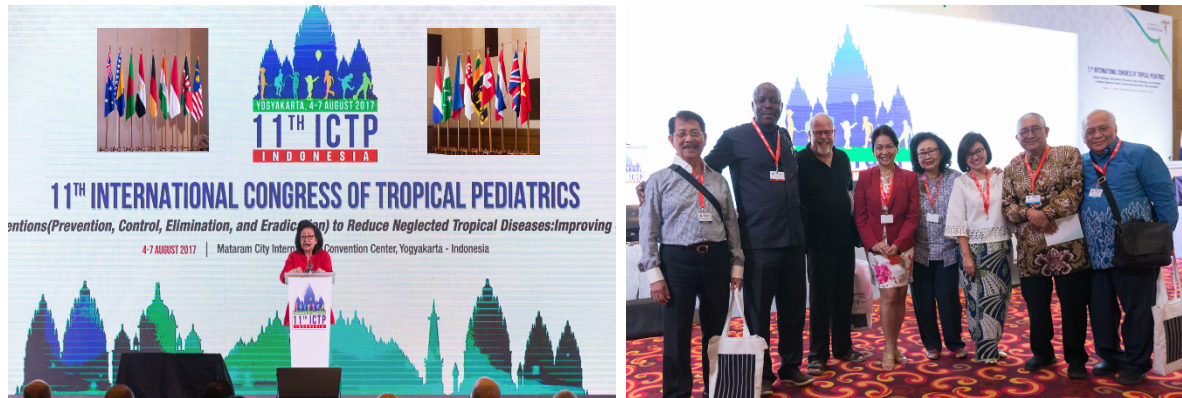


The 11th International Congress of Tropical Pediatric 2017

The 11th International Congress of Tropical Pediatrics (ICTP) 2017 was held at the Mataram City International Convention Center in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, from August 4th to 7th 2017. This event was in collaboration between the **International Society of Tropical Pediatrics (ISTP)** and the **Indonesian Pediatric Society**, members of IPA.

Bringing the Theme ***Global Challenges Interventions (Prevention, Control, Elimination, and Eradication) to Reduce Neglected Tropical Diseases : Improving Quality of New Generation*** , the 11th ICTP proved to become an event to share the latest scientific knowledge and sharing experiences for 458 foreign delegates from 19 countries across the globe .



Figures 1 and 2. 11th ICTP 2017 and international speakers

11th ICTP spanned across 3 days, totaling 1 keynote lecture, 14 plenary lectures, 16 satellite symposia, 7 meet the expert sessions, 3 lunch symposia, 10 oral presentations, 139 poster presentations, 1 special symposium, preceded by 3 pre-congress Workshop one day before the congress. Pre-congress workshop consisted of 3 important current topics in tropical pediatrics: “Dengue infection and its problem”, “Pediatric travel medicine”, and “Health-care associated infections-antimicrobial stewardship”. Around 80 renowned national and international experts were invited to deliver talk in the field of infectious diseases and tropical pediatrics.

Opened by keynote lecture from the WHO South East Asia Region, Dr. Rajesh Mehta about “Newborn and child health in SDG Phase : survival and beyond”, 11th ICTP was designed to become a platform for collaboration with government, non-governmental organizations to develop new concepts and theories for the welfare of children all over the tropical areas. One of the implementation is the special symposium on “Measles Elimination and Rubella/CRS Control” was held by Indonesian Pediatric Society in collaboration with Ministry of Health-Republic of Indonesia and World Health Organization – Indonesia.

The congress was divided into three main programs: Meet the Experts, Plenary Session, and Satellite Symposia. Meet the experts sessions became open discussion to exchange practical knowledge in cases with international and national experts. Four plenary sessions with 14 topics were proposed to raise awareness about current issues in tropical pediatrics. The first plenary session was delivered by Professor Fredrick N Were, the President of ISTP, followed by a lecture concerning to the main topic

“Neglected Tropical Diseases”. Satellite symposia consisted 16 selected important topics in tropical pediatrics: dengue control, polio eradication, malaria, outpatient parenteral antibiotic therapy, tuberculosis, Zika infections, vector control strategy, disaster management, master class of vaccinology diphtheria outbreak, parasitic infections, Japanese encephalitis, rotavirus prevention, pneumococcal diseases, pneumonia in tropic, and influenza control.

Young paper award of ICTP 2017 gave an opportunity for the best 10 abstracts submitted to be presented in front of 5 judges from Singapore, Pakistan, and Indonesia. The scientific poster was conducted successfully with active and enthusiastic discussion not only from the 10 judges (4 international judges and 6 national judges) but also all the congress participants.

In light of fruitful scientific events, ICTP also gave local experiences through social program with welcome cocktail that accompanied by traditional Javanese music. First day of the congress was ended beautifully with Gala dinner by the magnificent night view of Candi Prambanan (Hindu’s temple) followed by Ramayana ballet performance. The second night of the congress was dedicated for faculty gathering, an event that was designed for discussion over dinner among the faculty members of the



Figure 3. Gala dinner



Figure 4. Faculty Gathering

To maintain and improve the continuity of ISTP programs, ISTP business meeting was conducted on the second day of the congress presided by the president of ISTP himself. Beginning with the approval of minutes of General Assembly 2014, the discussion rolled to important issues about governance of the organization and plans to maximize ISTP’s role as platform for tropical pediatrics and infectious diseases experts. The meeting was completed with the bidding of the next ICTP which decided Egypt as the following organizing committee.



Figure 5. ISTP Business Meeting

At the end, 3 young paper award winners and the best 5 scientific posters were announced in the Closing Ceremony. The congress ended by the handover ceremony to the next congress organizing committee, the 12th International Congress of Tropical Pediatrics, that will be held in Egypt.



Figure 6. Young paper award in 11th ICTP



Figure 7. Handover to the 12th ICTP Organizing Committee

Overall, the congress had been a fruitful scientific congress and experience to understand Indonesian culture for all of the participants. Accordingly, more collaboration and participation that International Society of Tropical Pediatrics (ISTP) could possible give in IPA program or other professional organizations in the future are looked for as we are aware that there are many recent worldwide problem associated with infectious and tropical diseases.

“Working for every child, every age, and everywhere”



Figure 8. Speakers and committee of 11th ICTP