



Message From The President



Dear Colleagues

Greetings from the International Pediatric Association! This is the first newsletter from IPA in 2012, once more efficiently coordinated by Prof. Swati Bhave, our Coordinator. I am happy and proud to send you some information on what we have done since our last edition of this important communication tool.

We have participated in many events organized by our Member Societies. These are not only important opportunities for us to exchange information and receiving guidance from our constituency. We attended:

1. The UNAPSA meeting – Burkina Faso – Dec 5th – I presented lecture on Advocacy in Pediatrics, Coordinated a session and met the incoming president of UNAPSA, Prof. Koki Ndombo Paul. We had the chance to discuss common strategies to the development of IPA programs in the Sub-Saharan Africa region.
2. The 115th Annual Meeting of the Japan Pediatric Society. – Fukuoka – Apr 20th - I was Invited by Prof. Yoshikatsu Eto, to speak in a pre-congress seminar in Tokyo Jikei University School of Medicine. At Fukuoka, during the Annual Meeting of the Japan Pediatric Society, I addressed the audience at the opening ceremony, and participated as a speaker in one of the sessions “Messages from World Pediatric Leaders. During the opening session and in other ceremonies I was also able to talk about the current deliverables from our association.
3. Attended the 32nd National Confederation of Pediatrics of Mexico AC, where I gave a lecture on the Millennium Development Goals and the IPA.
4. I was also expected to attend the 5th Al Baha International Pediatric Congress – Saudi Arabia – Mar 19th, where I was invited to address our colleagues at the opening ceremony and give a lecture. Unfortunately there was an unpredicted problem with the issuing of my VISA in Brazil and I could not attend. I am registering that in this newsletter to apologize to all my Arab colleagues, especially to Prof Mahmoud Rashad, MD. I admire and respect very much their work and have already committed to accept future invitations to get to the region.
5. IPA was also present at the symposium, “Progress Toward Rubella Elimination and CRS Prevention in Europe”. This was an extremely important forum where we joined to important health partners like The Sabin Vaccine Institute, the March of Dimes, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), on a discussion over the rise in Measles and Rubella cases in European countries. The main outcome from this meeting was a decision from the IPA to lead, with the support of the Sabin Vaccine Institute and a grant from the Gates Foundation awarded to the AAP and IPA, an initiative to eradicate these diseases by a global immunization campaign. This was very well received with a round of applause from the audience. It is now for us, through our Technical Advisory Group of Immunization, to launch this process. Our capability, allowing our actions to reach 600.000 pediatricians, through our 166 Member Societies, for great expectations from this initiative!

IPA has also published a paper in the Pediatrics Perspectives section on Global Health of PEDIATRICS, “Overview of the global health issues facing children”. This was a very important achievement since one of our main roles is to advocate for better health for children. This publication in such an important publication is a powerful instrument to make things happen.

That’s all, for now. Stay tuned for more information on the IPA through our website and in the forthcoming newsletters!

Sergio Augusto Cabral
President IPA 2010-13



From the Desk of the Editor



Dear Members

It gives me great pleasure to bring put this combined issue for News from January to June 2012 and a volume 4 of Oct Dec 2011 issue

This issue contains news from of our program areas Environmental health by the technical Advisor Ruth Etzel and our nutrition committee by Michael Krawinkel

Nike Grange our dynamic past President and currently chair of the IPA immunisation committee has given a comprehensive report of IPA activities on the immunisation front .She has also given a call for action to all the IPA members.

In the news from the regional Paediatric societies section we have a comprehensive report from three societies : EPA the pan European Paediatric Association by President Professor Andreas Konstantopoulos , ALAPE – the Latin American Association by the President Hernando A Villamizar and UNPSTR the Union of Paediatric Societies of the Turkish republic and Central Asia by the Secretary Enver Hasanoglu

The Turkish National Paediatric Society is great example of collaboration with other National Paediatric Societies- Egyptian, Iranian and Italian

News about EAP European Academy of paediatrics and –the RCPCH- the Royal College of paediatrics and child health UK is submitted by Patricia Hamilton, IPA SC member.

In the Obituary section we are very sad to write about the passing away in the month of June of a very distinguished member of IPA having been the President of IPA from 1989-to 1992 and the APPA in 2000. Dr Chok Wan Chan has written a very beautiful article about her on behalf of IPA.

I was fortunate to know her well in 1990-04 when I was the joint secretary of the `1994 APPA congress (then called APSSEAR) held in India. I saw her dynamism and popularity at close quarters when I was Regional Advisor of APSSEAR from 2000-3. It is very difficult to accept that such a vibrant, lovable personality is no more. May her soul rest in peace and hope she serves as a role model for the thousands of young paediatrician globally

As always I look forward to the comments from the readers, please do send us you comments.

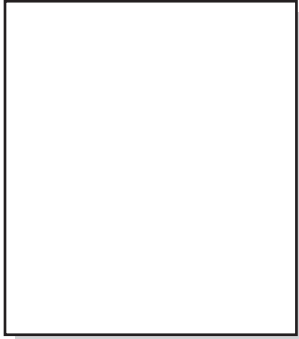
The quality of a newsletter and the frequency with which it is brought about ,depends upon the contributions by member societies. This is again a appeal to all member societies to please send us news of your activities with one or two photos .we will be very happy to publish is

Yours in Academic service

Dr Swati Y Bhave
Editor IPA News letter



Report from the IPA Executive Director



Dear member societies-

This quarter has been a busy one, as always the IPA is looking to advance child health by ensuring child health is at the forefront of any of our partnering organizations. Below is a short summary of some of these partnerships.

A major report on "Essential Interventions, Commodities and Guidelines for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health" has been made available. This global review of key interventions will be a useful guide for policy makers and health care providers. The report is cosponsored by WHO, Aga Khan University and PMNCH. IPA Executive Committee member, Zulfiqar Bhutta played a key role in constructing this resource to support the health care of women and children. The report can be accessed via:

http://www.who.int/pmnch/topics/part_publications/201112_essential_interventions/en/index1.html

IPA will take the lead in a partnership between Sabin Vaccine Institute, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the IPA to radically improve the protection of children from measles and rubella. Titled "Measles-Rubella Eradication Initiative" pediatric societies around the globe will be assisting in establishing more vigorous programs of vaccine protection locally and regionally. IPA President Sergio Cabral declared the IPA intent to help eradicate measles and rubella during a speech in Rome last February. The initiative is directed by Immunization Technical Advisory Committee, Chair Dr. Nike Grange and members Dr. Najwa Kuri, Dr. Lou Cooper, Dr. Andreas Konstantopoulos, and Dr. Naveen Thacker.

The IPA Foundation Board members will meet in Boston on April 26, 2012. The president of this independent non profit Board has called up members to identify fund raising opportunities that would support critically needed programs in international pediatrics. Dr. Errol R. Alden (USA), president of IPAF, says that he expects that the IPAF will soon emerge as a powerful force supporting innovative programs in pediatric education and research. Members of the IPAF include, Judith Hall (Canada), Hernando Villamizar (Colombia), Manuel Moya (Spain), Chok-wan Chan (Hong Kong), Adenike Grange (Nigeria), Cherif Rahimy (Benin), and myself. We look forward to bringing the IPAF up to date and helping provide needed assistance to child health initiatives.

Bill Keenan
Executive Director



News from Program Areas

IPA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Promotes Education of Pediatricians about Preventing Children's Exposure to Hazards

The Pediatric Environmental Health Leadership Institute was launched by the IPA more than 6 years ago. A major focus of the Institute is to conduct workshops to train pediatricians about children's environmental health and improve their capacities for leadership in the recognition, diagnosis, prevention and management of pediatric diseases linked to environmental factors. The training will enable them to offer advice and information to policymakers in their communities. The next 1-day workshop for pediatricians will occur at the IPA Congress on August 24-29, 2013 in Melbourne, Australia. For more information, please contact Ruth Etzel at RETZEL@EARTHLINK.NET

For pediatricians who are not able to attend a workshop, the Environmental Health Committee has placed training modules on the IPA website. The Committee invites pediatricians to review and complete these modules free of charge, at their own pace. The PowerPoint modules can also be modified and used in training residents and fellows. Ten new Children's Environmental Health Training Modules have recently been added to the IPA website. To access them, please visit <http://www.ipa-world.org/page.php?id=254>

The Environmental Health Committee has continued working with the Adolescent Health Committee to eliminate tobacco from homes in which children are living and with the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead in Paints to reduce children's exposure to leaded paints.

Report submitted by Ruth Etzel IPA TA child and Environment health

IPA NUTRITION COMMITTEE

IMTF-meeting.

The International Malnutrition Task Force is taking up an agenda of promoting high quality management of children with severe malnutrition in Africa, Asia and Latin America. There is planning for side meetings and congress sessions in the next IPA congress as well as the next International Congress of Nutrition, both in summer and autumn 2013. IMTF has prepared with lead of the university of Southampton, UK, an eLearning course on malnutrition. The link will be presented on the website of the Nutrition Group of IPA soon.

Report submitted by Michael B. Krawinkel IPA SC member. IPA committee on Nutrition



REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE IPA TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP ON IMMUNISATION

In January, 2011, the new Executive Council of the International Paediatric Association (IPA) under the leadership of Sergio Cabral redesigned the composition of its various Working Committees and Technical Advisory Groups.

The IPA Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (TAGI) is one of such advisory groups charged with the mandate to come up with a workable agenda that will engage its members in immunization activities at global, regional and national levels.

The leadership comprises Adenike Grange (Chairman), Ciro de Quadros (Chief Technical Adviser) and Lou Cooper (Senior Technical Adviser). Other technical advisers who were invited to join included Naveen Thacker, Najwa Khuri, Errol Alden (ED, AAP) and Jonathan Klein (AAP). Members of the IPA EC with an automatic ex officio membership include Sergio Cabral (President), Andreas Constantopoulos (Vice President), Bill Keenan (ED), Zufilqar Bhutta (Treasurer) and Swati Bhave (Coordinator). From time to time, other experts consulted have included Sam Katz and Stanley Plotkin.

To date and with the input of all members, the following activities have either been achieved or are in progress:

- Development of a Strategic Plan of Action with the following Vision and Mission Statements:

Vision Statement

A World Free of Vaccine Preventable Diseases

Mission Statement

The promotion of effective immunization policies, programs and practices through advocacy, mobilization, service delivery, training, research, leadership and collaboration.

- Acquisition of a Bill and Mellinda Gates Grant by the AAP in partnership with the IPA. The aims of this project include engaging national and regional pediatric leaders in advocacy education in support of polio eradication and other immunization goals, and to facilitate collaboration between the AAP, other national pediatric organizations and the International Pediatric Association in order to accelerate global vaccine priority setting and support of eradication of polio and other vaccine preventable diseases.
- Conduct of a survey on the current status of the engagement of IPA members in Immunisation activities at national and regional levels
- Collaboration with, a team at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine under the leadership of Heidi Larson, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Epidemiology and Population Health, in order to monitor and understand the scope and nature of public concerns about vaccines around the world. Their survey on "Public Concerns About Vaccines" was endorsed for dissemination to paediatricians on the IPA database.
- With coordinating leadership from Erin Fry of PATH, the IPA (through its national and regional members), is working to remove one ill-advised recommendation in a draft treaty being circulated by the UNEP (United Nations Environmental Program) toward global reduction in exposure to mercury in all forms. While the IPA is supportive of the overall goals of the draft treaty, the recommendation that thimerosal be removed as a preservative in



vaccines ignores the known pharmacology of thimerosal, its safety and critical role in allowing use of multidose vials, a necessity for sustained global immunization, particularly in campaigns and outbreak control.

- The task will require that national pediatric leaders educate their respective ministers of health and environment to remove this potentially destructive recommendation before the next annual meeting of the UNEP scheduled for Uruguay this summer. The IPA will provide full briefing documents to each national society so they can advocate for removal of this potentially destructive component of the current draft. Each national Minister of Environment has a vote. Since many of them have little background in the issue of thimerosal as a preservative in vaccines, our challenge is substantial. But who has more credibility on this issue than our national pediatric leaders
- Participation in the Meeting on Rubella and Measles in Rome culminating in the IPA Declaration to commit to the promotion of global elimination of Measles, Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome. This was made financially possible by Ciro de Quadros, the Executive Director of Sabin Vaccine Institute whilst Lou Cooper's supportive inter-personal communication activities helped to create the enabling environment. A detailed report is given below:

Report of the Meeting in Rome and IPA's Commitment to the Global Elimination of Measles and Rubella

The Sabin Vaccine Institute, under the Directorship of Ciro de Quadros, organized a conference in Rome, Italy from 8-10 February 2012. The conference was on "Progress Toward Rubella Elimination and Congenital Rubella Syndrome Prevention in Europe" The essence of the conference was to integrate the planned activities for Rubella elimination into the current Measles Initiative programme which is designed for the global elimination of measles and to intensify the efforts of all partners in a bid to achieve the desired outcomes for both measles and rubella.

Although European countries have set the goal of 2015 for the elimination of Measles and Rubella, by December 1, 2012 more than 31,000 cases of measles had been reported. About one third of them required hospitalization and in France alone measles was responsible for eight deaths and 22 cases of acute encephalitis.

Many reasons have been suggested for sub-optimal vaccination uptake, but one of the main obstacles is the false perception of parents that believe MMR vaccination to be more dangerous than the disease itself.

Thus, there is a need for increased and concerted efforts on the part of health care providers, and especially paediatricians, to intensify their advocacy activities in order to achieve the desired level of vaccine coverage. (2, 3)

The primary goal of rubella vaccination is to prevent congenital rubella infection, including Congenital Rubella Syndrome. In high- and middle-income countries, caring for CRS cases is costly, and rubella vaccination has been found to be cost-effective. In both developed countries and less industrialized countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, where coverage is >80%, cost-benefit studies of rubella vaccination have demonstrated that the benefits outweigh the costs, and that rubella vaccination is economically justified. (4, 5) In view of the remaining global burden of CRS and proven efficacy and safety of rubella-containing vaccines (RCVs), WHO recommends that countries take the opportunity offered by accelerated measles control and elimination activities to introduce RCVs. These measles vaccine delivery strategies provide an opportunity for synergy and a platform for advancing rubella and CRS elimination.



Against this background and encouraged by its recent partnership with the American Academy of Paediatrics in securing some funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the IPA TAG on Immunization took a decision to focus its immunization programme on the global elimination of Measles and Rubella. This commitment, which is in alignment with our strategic framework, was announced publicly by the IPA President, Sergio Cabral. It was well received by all the delegates. Subsequently, we held brief luncheon meetings with the Deputy CEO of GAVI, Helen Evans and other potential future partners who might be willing to assist us in meeting our goals.

As a first step in this direction, the Sabin Vaccine Institute (SVI) and the AAP are supporting and IPA TAGI planning meeting in Washington DC on 28/29 March, 2012

We take this opportunity to acknowledge the extremely supportive role played by *Ciro de Quadros*, our Chief Technical Adviser. The presentations by *Lou Cooper* and *Andreas Constantopoulos* were extremely informative.

Related Press Coverage (From SVI website)

European Outbreaks Take Spotlight at Conference Dedicated to Measles and Rubella Elimination

February 8, 2012 NGOs, multilateral organizations, decision makers and global health experts will address Rubella elimination and CRS prevention in Europe ROME, Italy—February 8, 2012—This week, the Sabin Vaccine Institute, together with the March of Dimes Foundation, the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe), the International Pediatric Association and its regional affiliate, the European Pediatric Association and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), will bring together experts from around the world to discuss the continued outbreaks of measles and rubella in the European region. The meeting will also focus on the impact of associated congenital rubella syndrome (CRS) and the pressing need to increase regional measles and rubella vaccine coverage to ensure immunity among susceptible populations

The inclusion of the IPA in this Press Release can be taken as a launching pad for the IPA to strengthen its partnership with the AAP and the Sabin Vaccine Institute whilst exploring in the near future other relevant collaborations with Measles Initiative and Decade of Vaccines.

“Small opportunities are often the beginnings of great enterprises” Demosthenes



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**Ciro de Quadros, Adenike Grange, Sergio Cabral,
Andreas Constantopoulos, Lou Cooper, Naveen Thacker**

Report submitted by Nike grange Chairperson IPA immunization committee and Lou Cooper AAP



News from IPA speciality ~ IPA report on Global ECD Cosultation~Mikati

The 2nd Global Consultation took place on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th of February 2012, at the UNICEF Innocenti Research Center, located in Florence, Italy. Participants included representatives of UNICEF, WHO, IPA, World Bank, Consultative group, Harvard, Yale, Ankara University, Agha Khan University, Hewlett Foundation, Brookings institution and other donors and stake holders. After a number of presentations (see attached agenda), review of the current status of ECD interventions and research in that area, and after, most importantly, group discussions and focus groups the participants agreed on several principles:

- The need for a joint ECD monitoring and evaluation framework, and for a set of common indicators to be promoted and monitored.
- The concept and preparation of a Global Report on ECD.
- The establishment of a global Monitoring and Evaluation Research Group for ECD (MERG-ECD), with the main task to ensure quality of data, and its effective use for global policy advocacy and planning in ECD. .
- Priority for future research and ensure commitment of partners on roles and responsibilities in the research agenda.

As the representative of the IPA Mohamad Mikati MD participated in the animated discussions, presented the activities of the IPA including the ongoing study of cost effectiveness of ECD interventions, a book on the subject, planned programs in the MENA regions, and had meetings regarding the planned ECD workshop in the 2013 ICP in Melbourne with WHO and UNICEF representatives.

Respectfully submitted,
Mohamad Mikati MD, IPA Standing Committee



News from collaboration between National Pediatric Societies

Periodic meetings with other national pediatric societies

Turkish National Pediatric Society has a pivotal role in creating a friendship far beyond the ordinary medical meetings between pediatricians living in other countries. Turkish National Pediatric Society is a partner of **“Finnish-Turkish Pediatric Cooperation”** with Finnish Pediatric Society which organizes pediatric meetings alternatively in Finland and Turkey since its establishment in 1976.

“The Egyptian-Turkish Pediatric Meetings” were established in 2009 in order to provide a platform to discuss the regional pediatric problems which may lead in planning reliable regional projects, and to present recent developments in clinical and social pediatrics. Turkish National Pediatric Society hosted the “First Egyptian-Turkish Pediatric Meeting” in 2009 in Marmaris. The next meeting will be organized by the Egyptian Pediatric Association in Egypt

“The Iranian-Turkish Pediatric Meetings” were established in 2010 for the similar purposes, and the first meeting was organized by the Turkish National Pediatric Society in 2010 in Antalya. The next meeting will be organized by the Iranian Pediatric Association in Iran.

“The Italian-Turkish Pediatric Meetings” were established in 2011, and “Cooperation in Pediatrics: International Joint-Meeting” was organized in July 5-10, 2011 in Antalya by the Societa Italiana Pediatria Ospedaliera, Turkish National Pediatric Society and Turkish Neonatal Society. Turkish National Pediatric Society hosted the “First Italian-Turkish Pediatric Meeting” during the annual pediatric meeting in October 15, 2011, in Antalya, Turkey.



News from Regional Pediatric societies

The European Paediatric Association (EPA)

EPA in 2012. EPA is a pan-European medical non-profit association for general paediatricians, with the purpose to promote child health and comprehensive paediatric care. Founded nearly forty years ago in 1976, it now represents more than forty National Paediatric Societies. Together **we cover 95% of the European population**. EPA recently opened its doors to individual members. With 50 countries in Europe, a fundamental part of our role is to understand and embrace diversity and foster the exchange of experiences and cooperation. General paediatricians from all over Europe can benefit tremendously from learning from each other and from specialists. To this end, EPA has an active and diverse market research and education programme.

1. **Professor Andreas Konstantopoulos re-elected as the EPA President.** The annual General Assembly of EPA was held at the EIP 2011. Since the meeting had to elect an EPA President for the next two years, Professor Andreas Konstantopoulos was re-elected for this role as an acknowledgement of his excellent personal qualifications and highly valued achievements to date
2. **News from EPA activities at the Excellence in Paediatrics 2011 in Istanbul.** EPA participated in Excellence in Paediatrics (EiP). This clinical conference held in Istanbul, Turkey. EPA, as part of the core group that guides the scientific programme, in this year's edition, developed the dermatology thematic stream (with an equal emphasis in prevention and treatment).
3. EPA also started to announce its next major event, the Europeadietrics 2013 in Glasgow. That event will be co-organised with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.
4. EPA also organised several strategic activities to support the continued development of European paediatrics in 2012. Below is more detailed information of some of these events.

Professor Andreas Konstantopoulos, President of EPA and President Elect of IPA, at the Opening Ceremony of EiP 2011.



EPA started to announce the EP 2013, which will take place in Glasgow on June 5-8, 2013



- a. **EPA presents new data on European vaccination practices.** In 2011, EPA liaised with European vaccination experts to better document the current vaccination practices around Europe. The resulting two-phased European vaccination study also identified and prioritised remaining vaccination support needs among paediatric healthcare practitioners. The results were presented in two scientific posters by Professor Andreas Konstantopoulos et al. The first study found that paediatricians need help with parent information to improve the vaccination coverage. The second study specified the support need by identifying that information to parents on the importance of vaccines could help paediatricians improve the European vaccination coverage rates. Abstracts (no 83+92) have been published in Acta Paediatrica vol 100 suppl 463, and the posters are available via the EPA website www.epa-unepps.org/page/publications.
- b. **EPA presents new data on the management of cow's milk allergy in infants.** In 2011, EPA also liaised with milk allergy experts to better understand the current management of cow's milk allergy (CMA) in infants. A CMA study was conducted, and followed by an international expert group meeting. The results were presented in two scientific posters by Professor Manuel Moya et al. The first study found that primary care paediatricians need better clinical support to diagnose and treat cow's milk allergy in infants. The second poster suggested content types to include in new support to help paediatricians improve their CMA management in infants. Abstracts (no 10+11) have been published in Acta Paediatrica vol 100 suppl 463, and the posters are available via the EPA website. Based on these findings, EPA will also publish specific clinical recommendations for primary care paediatricians, in the EPA newsletter in March 2012. The newsletter is also available via the EPA website www.epa-unepps.org/page/publications.
- c. **EPA hosts clinical expert group meetings in the the areas of breastfeeding and weaning.** EPA also hosted two separate clinical expert group discussions on breastfeeding and on weaning. The first meeting discussed the European relevance of Philips Mother & Child Care report – global outlook on breastfeeding 2011. That study examined breastfeeding habits and barriers against breastfeeding in countries around the world. The second meeting discussed what could be defined as best current weaning practice. Publications addressing these issues in detail will also appear soon in the EPA newsletter.

Report submitted by Dr Andreas Konstantopoulos

2 The Latin American Association of Pediatrics -ALAPE

Welcome to ALAPE 2012 Congress: **The Latin American Association of Pediatrics - ALAPE** (www.alape.org) gives you a warm welcome to its fullest and most important international event, the XVI Latin American Congress of Pediatrics. (www.congresosalape.org)

The historic and magical city of *Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, from November 14th to 18th, 2012 welcomes us and the Colombian Society of Pediatrics* host us.

The XVI Latin American Congress of Pediatrics, after the 2011 International Conference we had in Panama, the first that by statute is directed by ALAPE through its Committee of Congress, executive structure that is part of the Executive Board, with a commitment to standardized events organized technically, objectively measurable and focused on achieving the maximum quality in pediatric academic meetings.

ALAPE renews the commitment to continue growing and establishing itself as the regional organization that represents and promotes the voice of pediatricians and children in the region.

Cartagena de Indias, on Colombia's Caribbean region <http://www.cartagenadeindias.travel/?la=en>, is a great city that holds the secrets of history in their castles, city walls and its narrow cobblestone streets lined with colorful houses and decorated facades of beautiful balconies.

Declared by UNESCO Cultural Heritage Site in 1984, Cartagena adds to the charm of its colonial architecture, republican and modern attractions of a vibrant nightlife, cultural festivals, lush landscapes, beautiful beaches, good food and an important infrastructure hotel and tourism. It is pleasant to walk the streets and see the colonial buildings,



the Palace of the Inquisition, the Clock Tower, the walls and the Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas, while enjoying the warm breezes and quiet from its parks and squares. This is the unique framework offered by Colombia, the Colombian Society of Pediatrics and ALAPE, that brings us to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood between our peoples and seeks to take responsibility for upgrade, raise standards of welfare and happiness of children and Latin American family, and commitment to certain fundamental purpose of a NEWALAPE.

Save these date: November 14th-18th 2012 in Cartagena de Indias. We Celebrate with you, the most important academic festival of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Report submitted by Dr. Hernando A. Villamizar President Asociación Latinoamericana de Pediatría

3 “UNPSTR – Eleventh Eurasian Congress of Pediatrics”

29-30 September 2011, in Dushanbe, Tajikistan

The Union of Pediatric Societies of Turkish Republics & Central Asia (UNPSTR), one of the regional branches of IPA, is encouraging Eurasian countries to improve their child health situations in Eurasia, since its establishment in the year 1993 thorough organizing congresses and workshops. The thema of the Elevent Eurasian Congress of Pediatrics was “Recent Advances in Pediatrics and Pediatric Surgery”.

The Congress was organized by UNPSTR in collaboration with the Ministry of Health of Tajikistan. *Nusratullo Salimov* (Minister of Health, Tajikistan) was the President, *Fayzulloev Nusratullo* (President of Tajik Academy of Medical Sciences), *Enver Hasanoglu* (Secretary General of the UNPSTR) were Vice-Presidents, and *Murat Yurdakok* (Past-President of the Turkish National Pediatric Society) and *Nasib Guliyev* (President of the UNPSTR) were General Secreteries of the Congress.

Congress was held at the Congress Hall of Vahdad Congress Center. *Rukia Kurbanova* (Deputy Prime Minister of Tajikistan), *Nusratullo Salimov* (Minister of Health, Tajikistan), *Lola Bobokhojieva* (Head of the Department of Women and Family Affairs of the Executive Office of the President), *Enver Hasanoglu* (Secretary General of the UNPSTR), *Fayzulloev Nusratullo* (President of Tajik Academy of Medical Sciences), *Nasib Guliyev* (President of the UNPSTR), and *Zohir Nabiev* (Director of the Tajik Scientific Clinical Center Pediatrics and Pediatric Surgery) have had opening remarks in the morning of September 29, 2011.



Enver Hasanoglu (Secretary General of the UNPSTR), and (on the left) **Rukia Kurbanova** (Deputy Prime Minister of Tajikistan) in the Opening Ceremony



The audience



Scientific sessions of the Congress took place on September 29 and 30, 2011 with 251 registered participants from 17 countries: Afghanistan (24), Armenia (1), Azerbaijan (4), Bashkortostan (2), Belarus (2), Iran (3), Kazakhstan (8), Kyrgyzstan (1), Russian Federation (5), Slovenia (1), Tajikistan (179), Tataristan (2), Turkey (12), Turkmenistan (3), Ukraine (2), Uzbekistan (1), and Yakutia (2).

63 oral presentations on various topics of pediatrics and pediatric surgery were discussed. Abstracts of the poster presentations in numbers 166 were printed in the Congress Book.

Just after the Congress, application of Iranian Society of Pediatrics to the UNPSTR was approved by the Executive Board which increases the acting members of the UNPSTR to 13: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bashkortostan (Russian Federation), Crimea (Ukraine), Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Tatarstan (Russian Federation), Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Turkmenistan, Turkey, and Uzbekistan.

Free scholarship

Turkish National Pediatric Society, as a founding and main supporting country of UNPSTR, also provides free scholarship as a form of financial aid for six-month training of pediatricians living in the congress holding countries in the leading university hospitals in Turkey. During the last two years, four pediatricians from Azerbaijan (two of them from Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic of Azerbaijan), were educated in neonatology, allergic disorders, and nephrology, and one from Crimea was educated in pediatric cardiology.

In the Opening Ceremony, Enver Hasanoglu (Secretary General, Turkish National Pediatric Society) and Salvatore Vendemmia (President, Società Italiana di Pediatria Ospedaliera) have had opening remarks, Murat Yurdakök (Past-President, Turkish National Pediatric Society) made an Opening Lecture entitled "Italian Contributions to Turkish Pediatrics During Ottoman Empire". In the scientific sessions of the meeting, 11 oral presentations on various topics of pediatrics were discussed. Second meeting will be organized by the Società Italiana Pediatria Ospedaliera in Italy.

A protocol for "**Russian-Turkish Pediatric Meetings**" was assigned between Scientific Center of Children's Health, Russian Academy of Medical Science) and Turkish National Pediatric Society during the annual national pediatric meeting in 2011 in Antalya, and planned to organize the first meeting in Turkey. Turkish National Pediatric Society and **American Association of Pediatrics** (AAP) will also be organized a meeting in 2012 in Antalya.



**Signature Ceremony of Russian-Turkish Pediatric Meetings:
Alexander Alexandrovich Baranov (Chairman of the Executive Committee of Union of Pediatricians of Russia)
and Enver Hasanoglu (Secretary General, Turkish National Pediatric Society).**



"News from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health UK". RCPCH

England is developing a new system for developing and delivering healthcare education across the professions. Health Education England will oversee the process with input from professional and lay bodies and the professional regulators such as the GMC, HEE will ensure that we have the right numbers of professional with the right skills in the right place at the right time. It will hold the education budget and ensure it is spent wisely. The recently formed Centre for Workforce Intelligence is gathering data that enables it to predict areas of over and under supply in medicine, nursing and other health and social care professions.

Report submitted by Dr Patricia Hamilton IPA SC member

News from the European Academy of Paediatrics

In Europe there is much discussion over a new Directive which addresses Professional Qualifications. It is important to maintain free movement of workers across the European Union, but there have been concerns about different language skills and different training programmes. The aim is to harmonise training programmes and the European Academy of Paediatrics (EAP) is the official European body that reports on training curricula. The common trunk for paediatrics enables us to be assured that trainees in different countries are reaching comparable standards.

The EAP and other European paediatric societies are holding an international paediatric conference in Istanbul on October 6th-9th 2012 which follows last year's very successful conference in Copenhagen.

Report submitted by Dr Patricia Hamilton IPA SC member



Section ~ OBITUARY



Professor Emeritus and National Scientist Perla Dizon Santos Ocampo Died: June 29 at 10 16 PM (Manila Time)

It is with deep sadness and grief that we announce the passing of a great figure in Pediatrics and Child Health, the one who inspired us all to be what we are today as child advocates. She is our symbol of courage, strength and love for humanity...It will never be the same without her !!!

Submitted by Mortada Elshabrawi, Cairo Egypt

As a well-known pediatrician, Dr. Santos-Ocampo doesn't just take care of babies. She's a mother to countless children who grow up healthier and smarter. That's because she devotes her time and efforts on how to control and manage diarrhea and malnutrition. By understanding the factors that cause such disease, she emphasizes the importance of oral rehydration and proper nutritional guidance for suffering children.

Dr. Santos-Ocampo was born in Dagupan city, Pangasinan on July 25, 1931. She studied and earned a medical degree from the University of the Philippines in 1955. She went on post-graduate pediatrics training at UP-Philippine General Hospital, and Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

She was credited for the conceptualization and establishment of the National Institutes of Health in UP Manila through Republic Act 803. She also founded the National Telehealth Center, which led to the creation of the Information Technology complex in UP-PGH. These efforts make critical public health services more efficient.

The Philippine Science Heritage Center in Bicutan science complex is another achievement that Dr. Santos-Ocampo helped realize. She was one of its chief advocates.

Dr. Santos-Ocampo was currently the President of the National Academy of Science and Technology, the highest and most prestigious scientific body in the country.

Dr. Santos-Ocampo was a recipient of numerous national and international awards, plaques, certificates, honors, and citations. These include UP Outstanding Researcher, IBM Science and Technology Award from PGH, a special citation from Gen. Carlos P. Romulo for "pushing the frontiers of science", most distinguished alumna from UP Alumni Society. In 1999, The Civil Service Commission awarded her the prestigious Lingkod Bayan Award, in recognition of her long and remarkable service in public health system. –

Written by Rodel G. Offemaria

Submitted by Mortada Elshabrawi, Cairo Egypt



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.



Draft Call to Action by Nike Grange

Dear Colleagues,

CALL TO ACTION

Vaccine preventable diseases contribute about one third to the burden of childhood illnesses in Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs). Over the last two decades, it has been shown world-wide that prompt, safe and effective immunization of children against these diseases is possible even in the remotest locations where there is paucity of infrastructures. The basic technology required is the cold chain system. This has been established in most of these countries for decades. The system is being sustained through the collaborative effort of Governments and international agencies especially the WHO and UNICEF. The responsibility for the regular supply of vaccines has also been primarily that of Governments currently aided by the special global vaccine funding agency known as the Global Alliance for Vaccine and Immunization (GAVI). The third component needed for the delivery of immunization services is the health workforce of public and private institutions including the Civil Society. Lastly, information dissemination to the community is required in order to improve the demand for both routine and newly-introduced vaccines. In spite of all efforts, surveillance data have shown that coverage with effective and sustained immunization services has been unsatisfactory in many of these countries thus resulting in sub-optimal reduction of deaths from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Paediatric Associations as the leading child health Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) have the potential to strengthen their capacities in order to assist in improving equitable access to effective immunization services by contributing to the following national, subnational and community activities:

- Delivery of immunization services as part of child health care package
- Training of health care personnel in the delivery of effective immunization services
- Dissemination of effective and evidence-based information in order to increase demand for vaccines by the community.
- Provision of ADVOCACY to governments, agencies and the private sector in order to ensure that priority is given to childhood immunization programme
- Provision of technical assistance in the planning and implementation of immunization programme
- Monitoring and Evaluation of Immunization Programme
- Conduct of Operational Research

The International Paediatric Association (IPA) is a global non-governmental organization comprising 174 National Paediatric Associations and 7 Regional Paediatric Associations.

The IPA has set up various technical advisory committees in order to facilitate the promotion and support of priority child survival programmes at global, regional and national levels.

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The IPA Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (TAGI) is one of these committees. TAGI in collaboration with the American Academy of Paediatrics, the Sabin Vaccine Institute (SVI) and the Measles-Rubella Initiative (MRI) has established a Strategic Plan and Schedule of Activities in order to mobilize support for childhood immunization in general but with emphasis on the Elimination of Measles and Rubella world-wide as our special focus. In order to realize our shared objectives, it is important that we involve our member associations at regional and national levels so as to enhance their potential to work with their governments, international agencies and the private sector for the promotion and support of our declared focus on Measles and Rubella at these levels.

Therefore, the purpose of this document is to **CALL TO ACTION ALL MEMBERS OF THE IPA** with regards to this initiative. The strategy that will be made use of by the IPA is the harnessing of the numerous opportunities and resources that are available and accessible to us for the engagement and support of Regional and National Paediatric Organizations. The detail of how members will be involved will be communicated to all in due course.

For further information please, contact **Alejandra Lule** <alule@aap.org>

Or visit our website [at www.ipa.org](http://www.ipa.org)

Yours Sincerely,

Nike Grange, Past President, IPA & Chair, TAGI

On behalf of Members of TAGI

Ciro de Quadros- SVI

Lou Cooper-AAP

Jonathan Klein-AAP

Sergio Cabral- President IPA

Andreas Constantopoulos- President elect, IPA

Bill Keenan- Executive Director, IPA

Zulfliqar Bhutta – Treasurer, IPA

Najwa Khuri- Past Member, IPA Standing Committee

Swati Bhave- Coordinator, IPA

Andrea Gay – United Nations Foundation – Contact on MRI

Naveen Thacker- Member, IPA Standing Committee & Web Master



Events

Congresses around the world

EVENTS FOR 2012

March 22-24 2012

The 16th Congress of Nepal Paediatric Society (NEPAS)

Kathmandu, Nepal

April 19-21, 2012

The Egyptian Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, & Nutrition (EGSPGHAN)

The Child & environment Society (CES)

Red Sea, Egypt

www.egspghan.org

April 21-24, 2012

7th Societe Internationale D'Oncologie Pediatrique (SOIP) Asian Congress

Yogyakarta, Central Java, Indonesia

www.siopasia2012.com

April 27-30, 2012

Congreso Nacional de Pediatría (CONAPEME)

Mexico City, Mexico

www.conapeme2012.com

April 28 - May 1, 2012

Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting

Boston, USA

www.pas-meeting.org

May 8-12, 2012

European Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ESPID)

Thessaloniki, Greece

www.kenes.com/espид2011

May 16-19, 2012

11th Congress of European Society for Pediatric Dermatology

Istanbul, Turkey

www.espd2012.org

May 17-19, 2012

8th Congress of Asian Society for Pediatric Research (ASPR) with the Korean Pediatric Societies Annual Meeting

Seoul, Korea

www.aspr2012.org

May 17-20, 2012

2nd Global Congress for Consensus in Pediatrics

Moscow, Russia

www.cipediatics.org

May 25-26, 2012

Third Polish-American Pediatric Meeting

Rzeszow, Poland

May 31 - June 2, 2012

60^o Congreso de la Asociación Española de Pediatría

Granada, Spain

www.aeped.es/eventos/60-congreso-asociacion-espanola-pediatria

June 13-16, 2012

15th International Congress on Infectious Diseases (ICID)

Bangkok, Thailand

www.isid.org/icid/index.shtml

June 16-23, 2012

**Programme de Leadership African en Nutricion
Fédération Marocaine de Pédiatrie**

Rabat, Morocco

fmp-site.org/

July 7, 2012

Singapore Paediatric and Perinatal Congress

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore

secretariat@sps.org.sg

August 21-25, 2012

**V Congreso Iberoamericano de Cirugía Pediátrica
XVIII Congreso Colombiana de Cirugía Pediátrica y
Encuentro Mundial Anual de Área de WOFAPS**

Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

www.iberoamericanociruped2012.com

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September 8-12, 2012

14th Asian Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APPA)

Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

www.apcp2012.org

October 24-27, 2012

The 6th Asian Congress of Pediatric Infection

September 11-12, 2012

3rd Teesside Neonatal Cardiology and Haemodynamics Conference

Billingham, Teesside, United Kingdom

www.neonatalcardiology.co.uk/

September 13-16, 2012

108th Annual Meeting: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kinder- und Jugendmedizin (DGKJ)

Hamburg, Germany

www.dgkj2012.de

September 20-23, 2012

51st Annual Meeting of the European Society of Paediatric Endocrinology

Leipzig, Germany

www.espe2012.org/

September 26-29, 2012

34th Union of Middle East and Mediterranean Paediatric Societies Congress (UMEMPS)

Kos, Greece

www.ememps-congress.org

October 6 – 9, 2012

European Academy of Pediatric Societies congress

Istanbul, Turkey

www2.kenes.com/paediatrics/Pages/Home.aspx

October 13-17, 2012

5th Child Health Annual Meeting of the Indonesian Pediatric Society

Bandung, West Java, Indonesia

idaicabjabar@gmail.com

October 20-23, 2012

AAP's National Conference and Exhibition

New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

www.aapexperieNCE.org

- **21st International Pediatric Conference of Pakistan Pediatric Association , Karachi, Pakistan,**
- 2nd to 04th Nov. 2012. The theme is "Beyond Barriers in Child Health"

PANCOF2012)

Theme : Nation in Transition - Double burden of childhood diseases

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EVENTS FOR 2013

May 4-7, 2013

Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting

Boston, USA

www.pas-meeting.org

June 2013 (TBD)

6th Europediatrics

Glasgow, Scotland

August 24-29, 2013

International Pediatric Association (IPA) Congress of Pediatrics

Melbourne, Australia

www.ipa-world.org/ipacongress/

September 24-27, 2013

36^o Congreso de Argentino de Pediatria

Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina

www3.sap.org.ar

October 26-29, 2013

AAP National Conference & Exhibition

Orlando, Florida, USA

www.aapexperieNCE.org (future dates)

November 9-13, 2013

6th Child Health Annual Meeting of the Indonesian Pediatric Society

Solo, Central Java, Indonesia

Events in 2014

May 3-6, 2014

Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting

Boston, USA

www.pas-meeting.org

July 2014 (TBD)

16th Indonesian Congress of Pediatrics

Palembang, South Sumatera, Indonesia

October 11-14, 2014

AAP National Conference & Exhibition

San Diego, California, USA

www.aapexperieNCE.org (future dates)