



## Message from the IPA President

*Dear IPA Professional Colleagues and Friends for International Child Health*

At the time of publication of the Newsletter, the world is being mobilized to combat the Influenza A (HiN1) Pandemic under the capable leadership of Dr. Margaret Chan, Director General, of the World Health Organization (WHO), with appreciable results. How can pediatricians and child health professionals working together to uphold global child health and to minimize the mortality and morbidity of our beloved children of the world? This can be effectively implemented by quality clinical care and adequate health education (such as measures including wearing masks, washing hands and maintaining good personal hygiene) by individual professionals at frontline level, assisting Ministries of Health at national levels via our national societies and regional societies in formulating health policies as well as research and publication by our specialty societies and collaborative work between IPA and our Partners at the International Child Health Arena. We can post most up-to-date information on the pandemics at our Website and through hyperlinkage with the WHO web for most updated data and statistics. Our IPA programme on Immunization can advise member societies and individual professionals on information of the upcoming Vaccine designated to combat the virus: their indications, safety and potential side effects for consideration of clinicians and public health workers. While the IPA Programme on Better Medicine for Children can proactively advise us on the drugs available for treatment of the pandemic as reference for paediatricians. We sincerely hope that the combined effort of all professionals concerned will enable us to proactively promote good child health and to minimize suffering of the global child population whom we serve. I thank you all for your kind effort.

IPA participated at the World Health Assembly (WHA) 2009 with our delegation consisting of your President, President-Elect and Executive Director. The Assembly was well attended by Ministers of Health of 194 UN member states and their subordinates. While the Influenza Pandemic was the major focus of debates, resolutions and action points, there were many major child health issues including Monitoring Progress of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), Health Problems consequent to Global Climate Changes, Blindness, Primary Health Care, Injury Prevention and others. IPA actively participated at the WHA and launched three IPA Statements on "Pediatricians and Achievement of the MDG's", "Childhood Blindness" and "Primary Health Care for Children". These will be filed into the meeting minutes of the Assembly and bear



permanent record on contributions from the pediatricians at the global child health.

At the member society level, we are very pleased to witness professional meetings being successful organized by our national, regional and specialty societies all bearing fruitful results. The scientific programmes, speakers, organization and implementation were all top quality with adequate fulfilment of their visions and missions. We are all very proud of our achievements. However there is one area which I would like to bring attention to our colleagues and this is "ETHICS" which is the foundation for quality care, equity, advocacy and platform for interaction with our partners at the global child health arena, that is why IPA inaugurated our Ethics Committee ten years ago trying to promote this important aspect of our activities. Through my visit to the professional meetings of our Societies, I am very pleased that most of the meetings were up to standard for our ethical requirements which I appreciate. However there are still rooms for improvement in some areas especially on the exhibition and sponsorship programmes and in areas of promotion of EXCLUSIVE BREASTFEEDING. At the Athens IPA Congress 2007, the IPA Council of Delegates (the highest governing body of IPA) made a clear and unbiased Resolution that "IPA Should be dedicated to the promotion of exclusive breastfeeding". I therefore would like to appeal to your kind upholding of this resolution with special attention on the following recommendations:

1. That in our professional activities, meetings and publication, we should have clear wordings such as "IPA/Name of Member Society and pediatricians are all committed to the promotion of Exclusive Breastfeeding" with banners confirming our devotion at the meeting venues.



2. That we should adhere firmly to the "IPA Guidelines for Relations with the Industry" (Full text available at the IPA Website).
3. That we should observe the latest "Code for Marketing of Breast Milk Substitutes" by WHO.
4. That participation of the industry at our professional activities should aim at education and NOT for marketing or promotion of their products.
5. That there should be no gifts, gimmicks, souvenirs and real products appearing at the Exhibition Halls.

I thank you all for your cooperation in rendering IPA an ethical international organization and pediatricians a good batch of professionals with good conscience and clear avoidance of conflict of interest. To achieve these, the IPA Ethics Committee stands in preparedness and readiness to assist you in achieving these noble targets. Please contact us if we can be of help. Thank you.

The IPA Programmes continue to thrive under the capable leadership of our Technical Advisors (TA) and Co-chairs and made our name at the world map for global child health. Our IPA Immunization Programme under Professor Ciro de Quadras (Technical Advisor) and Professor Najwa Khuri-Bulos (Programme Co-Chair) and the capable leaders of the Union of the Arab Pediatricians, Professor Ali El-Halibi (President) and Professor Hussein Bahaaeldin (President Emeritus), successfully hosted a Meeting in Jordon in May 2009 on Vaccine and Immunizations. The Meeting concluded with launching of the powerful Statement on "Call to Actions for Universal Immunizations for Children of Arab Countries regardless of Social Class or Country of Origin" which IPA strongly supported with our co-signature. "The Children's Health and the Environment of Programme (CEH) of IPA" under our TA Professor Ruth Etzel hosted a One-Day Workshop jointly between IPA, WHO and the Korean Pediatric Society at Busan, South Korea on 7th June 2009 whereby we were privileged to have an excellent group of star speakers representing different aspects of environmental health addressing on child health at their own expertise domains. We have taken good note of the discussions and resolutions of the Workshop for our future work at the IPA programmes with particular reference to the areas of Climate Changes and Injury Prevention. Still at the Programmes, Professor Kalle Hoppu, our TA for the Better Medicine for Children, is working closely with WHO and leading professionals on the subject. We are anticipating multiplicities of spin-offs from these collaborations in terms of research, clinical trials, pharmacology and pharmacokinetics, ethics, legislations and many important disciplines within the

subject matter. IPA and the pediatricians are indeed very grateful for the immense contributions of our technical advisors and look forward eagerly to their continual support and guidance.

We are pleased to welcome the long list of future professional activities by IPA members on the pipelines. These include the Europediatrics at Moscow in July, the Asia-Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) Congress in October and the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) in October 2009 and many others. We are indeed very productive and these activities are all vital in achieving our slogan of "Healthy Children for a Healthy World". However, on reviewing dates of these meetings, I regret that there are many overlaps such as the APPA Congress and the AAP Meetings just to quote one example. This is total waste of resources and effort. In order to avoid such situations from occurring again in the future, IPA under our capable Executive Director (Jane Schaller) and Web Editor (Naveen Thacker) has inaugurated a "Year Planner for International Professional Meetings" at our IPA Web so that professionals can always consult this Section for future calendar events before finalizing their dates for future meetings. The attempt is by IPA but the success of course depends on your kind support and input. I therefore thank you in advance for your cooperation and guidance on this meaningful project for our profession.

Thanks to the effort of the IPA Standing Committee, the new Committee Infrastructure, under the capable guidance of Professor Judy Hall and the officers and executives, is functionally effective while organization of our IPA 2010 Congress under Professor Keith Bolton (Congress President) and Professor Peter Cooper (Chairman of the Scientific Committee) is progressing well and passing smoothly at all the checkpoints of developmental milestones. We are indebted to the effort of the Scientific Committee (both the International and Local experts) in having successfully prepared our provisional scientific programme for the Congress. The well-planned professional activities and outstanding speakers together with our festive social programme for the IPA Centenary Celebration will promise you all a super Congress. We are confident that this is going to be another success of IPA activities. I therefore strongly recommend you to register early and join us in achieving the targets and objectives of the Congress. I thank you for your attention and wish you all the best of health!

**Dr. Chok-wan CHAN**  
IPA President, 16th June 2009.





### ***From the desk of the editor***

Dear friends

I am happy to bring out the 2nd issue of the IPA news letter 2009 This issue contains a lot of information about the IPA delegation to the World health assembly session at Geneva and the IPA statements presented by our President Chok Wan CHAN and the Executive Director Jane Schaller .We have news from two of our program areas Adolescent and Environment as also news from the events of the various regions around the world.

The IPAE news letter is sent out by the IPA office to all our member societies ie. National paediatric Societies, Regional Paediatric Societies and subspecialty societies. For wider distribution of this news letter we earnestly request you to please Email the last news letter and this news letter individually to all your members, whose email ids are in your data base.

The News letter is the best way to have wide recognition of the work done by IPA to be disseminated to everyone. We are making a mailing list for the IPA news letter. I request you to please send the names and emails of the important people in your region to whom you feel this news letter should be sent. We are specially interested in people working in your country's health ministry, in the regional or country offices of International agencies like WHO , UNICEF , UNFPA , important NGO's in you region and anyone interested in health of children around the world.

Please send the names and email ids to me at [swatiybhav@yahoo.com](mailto:swatiybhav@yahoo.com) with copy to Clea at IPAoffice Geneva at the email [adminoffice@ipa-world.org](mailto:adminoffice@ipa-world.org)

We are overwhelmed with the responses from readers from all over. This makes the hard work involved in bringing out the newsletter really worthwhile! We have published some of them in this issue Please do keep sending us your responses and also let us know what more you want included in the news letter.

We have put photos of children from the African region on this issue. We plan to keep changing the pictures in the banner for each issue. If you have some good pictures of children from your region, do send us.

Also do keep sending news about the happenings in your society with colour photos. We want this newsletter to cover all the happenings in our member societies.

We will be putting upcoming events in each news letter. This issue has events from 2009-11 . If you wish have any events of your society to be put in the event section, do send us at the email ids given above.

Yours in IPA service  
**Dr Swati Y Bhav**



## IPA and International Agencies

### 13-14 May "Civil Society Forum on the High Level Taskforce on Innovative International Financing for Health Systems" Johannesburg

The High Level Taskforce was established in September 2008 in response to the call by world leaders at the UN High Level Events in New York, for an additional US\$30 billion to save 10 million lives – 3 million mothers and 7 million children. Chaired by the Prime Minister of UK Gordon Brown and World Bank President Robert Zoelick, the Taskforce brings a significant number of outstanding world leaders including Dr, Margaret Chan of WHO and political leaders from Liberia and Norway via working groups and consultation of Civil Societies (NGO's) with report for the G8 Summit in July 2009.

Timeline for activities of the Taskforce included First Meeting at Doha in December 2008, Second Meeting at London March 2009 where Jane Schaller represented IPA. The Current Meeting is the Third Meeting of the series being held at Johannesburg in May 13-14 2009 with the IPA delegation consisting of Peter Cooper, Cherif Rihamy and Chok-wan Chan who actively participating at the Meeting with agenda items focused on three aspects, namely

1. Financing health systems and attainment of the health MDG's: responding to the gaps and making use of the resources
2. Mobilizing more resources for health: the use of existing and innovative financing mechanisms
3. Channeling funds for health and making a difference: the global health architecture and health plan.

The Meeting ended with a Summary Report which together with additional meetings at the time of the World Health Assembly in Geneva in May 2009 and at Abuja Nigeria in June 2009 will eventually be amalgamated into the Final Report for submission to the G8 Summit in July 2009. IPA is proud to be invited at such a meaningful movement for our children of the global world.

## The World Health Organization - WHO

### 18-22<sup>nd</sup> May World Health Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland

Organized by Dr. Margaret Chan, Director General, WHO.

Participants were the Ministers of Health from all UN member states (total 192) and their subordinates, special observers as approved by the WHA, UN Agencies, NGO's, Professional Bodies and Academic Groups. Total participants: about 4000 persons. Main theme of the Assembly was on the Influenza Pandemic. The duration of the Assembly was reduced from the usual two weeks to one week to allow health ministers to return home early to combat the Influenza Infection. Other topics relevant for child health include blindness, primary health care, the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's), tuberculosis, malaria, HIV/AIDS and others.

Special Guests were, Mr. Ban Ki Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations and Mrs. Sarah Brown wife of UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown, After long and winding debate over the past ten years, Taiwan was admitted as OBSERVER at the WHA at the recommendation of China in the name of Chinese Taipei.

The IPA Delegation consisted of Chok-wan CHAN (President), Sergio CABRAL (President-Elect) and Jane SCHALLER (Executive Director) IPA participated at most of the major sessions at the Assembly. Three IPA Statements were presented by IPA on "Childhood Blindness and Primary Health Care for Children" by Jane Schaller and "Paediatricians and achievements of the health-related MDG's" by President IPA Chok-wan with contribution from President Elect IPA Sergio Cabral.

IPA delegation also met representatives of FIGO, WHO, UNICEF, nurses, midwives, Health Partnership Plus (HP+) and other activists ready to put the IPA flag onto the map of the global health arena.

a) There was a meeting with the Child and Adolescent Health (CAH) Section of WHO. It was agreed to collaborate in the following areas : 1) Promotion of Breastfeeding, 2) Pre-Service



Training, 3) Quality and Evidenced Practice in Child Health, 4) Adolescent Health (and the already prepared Education Kit by Swati Bhawe IPA Technical Advisor on Adolescent Health and Dr Chandra Mouli from CAH WHO) 5) Vaccines and Immunization, 6) Environmental Health for Children, 7) Better Medicine for Children.

b) There was a Luncheon Meeting at the Red Cross Headquarters in Geneva on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009 with the following presentations: International Control of Drugs, Regulations of Fake Drugs, and Introduction of the Taiwan Health Minister as new observer at the World Health Assembly.

c) Meeting with the WHO Task Force for Health Manpower offering the powerful professional manpower of IPA to the service at the international health arena.

*edited version of submission by Dr Chok Wan CHAN President IPA*



World Health Assembly 2009 Geneva  
L\_R President Elect IPA Sergio Cabral President IPA Chok Wan CHAN

## IPA Statement on “Paediatricians and Achievement of the Health-related MDG's”

62nd<sup>l</sup> WHA 2009 Agenda Item 11.6 “Monitoring of the achievements of the health-related MDG's” by Professor Chok-wan CHAN, IPA President

Mr. Chairman, Your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I speak on behalf of the International Pediatric Association (IPA) comprising of 148 national, 7 regional and 14 pediatric specialty member societies and together representing one million pediatricians in one unified voice for global child health.

We firmly believe in “child survival, child health and child development” and ten years ago, we already started programs on “Newborn Survival” and on “Child Watch Africa” alerting the world of major health problems in Sub-Sahara Africa and launched the famous Nairobi Declaration for Child Survival arousing global awareness of the appalling conditions where our children lived. We are proud to be invited to the Meeting for 28 African Health Ministers at the World Health Assembly in 2005 on the issue.

Pediatricians at IPA are committed to the promotion of breastfeeding with zinc supplements, control of vaccine preventable diseases and environmental health through programs on nutrition, immunization and environmental health. We created programs on Child Survival, MDG and Child Health at Humanitarian Emergencies. Our Council of Delegates passed resolution in Athens in 2007 to support our MDG activities. We formulated strategic plans to link up our societies and encourage twining between members with successful results. We encouraged members to influence their ministries of health on child health issues and policies. We formed fruitful collaborations with obstetricians and gynecologists, nurses and midwives via the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) since 2005 for maternal and child health.

At global level, pediatricians work closely with WHO, UNICEF, FIGO, World Bank and other agencies offering our expertise, experience and knowledge as well epidemiological data and updated research information for child health. We participated at global initiatives including the Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI), the Global Action Plan against Pneumonia (GAPP), the Global Alliance for Vaccine and Immunization (GAVI), the





Countdown to 2015 as well as the Health Partnership Plus (HP+) and as civil society in consultation for the High Level Taskforce on Innovative International Financing For Health Systems,

We paediatricians are confident that with our dedicated effort, we should be able to contribute to the attainment of the MDG's by 2015 because we strongly believe *"Healthy Children for a Healthy World"*!

Thank you for your attention.

### **IPA statement on Childhood Blindness/ WHA 2009: Prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment:**

62 World Health Assembly, agenda item, 12.3 Dr Jane Schaller, Executive Director, IPA I am speaking for the IPA, a global organization representing the National Paediatric Associations of most countries and all regions of the world. We paediatricians congratulate WHO and its international eye partners for bringing this action plan for prevention of avoidable blindness to the attention of the World Health Assembly. Blindness and severe visual impairment are often overlooked as causes of childhood disability, and represent a preventable tragedy for the children who are affected.

Hundreds of thousands of children are blind or severely visually impaired in today's world. Some are blind as a result of congenital or infectious causes such as river blindness or trachoma which are now treatable or preventable conditions. However, the continuing tragedy is that most blind children in the developing world of today suffer because they have not received two proven cost effective primary health care interventions: vitamin A supplementation and measles immunization. In Sierra Leone, as many as 80% of children in a single school for the blind are estimated to have lost vision for reasons related to vitamin A deficiency. And although rates of measles immunization in the developing world have improved, too many children are still unreached by immunization services. Vitamin A and measles immunization would not only prevent much childhood blindness, they would also offer protection from other major causes of childhood mortality.

Life is often difficult for a blind child in the developing world. Educational and support facilities and vocational opportunities are few. Preventable blindness in adults also impacts the lives of children who may be required to spend their childhoods guiding a blind parent or relative, reduced to the status of "seeing eye children", never free to attend school. Loss of sight in a child or even in a parent thus often results in a child's loss of a chance to develop his or her human potential, a tragic loss indeed.

IPA thanks WHO and its partners for calling needed attention to preventable blindness and visual impairment in children. We paediatricians recognize blindness as a significant and often preventable cause of childhood disability. We will bring this matter to the attention of our global network of paediatricians, seek to collaborate with international partners, and advocate for inclusion of the needs of children in national plans, policies, and programs for eye health and prevention of blindness. And we will continue to fight for the right of every child to basic primary health interventions including measles immunization and vitamin A supplementation.

We thank you for your attention.

### **IPA statement on Primary Health Care, Including Health System Strengthening,**

62 World Health Assembly, agenda item 12.4. Dr. Jane Schaller, Executive Director, IPA

I am speaking for the IPA, an international organization of Paediatricians and their National and Regional Paediatric Associations from the world over. We paediatricians are concerned that although progress has been made in newborn and child survival, much more accelerated progress is needed if we are to reach the MDG's which address the survival, health, and development of newborns and children throughout the world, as well as the crucial need for the health and survival of their mothers.

As many as ten million newborns and children still die of preventable or readily treatable diseases each year. The five major causes of their deaths



are failure of newborn survival, diarrheal disease, pneumonia, malaria, and HIV-AIDS. The majority of deaths from these conditions can be prevented by cost effective interventions inherent to basic primary health care. These interventions include attended births, immediate breast feeding of newborns, oral rehydration therapy, zinc supplementation, early recognition and antibiotic treatment of pneumonia, insecticide treated bed nets, and anti-malarial treatment of childhood fevers. HIV/AIDS, now the leading cause of child death in a number of African countries, adds another dimension of needs: continuum of maternal newborn and child health care, integration of vertical care programs for HIV with MNCH care programs, and maternal newborn and child health system strengthening to meet the needs of the world's most vulnerable citizens.

Implementation of these cost effective and evidence based measures would prevent a significant percentage of preventable child deaths, address maternal mortality as well, and hasten our progress towards achievement of the MDG's. Furthermore, improving the health of the world's mothers and children would contribute to both national and global development and stability.

It is time to move ahead with the promise of Alma Ata and to invest in sound primary care for all the world's mothers and children, and indeed for all its peoples. There is no more important task at hand for the world health community. We of the International Paediatric Association are committed to working with WHO and other partners to do our part in achieving this important goal.

We thank you for your attention, and congratulate WHO for its leadership in bringing the crucial issue of universal primary health care to the attention of the world health community.

## IPA Program Area -Adolescent Health

### IPA Program Areas :Adolescent Health COLLABORATIVE WORK with WHO's Department of Child and Adolescent Health and Development, (CAH): IPA/WHO resource kit on adolescent health



The International Paediatric Association (IPA) in collaboration with WHO's is preparing a "resource kit" for paediatricians on adolescent health. This resource kit is being developed by Dr Chandra Mouli and Paul Bloem from WHO CAH and Dr

Swati Y Bhave from IPA The resource kit is intended to meet the need of paediatricians and member Associations to be empowered to deal with the special health needs of adolescents. The number of children as a proportion of population has started to shrink in many countries, the adolescent population is larger than ever before, and represents a growing market for paediatricians. Paediatricians have traditionally been trained to deal with younger children and therefore need to be sensitized to the special needs of and situations faced by adolescents. In some countries, adolescents may be "falling between the cracks", if they are expected to seek adult care from as early as twelve years of age. As a consequence, in many places adolescents complain of a lack of access to good quality care. Paediatricians can fill that gap. For the IPA, paediatricians are responsible for children between the ages of 0 and 18 years as defined by the Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC, 1989). Therefore, IPA has identified adolescent health as an important aspect of its future agenda.

The resource kit will enable professional associations and their members to understand why adolescents are important, what is different about the care they require, and what paediatricians can do to provide that care, as well as what the associations can do to





support their members. The kit will consist of guidelines and materials for national associations to organize orientation training of 3-4 hours duration for their members as an add-on to their National congresses or other opportunities. The kit will also contain selected reference materials; links to key WHO tools and materials, as well as information about opportunities for further capacity building at the national and international levels.

The resource kit will be field tested in the second half of 2009 and made available (in English) to IPA member associations by January 2010. The Standing committee members of IPA have kindly volunteered to translate the Resource kit into various Regional languages.



A meeting to plan development of the WHO - IPA Adolescent Resource Kit .at WHO Geneva Dr Chandramouli WHO Co-ordinator Adolescent Health WHO Geneva CAH section Dr Swati Y Bhavne IPA Technical Advisor IPA Adolescent Health

## IPA Program Area Environment and children's health

7- 10th June Republic of Korea .

### IPA WHO/ KPA Pre-Conference Workshop on Children's Health and the Environment & The 3rd WHO International Conference on Children's Health and the Environment

The Pre-Conference Workshop was jointly organized by IPA/WHO/Korean Pediatric



Chok-wan CHAN (IPA), Ruth ETZEL (IPA), Jenny PRONCZUK (WHO), Maria NEIRA (WHO) and Chang-hwi KIM (Korea)

Association. Ruth Etzel (IPA), Jenny Pronczuk (WHO) and Nam Su Kim (Korea)

The 3rd WHO Conference on CEH was at the invitation of the Ministry of Health of republic of Korea because this country has high incidence of childhood allergy especially topic dermatitis. This was organized by Dr. Maria NEIRA, Director of the WHO Department of Public Health and Environment (WHO/PHE) The first was held in Bangkok, Thailand in 2002 and the second in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2005.

About 150 professionals attended the joint Workshop (free of charge) and about 350 professionals attended the WHO Conference (with payment of registration fees)

The Scientific Programme was well planned and covered wide range of topics within the subject .The Workshop speakers were all world experts on various aspect of environmental health for children. A detailed report of the workshop will be given in the program area report in the next issue A CD of the presentation in English was distributed to the participants.

Dr Chok-wan Chan was invited as President of IPA and Honorary Chair for the Workshop. He addressed the Opening Session on behalf of IPA in the workshop and represented IPA at the Opening Ceremony of the 3rd WHO





Group Photo of the organizing committee WHO/IPA/ Korean Pediatric Society

International Conference, the Official Reception and VIP Luncheon Meeting hosted by the Deputy Minister of Health of South Korea. He met many senior health officials of the South Korean Government. and discussed important IPA Programs. He along with Dr Ruth Etzel IPA Technical Advisor on Environmental health had meetings with WHO and Global Alliance for NGO's on CEH.

*Edited version of submission by Ruth Etzel TA IPA program area on Environment and child health and Dr. Chok-wan CHAN, IPA President.*



Exhibition for the 50th anniversary celebration of child health in Taiwan (Minister of Health, President of Chinese Taipei Association Prof Chnag Mei Hwei, Dr Chok Wan Chan and others

## NEWS FROM VARIOUS REGIONS APRIL 2009

### 17-19th: Asia Pacific Association of Paediatric Allergy, Respiriology and Immunology (APAPARI) Congress Suzhou, China

Total Membership of the Regional Subspecialty Society: is 8000. Participants: more than 1400 International and Regional subspecialists. Chief Convenor: Professor CHEN Yuzhi (China), President Dr Chok Wan Chan was invited as President of IPA and Honorary President of APPA and he gave a talk on "Environment and Child Health form the IPA Perspective" and introduced the "IPA Programme on Environmental Health" under IPA Technical Advisor Professor Ruth Etzel and the IPA achievements in terms of activities, courses and research areas. He officiated the Opening Ceremony and also presented the Award to Best Papers and Best Research Workers.

The scientific programme covered major disciplines within the subspecialties and had a very high tone on research and clinical surveys. Paper designs were evidence-based and presentations well illustrated.

*Edited version of submission by Chok-wan CHAN President, IPA*



Professor Hung Chi Lue Former APPA President and IPA SC member received the Life time achievement award



### 25th Chinese Taipei Paediatric Association, Taipei

The 50th anniversary symposium of the Taiwan Paediatric Association cum 198th scientific meeting. Chief Convener: Professor CHANG Mei Hwei, President of the Association The total membership of the National society: is 4000 Conference was attended by 1000 members President Chok Wan CHAN was invited as President of IPA and Honorary President of APPA. He spoke on "Towards to Better Child Health in the 21st Century" and introduced the latest infrastructure, programs and activities of IPA. "He also presented the Life Time Achievement Award on Child Health to Professor LUE Hung Chi (Former APPA President and IPA SC Member).

An exhibition of history of development of child health and paediatrics in Taiwan was presented with good archives and photos .The scientific program covered major paediatric subspecialties with good stress on child health and community service. There was good introduction of the Taiwan National Health services which so far has significantly achieved missions of universal quality, equity and free access of health services by all citizens in the community.

*Edited version of submission by Chok-wan CHAN President, IPA*

### MAY 2009

#### 6-8th - 17th Conference of the Union of Arab Paediatricians Le Royal Hotel, Amman, Jordan

The Union of Arab Paediatricians includes 15 Arab countries and represents 15,000 paediatricians. Convened by Prof Ali M El-Halabi, President of the Union of the Arab Professor and Najwa Khuri-Bulos (Vice President–Infectious Diseases)

This meeting included five other ,meetings: the 12th Conference of the Jordan Paediatric Society (JPS), the 2nd Pan Arab Paediatric Infectious Diseases Society Meeting, the 2nd Vaccination for the Next Decade of the Arab World Meeting, the 6th Conference of the Pan Arab Neonatology Forum and the 11th Meeting of the Pan Arab Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Society.

The participants included more than 800 paediatricians from the Arab countries, representatives from the Jordanian Government officials and representatives from WHO (Vaccine Section).

More than 80 international guest speakers covered General Paediatrics, Neonatology, Infectious Diseases, Vaccination, Gastroenterology etc

The President of IPA Dr Chok Wan CHAN was a honoured guest at the meeting and Spoke on



Prof Ali M El-Halabi, President of the Union of the Arab Paediatricians and Prof Chok Wan CHAN



Prof Louis Cooper (Past President AAP), Prof Ciro De Quadras, Najwa Khuri-Bulos and Chok Wan CHAN





Prof Ahmed Younes , Prof Chok Wan CHAN and Prof Husein Bahaeldin

“Child Survival, Child Health and Child Development: the Roles of IPA and Individual Paediatricians” and also co chaired some scientific sessions The immunization meeting was also attended by, Rana Hajjeh and had presentations by Dr. David Bloom. At the conclusion of that meeting a Document “Call to Actions for Universal Immunizations for Children of Arab Countries regardless of social class or country of origin” was signed by Dr. Khuri-Bulos and Ali Halabi on behalf of the Union of Arab Paediatricians and the Arab Paediatric Infectious Disease and by .Dr. Chok Wan on behalf of the IPA.



Najwa Khuri-Bulos President of the Arab Pediatric Infectious Disease Society, & Co Chair of the IPA Immunization Program

Other members from IPA included SC member Professor Najwa Khuri-Bulos, EC member Professor Hussein Bahaeldin, Professor Ciro De Quadras, Technical Advisor of the IPA Immunization Programme, Professor Ahmed Younes, former member of IPAEC and SC.

*Edited version of submission by Najwa Khuri Bulos Co Chair of IPA program area on Immunisation and President IPA Chok-wan CHAN*

### 10-13th World Federation of Paediatric Surgeons - 42nd Paediatric Surgeons Meeting Hong Kong”

Convened by Professor Paul Tam Pro-Vice Chancellor of The University of Hong Kong.

Dr Chok Wan Chan was invited as President of IPA to officiate the Opening Ceremony .The other Officiating Guest was Professor Gabriel Leung, Under-Secretary of the Health and Food of the HKSAR Government. Dr Chok Wan promised to send a representative to their next Executive Board Meeting and promoted the 2010 IPA Congress and invited surgeons to actively participate. The Paediatric Surgeons openly acknowledged the close relationship with paediatricians as transdisciplinary team for child health and IPA's good gestures and friendship as professional partners.

*Edited version of submission by President Chok-wan CHAN*

### JUNE 2009

#### 8-9, Bangkok, Thailand, 4th Bi-regional meeting on the control of Japanese encephalitis(JE)

This meeting was supported by PATH and WHO .It was attended by 70 participants from international organizations namely AFRIMS, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, CDC, IPA, PATH, UNICEF, WHO and representatives from several countries in Southeast Asia and Western Pacific Regions.. Professor Usa Thisyakorn from Thailand was designated as an IPA



Group photo of the participants of the 4th Bi-Regional meeting on the control of JE at Bangkok

Representative to the meeting The meeting started with updating of the JE control in both regions, global update on policies and programs and progress of the PATH JE project since the last meeting in 2007. Representatives from some countries of both regions presented their experiences in defining disease burden and progress with JE laboratory initiative and diagnostics The meeting focused mainly on JE control, with updating on JE vaccines including future JE vaccine candidates. Each of the

participating countries presented their national planning for future JE control The conclusion was finally made on the global control plan as a framework for national planning and the mobilizing support at the national and international levels.

*Edited version of submission by Professor Usa Thisyakorn Thailand*

23rd -27th Ottawa, **The Canadian Paediatric Society meeting.**

It will have an excellent scientific program aimed at the general pediatrician. There will be a seminar, sponsored by the section on international child health, featuring Dr. Jack Forbes speaking about prevention of mother to child HIV/AIDS. The international section of Canadian Paediatric Society is providing two \$750 grants toward completing a paediatric elective in a developing country. The animal section dinner will feature this year's Hillman awardees'. In addition, the resident members of the section have begun to abstract articles which have particularly good data or policy information for international section members.

*Edited version of submission by Judith G. Hall, Canada, SC and EC member IPA*

## NEWS from the 26th IPA Congress



### News from the President IPA Congress 4th -10th August 2010

As I write this, there are only 14 months to go until the exciting IPC of the IPA to be hosted in South Africa from the 4th-10th of August. The Scientific Programme is taking shape nicely and promises to offer something educational and interesting to every paediatrician; no matter what sort of paediatrics you practice, nor in which part of the globe. SIMUNYE, We are One! The invitations are on their way out to our invited guests and by the time of our next newsletter we will be at liberty to do some "name-dropping".

The main scientific programme consists currently of about 70 "Symposia" or "Workshops". Each lasts from 90-120 minutes and is addressed by three or four invited speakers. Some of the suitable free papers from delegates will be included in the appropriate sessions but others will be included in the poster sessions. Posters will change every day and will be "manned" during the lunch sessions daily. So all you potential delegates out there: start working on your abstracts!





South Africa is a buzz of activity at present. The country has just hosted the Indian Premier League cricket tournament with the finals held at the Wanderers Stadium, a stone's throw from our Congress centre. South Africa was chosen at the last minute as a safer option than both the "Indian sub-Continent" and the UK. We all got to know about the Deccan Chargers & the Royal Challengers Bangalore etc. The whole cricket tour went off without a hitch for the players and the spectators alike. This week we host the Irish & British Lions Rugby Tour, next week the Confederations Cup Soccer and next year the big one: the FIFA World Football Cup. The infrastructure is being updated wherever you go. Every road, every airport, the Rapid Transport Systems, the Gautrain – all showing evidence of a frenzy of renewal. Our Congress should be a major beneficiary of all these improvements as we commence a few weeks after the soccer finishes. I have recently had the joy and privilege of spending a week in our African bush; enjoying the

magnificent sunsets, clear Winter skies and an abundance of game in natural splendour. When you come to South African, please spend an extra week having a well earned break on Safari.

Access more details at:  
<http://www2.kenes.com/IPA/Pages/home.aspx>

By Keith Bolton, Congress President, 26th IPC, Sandton, South Africa

### **Promotion of the 26th IPC (2010)**

30 March to 2 April 2009, York, UK

### **Spring Meeting of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health RCPCH**

This was attended by 2000 delegates. IPA congress was given an exhibition stand. Dr Peter Cooper was given an opportunity to talk for a few minutes on the Congress at a session of the International Group.

*Edited version of submission by Peter Cooper  
Chairperson Scientific committee 26th IPC 2010.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **8th International Symposium on Paediatric pain**

June 7-11, 2009  
Acapulco, Mexico  
<http://www.ispp2009mexico.com/>

### **The 27th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases**

June 9-13, 2009  
Brussels, Belgium  
<http://www2.kenes.com/espip/pages/home.aspx>

### **6th Congress of the Paediatric Association of South Asian Countries held in conjunction with the 12th Annual scientific Congress of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatric Nursing**

June 17-20, 2009 Colombo, Sri Lanka  
<http://www.srilankacollegeofpaediatricians.com/conference/index.htm>

### **4th Europaediatric Congress**

July 3-6, 2009  
Moscow, Russia  
<http://www.europaediatrics2009.org/>

### **35th Annual meeting of the International Society of Paediatric and Adolescent Diabetes**

September 2-5, 2009  
Ljubljana, Slovenia  
[http://www.ispad2009.com/html/en/index\\_html](http://www.ispad2009.com/html/en/index_html)

### **The International and XI Ukrainian Congress of child Neurology**

September 9-12, 2009  
Kiev, Ukraine  
<http://www.neuroped2009.org.ua/eng/zapr.html>

### **International Symposium on Paediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease**

September 9-12, 2009  
Paris, France  
<http://www.pibd2009.com/>

### **11th Congress of the Asian Pan-Pacific Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition**

September 25-28, 2009  
Seoul, Korea  
<http://www.appspghan2009.org/>



**41st Congress of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology**

October 5-9, 2009  
Sao Paulo, Brazil  
<http://www.siop2009.com/>

**50th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Research**

October 9-12, 2009  
Hamburg, Germany  
<http://www2.kenes.com/Paediatric-Research/pages/home.aspx>

**13th Asian Pacific Congress of Pediatrics**

October 14-18, 2009 Shanghai, China  
<http://www.chinamed.com.cn/appa2009/>

**9th World Congress of the International Association for Adolescent Health (IAAH)**

October 28-30, 2009  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
<http://www.iaah2009.com/>

**International Conference of Paediatric Neurology and Epilepsy**

October 30-1 November, 2009  
Chandigarh, India  
<http://www.bpna.org.uk/meetings/flyer30oct09.pdf>

**XV Congress, Asociación Latino Americana de Pediatría**

November 15-20, 2009  
San Juan, Puerto Rico  
<http://www.alapepr2009.org/>

**6th World Congress of the World Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases**

November 19-22, 2009  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
<http://www2.kenes.com/wspid/pages/home.aspx>

**The 11th World Congress of Paediatric Dermatology**

December 17-20, 2009  
Bangkok, Thailand  
<http://www2.kenes.com/wcpd/Pages/home.aspx>

**2010**

**6th Congress of Asian Society for Paediatric Research ASPR**

April 15-18, 2010  
Taipei, Taiwan <http://www.pediatr.org.tw/>

**International Child Neurology Congress Egypt**

May 2-7 2010  
Cairo, Egypt  
<http://www.icnc2010.com/>

**19th world Congress of the International Association for child and Adolescent Psychiatry and allied professions**

June 3-6, 2010  
Beijing, China  
<http://www.iacapap2010.org>

**The 26th International Paediatric Association Congress of Paediatrics**

August 5-9 2010  
Johannesburg, South Africa  
<http://www2.kenes.com/IPA/Pages/home.aspx>

**15th Congress of IPNA, 2010**

August 29- September 2, 2010  
New York, USA  
<http://ipna-online.org/kuk/hosted/ipna/congress.php?menu=6&select=home>

**5th Asian Congress for Paediatric Infectious Diseases**

September 23-26, 2010  
Taipei, Taiwan <http://www.pediatr.org.tw/>

**2011**

**The 9th International Congress of Tropical Paediatric**

October, 2011  
Bangkok, Thailand  
<http://www.tropped.org/>

Bangkok, Thailand  
<http://www2.kenes.com/wcpd/Pages/home.aspx>





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download it from the news letter  
section and send us your response.**

**Please also browse through the website  
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## Readers' responses

This is to let you know that the last issue of the IPA newsletter is very informative about the structure of the IPA, the available programs and the field of actions of IPA. It is a very useful tool to help paediatricians all over the world work together for the wealth of children. The Haitian Paediatric Society would like it to work with the advocacy section and I hope we can move forward with this project.

**Dr Ronald Eveillard** President of the Haitian Paediatric Society. *Haiti*

" Congratulations on the IPA news letter .The contents were really very informative and the layout excellent ! .Look forward to more issues. I am glad that your editorial skills and creativity have got recognition at the International level through IPA.

**Dr YC Mathur** President Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) 2001 *Hyderabad India*

Lovely effort and good output. Keep up the good work.

**Iqbal Memon** Professor of Paediatrics, Dow Univ. Health Sciences, Chair, PPA GI group, *Karachi; Pakistan*

Congrats on your first issue... Looks great! Please keep me in the list...

**Dr Jorge Mario Luna**, WHO Representative, *Republic of Maldives*

Excellent newsletter!

**Mortada El-Shabrawi**, Professor of Paediatrics, *Cairo University, Cairo Egypt*

Excellent Newsletter, I do miss being part of IPA and I wish you all well!

**Elizabeth S. Hillman** , former IPA SC member *Canada*

Congratulations for the publication of a very interesting and informative E- newsletter! This will be an effective conduit for the `management` of IPA to reach out to their members worldwide. I hope this newsletter will be a regular publication with contributions from members worldwide, connecting us globally, sharing experiences unique to each of our country.

**Dr Nazeli Hamzah**, chairperson, local organizing committee, 9th World congress of the IAAH, *Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.*"