sultan of Perak state, west-coast Malaysia, which carries the title Dato’.

12. Dato' Dr. Amar Singh HSS (Malaysia)

Dato' Dr. Amar Singh HSS is a Senior Consultant Paediatrician (Community) & Head of Department of Paediatrics, Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun, Ipoh, Perak state, Malaysia. He is responsible for Paediatric services in the state and has a long standing interest in children with disability, family self-help groups, NGOs, child abuse, adolescent counseling, disadvantaged/marginalised children especially the indigenous people. Dr. Amar Singh is also the head of the Clinical Research Centre for Perak. His key achievements and contributions to health care is assisting with the development of the under 5 mortality reporting system nationally, assisting Family Health Division of the Ministry of Health, to revise the entire child health programme in 2006 with a view to introduce routine developmental screening for pre-school, Development of Community Paediatrics Subspecialty, Training and Services in Malaysia and Development of Advanced Paediatrics & Child Health Subspecialty in the country. He has more than 70 local and international research publications and key reports. In 2009, Dr. Amar Singh received the ‘Darjah Paduka Mahkota Perak’ (DMP) award from the Perak Sultan, which carries the title Dato’.

13. Prof. Amir Muhammad Khan Joegzai (Pakistan)

Prof. Amir Muhammad Khan Joegzai is immediate past President of the Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA) and Chief Executive at the Kidney Centre at the General Hospital in Quetta, Pakistan. He has been elected President of PPA twice (2000-2002 & 2010-2012), which has never been repeated by any other member of the society in the last 50 years. Prof. Amir Muhammad has made tremendous contribution towards child survival and child health in Pakistan and around the region for the past 30 years. He is also the pioneer of setting up a children’s hospital in Quetta with the support of the German Government and pioneer as well as 1st Project Director and Administrator of this 150 bedded children’s hospital. He has worked with Afghanistan doctors and updating them on components of child survival such as controlling diarrhea diseases, ARI and nutrition in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nation Children’s Fund (UNICEF), contributed remarkably for the children in Pakistan during earthquakes and floods, arranged a Disaster Management Workshop in Afghanistan and Pakistan during the war, with the help of USAID and also worked in Bangladesh during outbreaks of diarrhea and cholera.

14. Dr. Esperanza Figuero Rivera (Philippines)

Dr. Esperanza F. Rivera did her postgraduate training as Pediatric Residency at the Georgetown University Hospital, Washington DC, USA from January 1, 1956-December 30, 1956. Since then, she has been endorsed in various board certification, academic positions/appointments, as well as community & professional involvement. Currently, she is Board of Directors, South East Asian Center for Bioethics and Chairman Ethics Committee, Philippine Pediatric Society. She was also formerly President, Philippine Pediatric Society from 1980-1982 and has carried out various research work and main author in many publications. Her professional associates are Fellow, American Academy of Pediatrics, Philippine Pediatrics Society and Philippine Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases respectively as well as Honorary Fellow, Pediatrics Infectious Disease Society of the Philippines. Dr. Rivera’s socio civic projects are medical missions to help typhoon victims in different areas in the country. She is main author of numerous research work and publications. She received many awards and among them is ‘Most Outstanding Catholic Physician’ in 2006.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Kindly be informed that the Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) is now known as Asia Pacific Pediatric Association. The decision to change the name was agreed upon during the 35th Council Meeting of National Delegates of APPA, held in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia, on September 9, 2012. The Council Meeting was held in conjunction with the 14th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) organised in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia from Sept. 8-12, 2012. The name change has also been minuted. Thank you.

The APPA Secretariat office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, wishes everyone a Very Happy New Year 2013.
15. Prof. Lulu Bravo (Philippines)
Prof. Lulu C Bravo is a renowned paediatrician and has contributed significantly to child health not only in the Philippines but also in Asia and beyond. Currently, she is Professor of Paediatrics at the College of Medicine, University of the Philippines (UP) and Convenor, Vaccine Study Group National Institute of Health at the same university. She is also Chair for the Task Force on the WHO-Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI), Inclusion in Medical School. Prof. Bravo is also Executive Director of the Asian Society for Pediatric Infectious Disease (ASPID) and the International Society of Tropical Pediatrics (ISTP). Her on-going researches and projects include Diphtheria/Vaccine-Preventable Disease Surveillance, Pneumonia and Acute Respiratory Infection and DOTS-Pediatric TB. Prof. Bravo has also received numerous awards and honours such as PIDSP Recognition Award for Most Outstanding Physician in 2009 and Included & Cited in “A Century of Filipino Women in the Health Sciences 1900-2000”, compiled and published by the National Academy of Science & Technology and the Institute of Human Genetics, NIH, UP Manila. She is on local and international editorial positions and has published more than 70 papers in local and international journals. Prof. Bravo also wrote in monographs, books and chapter in books which are valuable for teaching students and has hundreds of scientific presentations & chairmanships in various specialty and local medical society scientific meetings since 1980 till now.

16. Prof. Yap Hui Kim (Singapore)
Prof. Yap Hui Kim is the pioneer of Paediatric Nephrology in Singapore. She is currently Head and Senior Consultant of the Division of Paediatric Nephrology, Immunology and Urology at the Children’s Medical Institute, National University Hospital. Prof. Yap has contributed significantly towards elevating the quality of healthcare delivery to children with chronic kidney disease in Singapore over the past 20 years and was instrumental in starting and developing the National Paediatric Renal Replacement Program (Dialysis & Transplantation for children) since 1988, when she returned from her training fellowship at UCLA Centre for the Health Sciences, California, USA. Prior to this, there was no clinical program offering renal replacement therapy for children with end-stage kidney failure in the country. She has been instrumental in setting up a training program for doctors in Asia in order to promote the development of paediatric nephrology and care of children with chronic kidney disease in developing countries in Asia. Currently, she is Secretary General of the Asian Pediatric Nephrology Association and is on several advisory panels in nephrology in Singapore. Prof. Yap, who is also active in research, has developed the acute paediatric dialysis service in Singapore for children with acute kidney injury and inborn errors of metabolism, introducing acute haemodialysis in 1988 and continuous modalities of acute renal replacement therapies in the paediatric intensive care units in 1997. For her work in this field, Prof. Yap was awarded the inaugural National Outstanding Clinician Award in 2008 & Healthcare Humanity Award in 2012.

17. Dr. Gerard Nimal Lucas (Sri Lanka)
Dr. Gerard Nimal Lucas was born on July 28, 1941. He was Consultant Paediatrician in various General Hospitals in Sri Lanka and has retired from the state service in 2001. He is currently Consultant Paediatrician in a private sector in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He was among others, President of the Sri Lanka Paediatric Association (1990-91) and Chairman, Ethics Review Committee of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians (2002 to date). He has 28 publications in indexed journals and 65 publications in the Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health. Dr. Lucas’s principal research interest is in Childhood Poisoning and has published 2 papers on ‘Kerosene oil poisoning’ and ‘Plant poisoning’ in the Indian Journal of Paediatrics. He has also co-authored a book ‘Poisonous Plants of Sri Lanka’ in November 2006. Dr. Lucas captained the Sri Lanka National table tennis team from 1966-71. From 2003 to date, he has participated in international veterans tournaments in Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Sweden and Turkey, winning 12 gold medals, 4 silver and 11 bronze. Currently, he is Chairman of the National Table Tennis Selection Committee of Sri Lanka.

18. Prof. Dr. Praputt Siripoonya (Thailand)
Prof. Praputt Siripoonya is currently Professor Emeritus, Department of Pediatrics at the Faculty of Medicine, Ramathibodi Hospital, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand. He is a founding member of the Neonatal Society of Thailand in 1981 and has played a key role in developing the first neonatal nurse practitioner training program in Thailand at Ramathibodi Hospital. Prof. Praputt is also Chairman of the Expert Committee on Neonatal and Perinatal Medicine of the Royal College of Paediatricians of Thailand as well as Advisor to committee on neonatal care of the Ministry of Health. Among the positions held by Prof. Praputt was Vice-President, College of Paediatrics of Thailand (2003-2005) and President’s post in among others, the Neonatal Society of Thailand (1994-1999), Perinatal Society of Thailand (1996-1998), Pediatric Society of Thailand (2002-2004) and ASEAN Pediatric Federation (2004-2008). His research interest are neonatal jaundice, neonatal infection, breast feeding and effect of drugs upon the developing of fetus and newborn. Prof. Praputt is on editorial board of several journals and was editor of 5 books, wrote some chapters in 33 books and published more than 65 papers mostly in the field of neonatology and paediatrics. He received awards and honours for his contribution in the field of paediatrics.

19. Prof. Hoang Trong Kim (Vietnam)
Prof. Hoang Trong Kim is Vice President of the Vietnam Pediatric Association (VPA) and currently Professor at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam. He is a Consultant Pediatrician and Paediatric Cardiologist and his special skills are Chief of Investigator Group in Clinical Research, Thesis and Dissertation Promotor and Tutor as well as Paediatric Cardiology. Prof. Kim has published 81 articles in Vietnamese, French and English which were presented in the national and international conferences. He has also been invited as Chairman and Speaker at 81 national and international Scientific Conferences in among others, Vietnam, France, Australia, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, China, Thailand, Philippines & Fiji. He has written in workbooks and textbooks with regards to paediatric issues.
21st BPPAC

Report of 21st Biennial Pakistan Pediatric Association Conference

The 21st Biennial Pediatric Conference of Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA) was held from 2nd - 4th November 2012 at Hotel Regent Plaza and Convention Center Karachi in Pakistan. This was also the 50th Golden Jubilee year of the Pakistan Pediatric Association, with theme being Beyond the Barriers in Child Health.

The Organizing Committee held more than 26 meetings in preparation before the Conference. The Conference was attended by 2,138 registered delegates from US, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh, Philippines, UK, etc. and all over Pakistan.

There were eight pre conference workshops in total with equal number on 1st and second November.

Following Topics were: Scientific writings, Basics Pediatric Intensive care unit, Neonatal Resuscitation, Community management acute malnutrition, Interpretation of Bone marrow, Childhood behavior diagnosis, Pediatric Tuberculosis and EEG in Children.

The inauguration ceremony on 2nd Nov 12, 2012 was chaired by the acting Governor Sindh and Speaker of the Sindh Assembly. The Pioneers of Pakistan Pediatric Association were recognized and awarded Token of Recognition.

Prof. Iqbal Memon took an oath and charge of PPA Center. Special Children from SOS Village presented a tableau and local folk songs from Sindh were part of the evening after award of Two Presidential gold medals; the recipients being Professors SM Inksar Ali and Aisha Mehnaz.

International speakers were from all around the world including regional and national speakers. The scientific program had three parallel breakfast sessions on 3rd and 4th November on following topics: Rational Use of Antibiotics, Unanswered questions for vaccination, Use of inhaler devices, Diabetes in children: What is new and What General Paediatrician should know about Rheumatology.

Plenary topics included: Status of Paediatric Renal Transplant in Pakistan; Winning strategy to Eliminate Malnutrition; Decade of Vaccination; Hib Disease and Vaccine: The Untold Asian Story; Scientific sessions [covered common aspects, three parallel ones] on ASAP: It’s all about pneumonia, Hematology, Nephrology, Gastroenterology, Cardiology, Neurology, South Association Forum Pediatric Association (SAFP): Dengue fever, Infectious disease, Social Pediatrics, Emergency medicine, Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics &Neonatology.

Free papers for oral, poster and LCD presentations [64] assessed by a Panel and in the concluding session prizes were distributed to best of oral, poster and LCD presentations.

Concluding session included: Polio – The End Game, EPI – Plugging the Gaps, with good interaction and suggestions for taking the fight further to end.

Dr. Imtiaz Ali Khan
General Secretary
Organizing Committee
Our Fond Memory of
The late Professor Dr. Perla D. Santos Ocampo

Professor Dr. Perla D. Santos Ocampo peacefully passed away in Manila, Philippines on 29 June 2012. She is a great leader having served as President of International Pediatric Association (IPA) from 1989-1992; Honorary President of both the Asian Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA), formerly known as the Association of Pediatric Societies of the Southeast Asian Region (APSSEAR) in 2000, and the International Society of Tropical Pediatrics (ISTP) in 2002. She had been Member of the Executive Council of the International Children’s Center (ICC), President of the Philippine Medical Association (PMA), Chairman of the Medical Association of Southeast Asian Nations (MASEAN), President of the Philippines Pediatric Society, Founder and Honorary President of the Philippine Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (PSDBP), President of the Philippine Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition (PSPGN), Honorary President and Chairperson Emeritus of the Philippine Association for the Gifted (PAG), as well as Academician and Past President of the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST). She served as a member of the World Health Organization (WHO) expert Advisory Panel on Maternal and Child Health since 1979 and a member of WHO Technical Advisor Group Panel for the Control of Diarrheal Diseases Programme for 6 years.

Professor Santos Ocampo was a world renowned scholar. She graduated at the top of her class while obtaining her Medical Degree from the University of the Philippines (UP) and was the top cream for the national medical board examination. Upon graduation, she was elected membership in two international honor societies. She had her postgraduate training in Pediatrics at UP-Philippine General Hospital Medical Centre and a fellowship in Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. She was University Professor Emeritus, University of the Philippines.

Professor Santos Ocampo had huge contribution to continuing education initiatives. She organized the Asian Congress of Paediatrics held in Manila in 1974 which led to the establishment of the Association of the Pediatric Societies of the Southeast Asian Region (APSSEAR) now known as Asian Pacific Pediatric Association and served as the Secretary General of the organization totally in charge of the Secretariat in Manila from 1983 till 2000. She was the first woman ever elected to preside over the XVII International Congress of Pediatrics 1983 which was accomplished with great success as evidenced by her ability to attract over 3000 Pediatricians from all over the world.

Professor Santos Ocampo had been the recipient of many highly esteemed international and national awards, plaques, honors and citations including the First Outstanding Woman in the Nation’s Service awardee for medicine in 1974, the Medal for Outstanding Achievement from the International Pediatric Association (IPA) in 1983, Child Health Foundation Medal and Prize by the WHO during the World Health Assembly in Geneva in 1985, Woman of Distinction Award in 1985, the Outstanding Pediatrician of Asia Award in Tokyo in 1988, The Outstanding Filipino (TOFIL) Award in 1998, Lingkod Bayan Award in 1999, Outstanding Researcher from UP; IBM Science and Technology Award, Special Commendation for “pushing the frontiers of science forward”, Membership in International Honor Academic Societies, the Most Distinguished Alumna Award of the UP Alumni Association just to name a few.

Professor Santos Ocampo has been a brilliant, visionary, innovative and capable leader uniquely competent in inspiring and mobilizing people and colleagues, a dynamic institution-builder, a dedicated scientist and researcher, a prolific writer, a knowledgeable scholar, a distinguished educator and an outstanding pediatrician. She was also an international health advocate, a devoted wife and a caring friend. Above all she is a great signer. She is indeed an excellent all-rounder and a lady with multivalent.

We are all sad that Professor Santos Ocampo has left us. To IPA, we have lost a respectable senior. To the profession, we have lost a great leader, a respected senior, a close friend and a great multi-talented colleague. To our children of the world, they will forever miss this great pediatrician who had devoted her lifetime to the promotion of their health and welfare. She had established a strong infrastructure for her successors to promote and demonstrated clear directions for her colleagues to follow. She will be eternally remembered by us all at the medical profession.

To Professor Perla D. Santos Ocampo’s family, we would like to convey our most sincere condolences. She will be forever remembered by us all!

Dr. CHAN Chok Wan
Immediate Past President of International Pediatric Association (IPA)
Honorary President of the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA)
3rd July 2012
1st ADVASC Meeting Report

The ASEAN Dengue Vaccination Advocacy Steering Committee (ADVASC) is a newly formed scientific forum dedicated to dengue vaccine advocacy. The committee consists of medical experts including virologists, paediatricians, physicians and experts in the fields of infectious disease, tropical medicine and immunisation. The first meeting of ADVASC was held on 16 December 2011 and served to define the objectives of ADVASC in relation to the introduction of a dengue vaccine in South-east Asia.

The mosquito-borne dengue virus is a potential threat to almost half of the world’s population, with an estimated 50 million people infected annually. Around 500,000 of those infected each year develop dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF), a severe form of the disease that can lead to dengue shock syndrome and death. DHF is a leading cause of hospitalisation and places a large economic burden on affected countries. South-east Asia and the Western Pacific carry the majority of the global burden, with over 75% of the population at risk of dengue infection living in those regions. The incidence of dengue fever has been rising dramatically, facilitated by increased urbanisation and travel.

Current efforts to halt the spread of dengue focus on mosquito control and reducing virus transmission; however, such efforts alone are not sufficiently effective. A vaccine that protects against the virus would therefore be of tremendous benefit in the fight against dengue. Vaccines against dengue are in development, with the lead candidate currently undergoing Phase III clinical trials. Estimates suggest that the vaccine will be available for the global market by 2015. Early preparation for vaccine introduction is essential to maximise the benefits of the vaccine.

ADVASC aims to assist the introduction of the dengue vaccine in South-east Asia. This initial meeting provided an opportunity to develop and clarify the group’s identity, objectives and activities. In the first session of the meeting, nine presentations were given by the attendees to provide country-specific background information on the current dengue situation across South-east Asia, as detailed in the following table.

Table 1: ADVASC Meeting Presentations

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<td>Dengue in the Asia-Pacific region</td>
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<td>75% of global burden is in Asia-Pacific region. Need preparation in advance of vaccine release to ensure rapid introduction.</td>
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<td>Professor Usa Thisyakorn</td>
<td>Dengue surveillance in Thailand</td>
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<td>Dengue surveillance system in place since 1958, reporting mandatory, usually within 24 hours. Reports are public.</td>
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<td>Dr Maria Rosario Capeding</td>
<td>The Global Dengue v2V Initiative</td>
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<td>v2V aims to establish and document burden of dengue, raise awareness of vaccination benefits, provide guidance in relation to introduction and advocate for funding.</td>
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<td>Dr Maria Rosario Capeding</td>
<td>Dengue and vaccination programmes in the Philippines</td>
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<td>Dr Daniel Goh</td>
<td>Dengue in Singapore</td>
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<td>High success rate for immunisation for childhood diseases. Good vaccine acceptance and coverage. Infrastructure for implementation in place, but some concerns over new vaccine. National Environment Agency (NEA) currently undertakes mosquito control.</td>
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<td>Professor Sri Rezeki Hadinegoro</td>
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Dr Zulkifli Ismail

Dengue epidemiology in Malaysia

Majority of dengue from urban areas, all four serotypes present at any time. Incidence rate increased beyond national target.

Professor Terapong Tantawichien

Dengue fever and dengue haemorrhagic fever in adolescence and adults: guidelines for management

Increased awareness of dengue in adults is necessary, relevant when considering vaccine target group. Need for increased awareness concerning misdiagnosis and mismanagement in dengue infection, as well as for dengue co-infection and co-morbidities in hospitalised patients.

Dr Sutee Yoksan

Vaccine development at Mahidol University: epidemiology studies and vaccine evaluation activities

Facilities include serological and virological testing in addition to mosquito insectarium and experimental animal house. Collaborative clinical epidemiology studies of flavivirus infections, and vaccine evaluation research.

The second session of the meeting sought to define the group’s identity in relation to a working name for the initiative and the group’s objectives. The ASEAN Dengue Vaccination Advocacy Steering Committee (ADVASC) was chosen as a suitable name. The purpose of the group was discussed in relation to how best to identify and provide guidance to public health policy-makers on country-specific issues relating to the introduction of a dengue vaccine. The feasibility of programme implementation, supply and distribution, vaccine education, and risk management were among the topics discussed. Subsequently, it was agreed that the key focus of the group would be to advocate, disseminate and contribute to dengue vaccine introduction initiatives, and to make recommendations on vaccine introduction strategy in order to achieve the maximum benefits from the vaccine.

The third session of the meeting defined and prioritised activities for ADVASC. The discussion identified a need for greater communication and collaboration with paediatric associations/societies, in addition to developing novel ways to drive vaccine introduction strategies. It was therefore proposed that targeting decision-makers will be a primary activity, and communicating with the vaccinators and the public would be a secondary focus for ADVASC. Changes to risk management guidance, existing infrastructure or the target groups for vaccination, were recognised as beyond the scope of the group, and therefore better addressed by appropriate experts. The group agreed that a series of publications covering disease burden, capacity building, surveillance and laboratory confirmation would be a crucial way to provide guidance to public health officials and key stakeholders. A publication and activity schedule was outlined, including a workshop in May/June 2012, ahead of ASEAN Dengue Day to discuss details for a publication that covers the ASEAN region.

The introduction of a dengue vaccine to South-east Asia will help alleviate the heavy economic and societal burden of dengue in the region. The smooth introduction of the vaccine will be important in ensuring that the vaccine can reach those who need it as early as possible. The objectives and activities set out by ADVASC in this meeting will help achieve this goal, through the combined efforts and vision of the committee members.


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