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17th APCP REPORT

17th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics



Prof. Dr. Iqbal Memon presenting an appreciation plaque to Prof. Dr. Yasmin Rashid, the Minister of Health, Punjab, Pakistan

The 17th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) and the 7th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatric Nursing (APCPN), were held in the historic city of Lahore, Pakistan on March 10-13, 2022.

The mega hybrid event was organized by Pakistan Pediatrics Association (PPA), in partnership with the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA). There were 1626 in-person and 745 virtual delegates from 12 countries.

The event was thoughtfully designed to serve as a perfect setting for in-depth learning, exchange of ideas and networking for practicing pediatricians, academicians, researchers, trainees and paediatric nurses from the Asia Pacific Region.

The Congress offered maximum flexibility and options, with the intention of providing an opportunity for much-needed personal connection and exchange of information. The

inspiring theme of the Congress was "Every Newborn, Every child, everywhere". The two pre-congress days were filled with 12 skills-building workshops, focused on different sub-specialty themes, participated and greatly appreciated by interns, trainees and young pediatricians.

The 7th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatric Nursing (APCPN) was also held as a parallel hybrid activity on March 12-13, at the same venue.

Inaugural Ceremony

A high profile inaugural ceremony was held on the evening of 10th March that was attended by more than 1600 in-person delegates, including representatives of UNICEF, WHO, Ministry of Health, media and some child health-focused Non-Governmental Organizations.

The ceremony was addressed by **Prof. Dr. Habibullah Babar**, President Pakistan Pediatric

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear APPA Leadership/Colleagues,

It is my honour to serve as the President of the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) for the next two years period. I am proud to serve in this role because of how strongly I believe in the important work of

APPA to serve and support child health professionals in the Asia Pacific region and our collaboration and partnership with the members' pediatric societies.

APPA is a dynamic organization that is open to change and transformation and has always risen to new challenges - an excellent example is the holding of a highly successful hybrid congress in Lahore, despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As I mentioned earlier, we need to be open to change so that we may further strengthen our organization and maximize our impact. I would like to develop a strategic business plan for APPA and would request your feedback and suggestions on the following points:

1. Vision

The current vision statement of APPA is:

"To lead in advocating for children's health, development and potential through advocacy, education, and action for children in the Asia Pacific region".

A Vision Statement describes the desired future position of an organization. It should be crisp and easily memorized and internalized by its members. In my humble opinion our current Vision statement is a bit disjointed and not easily understood.

May I request you all for your feedback and suggestions on developing a new Vision statement for APPA.

2. Mission

The current Mission statement of APPA is:

"Pediatricians of APPA region, working with other partners, will be leaders in promoting physical, mental and social health for all children, and in realizing the highest standards of health for newborns, children, and adolescents in all countries of the Asia Pacific region".

A mission statement is an action-oriented statement declaring the purpose an organization serves to its audience. It often includes a general description of the organization, its function, and its objectives. Our current Mission statement is relatively powerful but we need to ensure that it fully captures the objectives of the Organization.

3. Objectives

"The objective of the APPA shall be to promote the highest attainable standards of child health throughout the APPA region through the establishment of a professional organization representing pediatricians of all APPA countries".

The above-mentioned objective of the APPA is inadequate and only focused on child health. Pediatricians are the natural advocates for children. We have a professional obligation to promote children's rights and protect them from all forms of abuse, neglect and exploitation. There is, therefore a need to

include another objective to promote and ensure the rights of children, in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Your feedback will be appreciated.

To achieve this objective, APPA will:

- *Provide outstanding opportunities in professional development to health care professionals in the field of pediatrics that meet the needs of member countries.*
- *Coordinate and provide world-class training opportunities to trainees in the field of pediatrics.*
- *Undertake programmatic actions which address major global child health issues.*
- *Provide advocacy that addresses inequalities in child health across and within member countries in the region.*
- *Promote education on child health issues through support of an Asia Pacific Congress, regional forums, and other activities.*
- *Foster research of regional significance.*
- *Work towards developing sub-specialized fields of pediatrics to have a more effective international voice.*
- *Establish relationships with key strategic partners and stakeholders that will broaden the effectiveness of the society internationally.*

The above mentioned are some of the actions that APPA is taking or should be taking to achieve its objectives. My request to all of you is to reflect if we are doing enough and if not, where we are lagging and need to do more.

We will be developing a Business Plan anchored on the objectives of APPA and based on your feedback and suggestions.

During the past two years as the COVID-19 pandemic was unfolding, I have personally experienced the value of the resources, support, and professional connections available through APPA. Looking forward, I am excited by the tremendous opportunity ahead of us to expand upon the collective value of APPA for our members and partners. To do this, I would request all of you and the leadership of our member societies to commit to the following:

A-Get More Involved with APPA:

APPA is your organization and there are countless ways to contribute to APPA; join a committee, volunteer to present at a conference, attend a regional meeting, share a resource, provide critical but constructive feedback, to name a few. Whatever you decide to do, I am confident you will find your further involvement to be both personally and professionally rewarding.

B-Maximize APPA resources:

One of our core values is serving our members by providing up to date information and the latest developments in the field of Pediatrics. We also have a professional obligation to educate the general public on child health and protection issues.

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APPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Take some time to visit and explore the APPA website and learn more about all that APPA has to offer. You will find a wealth of resources, professional development opportunities, and communications geared toward a wide range of child health issues.

What I found that we don't have enough child health education material for general public on our website. Similarly, we also need advocacy material and position statements on child health issues. We want your feedback and commitment and what and where can you help, especially in the field of your expertise.

C-Expand your professional network:

APPA provides us an excellent platform to expand and strengthen our professional network. There are immense opportunities to learn, to network and to collaborate. All of us can always benefit from a stronger professional network.

We need to attend our regional meetings, and also to invite colleagues from APPA member societies to participate and contribute to the national pediatric conferences. It will be a

good idea to continue to organize APPA Sessions at our National meetings to discuss matters of regional interest and importance. To make a start, I have plans to organize APPA session at the Conference of Pakistan Pediatric Association to be held in December 2022 in Karachi.

Let me reiterate again that our success hinges on our collective efforts and contributions.

Thank you for your involvement in APPA and for your commitment to taking its mission forward.

Please ensure that you come back with comments, suggestions and ideas on subject and contributions requested.

Timing is important. We already have a curtailed period to drive our association forward. May I suggest that we hear from all of you in next four weeks.

Best regards,
Professor Dr. Iqbal Ahmad Memon
President of Asia Pacific Pediatric Association

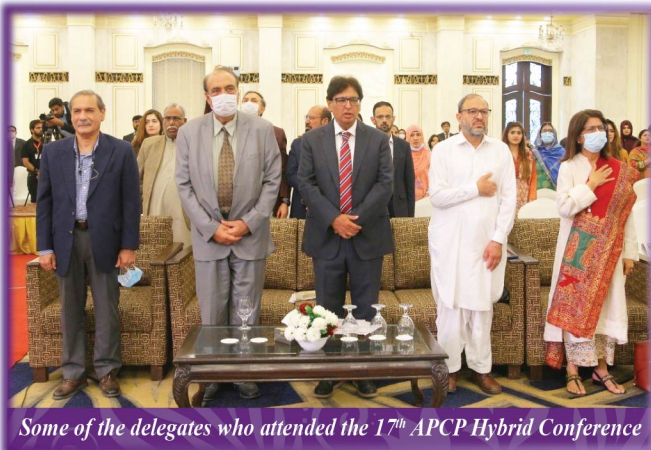


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Association, who offered an enthusiastic welcome to delegates. Others who spoke at the ceremony included **Prof. Dr. Aman B Pulungan**, President of APPA, **Prof. Dr. Iqbal Memon**, President-Elect APPA, **Dr. Enver Hassanoglu**, President of International Pediatric Association and **Prof. Dr. Yasmin Rashid**, the Minister of Health Punjab, Pakistan.

The speeches were followed by a 2-hour long colorful cultural program, showcasing the music, dance, costumes and other cultural riches from all parts of Pakistan.

Historically all Asia Pacific Pediatric Congresses have been great scientific meetings and despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Lahore was equally a thumping success.



Some of the delegates who attended the 17th APCP Hybrid Conference

Scientific Program

The Scientific Program so beautifully designed by the Scientific Committee was a rich mix of plenary meetings, thematic symposia, free papers, posters, skill-building workshops and Meet an Expert sessions.

Every morning started with three concurrent “Meet an Expert” sessions. These sessions featured a 45-minute dynamic discussion on topics of interest introduced and explained by an expert and engaged the attendees in the process of identifying the problem and then finding a solution in relation to clinical practice, implementation of guidelines or in relation to training and research.

These sessions were a special opportunity for attendees to meet and interact with the most renowned experts in their fields within a small group setting to connect and converse on a one-on-one level.

These sessions were followed by plenary sessions. The three plenary sessions were like scientific feasts, where world-renowned pediatric leaders made inspiring presentations on themes surrounding some common but pressing child health issues and also shared some best practices to address these problems.

Some highly prominent plenary speakers included **Zulfiqar Bhutta**, **Aman Pulungan**, **Jonathan Klein**, **Anshu Banerjee**, **Naveen Thacker**, **Zulkifli Ismail**, **Kim Mulholland**, **AG Billoo**, **Mohammad Miqdady** and others.

A total of 15 thematic symposia were held on topics capturing Infectious diseases, tropical diseases, cardiology, pulmonology, neurology and developmental pediatrics, Adolescent health, Neonatology, Gastroenterology, Endocrinology, Hematology/Oncology, Emergency and Critical Care, Community Pediatrics and Child Protections.

All the symposia were conducted by renowned sub-specialty experts and had a crowded delegates’ attendance.

There was a separate stream of Free papers and posters presentations. Another segment was 2 highly charged sessions on “Controversies in Pediatric and Neonatal Practice”, generating a rich discussion from the floor.



Organising Committee of the 17th APCP Hybrid Conference during the inaugural ceremony of the event



Announcing the names of recipients of the Outstanding Asian Pediatrician Award (OAPA) 2022

Outstanding Asian Pediatrician Award (OAPA) 2022

Around 40 free papers and 38 posters were included in this stream. The 10 best young presenters of free papers/posters were given cash awards and certificates of appreciation.

The conference provided ample social and networking opportunities to the delegates. The gala dinner was attended by more than 2500 delegates and other invited guests.

A special feature of the gala dinner was the award ceremony, where 15 pediatricians were decorated with the “Outstanding Asian Pediatrician Award 2022”.

These distinguished pediatricians were: **Iqbal Memon** and **Muhammad Ashraf Sultan** (Pakistan), **Jacqueline Judith Ho** (Australia/Malaysia), **Hung-Chang Lee** (Taiwan), **Piyush Gupta** (India), **Shinichi Hirose** (Japan), **Wang Tianyou** (China), **Patrick Ip** (Hong Kong), **Aman B Pulungan** (Indonesia), **Thiyagar Nadarajaw** (Malaysia), **Zenaida L Antonio** (Philippines), **T.S.D. Amarasena** (Sri Lanka), **Pham Nhat An** (Vietnam), **Baik-Lin Eun** (South Korea) and **Yong Poovorawan** (Thailand).

The Congress concluded through a graceful Closing ceremony on the evening of March 13, 2022.

- **Prof. Dr Iqbal Ahmad Memon**
President, Asia Pacific Pediatric Associations [APPA]



OAPA 2022

Recipients of The Outstanding Asian Pediatrician Award 2022

In conjunction with the 17th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) Hybrid Conference, March 10-13, 2022 & 7th Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatric Nursing, March 12-13, 2022 at the Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore, Pakistan



Prof. Wang Tianyou (China)

Prof. Wang Tian You is Immediate Past President of the Chinese Pediatric Society and Director of the Blood Center of Beijing Children's Hospital, which is affiliated to the Capital Medical University of China, Beijing, China. He is a famous expert and doctoral supervisor in the fields of pediatric hematology and hematologic oncology as well as the Editor-in Chief of the *Chinese Journal of Pediatrics*. Prof. Tianyou has always been committed to the comprehensive development of paediatrics in China. From 2017-2021, he successively led the expert team of the Chinese Pediatric Society to host projects in impoverished and economically underdeveloped areas, which are frontier of ethnic minority areas.

Prof. Tianyou placed great importance to academic exchange between paediatricians in China and in the Asia Pacific region. He has led national experts in diagnosing and treating paediatric hematologic and neoplastic diseases. As Chairman of the Child Leukemia Expert Committee of the National Health Commission, he led experts in developing diagnosis and treatment specifications for childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia and childhood acute promyelocytic leukemia in 2018 as well as conducted training and technical guidance nationwide. This has led to further improvement in the diagnosis, treatment management and scientific research related to childhood leukemia.



Prof. Hung-Chang Lee (Taiwan)

Prof. Hung-Chang Lee is current President, Taiwan Pediatric Association. He is also Professor of Pediatrics, Taipei Medical University & Mackay Medical College, Taipei City, Taiwan. He is dedicated in the promotion of child health and gastroenterology education in Taiwan for 40 years.

Prof. Lee has contributed tremendously towards the improvement of child health in the country, particularly on Child Obesity Care Education. He is engaged in paediatrics, gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition. He and his group are devoted to all the gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition education around the country for over 40 years. They designed the materials including books and research articles.

Prof. Lee and his colleagues have contributed a lot in the prevention of child obesity and will lead the programme on Online education in Obesity prevention 2022. He has published 170 peer-reviewed academic papers in English and has also served as editor and editorial board of several medical journals. Prof. Lee is the Leader of Paediatrics in Taiwan.



Dr. Patrick Ip (Hong Kong)

Dr. Patrick Ip is currently President, Hong Kong Paediatric Society (HKPS). He is Clinical Associate Professor at the Department of Paediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, The University of Hong Kong in Hong Kong. Dr. Ip is a very experienced Consultant in Hong Kong's major teaching hospitals with strong expertise in Child Health, Neurology and Developmental Behavioral Paediatrics, Child and Adolescent Mental Health.

His research focus includes early brain development, early intervention, underprivileged children, child mental health, disability and rehabilitation. He has been working for UNICEF to provide technical leadership and guidance for the development and validation of The East Asia-Pacific Early Childhood Development Scales (EAP-ECDS) since 2012, which has won the Best Research Award of UNICEF and directly benefitted countries in the Asia Pacific Region.

With his expertise in child development, mental health and adolescent health, Dr. Ip was appointed by the Hong Kong Government as a key member in Hong Kong Commission on Children, Advisory Committee on Mental Health and the Steering Committee on Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases. Dr. Ip has rich experience with extensive publications on early childhood development, neurodevelopmental disorder and global health issues.

Recently Dr. Ip has been working on Covid-19 project on devastating effect of the pandemic on the mental and physical health of children and adolescents.



Prof. Piyush Gupta (India)

Prof. Piyush Gupta is Immediate-Past President, Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP).

He is currently Professor and Head of Pediatrics, University College of Medical Sciences at New Delhi, India. He is a renowned academician, teacher, researcher, author and editor with 30 years of experience. Prof. Piyush has served as technical expert/advisor on policy making and research to the Government of India, UNICEF, WHO and other health organisations in India. He has conducted clinical trials in the field of Nutrition, Diarrhea and Newborn Health and has received national and international recognition in the fields of Child Survival, Nutrition, Medical Education and Biomedical Editing. His current research on vitamin D in childhood illness is receiving rave international reviews. Prof. Piyush has been actively involved in training of health professionals and community for rational management of diarrhea, severe acute malnutrition and essential newborn health through IAP and Unicef. He has authored/edited 40 books, 350 book chapters and 275 papers in indexed journals. In 2018 Prof. Piyush was conferred "Teacher of Excellence" by the Vice-President of India.

**Prof. Aman Bakhti Pulungan (Indonesia)**

Prof. Aman Pulungan is currently Executive Director, International Pediatric Association (IPA). He is the Immediate Past President of the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) and Indonesian Pediatric Society (IPS).

He is Senior Consultant in Pediatric Endocrinology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia, Committee for medical specialist deployment in the Ministry of Health (MOH), Republic of Indonesia, NCD Child Governing Council and Past President of the Asia Pacific Paediatric Endocrine Society (APPES). For the past 20 years, Prof. Aman has been involved in many programmes for diabetes in Indonesia and in the region, amongst others, the project leader for the World

Diabetes Foundation type 1 DM in Indonesia and as a member of the advisory board of the Physicians International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes.

He has been awarded by the Indonesian MOH as 'One of the Most Eminent Person' who has been actively involved in the national immunization program, as a Honorary Fellowship by the Turkish National Pediatric Association for dedication and contribution to child health and as a Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI). Prof. Aman initiated the formation of IKADAR, an organisation for families with diabetic children which includes patients, doctors and educators. He is the copyright holder of the Indonesian National Growth Charts and the Pediatric Online Immunization Reporting System (I-Points) Application and Manual Book.

**Prof. Shinichi Hirose (Japan)**

Prof. Shinichi Hirose is Professor of Pediatrics and Head Department of Pediatrics and Research Institute for the Molecular Pathomechanisms of Epilepsy, at Fukuoka University, Fukuoka, Japan.

Prof. Hirose is a brilliant and dedicated scientist and educator. He is the Father of the Genetics of Epilepsy in Asian countries.

Prof. Hirose is globally renowned expert in the field of epilepsy and is specialized in the genetics of various epileptic syndromes in childhood such as Dravet Syndrome. He published more than 200 eminent papers in the academic journals and has published more than 20 years as a Japanese Society of Child Neurology (JSCN) member. Prof. Hirose's outstanding activities has extended to enthusiastic education for younger physicians, scientists and students. His educational dedication includes editorial works in many scientific journals and endeavours to educate physicians in Asian countries. He has been teaching physicians and medical students in Taiwan and many other countries for over 20 years.

He has been contributing to JSCN as an active member since 1980 and served as a Chair of International Affairs Committee and Internationalization Promotion Committee of the society since 2008. Prof. Hirose was an Executive Committee Member of the International Pediatric Association from 2016-2018, as National Delegate of Asian and Oceanian Child Neurology Association (AOCNA) since 2008, Secretary General of AOCNA since 2017 and President of the 14th Asian and Oceanian Congress of Child Neurology in Fukuoka.

**Prof. Jacqueline Judith Ho (Australia/Malaysia)**

Prof. Jacqueline Judith Ho is Professor of Paediatrics at the Department of Paediatrics, Royal College of Surgeons (Ireland) & University College Dublin Malaysia in Penang, Malaysia. She joined as a Paediatrician with the Ministry of Health, Malaysia at Ipoh General Hospital in west coast Perak state in 1985. Since then she has contributed enormously to the Child Health and Medical Education landscape in Malaysia and internationally.

She lobbied for the approval of artificial surfactant (Survanta) with the Ministry of Health, Malaysia in 1996 and her neonatal unit became the first centre in Malaysia to administer this game changing therapy in perinatal medicine. Prof. Ho treated very ill Malaysian indigenous children, refugee children, going to rural and remoter areas as well as treat low socio economic children. She is recognised as an expert in child and youth health at the national and international level and was active in both the Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA) and Perinatal Society of Malaysia. She is also a passionate advocate of child health programmes and played a crucial role in obtaining funding, developing a service model and developing a training programme for Malaysia's first neonatal retrieval service. Internationally, she was technical expert for three WHO guideline development groups in 2007, 2016 & 2021. She was part of the team that developed WHO e-Registries for maternal and child health.

Prof. Ho has published more than 90 peer-reviewed papers, co-authored two book chapters, numerous guidelines and WHO technical documents and more than 50 abstract submission in local and international scientific meetings and 2500 citations to her work and an H-index of 23. For her contribution in improving child health in Malaysia, she was conferred the Darjah Ahli Mahkota Perak State Award by the Perak state Sultan in 1991 and internationally, she was awarded the Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians (Ireland) in 2017 and holds a Fellowship with the UK RCPCH.



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Dr. Thiyagar Nadarajaw (Malaysia)

Dr. Thiyagar Nadarajaw is currently Head of Department of Paediatrics, Consultant Paediatrician & Adolescent Medicine Specialist at the Sultanah Bahiyah Hospital, Alor Setar in northern Kedah state, Malaysia. He also serves as the State Consultant.

Dr. Thiyagar's contribution to advocacy work in adolescent health for Malaysia, earned him the honour of being featured in a profile article in the prestigious journal, *The Lancet* (April 2019). He plays important roles in the Ministry of Health (MOH) Malaysia, ranging from being a regional representative in training and also as the Chairperson of Adolescent Medicine Subspecialty Education Subcommittees under the Malaysian Medical Council. Dr. Thiyagar has been an active member of the Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA) and was MPA President from 2015-2017, He is the current Vice President of the Malaysian Association for Adolescent Health (2022-2022) and the Chairman of State Malaysian Medical Association (MMA).

He is a strong advocate of vaccination in children and contributes via his role as an expert panel member in the Ministry of Health's "Immunise for Life Programme". Dr. Thiyagar's charitable work includes being a member of Kamakshi Welfare Society which caters for children with special needs and he has also set up the Malaysian Medical Association Charity Centre offering free medical advice to underprivileged population. He has 15 journal publications and has contributed chapters in three books. Dr. Thiyagar has also been serving as an Adjunct Professor at the Asian Institute of Medicine, Science and Technology (AIMST) University since 2003.



Prof. Iqbal A. Memon (Pakistan)

Prof. Iqbal Ahmad Memon is the new President of Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (2022-2024). He is among others, Professor of Pediatrics & Head of Department, Sir Syed College of Medical Sciences, Karachi, Pakistan and Consultant Paediatric/Gastroenterologist at Park Lane General Hospital in Clifton, Karachi. He is also Patron, Child Survival Program, Govt of Sindh since 2010, Member, National Technical Advisory Group for Polio Eradication Program in Pakistan and Afghanistan since 2017 and Treasurer & Founding Member, Asian Strategic Advisory for Pneumococcal Infection (ASAP) and Convener, Pakistan Chapter ASAP.

He was also the founding member and first Chairman of the Pakistan Pediatric Association G.I Liver and Nutrition group 1994 and former Secretary, Commonwealth Association of Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition (CAPGA) 2017-2019.

On December 20, 2021, Prof. Iqbal received a gratitude and appreciation letter from the Office of The Project Director of the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI), Health Department, Government of Sindh, Pakistan for his dedication on the project. The Health Department Government of Sindh province, together with Prof. Iqbal and various institutions, partners, individuals and parents had conducted a very successful Measles, Rubella catchup campaign across the province which reached more than 19 million children. Prof. Iqbal was hailed as 'Our National Hero' by the EPI Sindh Karachi, Sindh for his support on immunization programmes and helping the nation to avert preventable deaths. Prof. Iqbal has contributed to numerous publications and articles.



Prof. Muhammad Ashraf Sultan (Pakistan)

Prof. Muhammad Ashraf Sultan is currently Standing Committee member of both the International Pediatric Association (IPA) and Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) alongside other national and international professional societies. He is also co-chair of the IPA Strategic Advisory Group on Covid-19, AMR and Infectious Disease and Director at Mid-City Hospital in Lahore, Pakistan as well as Editor-in-Chief, Asia Pacific Journal of Pediatrics & Child Health (APJPCH) - APPA e journal.

Prof. Muhammad Ashraf has contributed in drafting the clinical guidelines and reports on the management of acute watery diarrhea in children, Dengue Fever and Dengue Hemorrhagic fever in children, as well as on the vaccination schedule for children less than 5 years of age. He is a supervisor, second fellowship in Paediatric Infectious Disease, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Pakistan and is a member of national technical advisory group (NITAG) on immunization. He also served as the focal person on the Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses Strategy pre-service induction programme. Prof. Muhammad Ashraf has over 35 publications in national and international journals with a special interest in paediatric infectious diseases.



Prof. Zenaida L. Antonio (Philippines)

Prof. Zenaida L. Antonio is among others Member, Professional Regulatory Board of Medicine since 2020, Member, Advisory Council Philippine Pediatric Society (PPS), Inc. (2008-Present), Secretary, Transplantation Society of the Philippines (2010-Present) and Member, Ethics Committee, PPS Inc since 2014. Prof. Antonio was formerly Chairman & Professor, Department of Pediatrics (2016-2020), Head, Medical Education Unit, College of Medicine, Adventist University of the Philippines. She has contributed to the health of Filipino children through her endeavours as an excellent Paediatric Nephrologist, as a Past President of PPS, as a past chair of the academe and the academe and as commissioner of the Professional Regulation Commission of the Philippines. Prof. Antonio has co-authored 35 Research Papers Locally and 2

Collaborative Studies Internationally. She has also received honours such as A-1 Awardee in Nephrology, Philippine Society of Nephrology in April 2016, Special Awardee in Medical Education, Philippine Society of Nephrology, April 2014 and Outstanding Pediatrician 2006, Philippine Pediatric Society, Inc in 2006.



Prof. Baik-Lin Eun (South Korea)

Prof. Baik-Lin Eun is Immediate Past President of the Korean Pediatric Society (KPS). He is Professor, Division of Pediatric Neurology, Department of Pediatrics, Korea University Guro Hospital in Seoul, Republic of Korea. His research interests are in Hypoxic-ischemic brain injury in immature brain, Development, Epilepsy and Febrile seizures. Among Prof. Eun's professional activities are as Senior Researcher on Intelligent SW Technology Development for Medical Data Analysis with the National IT Industry Promotion Agency (April 2018-March 2021), Senior Researcher on Standardization of K-DST (Korean Development Screening Test for Infants & Children) and the Reassessment of the Reliability and Validity of the test with Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (September 2016-September 2017) and as Senior Researcher on the Effect of Fetal Stem Cell Therapeutics for Newborn Infants with Brain Injuries with the Korea Health Industry Development Institute. For his excellent service in child health care and R&D, Prof. Eun has received among others the Science & Technology Excellence Paper Award from the Korean Federation of Science & Technology (September 2021), Minister's Commendation from the Ministry of Health & Welfare (April 2021 & December 2019), Korean Executive of the Year Award (R&D Sector) from the Ministries of Employment & Labour, Science, ICT and Future Planning as well as Trade, Industry and Energy. Prof. Eun has also published many international publications.



Prof. T. S. D. Amarasena (Sri Lanka)

Prof. T.S.D. Amarasena is the Vice Chancellor of University of Ruhuna, Matara in Sri Lanka & Senior Professor in Paediatrics, Department of Paediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna. He is an excellent medical teacher both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

He has an undisputable track record of undergraduate teaching at the University of Ruhuna and other universities in the country, improving the knowledge and skills of hundreds of medical students who serve as excellent doctors in various parts of the country, uplifting child healthcare.

In addition, he has contributed to postgraduate teaching for nearly three decades, training large number of trainees to serve children of Sri Lanka and other countries as Specialist Consultant Paediatrician. Screening for neonatal hypothyroidism was not available in Sri Lanka even up to 2010. Prof. Amarasena started screening for hypothyroidism as a pilot project in September 2010 and laid the foundation for screening as a nationwide enterprise. One year later, the National Screening Programme for Neonatal Hypothyroidism began under his leadership. He was also one of the pioneers in starting Advanced Paediatric Life Support & Neonatal Life Support courses in Sri Lanka. His commitment to improve neonatal perinatal care have saved thousands of newborn developing birth asphyxia. He has many publications in peer reviewed scientific journals and nine books and book chapters.



Prof. Yong Poovorawan (Thailand)

Prof. Yong Poovorawan is Head, Center of Excellence in Clinical Virology, Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. He is a leading expert in viral hepatitis in Thailand and from his hepatitis work since 1986, he has contributed to the drastic reduction of hepatitis A, B and C in Thailand.

His research also involves emerging and re-emerging viruses, including avian influenza, hand-foot-mouth disease, human papillomavirus, respiratory tract and enteric diseases. Since Covid-19 entered Thailand in 2019, Prof. Poovorawan has led efforts in developing methods to rapidly detect the virus, characterizing virus variants circulating in Thailand, immune response to different vaccines and provided consultation of best public health policies to the government of Thailand.

He currently serves on various committees including the EPI vaccine, viral hepatitis and emerging diseases of the Center for Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, Prof. Poovorawan has authored and co-authored more than 631 publications in the fields of vaccine, virology, hepatitis and pediatric hepatology with H-index 66 on Google Scholar. He has also received many research awards and honours, including the Outstanding Award on Vaccine research from the National Vaccine Institute (2020), Achievement Award in Virology, Genetics Society of Thailand in 2019.



Prof. Dr. Pham Nhat An (Vietnam)

Prof. Dr. Pham Nhat An was Vice President & General Secretary Vietnam Pediatric Association (VPA) from 2017-2021. He is also Senior Pediatrician & Lecturer, Pediatric Department of Hanoi Medical University, Hanoi, Vietnam.

He has taught for 50 years and worked as the Head of the Infectious Diseases Department of the Vietnam National Children's Hospital in Hanoi until he retired.

In 50 years of work, he has contributed in the training of paediatricians, carry out researches and treatment of common infectious paediatric diseases in Vietnam. Prof. Pham publications in Vietnam include HIV/AIDS (Pathogen, Clinical Aspects & Prevention) in 1995, Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease (2017). He has over 100 domestic and international articles.

16th Annual Meeting and 7th International Convention (2nd Virtual Convention)



Philippine Society of Newborn Medicine, Inc. (PSNbM)

"Caring for the Beginning of Life"

(A Subspecialty Society of the Philippine Pediatric Society)



For the second straight year, the Philippine Society of Newborn Medicine (PSNbM) utilized an online platform for its **16th Annual Meeting and 7th International Convention** with the theme **"Navigating with Neonatal GPS"**. It was hosted jointly by the Dr. Jose Fabella Memorial Hospital Department of Newborn Medicine and the PSNbM neonatologists in Mindanao, led by Overall Chair Dr. Ma. Lourdes Imperial and Co-chair Dr. Joel Gallardo. It was held last February 2 to 4, 2022, and the 3-day convention aimed to serve as a beacon for delegates involved in neonatal care with incisive lectures by prominent clinicians on the diagnosis and management of neonatal disease conditions as well as in-depth panel discussions on policies covering the care of the premature baby and the latest on COVID-19 newborn outcomes. Eminent local and foreign neonatologists, including homegrown Filipino pediatricians who are now directors of NICU units in major medical centers abroad, shared their expertise on the approach to common neonatal diseases like RDS, BPD, HIE, PDA, CLABSI and NEC, and the management of ventilation and nutrition of the premature infant. Several multidisciplinary expert panels gave updates on newborn screening tests, developmental care for the premature baby, and the increasing use of state-of-the-art diagnostic modalities that can be performed in the NICU. The penultimate lecture was on perinatal counselling and the convention concluded on a high note with a very engaging lecture on legal medicine. The convention was also the stage upon which neonatal researches and interesting case reports by neonatology and pediatric trainees were showcased in the research contests. The distinguished panels of judges meticulously scrutinized the entries in the Research Contest, Case Report Contest and Visual Abstract Contest and bestowed the highest accolades on the best entries among the 80 studies and case reports submitted for consideration. All these papers were compiled in the Compendium of



Abstracts in the Research Hall for the viewing pleasure of all convention participants. An estimated 5,100 viewers from a total of 21 countries attended the 3-day event, which was fully packed with excellent presentations and discourses that provided 22.5 PPS CPD units for all delegates. As one participant aptly remarked, the convention was "exhaustive and exhausting" but was definitely worth it owing to the extensive body of knowledge that was shared by the experts throughout the convention. Recordings of the daily presentations are posted in the PSNbM Convention Hall and will continue be available to all registered delegates for viewing on demand until May 3, 2022. Additional highlights for PSNbM members during the convention were the Induction Ceremony for the PSNbM Executive Officers, Board of Trustees and new Diplomates, and Recognition Ceremony for PSNbM members with outstanding contributions to the Society. This was followed by the groovy and highly entertaining PSNbM Fellowship Night "Celebrating Pinoy Retro Music (Best of Manila Sound)."

- Article prepared by Dr. Ma. Lourdes Imperial



7th Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatric Nursing organized by The Asia Pacific Paediatric Nurses Association REPORT ON THE 7th ASIA PACIFIC CONGRESS OF PAEDIATRIC NURSING (Webinar) 12th - 13th Mar 2022

The 17th Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatrics (17th APCP) and 7th Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatric Nursing (7th APCPN) co-organized by The Asia Pacific Paediatric Association (APPA) and Pakistan Paediatric Association (PPA) and The Asia Pacific Paediatric Nurses Association (APPNA) were held from 10th Mar 2022 to 13th Mar 2022. The 17th APCP was held in hybrid mode from 10th - 13th Mar 2022 at Lahore Pakistan, whereas the 7th APCPN was held mainly in virtual mode (webinar). The Opening Ceremony of the 7th APCPN and Paediatric nursing hand-on workshops were held locally at Lahore, Pakistan, organized and supported by Prof. Masood Sadiq, Vice Chancellor of University of Child Health Sciences and The Children's Hospital, Lahore and coordinated by Ms. Farah Batool, nurse coordinator with The APPNA.

Due to Omicron outbreaks in Hong Kong SAR China, Singapore, Indonesia and others in mid-March, the APPNA faced the travel restrictions which hindered APPNA Council

members and participants to attend the conference in person at such a beautiful place in Pakistan.

We were honored to have prestigious Prof. Memon, Dr. Naveen Thacker, Dr. Zulkifli Ismail, Prof. Masood Sadiq and Ms Rehana Elahi to officiate the Opening Ceremony of the 7th Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatric Nursing on 12th Mar 2022. The welcome and opening remarks by Prof. Memon and Prof. Masood Sadiq were encouraging and supportive to nursing. The APPNA thanked Prof. Memon, President Elect, the APPA; Chairman of the organizing committee of the 17th APCP, President of PPA and Dr. Zulkifli Ismail, Secretary General, APPA for the strong support in the collaboration and the use of the same web portal for the 17th APCP and 7th APCPN. We also thank Prof. Masood Sadiq; Dr. Naveen Thacker, President Elect, IPA; and Dr. Chan Chok Wan, Honorary Adviser of The APPNA for the guidance so that the conference could be successfully held.

The Opening Ceremony



Welcome remarks by Prof. Chen Jianjun, President, the APPNA



Welcome Remarks by Prof. Iqbal Ahmad Memon, Chairman, Organizing Committee, 17th APCP; President Elect, APPA



Address by Prof. Masood Sadiq, Guest of Honor, Vice Chancellor, University of Child Health Sciences and The Children's Hospital Lahore, Pakistan



Year 2022 is the 10th Anniversary of The APPNA. In the opening ceremony, video showed the history of its establishment, vision and mission and the dedicated efforts of the Steering Committee and the unfailing guidance from Dr. Chan Chok Wan, Honorary President, APPA till its inauguration at 14th APCP at Sarawak, Malaysia in Sept 2012, officiated by Dr. Zulkifli Ismail, President of APPA and Susanna Lee was the President of APPNA.



Honorable guests with Prof. Memon in the Opening Ceremony



Paediatric Nurses in Pakistan

A. Total nos. of Scientific Sessions

There were 6 Keynote Sessions, 5 Plenary Sessions and Round Table discussion online and 3 local workshops in Pakistan.

6 prominent keynote speakers from IPA, UK, and China; and 23 plenary speakers from Pakistan, Australia, Hong Kong SAR, China, Japan, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Singapore were invited. Updated evidence based knowledge and experiences on management of COVID-19 in children; recent updates in advanced paediatric nursing, recent advances in nursing informatics in paediatrics, community paediatric nursing and quality and safety in paediatric care were well shared and exchanged.

B. Total nos. of Abstract Submissions for Free Oral and Poster Papers

A total of 204 abstracts from different countries were received. 34 papers and 129 posters were selected for oral and poster presentation respectively by the abstract reviewers.

C. Total nos. of Registrants

Total Registrations: 497 (257 APPNA nurses + 240 Pakistan nurses)

- **APPNA: 257 (36 students + 221 (full payment registrants))**
- **Nurses from Pakistan: 240 (Free registration, no registration fee charged by APPNA as a token of friendship/partnership)**

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Indonesian Pediatric Society Bulletin



1. Indonesian Breastfeeding Course for Clinician (IBFCC)
 Indonesian Pediatric Society (IPS) organised the “Indonesian Breastfeeding Clinical Course for Clinicians” event in 2022 for pediatricians and other health workers under Breast Milk Task Force of IPS. Breast Milk Task Force of IPS has already made a module to develop breastfeeding support knowledge and skills also drive various actions to raise commitments for the implementation of breastfeeding support in health care facilities to produce a greater positive impact.



The course has been held for 2 days from 29th - 30th January 2022. The opening of the course comprised participants from the branch head of Indonesian Pediatric Society and one participant representative from each branch.

The next agenda of the Breastfeeding Course will be road shows to all provinces in Indonesia.

2. Media Seminar of IPS: Multi sector support to chase immunization

Current situation of children related to decreased routine immunization rates has become a concern from all parties. Immunization is important to prevent diseases that can be prevented by immunization. Participation of all stakeholders is important to prevent outbreak.

Based on the situation, IPS feels it is necessary to provide point of view to increase routine immunization rates from different aspects to prevent diseases that can be prevented by immunization through the agenda of Media Seminar.

The topic of the seminar is “Multi Sector Support to Chase Immunization” and present LITTLE Ku Program (Lengkapi Imunisasi Terlambat / Tidak Lengkap AnakKu or Complete My Child’s Late / Incomplete Immunization) to Increase Immunization, held on 29th November 2021.

Invited speakers consisted of the Executive Director of International Pediatric Association (Prof. Aman Pulungan), Chairman of Infection and tropic infection Working Group of Indonesian Pediatric Society (Dr. Anggraini Alam), Ulama (Prof. K.H. Nasaruddin Umar), and Head of Immunization Task Forces (Prof. Hartono Gunardi), with Dr. Nina Dwi Putri as Moderator.



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(The peak of Omicron Outbreaks happened in March affected the nos. of nurse registration. Many nursing staff or their families contracted COVID-19 Omicron and needed to take sick leaves. There were severe manpower shortage and nurses needed to work overtime).

D. Feedbacks of the congress by registrants

The conference was viewed as fabulous and fruitful, the content of the conference was insightful and informative particularly the keynote on Omicron and Covid-19 Vaccination by Dr. Naveen Thacker and Nursing Informatics by Mr. Sharon Levy, Dr. Lisa Reid and Ms Zhuang Yiyu. Their presentations were informative, rigorous, enlightening and excellent. Nurses thanked the encouragement,

accommodation and support from Prof. Memon, President Elect, APPA.

Comment

- IT interruptions in the virtual platform were experienced by members in some countries particularly during free oral presentation sessions.
- No speakers’ names and topic titles displayed in the virtual platform.

E. 7th APCPN e-program book

E-program book of the 7th APCPN has been prepared and disseminated to each registrant through their email addresses.

29th ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 29th Pediatric Infectious Disease Society of the Philippines (PIDSP) Annual Convention entitled **Surmounting Pandemics and Infodemics with Cutting edge Evidemics**, "PIDSP SPICE" was virtually held from February 15 to 18, 2022 and was chaired by Dr Eva Dizon.

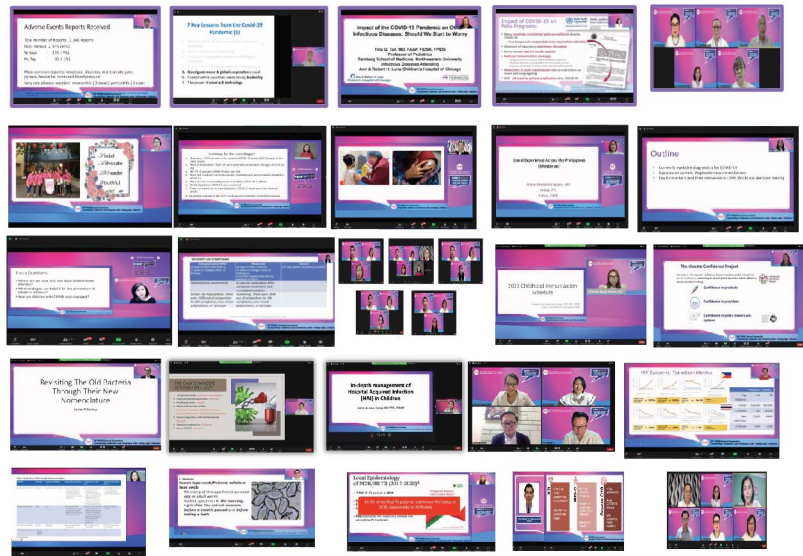
Pediatricians and other health care professionals with special interest in Infectious Diseases were in full attendance. As in the past, our esteemed professional foreign and local speakers were very well received and appreciated.

The programme included Developments and Updates in Microbiology, Antibiotics, Immunization, Hospital Acquired Infections, Parasitism and Covid 19.

Presentation of research papers was a major highlight and the numerous questions received during the Q and A portion after the Plenary Sessions all served to affirm how concerns on all things infectious stimulate learning.

CONVENTION WEBSITE

SPEAKERS



29th PIDSP Annual Convention
Surmounting Pandemics and Infodemics with Cutting-edge Evidemics



INTERNATIONAL PAEDIATRIC EVENTS

2022

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)

The 8th Annual Elite PED-GI Congress 2022
Theme: "Pediatric Gastroenterological, Nutrition and Liver Disorder"
Date: May 19-21, 2022 **Venue:** Abu Dhabi, UAE
Website: elite-pedgi.com

SPAIN

The 9th Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Societies (EAPS)
Date: October 7-11, 2022 **Venue:** Barcelona & Online
Website: eaps2022.kenes.com

MALAYSIA

15th Congress of Asian Pan-Pacific Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (APPSPGHAN) & 43rd Annual Congress of the Malaysian Paediatric Association
Theme: "Beyond Kids' Gut & Liver-towards holistic care"
Date: October 12-15, 2022
Venue: Sabah International Convention Centre, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
Website: appspghan2022.org **Email:** secretariat@appspghan2022.org

CZECH REPUBLIC

7th World Congress of Pediatric Surgery (WOFAPS)
Date: October 12-15, 2022 **Venue:** Prague, Czech Republic
Website: wofaps2022.org **Email:** wofaps2022@guarant.cz

SINGAPORE

10th Singapore Paediatric and Perinatal Annual Congress (SiPPAC 2022)
Theme: "Enhancing Multidisciplinary Care of Mothers & Children through Collaborative Models & Innovations"
Date: November 18-20, 2022 **Venue:** Singapore
Website: www.perinatal.sg/events/
Tentative Scientific programme (subject to changes) can be downloaded at <http://perinatal.sg/events/SiPPAC/progv2.pdf>

2023

INDIA

30th International Pediatric Association (IPA) Congress 2023 & 60th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP)
Theme: Quality Care for Every Child Everywhere
Date: February 19-24, 2023
Venue: Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India
Website: ipa2023congress.org
Info: info@ipa2023congress.org

JAPAN

IPVC 2023
35th International Papillomavirus Conference & Basic Science, Clinical Research and Public Health Workshops
Date: March 27-31, 2023
Venue: Kyoto, Japan
Website: ipvconference.org

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