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Message from the President



Greetings and Well Wishes this Holiday Season,

It is my pleasure to pen this letter for the return issue of the IPA Newsletter. My tenure as President has been frenetic as expected but also exciting. Since Vancouver we have been actively engaging to heighten the IPA profile internationally. In our first year, we welcomed an engaging and passionate group of physicians to the Executive and Standing Committees, adopted a decentralized model for IPA administration, and I am pleased to report that these changes have been successful. Our new infrastructure has allowed for more fluid collaborations and I will share some of the activities we've championed.

As part of our initiatives we have been working to increase our presence with regional societies and national societies. One of the ways we hoped to achieve this was through a remodelling of our Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs). Instead of having technical groups on various sub areas we have appointed Strategic Advisors in fewer broader areas to help us identify strategic opportunities for IPA engagement. I want to take a moment to recognize all of our past TAG leaders

and TAG members. Your work helped us to inform our overall strategic initiatives. Our Strategic Advisors have begun to identify cross collaborations, opportunities for in country partnerships, and we look forward to the where the next twelve months will lead. As the Strategic Advisors develop their work plans and guidance for the IPA, we will share these with you in the first half of 2018.

To mobilize our presence in country the IPA has partnered with regional ministries, NGOs and academic partners to lead a series of workshops on Helping Babies Survive (HBS) and symposia on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Over the last year we've successfully held 3 of these workshops and joint symposia in East Africa, Central Asia, and South Asia, with further activities planned alongside the UNAPSA meeting in Abuja this January. These workshops have helped build capacity in these regions to reduce child mortality and the symposia have brought together representatives from all levels, policy makers, implementers, frontline workers, to keep and highlight the importance of hitting the SDG targets.

We also launched and endorsed a number of advocacy statements addressing the pressing issue of conflict on child health. Please read our commentary on Children in War in the Lancet, and our engaged sub-committees have just launched a statement on Violence against Children.

As you can see, we have been very busy, and it is our hope that these activities continue to grow in 2018 and beyond. All IPA officers and support staff have worked hard over this period and I owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude. I shall close by saying I wish all of you a blessed holiday and a joyous New Year, may 2018 be a prosperous and peaceful one for all.

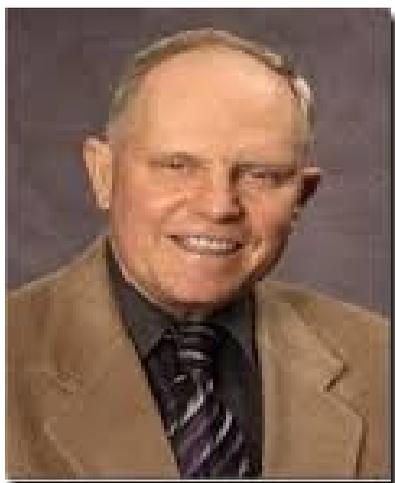
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Message from the Executive Director



My Fellow Pediatricians,

The past 10 years has been very important for pediatrics. Children around the world are receiving significant benefits from improved service and science in nearly every part of the globe, Neonatal mortality has decreased by almost a half, disability rates are down, awareness of critical matters centring on early child development have greatly increased and issues of violence against children are receiving increased attention. Polio has been nearly eliminated. Partnerships continue to be demonstrated to be critical on behalf of children.

All these advances are truly remarkable but much remains to be done even while we are encouraged by progress. Immunization rates are fragile everywhere. More children live in areas beset by war. Malnutrition, neglect and displacement of children are at levels unprecedented in human history. An effective response to protect children's health and psychosocial well-being requires our constant attention and advocacy.

Pediatricians must be united more than never before to secure the gains for families and their children. I am optimistic that our joint and coordinated action can further benefit all children. The themes of protection, prevention and partnership must continue to bring us forward on behalf of children. The IPA will serve these goals vigorously.

Thank you for everything you do. Be informed, be connected and continue in your efforts.

Wishing all the members of IPA and their family, a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May the Lord showers upon all with lots of blessings this coming year.

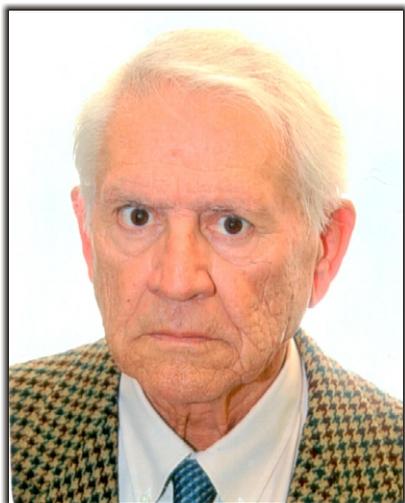
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Message from the Chief Editor



We have regained the pulse to inform our readers about practical and appropriate changes in the design and content of International Pediatric Association Newsletter (IPA NL). The former spirit of concise and ad-hoc information, in this case about health aspects related to the child and adolescent, of before will be maintained according to the reason of being of any newsletter.

From now onwards in the next issues you will find a shorter newsletter retaining its appearance after 13 years, although with the necessary modifications and with improved and swift connections to the IPA website and the dynamic IPA Online Updates. This integrative motion avoids unnecessary redundancies. The content has been reduced to seven sections: Message from the President, Editorial, Report of the Executive Director, Treasurer or Coordinator of Development and IPA Foundation (IPAF) whenever pertinent, IPA activities, the fresh section What's New (a brief description appears in this issue), 29th IPA Congress, and Links. These sections will highlight the contents of each issue, the IPA actions and also keep you updated with

the breakthroughs of child health. Not in vain the relationships of IPA with WHO, FAO, UNICEF among other important global agencies are fluid and effective. As an example let's stop to consider the involvement of IPA in helping in recent child crisis derived from wars. But also the implementation of scientific achievements into care/ actions is a main concern for IPA. Professor Bhutta, our President, is the Associated Editor for International of Archives of Diseases on Childhood (impact factor of 3.265) and this could reflect that the importance given by IPA to applied research is paramount. The intended target of IPA NL is global but with a special dedication to low- and middle-income countries based on the input from the previous phase.

The editorial substrate has notably improved with Assistant Editor, Dr. Deepak Kamat, and the editor technical support with a double location in India and Canada, which will help deliver a wider and more complete coverage. Without the support from the Coordinator of Development for this new organization system, the subsequent issues launch would had been impossible.

We do not desire, neither encourage one-way information, the Newsletter will be more alive, dear reader, with your input. Please contact us for any question or criticism you may have.

With my best wishes to you all for the festive Season.

Manuel Moya

IPA Newsletter Chief Editor



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Message from the Coordinator of Development



Dear IPA Colleagues,
Season's Greetings!

It is my proud privilege to present to you my report as Coordinator of Development, IPA. With support from Ms Deity Ravi, our office in India takes care of day-to-day IPA communications, website content management, and social media engagement, strategic communication with IPA member societies and sending dues notices and collections of dues from member societies.

With the technical support and help of a professional media and communication agency in Finland named M4ID we have worked on a "Brand refresh of IPA" and developed a new logo and tagline "Every Child Every Age EveryWhere" revamped our website and used social media in a most effective manner. Our special thanks to Ms. Liisa Vilkkumaa, Ms. Elizabeth Somerville and their entire team from M4ID, Finland.

This year in 2017, we successfully launched our IPA Online Updates, directly linked with the IPA website and it highlights the weekly global news, events, and research related to child

health along with the activities of IPA member societies. It is sent to a database of about 16000+ people and all member societies on weekly basis. Thank you everyone for supporting this initiative and for making it a big success.

In terms of annual membership dues collection, as per the data available to us the IPA has so far collected approximately \$169,636 for 2017. Thank you to all member societies who have paid their annual membership dues and for all of the support and cooperation.

Since social media has been an innovative way to interact and communicate, the IPA has been successful in communicating with its 6,831 followers on our Facebook page, 1,626 followers on Twitter and 39 followers on LinkedIn. We also have a very active WhatsApp group of IPA member societies. Soon we are going to launch our new IPA Mobile App, and will be sharing more info as the launch approaches.

Dr. Zulfiqar Bhutta, President of IPA has given me the additional responsibility to act as Strategic Advisor on Immunization. We have developed a project proposal on "Vaccine Hesitancy" which will be launched very soon.

Our office also provides support to the IPA Standing Committee (SC) Sub-Committees. The following Sub-Committees were formed in London at the SC meeting in March 2017: (1) Strategic Planning and Development (2) Communications, Public Affairs, Advocacy (3) Ethics, Policies, and Procedures (4) Member Relations and Membership Affairs (5) Archives and Alumni (6) Child Rights and Child Protection.

I would like to thank Ms. Deity Ravi for providing me all administrative support.

It is my hope for 2018 to grow our continued support and cooperation from all IPA member societies.

Warm Regards

Naveen Thacker

Coordinator of Development
International Pediatric Association



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IPA Activity Recap.

1. Strategic Advisors -

The IPA has called together a leading group of experts in key areas in health to advise on strategic initiatives. These experts and areas are:

Peter Waiswa	Newborn Care including Quality of care
Miguel O'Ryan	Child Survival
Mohamad Mikati	Early Childhood Development
Mona	Environmental Health
Hanna-Attisha	
Karen Olness	Humanitarian Emergencies
Naveen Thacker	Immunizations
Jonathan Klein	Non-Communicable Diseases
Berthold Koletzko	Nutrition

Collaborations and developments of their strategic plans are underway, and we look forward to sharing updates on these upcoming activities in 2018.

2. World Health Assembly Activities-

- i. At the World Health Assembly in May 2017, the IPA presented statements on Prevention of Blindness and Childhood Obesity in hopes of raising recognition and garnering support at the inter-agency level.
- ii. The IPA also prepared a correspondence in the Lancet to Protect Children of War, which is available at <https://goo.gl/ymF8oV>
- iii. In addition, a petition was also prepared to Protect Children of War and submitted to the UN Secretary General. This petition garnered the support of over 1300 pediatricians globally.

These activities continue to engage pediatricians and global networks to ensure issues of vast importance to child health remain on the global agenda.

3. International Workshops on Helping Babies Survive -

IPA in collaboration with the Coalition of Centres in Global Child Health (The Coalition), and various ministry

and academic local partners have undertaken to lead workshops on Helping Babies Survive as one of its key activities in 2017. Helping Babies Survive is a program of evidence-based, hands-on activities developed to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality, and quality improvement measures, in resource-limited environments using standardized components and methodologies. These workshops brought together international and local clinical experts to prepare and educate local clinicians to become Master Trainers empowered to facilitate future workshops. The aim of these investments is to help develop sustainability in the two crucial areas of maternal and neonatal mortality. We have conducted three workshops this year and looking to 2018 to develop further partnerships for opportunities to continue this momentum.

4. Statement on Violence against Children (Budapest and Lahore) -

Under the stewardship of Dr. Shanti Raman, Chair of the Child Rights Sub-Committee for the IPA and in collaboration with ISSOP, ISPCAN, and several academic institutions, this collaborative developed a statement on Violence against Children (VAC), launched at the 1st Child Rights Conference of South Asia in Lahore, Pakistan in November. In addition this collaborative coordinated formal declarations at the International Society for Social Pediatrics and Child Health meeting in October 2017, and in Lahore following the launch of the VAC Statement to ratify support from participants and leaders in the fight against violence against children. This statement was published as a supplement in the Pakistan Pediatric Journal, a copy is available at <https://goo.gl/sZ4auh>



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5. IPA Congress Introduction of the Scientific Chairs –

The 2019 IPA Congress will be in beautiful Panama City. The Asociación Latinoamericana de Pediatría/Latin American Pediatric Association (ALAPE) have been great partners and champions in promoting the event. Our

Scientific Chairs for the Congress are Dr. Olle Söder and Dr. Ivàn Wilson, have been actively leading our Scientific Committee in developing a robust and diverse program for the Congress. Calls for Abstracts announcements are coming in 2018. Stay tuned for more details about the Congress in upcoming issues, and save the date, March 17-21 and we will see you in Panama City.



HBS workshop at Uganda, April 2017



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HBS workshop at Bishkek, July 2017



HBS workshop at Pakistan, November 2017

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"HBS Uganda" Kampala, April 2017. Partners Aga Khan University (AKU) School of Nursing and Midwifery, SickKids Centre for Global Child Health, (C-GCH), The Coalition, Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), Makerere University, and the Ministry of Health.

HBS workshop at Kyrgyzstan

"HBS Pakistan" Karachi, Pakistan, November 2017. Partners AKU, IWK Health.



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What's New

This is a new section that will cover aspects in relation to new science and child health development as well as member contribution to these subjects. Therefore the previous sections Global Clinical Practice and Hot Points will be enhanced with important clues on present and prevalent topics such as the newborn, infectious diseases, nutrition, adolescence, displaced populations, educational opportunities, etc.

Pediatrics and pediatric health are such wide fields that it would be unrealistic to try to cover them, therefore the selected subjects to be treated here are based on the actuality of the problem (ie cholera outbreak in Yemen) or in the growing possibility of use of a new technique

(i.e. gene editing for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy through CRISPR-Cas9 technique) or when evidence is recently gained (ie bariatric surgery for obese adolescents). This section will also cover the points with general impact in children and adolescents such as the future of public health in low-, middle- or high-income countries, and the patient safety, basic policies for adequate sleep and along etcetera. A general policy in this section is the use of data from evidence based studies.

Also this section is not at all a closed one, if you have or think of a subject that fit well and could be approached here; please do not hesitate in telling us.

The suggestions from the Executive Direction towards this new section have been important and appreciated.

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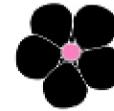
On behalf of the International Pediatric Association (IPA) and with its 168 member organizations, we invite you to join us at the 29th International Pediatric Association Congress to be held in Panama City, Panama from March 17-21, 2019.



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