BPA Milk Bottles Banned in Malaysia from March 2012

The Malaysian government has decided to ban the polycarbonate feeding bottle containing the organic compound Bisphenol A (BPA) from March 1 next year, Health Minister Liow Tiong Lai said today.

He said the Cabinet decided at its meeting on March 2 to adopt the precautionary measure because there was no sound scientific proof that the feeding bottles was safe for use by infants and children.

"The ministry will not compromise on the safety of consumers, more so infants and children," he told reporters after chairing a post-Cabinet meeting in Putrajaya, the Malaysian administration capital, near Kuala Lumpur.

Liow said it has been learnt that BPA could cause disruption to the hormonal system and consequently interrupt bodily functions, but added that so far no evaluation had been done on the hormonal system in infants.

He also added that the government was giving the industry a one-year period to wind down the manufacture of the BPA containing polycarbonate feeding bottles.

Polycarbonate plastic was used in the manufacture of feeding bottles and BPA helped to make the bottles hard and transparent, he said.

He stated the ban was consistent with that imposed by several countries, among them Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany and New Zealand.

"The latest development is the announcement of a ban of the feeding bottle by the European Union," he said.

Bernama / Putrajaya, Malaysia, March 14, 2011.
Fonterra Brands believes that breast milk is best for babies and we support breastfeeding as the natural and unequalled way in providing the best food for optimal growth and development of babies.

Important Notice: Breast Milk is still the Best

Breast milk is the best food for optimal growth and development in infants. This is because breast milk contains just the right amount of all nutrients needed to fulfil the infants’ total nutritional requirements during the first 6 months of life. The best time to initiate breastfeeding is within 1 hour post-delivery. Furthermore, the act of breastfeeding provides a unique biological and emotional foundation for bonding between mother and child. A complete and balanced maternal diet is important for maintaining the quality and supply of breast milk. There can be negative effects on breastfeeding if partial bottle-feeding is introduced too early. Once bottle-feeding is initiated, the decision to discontinue breastfeeding may be difficult to reverse. Prior to using infant formulas, mothers should be aware of the social and financial implications of bottle-feeding. Incorrect preparation or feeding methods may lead to health hazards in infants. Working mothers should be encouraged to continue breastfeeding for as long as possible, even after they resume their full-time jobs. Those who need support and advice can seek help from healthcare professionals.

References:

* Referring to Anmum Materna, Anmum Lacta and Anmum Essential
ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear All APPA members,

The APPA Secretariat office in Kuala Lumpur would like to extend its deepest condolences to the family of the late Prof. Prasong Tuchinda, Past President of APSSEAR from Thailand, on his demise recently.

APPA was formerly known as APSSEAR - Association of Pediatric Societies of the South-East Asian Region.

God bless his soul. May he rest in peace.

APPA was informed of Prof. Prasong Tuchinda’s death by Prof. Pongsakdi Visudhiphan, Past President of APPA & Pediatric Society of Thailand.

--- Original Message ---

From: raju shah
To: undisclosed recipients:
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 7:40 AM
Subject: Emergency

Hope you get this on time! Sorry I didn’t inform you about my trip to Madrid, Spain for a program. I am having some difficulties here because I misplaced my wallet on my way to the hotel which contained some cash and some other valuable things. Presently, my passport and my things are held down by the hotel management pending payment.

I will like you to assist me with a loan of 2,515 euros to sort out my hotel bills and to get myself back home. I will appreciate whatever you can afford to assist me with, I will refund the money back to you as soon as I return, let me know if you can be of any help? ASAP.

I currently don’t have a phone where I can be reached. Please let me know immediately.

Kind regards,

Fairos Nazri, Executive Secretary, APPA

Important Notice To All

March 21, 2011

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

Dear All APPA Members,

Re: Please Be Aware of Unethical E-mails

Greetings from the APPA Secretariat office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

APPA would like to inform, that recently it has received several e-mails from “unknown sources”, using some of APPA members’ names and e-mail address to solicit money in an inappropriate and unethical manner.

APPA would like to advice all its affiliates and members to PLEASE BE AWARE of such e-mails with the subject: “Emergency” or “URGENT PLEASE”.

Please ignore or delete such irresponsible e-mails, as what APPA have been doing.

Once again, APPA would like to advice all its affiliates and members to please be very careful with such e-mails.

One of the examples of such e-mails is stated below.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Kind regards,

Fairos Nazri, Executive Secretary, APPA

Report from APPA to IPA SC

1. New website of APPA www.a-p-p-a.org was launched in December 2010.
2. Following reports were received from member societies

From Taiwan Pediatric Association:
By Prof Ping Lee
1) Recent activities of Taiwan Pediatric Association last year:

From Sri Lanka
Professor Sanath P. Lamabadusuriya was inducted as the President of the Sri Lanka Medical Association

From Bangladesh Paediatric Association:
1) The Executive of BPA has joined a meeting on 10th December 2010 with Secretary of Health Mr. Humayun Kabir to upgrade the BMS code of Bangladesh.
2) The second Biennial Conference of BPA Rangpur Branch held on 20th January 2011 (Thursday). Prof. M S Akbar, MP & Chairman, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society was present as chief guest.

3) BPA has arranged a consultative meeting on 5th February 2011 on Oral Cholera Vaccine feasibility among the paediatricians of the Dhaka city, National Prof. M R Khan has graced as a chief guest.
4) BPA Executives made a courtesy call on 10th February 2011 with Dr. Arun Thapa the new Chief of WHO in Bangladesh and discussed about the child health status in Bangladesh and the activities going on in collaboration with WHO.
5) BPA Executives attended Scaling up Nutrition consultative meeting with USAID along with all the donors at the American Club on 15th February 2011 and expressed their views of how the scaling of the nutrition in Bangladesh can be done.

From Paediatrics & Child Health Division, The Royal Australasian College of Physicians
The 27th International Congress of Pediatrics will be held in 2013. Assoc. Prof. Neil Wigg is attending the meeting and he will update the IPA SC.

From Pakistan Pediatric Association (appendix 1)
From Prof Yoshikatsu Eto (appendix 2)

It goes without saying that PPA could not have achieved & worked in this serious natural disaster of severe flooding which affected more than 50% of geographical areas of Pakistan in August 2010.

As the gravity of situation was alarming AAP and IPA stood with PPA and supported us both financially and morally. Our children who initially suffered from serious issues like sudden loss of homes and shelter resulting in lack of food, clean drinking water followed by infections like acute gastroenteritis, cholera, Typhoid fever and respiratory & skin infections.

AAP-IPA came forward with funds & donations which made it possible for us to purchase emergency medicines like I/V fluids, Antibiotics and other life-saving drugs.

PPA worked in 3 phases:

A: Initial Phase of Emergency:
Different teams comprising of senior pediatricians, junior doctors & nursing staff with community health workers were sent to the different camps where displaced families took shelter. As children were suffering from total lack of food & clean water,

i) High energy food items like dry milk powder, biscuits, cookies, and drinking water were provided to them.

ii) Water purification tablets & filters were provided to clear the water.

iii) Issues of severe dehydration were dealt with purchase of I/V fluids like R/L & N/S along with I/V cannulas.

iv) For skin infections and respiratory tract infections antibiotics, antipyretics, Zinc sulphate and pedrialyte were supplied.

v) Anti snake venum & Tetanus Toxoid were administered to cases of snake bite & Trauma cases.

B: Stabilization Phase:
As the camps were crowded, spread of respiratory Tract & skin infections was high.

Voluntary workers & doctors treated these problems with provision of antibiotics, antipyretics, Anti Scabies and Eczema drugs & ointments.

C: Preventive Phase:
As a serious threat of water-borne diseases like Typhoid fever was anticipated, a policy was devised to administer Typhoid vaccine to all flood-affected children between 2 & 12 years of age. A single shot will protect them from Typhoid fever for the next 3 years which would be a cost-effective intervention.

10,000 Typhoid vaccine was purchased from GSK and Sanofi Aventis (5000 each) and was administered in the following areas: Deraghazi Khan 1500, Peshawar 2700, Multan 1200, Sukkur 1130, Karachi 970, Muzaffar Garh 2000, Hyderabad 500.

Continuation Phase:
As more than 50% of the families have shifted back to their homes, PPA plan to vaccinate the children as follows:

1. To complete 100% vaccination of the children still in the camps as it is easy to administer more vaccines in a short period of time in camps.

2. Later on reach the families who have returned back home and start vaccinating them in schools and madrasas.

For the continuation phase we would request IPA to release the funds as soon as possible so that the process of Typhoid vaccination is carried out as planned.

We look forward in future for working together and request the expertise of IPA to join hands with PPA to establish the following:

1. Disaster preparedness teaching workshops to help better serve children in future disaster situations

2. Capacity Building of PPA and establishment of Disaster cell in PPA.
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Appendix 2
From Prof Yoshikatsu Eto:

Unfortunately, I regret that I cannot attend the ST committee meeting at London this time, since I must give a lecture at the genetic meeting in US at the same time which was already scheduled some months ago. I will send best regard to all of you.

However, I would like to send some comments for IPA administration and some directions in our future.

1. IPA task forces
1) Many people in each national society do not know well about the activities of IPA. Need more close contact to leaders / chair of each National Society. Send more messages to the office of each national society.
2) Send mail messages/home page contents to the office of each national society.
3) Organize some lectures on what IPA are doing at each meeting of PAS/AAP/ APPA/ European Society of Pediatrics/African Society of Pediatrics/ Latin American Society by president/executive / SC member.

Last year, at the time of Japan Pediatric Society Congress, I organized the workshop of International activities of pediatrics in each society presented by presidents of IPA (Prof. Chan), PAS (Prof. Devaskar), AAP president, APR president, EPR president and JPS. It was a productive workshop.

2. Firm financial support for IPA
1) Many national societies do not pay annual fees for IPA. Some incentive for payment should be proposed.
2) Donation for IPA- ask each member of each National society in the world. JPS donated significant money for disasters of Pakistan, Indonesia and etc. I believe that each member of each national society is interested to contribute towards IPA activities. To do so, IPA must disseminate more information about what IPA is doing.
3) Each ordinary people from all over the world is interested to know about IPA activities too. Accept such donations by Web page.
4) Propose some ideas of IPA to G8/G20 what these Summit member should do for our children.

I think IPA can do many things for children in the world. However, need more financial support and also supports from people in the world, if we can show IPA activities in order to admit by these people.

Well, I hope IPA SC/EC will have successful meeting at London.

Yoshikatsu Eto, M.D. PhD
3rd Paediatric Infectious Diseases Conference

The 3rd Paediatric Infectious Diseases Conference under the auspices of Infectious Disease Group of Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA) and co-hosted by the Federal Branch, PPA, the 3rd Paediatric Infectious Diseases Conference was held on January 8-9th, 2011 at Pearl Continental Hotel, Rawalpindi, Islamabad.

The theme of the conference was “Millennium Development Goals and the Role of Infectious Diseases”, with emphasis on various aspects of paediatric infections.

The conference on the morning of January 8, 2011 consisted of three workshops: “Antibiotics Use and Abuse in Common Infections in Paediatrics,” “Neonatal Infections” and “Typhoid Fever.” These workshops were a resounding success with large participation.

The inaugural session followed by the workshops. This was presided by PPA President, Dr. Amir Muhammad Khan Jogezi, with Chairman, Infectious Diseases Group (IDG) of PPA and Chairman of the Conference Prof. M. Ashraf Sultan, Chair Organizing Committee, Dr. Ejaz A. Khan, and Chief guest of the day, Prof. Mushtaq A. Khan on the chairs.

Over 350 registered delegates including paediatricians, medical practitioners, family physicians, Infectious Disease Specialists, Microbiologists and other medical and paramedical professionals across the country attended the session.

Scientific session covered variety of hot topics from paediatric infectious diseases by key speakers. The Scientific session included plenary talks, symposium on common infectious diseases and free paper session. The salient feature of the conference was a panel discussion on “Immunisation schedule for children below 5 years of age for Pakistani children.” There was a vibrant discussion on the subject matter. Cash prizes and a laptop computer were awarded to three best oral presentations by young researchers.

The Business meeting of PPA Central Executive Committee & Infectious Diseases Group was held on the sidelines of the conference. A colourful Pharmaceutical Exhibition was also part of the conference. The Banquet dinner for all the delegates and families were arranged on 8th January, 2011. Well known poet Anwar Masood entertained the audience with his typical humour. It was followed by a sumptuous dinner. Dr. Asad Hafeez, Director General, Ministry of Health, Pakistan was the chief guest of the evening.

A simple concluding ceremony was held at the end of the day presided by PPA President, Dr. Amir Jogezi and IDG President Prof. Ashraf Sultan.

They had all praise for a successful conference and lauded efforts of all those involved. On a happy note, Dr. Ejaz A. Khan gave a vote of thanks to the organizing committee, speakers, authors, volunteers, pharmaceutical companies, attendees and hotel management.

Prof. Muhammad Ashraf Sultan
Chairman, Infectious Diseases Group of PPA
Member Standing Committee ASPID
Chairman, Department of Paediatrics, Director of Medical Education, King Edward University / Mayo Hospital, Lahore, Pakistan
Report Of Pedicon 2011
48th National Conference of Indian Academy of Pediatrics

The 48th National Conference of Indian Academy of Pediatrics was held from January 19-23, 2011 at vibrant Pink City – Jaipur, Rajasthan, India.

As pediatricians, we have a universal bond that unites us in improving the health of children around the globe. Pedicon 2011 earnestly endeavored to ensure that a galaxy of national and international experts provided newer insights into the ever expanding horizons of child care and also a suitable forum to share experiences, to exchange views, to hone one’s clinical skills and to learn new research dimensions.

The mega meeting of the minds began on 19th January 2011 with 14 elaborative and educative workshops and 5 ToT’s. It was a desirous opportunity to interact with the best experts in the different fields of pediatrics and to benefit from their knowledge and experience. The workshops were well attended with major emphasis on “hands-on training”. On 19th evening, the grand IAP Presidential Dinner was hosted amidst the royal ambience of Jai Mahal Palace.

20th January 2011, the day of distinctive CME’s on Essential Pediatrics, Advanced Pediatrics, IAP – AAP CME, IAP-RCPCH CME, was a kaleidoscope of thought-provoking concepts and ideas to rejuvenate our minds and to be at par with the recent advances. Highly renowned luminaries from all fields related to child care illuminated various aspects and trends in Pediatrics, updated our knowledge and skills to help us to march ahead in synchronization with changing times.

The CME’s attendance stood to nearly 3000 delegates and 100% lecture by Guest faculty. The official Executive Board meeting was held in the Birla auditorium. It was followed by Inauguration ceremony which was witnessed by almost 3500 delegates. The President of IAP, Dr. T U Sukumaran gave a brief outline of his plans for IAP in the year ahead. Aesthetically – clad FIAP Awardees were honored. More colour were added to the ceremony with the royal Rajasthani ensemble of buggi – ride, military band orchestra, IAP flag hoisting, Pedicon flag hoisting and a gala cultural night.

From 21st to 23rd January, the main conference was attended by more than 5000 delegates and around 1800 co-delegates. The scientific programme went smoothly and timely with impeccable audio visual and time management under the direct supervision of Chairman Scientific Committee Dr. S. Sitaraman.

The Dr. Shantilal C Seth oration by Dr. MKC Nair, the Plenary sessions, the vaccine-dialogue session, guest lectures, award papers, free papers, interactive sessions, debates, symposia, poster and oral presentations, the IAP UG quiz and PG quiz were well attended. The faculty quality and delegate response in near full halls were exemplary.

1st All India IAP golf tournament, marathon, various site – seeing tours and grand cultural eves added colours to this mega scientific annual event of IAP. The conference came to an end with the Valedictory function on 23rd January afternoon.

Dr. Tanmay Amladi
Hon. Secretary General
Indian Academy of Pediatrics
# International Events For 2011, 2012 & 2013

## Events In 2011

### GREECE
- The 2nd Summer School of Pediatric Dermatology is to be held at the Aegean Sea Cruise. Greece.
  - Date: June 3-6, 2011
  - E-mail: info@espsummerschool2011.org
  - Website: www.espsummerschool2011.org

### NETHERLANDS
- The 25th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ESPID) is to be held at The Hague, Netherlands.
  - Date: June 7-11, 2011
  - Website: www.kenes.com

### ITALY
- The 3rd International Workshop on HIV Pediatrics, Rome, Italy.
  - Date: July 15-16, 2011
  - E-mail: info@virology-education.com
  - Website: www.virology-education.com

### BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA
- WOFAPS Area Meeting: Updates in Pediatric Surgery: Controversies & Advances, Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina.
  - Date: Sept 22-25, 2011
  - Website: www.paragon-conventions.com / skype: sara-conventions

### UNITED KINGDOM
- The 52nd Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Research (ESPR), Newcastle, United Kingdom (UK).
  - Date: October 14-17, 2011
  - E-mail: espr2011@kenes.com

### SOUTH KOREA
- The 61st Autumn Annual Meeting of the Korean pediatric Society, Sheraton Walkerhill Hotel, Seoul, Korea.
  - Date: October 21-22, 2011
  - E-mail: pediatrics@pediatrics.or.kr

### THAILAND
- The 9th International Congress of Tropical Pediatric will be held at the Pattaya Exhibition and Convention Hall (PEACH) in Pattaya, Chonburi, Thailand.
  - Date: October 17-19, 2011
  - Website: www.ictp2011.org

### AUSTRALIA
- The 7th World Congress of the world Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (WSPID), Melbourne, Australia.
  - Date: Nov 16-20, 2011
  - E-mail: wspid@kenes.com

### Events In 2012

### INDIA
- The 49th National Conference of Indian Academy of Pediatrics (PEDICON 2012) will be held in Gurgaon, India.
  - Date: January 18-22, 2012
  - Website: www.pedicon2012.org

### SOUTH KOREA
- The 8th Congress of Asian Society for Pediatric Research (ASPR), hosted with the Korean Pediatric Societies’ Annual Meeting, Seoul, Korea. ASPR is hosted by ASPR President and Korean Pediatric Society President, Prof. Joon Sung Lee, Department of Pediatrics, Seoul St. Mary’s Hospital, Seoul, Korea.
  - Date: May 17-19, 2012. The place and website will be announced soon.

### MALAYSIA
- The 14th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) & 4th Asia Pacific Nursing Conference (APNC) will be held at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCC) in Kuching, Sarawak state, Malaysia.
  - Date: September 8-12, 2012.
  - The proposed theme is: Towards equity in child health.
  - The event is organised by the Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA), endorsed by the Ministry of Health, Malaysia, Tourism Malaysia, the Sarawak State Government and is supported by the Sarawak Convention Bureau and the Malaysia Convention and Exhibition Bureau.

### CHINESE TAIPEI
- The 4th World Congress of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition (WCPGHAN) will be held in Taipei, Taiwan.
  - Date: November 14-18, 2012.
  - E-mail: wcpghan2012@gmail.com
  - Website: www.wcpghan2012.com

### Events In 2013

### AUSTRALIA
- The 27th International Pediatric Association (IPA) Congress of Pediatrics, will be held in Melbourne, Australia. The Congress is organised by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP).
  - Date: August 24-29, 2013
  - Website: www.racp.edu.au

Compiled by Fairos Nazri, Executive Secretary, APPA
UNICEF and partners focus on undeserved to eliminate MNT

Despite an estimated 90 percent decline in global maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) deaths over the last two decades, a newborn child still dies every nine minutes from the disease, according to the latest available figures.

While MNT deaths have dropped globally from an estimated 800,000 in the late 1980s to 59,000 in 2008, the deaths that still occur are disproportionately concentrated among poor, uneducated and neglected populations.

UNICEF and other global MNT partners gathered today in New York, USA, for a two-day meeting to discuss strategies to address the inequity in MNT mortality and for reaching communities where tetanus remains a public health problem. Because many MNT deaths occur at home and in undeserved communities, they go unreported, masking the true extent of the death toll.

The majority of deaths occur in Africa and southern and east Asia, generally in areas where women are poor, have little access to health care, and have little information about safe delivery practices. Without hospital care, the fatality rate for tetanus can be as high as 100 percent and from 10 percent to 60 percent with hospital care.

Although MNT is a swift and painful killer, it is easily preventable through immunization of women with tetanus toxoid (TT) vaccine), which also confers immunity for the first month of life to a child born to an immunized woman.

Protective measures also include hygienic birth practices to ensure infection is not contracted by mother or newborn during the birth process and proper cord care to ensure that contamination of cord does not put the newborn at risk.

The World Health Assembly first called for elimination of neonatal tetanus in 1989, and this was endorsed by the World Summit for Children in 1990. In 1999, the goal was expended to include elimination of maternal tetanus as well. The goal of the initiative is to eliminate MNT in countries where it was still a public health problem, with a baseline of 58 countries in 1999. Since 1999, close to 100 million women have been immunized with two or more doses of TT vaccine through immunization campaigns and 20 of the 58 countries have achieved MNT elimination.

Today, 38 countries still have not eliminated the disease. Countries that have been validated to have eliminated MNT from 2000 to date are: Bangladesh, Benin, Burundi, Comoros, Congo Republic, Egypt, Eritrea, Malawi, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Rwanda, South Africa, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The Paediatrics & Child Health Division, The Royal Australasian College of Physicians’ (RACP)

Educational Developments
Over recent years, the RACP has been reviewing its training, education/continuing professional development and assessment processes and policies. This has resulted in new training programs being implemented.

Extensive information relating to the training programs can be found at www.racp.edu.au/page/education-and-professional-development

The Division has also been in preliminary discussion relating to the development of a national/bi-national advanced training selection program, rotations for subspecialty paediatricians, and the need for more funded training positions in Australia for paediatrics and child health.

Policy Development/Advocacy
The Division is active in the area of child and youth health policy development and advocacy for children and young people. Recently, the Division has reviewed its position statement on circumcision and will launch its policy on The Health and Well-being of Incarcerated Adolescents at the RACP Congress in May.

For information relating to the Division’s policies please visit www.racp.edu.au/page/policy-and-advocacy/paediatrics-and-child-health

Most recently, the Division has also been advocating to government in relation to refugee children and young people being kept in detention in Australia. To view our position please visit www.racp.edu.au/index.cfm?objectid=D7FAA694-E371-4AB9-BF41B937879A52E1

The Division is also a member of the Australian Research Alliance for Child and Youth (ARACY). ARACY is advocating for, and leading, the development of an action plan for young Australians. The aim being to promote the well being of young people and to focus on this from a national level through evidence and the development of targets and policies. A number of separate government initiatives/projects are currently being undertaken within Australia and it is hoped that these will be brought together within this action plan. The Division looks forward to continued involvement in this important initiative.

Website: www.changeforchildren.com.au

Support for Research in Australia
The Division has indicated its willingness to partner with two national research bodies in Australia – the Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit (APSU) and the Australian Paediatric Research Network (APRN) – in grant/research applications.

The APSU is aiming to generate research evidence to improve psychosocial, health, and economic outcomes for children affected by rare diseases, their families and health professionals who work with them.

The APRN is aiming to:
1) Increase the quality and quantity of secondary care research in child health in order to
   (i) improve outcomes for children and families and
   (ii) inform national standards of child health care, policy and guidelines.

2) Adapt and trial a suite of web-based e-health technologies to advance secondary care research, including electronic data capture of patient outcomes, clinical decision support, and training modules.

3) Develop medical and health research capacity in e-health in paediatric secondary care.

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RACP Congress 2011: 22 May – 25 May
The theme for this year’s congress is Indigenous Health and Chronic Disease. The congress will be held in Darwin, Australia.

Dr Zulfiqar Bhutta is an invited plenary speaker and he will be making two presentations in the program on Global Burden of Micronutrient Deficiencies and War and Children. Zulfiqar is Husein Laljee Dewraj Professor and the Founding Chair of the Division of Women and Child Health, Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan. He was designated a Distinguished National Professor of the Government of Pakistan in 2007. He is also the Dean of the faculty of Paediatrics of the College of Physicians & Surgeons, Pakistan and the Chairman of the National Research Ethics Committee of the Government of Pakistan. Zulfiqar is also the Treasurer of the International Pediatric Association.

Detailed information relating to the RACP congress can be found at www.racpcongress2011.com.au

27th International Pediatric Association (IPA) Congress of Pediatrics in Melbourne: 24 - 29 August 2013

The RACP is to host the IPA congress in August 2013 in Melbourne. Planning continues and the Division guarantees an excellent program set in the picturesque city of Melbourne. Regular updates and information will be included on the congress website at www.ipa-world.org/IPAcongress. We hope to see members of APPA at the congress.

John’s career commitment over four decades in paediatrics has been on the amelioration of illness in the socially disadvantaged through community and Aboriginal child health; medical education; health service development; the clinical science of endocrinology; and population health research into the childhood antecedents of future disease.

He has developed a sustainable model for remote Indigenous child health, formally linked to community health research and capacity-building, and as a vehicle for social justice and reconciliation through partnerships with Indigenous organisations informed by anthropological perspectives and lessons from the history of the region.

John will also deliver the Howard Williams Oration at the RACP Congress in Darwin in May 2011.

Yours sincerely,
Dr Gervase Chaney
President, Paediatrics & Child Health Division