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## Message from the President



Dear Colleagues,

As we are approaching the third year of the COVID19 pandemic we have also reached a new educational season. Unfortunately, children have been affected by the pandemic, not only by the infection but much more disproportionately by the restrictions among which

school closures with both short-term and long-term effects. At its peak, 1.6 billion children and youth were affected by school closures. According to September 2021 UNICEF data globally, around 131 million school children in 11 countries have missed three-quarters of their in-person learning from March 2020 to September 2021. Among them, 59 percent – or nearly 77 million – have missed almost all in-person instruction time. These 77 million students come from six countries. Among these countries, Bangladesh and the Philippines represent 62 million of the 77 million learners impacted. Lack of connectivity and equipment prevented at least a third of learners from pursuing distance learning. The consequences in terms of learning, health, well-being, and drop-out are considerable.

According to a recent study the consequences of early childhood care and education (ECCE) service closures on the estimated 167 million preprimary-age children in 196 countries who lost ECCE access between March 2020 and February 2021. COVID-19- related ECCE disruptions were estimated to result in 19.01 billion person-days of ECCE instruction lost, 10.75 million additional children falling “off track” in their early development, 14.18 million grades of learning lost by adolescence, and a present discounted value of USD 308.02 billion of earnings lost in adulthood. Further burdens associated with ongoing closures were also forecasted. Projected developmental and learning losses were concentrated in low-and

lower-middle-income countries, likely exacerbating long-standing global inequities.

During school closure, the only loss is not educational. But the children have an increased risk for abuse and neglect, psychosocial problems, stress, violence, labor, and childhood marriages. Now that the world seems to come to control the pandemic we have to work much harder to compensate for the gap years. Now we are in a new era, and we all know that we need new strategies and new solutions.

UNESCO has taken action to recover education. One systemic innovation that came about as a result of the pandemic was the creation of the Global Education Coalition (GEC), which brought together over 200 members to innovate and collaborate to ensure “Learning Never Stops”. Several international and regional organizations including WHO and UNICEF, as well as, private sector companies, nonprofits, civil society and media organizations, network associations, and academic or research organizations are among members.

The Coalition will continue to facilitate these partnerships and the utilization of resources for learning recovery, building resilience, and achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 through the digital transformation of education. The international community will come together at a United Nations summit in September 2022 to examine how progress can be accelerated through this transformation.

IPA supports and advocates for all SDGs for “Every Child, Every Age, Everywhere.”

**Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu, MD**

IPA President

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## From Executive Director's Desk



Dear colleagues,

We are in the second half of the third year since WHO declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. For Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in children (MIS-C), a new ICD-10-CM diagnosis code has recently been established, [M35.81](#). Although MIS-C is a rare complication temporally associated with COVID-19, any child with suspected MIS-C should be carefully evaluated as some children clinically progress rapidly and may develop a hemodynamic compromise.

The overall notification rate of COVID-19 cases in many countries has shown a decreasing trend, resulting in less stringent restrictions and school reopening. However, WHO and UNICEF reported in July 2022 that routine immunization program coverage also dropped in every region, with the East Asia and Pacific regions recording the steepest reversal in DTP3 coverage. This finding underscores the need to address not only pandemic-related disruptions but also systemic immunization challenges to ensure every child and adolescent is reached. As the only global body representing the professional societies of pediatricians, IPA continuously advocates for routine immunization amidst the COVID-19 circumstances and provides recommendations on COVID-19 in children and the safety of COVID-19 vaccination in children that can be utilized by member countries.

During the May-September period, IPA actively participated in high-level global forums. For the 75th World Health Assembly in May 2022, IPA submitted a statement on the draft recommendations for the prevention and management of obesity over the life course and on strengthening WHO's preparedness for and response to health emergencies. In July 2022, we were given an opportunity to present at the United Nations Economic Council and Social Council (ECOSOC) High-Level Political Forum Parallel Event (HLPF) with a topic on "Maximizing Access to Essential Supplies for Kids (MATES4Kids): Global Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration and Partnership to #LeaveNoChildBehind". Another IPA representative was appointed to present at the WHO Webinar on "Post COVID-19 Condition: Children and Young Persons" in the following month, along with other speakers from the USA, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Denmark, Canada, Russia, and Colombia.

The first face-to-face meeting of the IPA Executive Committee (EC) and Standing Committee (SC) 2021-2023 was successfully held in Istanbul, Türkiye, on 1-2 September 2022. A total of 26 of 29 SC members attended meetings, 22 in person and 4 virtually. The generous hospitality arranged by the President and the dinner hosted by the Turkish National Pediatric Society (TNPS) were highly appreciated. Chaired by the IPA President, Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu, IPA officers' reports, the progress of IPA Congress, and IPA Election 2022-2023 were discussed during the meeting, including the way forward for "Every Child, Every Age, Everywhere."

Nearing the year 2023, I hereby invite IPA members to register for the IPA Council of Delegates Meeting (contact: [adminoffice@ipa-world.org](mailto:adminoffice@ipa-world.org)) and the "30th International Pediatric Association Congress & 60th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics" (<https://ipa2023congress.org>), taking place in Mahatma Mandir Convention & Exhibition Center, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India, on 19-23 February 2023. Share the invitation widely within your networks, and we look forward to seeing you in India.

**Prof. Aman B Pulungan**

IPA Executive Director



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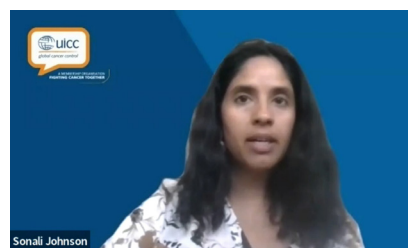


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# IPA at the 75th World Health Assembly



Top (Left-Right): **Prof. Aman Pulungan** (IPA Executive Director), **Dr. Jonathan Klein** (IPA Treasurer; IPA Executive Committee) representing IPA on Agenda Item 14 Sub-Item 14.1 (i) and Agenda Item 16.2; **Dr. Sonali Johnson** (Representative of UICC on behalf of SIOP) for the Constituency Statement on Agenda Item 15.

IPA participated in the 75th World Health Assembly held from 22-28 May 2022, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, with an opportunity to submit pre-recorded statements and was fully live webcast through the [WHO Website](#). It was the first in-person Health Assembly since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Prof. Aman Pulungan** (IPA Executive Director) and **Dr. Jonathan Klein** (IPA Treasurer and Executive Committee 2021-2023 Member) submitted a pre-recorded statement on **Agenda Item 14 Sub-Item 14.1 Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases** - (i) Draft recommendations for the prevention and management of obesity over the life course, including potential targets and **Agenda Item 16.2 Strengthening WHO preparedness for and response to health emergencies** - Strengthening collaboration on One Health. Both full statements and recordings can be viewed [here](#).

IPA, represented by **Prof. Aman Pulungan** and **Dr. Mychelle Farmer** (Co-Chairs of the IPA Strategic Advisory Group on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), also joined in and reviewed the Constituency Statement coordinated by **the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP)**, an IPA Subspecialty Group Member, on **Agenda Item 15. Human Resources for Health**. The Constituency Statement

was joined and supported by other non-State Actors in official relations with the WHO, namely: Childhood Cancer International (CCI), International Council of Standardisation in Haematology (ICSH), International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM), Union of International Cancer Control (UICC), World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS), Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance (WHPCA), and Worldwide Network for Blood & Marrow Transplantation (WBMT).

**Dr. William Keenan**, Co-Chair of the IPA Strategic Advisory Group on Newborn Health and Survival, attended the WHA-75, contributing several comments on behalf of IPA at the Manpower Side Event, Primary Care Side Event, and "Folic Acid Fortification to Prevent Spina Bifida" Side Event. He emphasized: (1) the coordination necessary between various categories of healthcare providers; 2) the vulnerability and risk for children of any health in humanitarian emergencies; 3) the importance of incorporation of families into all decisions and actions; 4) the cost-effectiveness of additional investments in health manpower; 5) the effectiveness of pediatric preventative care; 6) the full support of the proposed resolution that calls for every country to implement such a strategy regarding the folic acid fortification to prevent spina bifida, and 7) the cost-effectiveness of national investment in the prevention of spina bifida.

## 1-2 September 2022: IPA Executive Committee (EC) and Standing Committee (SC) Meeting in Istanbul, Türkiye

On 1 September 2022, IPA EC 2021-2023 Members had their first physical meeting in Bella Meeting Room, Sheraton Istanbul Levent Hotel, in Istanbul, Türkiye. Of the nine members, Dr. Leyla Namazova-Baranova joined the meeting virtually, while others joined the meeting in person. The meeting was hosted by IPA President Dr. Enver Hasanoglu. Each IPA Officer, namely Dr. Aman Pulungan (Executive Director), Dr. Jonathan Klein (Treasurer), Dr. Linda Arnold (Coordinator of Development), and Dr. Naveen Thacker (President-Elect), presented their report to the EC members and discussed the action plan of each program. Dr. Bakul Parekh, the IPA Congress 2023 President, also reported the progress of the Congress 2023 (<https://www.ipa2023congress.org/>) that will be held in Gandhinagar, India. Dr. Errol Alden, the IPA's immediate past president, had also reported his activities on Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (PMNCH) and Health-Care Professional Associations (HCPA) that he chaired. The dinner of IPA EC and SC 2021-2023 Members was generously hosted by the Turkish National Pediatric Society (TNPS).

On the following day, IPA SC Meeting was held in the Premium Meeting Room. A total of 26 of 29 SC members attended meetings, 22 in person and 4 virtually. Dr. William Keenan, the Chair of IPA Election Committee 2022-2023/IPA Foundation President, also

virtually joined the meeting. The meeting commenced at 08.00 Istanbul Time. The IPA Officers presented their report that had been discussed at the EC meeting to the SC and had a robust discussion on IPA plans. IPA SC 2021-2023 was divided into several rooms to have IPA SC Subcommittee concurrent breakout sessions. The five IPA SC Subcommittees discussed the ongoing activities and upcoming targets of their group, which they then reported to the entire SC members. Following the report of the Subcommittees, the SC members that are representative of IPA regional and subspecialty member societies reported their activities and programs. Dr. Hasanoglu then concluded the discussion and adjourned the meeting.



IPA EC Meeting on 1 September 2022. Attending the meeting: Enver Hasanoglu, Aman Pulungan, Linda Arnold, Jonathan Klein, Errol Alden, Naveen Thacker, Bakul Jayant Parekh, Joseph Haddad, Leyla Namazova-Baranova (virtually)



IPA SC Meeting on 2 September 2022. Attending the meeting in person: Abdulsalam Abu-Libdeh, Adamos Hadjipanayis, Aman B Pulungan, Bakul J Parekh, Carlos G Alonso Rivera, Enver Hasanoglu, Errol R Alden, Iqbal Ahmad Memon, Jonathan D Klein, Joseph Haddad, Keyin Forsyth, Koray Boduroglu, Linda D Arnold, M. Ashraf Sultan, Mansour Bahrami, Mortada El-Shabrawi, Naveen Thacker, Ousmane Ndiaye, Oswaldo Reyelo, Sameh Shehata, Sally Goza, Yasuhide Nakamura. Attending the meeting virtually (top-bottom): Leyla Namazova-Baranova, Catherine Farrell, Manzoor Hussain, Raúl G Mercer.



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## IPA Activity Recap

### May 2022

#### 5th WHO STAGE (Strategic and Technical Advisory Group of Experts) on MNCAHN (Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health and Nutrition)

On 10-12 May 2022, **Dr. Errol Alden** (IPA Immediate Past-President and Co-Chair of IPA Strategic Advisory Group/SAG on Newborn Health and Survival), **Dr. Jonathan Klein** (IPA Treasurer and Co-Chair of IPA SAG on Adolescent Health), and **Dr. Nalini Singhal** (Member of IPA SAG on Newborn Health and Survival) represented IPA at the meeting. The meeting discussed updates and proposed ways forwards on topics such as Kangaroo Mother Care - Update on Global Position Paper and Implementation Strategy: Next Steps, Private Sector Engagement for delivering quality maternal, newborn, and child health services: Update, Innovations in Maternal Health and scaling up for country impact, Measuring the public health impact of adolescent health and

wellbeing interventions, and Supporting countries to transition to midwifery-led continuity of care.

Dr. Jonathan Klein delivered a brief intervention on the Agenda: "Measuring the public health impact of adolescent health and wellbeing interventions" in strong support for WHO's continued investment and focus on adolescents and young adults, noting the importance of basic – availability of services, actual use of the available care, and quality of that care, noting that even in high-income countries the quality of visits may not include adequate encounters for effective prevention. He also addressed extrapolation of young adult evidence to include older teens and suggested a change to the 2nd recommendation (STAGE recommends WHO identifies critical components and organization models for well-adolescent visits to inform policymakers, as part of the child health redesign agenda) to read: STAGE recommends WHO identifies critical components and organization models for adolescent health care (including well-adolescent visits) to inform policymakers, as part of the child health redesign agenda.

### June 2022

#### The 1st Patients' International Blood Alliance (PIBA) Members' Meeting: IPA as a Member of the PIBA Advisory Board

On 14 June 2022, in recognition and celebration of World Blood Donor Day 2022, the Thalassaemia International Federation (TIF) organized the 1st PIBA Members' Meeting. As a member of the PIBA Advisory Board, IPA was given the opportunity to deliver a statement on the added value of PIBA for the health of children and adolescents with chronic

life-long needs for blood products.

**Prof. Pustika Amalia**, the IPA Expert in Hematology, emphasized the importance of equality in the service and treatment of thalassemia patients and other patient groups with chronic life-long needs for blood products, the availability of updated data on thalassemia worldwide, advocacy for national and/or local programs for thalassemia



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screening and registry, and active collaboration with patients, their families, health care professionals, governments, and other relevant stakeholders. IPA supports the establishment of PIBA as it would be an important addition to the effort to unite and educate patients of every age receiving blood products on an array of topics touching upon blood safety and availability. Read the full statement [here](#).



**Prof. Pustika Amalia**, the IPA Expert, delivered a statement on the Agenda: "The added value of PIBA: The views of endorsers" at the 1st PIBA Members' Meeting

## WHO Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) 2nd Resumed Session with Relevant Stakeholders Meeting

On 15 June 2022, WHO invited Non-State Actors and other relevant stakeholders to provide input on the scope, objectives, and guiding principles of the White Paper: draft annotated outline of a WHO convention, agreement, or other international instruments on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response.

**Dr. Naveen Thacker**, IPA President-Elect, delivered a statement commending the works of the WHO on the draft annotated outline white paper. He commented on Part II Section 3-5 of the draft, addressing the need to (1) explicitly address the specific health and care for children and adolescents, especially for those in displaced populations and disrupted societies; (2) explicitly address children and adolescent health when prioritizing the vulnerable, and not simply a special population to be considered later; (3) the principles of the instrument should follow and not contradict with the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC); (4) expand the concept of the whole-of-society approach, such that the instrument

explicitly addresses and include the specific needs and advance planning of children and adolescent health during the pandemic and/or emergency responses; and (5) explicitly include the engagement with health care professionals in all fields, such as pediatricians, to ensure that the highest standard of health is attained for every child, every age, everywhere. Read the full statement [here](#).



**Dr. Naveen Thacker**, IPA President-Elect, delivered a statement on the White Paper draft annotated outline at the WHO INB 2nd Resumed Session with Relevant Stakeholders Meeting



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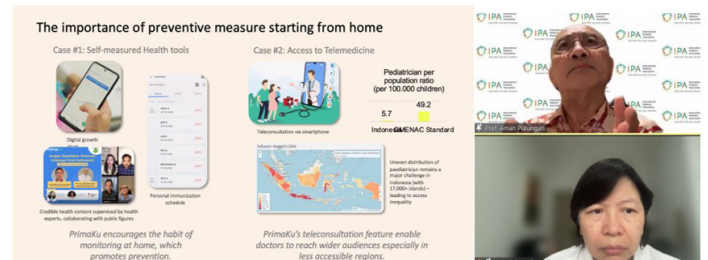
### July 2022

#### United Nations Economic Council and Social Council (ECOSOC) High-Level Political Forum Parallel Event (HLPF) - Maximizing Access to Essential Supplies for Kids (MATES4Kids): Global Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration and Partnership to #LeaveNoChildBehind

On 7 July 2022, **Prof. Aman Pulungan** and **Dr. Agustini Utari** represented the IPA at the United Nations Economic Council and Social Council (ECOSOC) High-Level Political Forum Parallel Event (HLPF) along with other NCDs experts from Zimbabwe, Pakistan, and Ukraine.

During his presentation titled "Partnerships Preventing Infant and Child Mortality in Indonesia –Improving Access to Essential Medicines & Expanding Newborn Screening to Protect The Most Vulnerable," Prof. Pulungan highlighted the increasing concern of NCDs in developing countries like Indonesia and quoted the 10 recommendations

on transforming access to diagnostics from the Lancet Committee. Moreover, Prof. Pulungan underlined the importance of newborn screening to better understand the urgency of the problem regarding NCD in Indonesia. Prof. Pulungan also collaborates with NCDs patient support groups in Indonesia. These NCDs patient support groups are important in the aspect of self-management and self-help tools for children at home, one of them being the **PrimaKu Application from the Indonesian Pediatric Society** in collaboration with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia. PrimaKu brings benefits by providing parents with easy-to-use tools to measure the growth and development of their child at home. In the future, PrimaKu aspires to develop more features to help with early diagnostics and teleconsultations with pediatricians, especially for children living in remote areas and less accessible healthcare facilities.



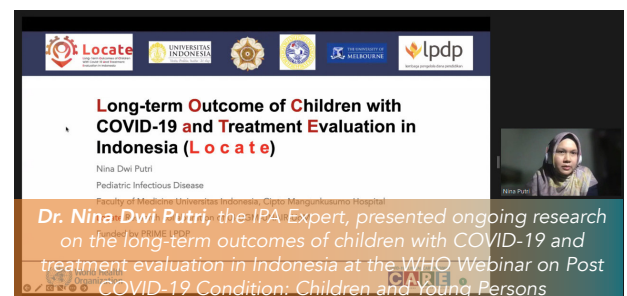
Top-Bottom: **Prof. Aman Pulungan**, IPA Executive Director and Co-Chair of IPA Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) on Non-Communicable Disease (NCD); **Dr. Agustini Utari**, Member of IPA SAG on NCD

### August 2022

#### WHO Webinar on Post COVID-19 Condition: Children and Young Persons

On 17 August 2022, **Dr. Nina Dwi Putri** (IPA Expert in Infectious Diseases) represented IPA at the WHO Webinar on Post COVID-19 Condition: Children and Young Persons along with other researchers from the USA, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Denmark, Canada, Russia, and Colombia. Dr. Putri presented on post-COVID-19 conditions in children and young persons in Indonesia. She shared her ongoing research called "**Long-term Outcome of Children with COVID-19 and Treatment Evaluation in Indonesia (Locate)**," which aims to systematically describe the

long-term outcomes of children after COVID-19 in Indonesia. The recording and presentation slides will be posted on the [WHO Website](#).



**Dr. Nina Dwi Putri**, the IPA Expert, presented ongoing research on the long-term outcomes of children with COVID-19 and treatment evaluation in Indonesia at the WHO Webinar on Post COVID-19 Condition: Children and Young Persons

## 31st Meeting of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Immunization and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases in the Western Pacific Region

The World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for the Western Pacific region convened the 31st Meeting of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Immunization and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases in the Western Pacific Region from June 21-24, 2022.

**Dr. Joselyn Eusebio**, President-Elect of the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) represented the organization at the hybrid meeting in Manila, Philippines. Participants included TAG members, temporary advisers, country participants, representatives from WHO headquarters, observers (which included APPA), and country office staff.

The meeting was conducted to update on the progress and identify the challenges of implementing the strategies set out by the Regional Strategic Framework on Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Immunization in the Western Pacific region. This is in the midst of the Covid-19 response. The meeting discussed the need for integration of Covid 19 vaccination into the regular immunization program. It also discussed the challenges of implementing the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dr. Eusebio presented the activities that APPA has undertaken in the past two years in

relation to immunization. As an organization that works closely with the International Pediatric Association (IPA), several webinars were conducted on immunization during the pandemic. In addition, several programs conducted by APPA member countries were featured, in particular the Immunise4Life program of Malaysia. The report also included APPA's action plan to liaise with other national pediatric societies. The four-day meeting ended with TAG Conclusions and Recommendations.



Top-second from left: **Dr. Joselyn Eusebio**, presenting her report at the 31st Meeting of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Immunization and Vaccine-Preventable Diseases in the Western Pacific Region



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## Asia Pacific Region

### APPA Executive Committee (EC) & Standing Committee (SC) Zoom Meeting

The APPA EC and SC Zoom Meetings were held on July 31, 2022. The meeting was held to discuss issues pertaining to APPA, including the next 18th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) that would be held in November 2024 in Manila, Philippines. Other issues discussed were the APPA TAG activities/plans and strategic plans for APPA.

### APPA Bulletin (Newsletter)

The latest APPA Bulletin (Volume 85 May-August 2022 No. 75) was published and circulated digitally to all APPA members and IPA on August 29, 2022. APPA member countries have also contributed to the Bulletin, such as Thailand, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Pakistan, Australia, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

### Asia Pacific Journal of Pediatrics and Child Health (APJCH), the official APPA e-journal.

APJCH is a quarterly journal being published regularly since September 2018. To date, total issues published: 17 – [www.apjpch.com](http://www.apjpch.com). APJCH is now in the midst of re-organizing its Editorial Board.

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## Europe Region

The European Academy of Paediatrics continued its mission to promote the health of children and young people in Europe and beyond during the third quarter of 2022.

Spring 2022 marks the special occasion where a group of 42 EAP National Delegates and members could finally meet face-to-face in Valletta, Malta, for the **EAP Spring Meeting from 13-14 May 2022**. Local representatives extended a warm welcome

to the delegates, and a 2-day program was conducted at the Grand Excelsior hotel, nestled between the 16th-century bastion walls of Valletta, the “sunniest city in Europe.” During the **General Assembly**, chaired by the President of the EAP, Adamos Hadjipanayis, delegates received an update on EAP matters throughout 2022, followed by presentations by the Executive Director, Stefano del Torso, and the Secretary-General, Ann de Guchtenaere and Arunas Valiulis, the EAP’s Treasurer.



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The **EBP Session** featured Liviana da Dalt (incoming EBP Chair) & Peter Hoyer (Exam Officer), who reviewed the history, successes, and future plans of the European Board of Paediatrics (EBP) - EAP Exam. The next examination is planned for 22 November 2022. EAP is proud to offer two initiatives to help trainees prepare for the exam: the EAP Learning app (a “virtual classroom” available on mobile, tablet, or laptop) and the online Core Knowledge in Paediatrics (CKP) course (21-22 October 2022). The question writing team conducted a workshop in Padova in July 2022.

Further Highlights from the EAP Strategic Advisory Groups & Permanent Councils:

- The Primary Care Council session (chaired by Zachi Grossman) featured new publications in collaboration with ECPCP IPS as well as lessons and insights from Primary care in Europe after 2 years of Covid-19.
- The Secondary-Tertiary Care Council session (chaired by Berthold Koletzko) provided an update on the Core-MD project & exciting new development between the EAP and the Child Health

Foundation (Munich): two more web apps retrievable via [pediatric-guidelines.eu](https://pediatric-guidelines.eu), making guidelines on parenteral nutrition for premature babies, newborns, children, and adolescents easily accessible to paediatricians.

- Choosing Wisely discussed how overactivity is perceived differently across Europe & presented the findings of results from a survey on the latter topic in five member countries.
- The EAPRASnet & Vaccination session included a presentation by Laura Reali, ECPCP Vice President, on ECPCP activities in 2022 and beyond. Other Vaccination related activities include the ongoing Vaccinate your Child Campaign, and EAP’s involvement as a stakeholder in several EU projects ImmuHubs, RIVER EU (project on vaccine equity) & IMMUNION. In August 2022, a conversation with the HADEA Consortium was initiated to discuss EAP’s involvement in addressing Obstacles to vaccination in HADEA.
- Adolescent Health chair Artur Mazur informed the participants of European Training in Adolescent Care and Health and recent publications.



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## IPA Regional Activity Recap **Europe Region**

- One of the prominent issues during the **Rare Diseases** session was ERNs, which have grown substantially since 2021.
- The **Ethics** session included three core topics: Children's rights & Ukraine and the need for an urgent further ethics statement, the EAP Statement on Children's right to HPV vaccine (first draft), and an Update on ethics and law education.
- 11 **Young EAP** Representatives collaborated on Current yEAP projects, including BurnOut (Sian, UK). European network of hospitals to help Ukrainian children (Ivan Bambir); ImmuHubs (Sian Copley Nora Karara); EAP/EBP exam, EdApp, CKP course, Handbook (Valentina Ferraro, Francesca Seregni); Advocacy (Sian Copley); Migrant Health (Paul, MAL) and the National training comparison project (Miguel Martins). Follow the **yEAP blog** for the latest updates on activities.
- The focus of the **Medicines for Children** session was supporting the use of off-label and unlicensed medicines in paediatrics and the work done towards a public relations campaign. EAP invites all members to join the Strategic Advisory Group meetings and initiatives. Strong teamwork and an active workforce are key elements in achieving our goals.

We will conclude with an exciting announcement: On 6 Sept. 2022, Dr. Peter Liese, Member of the European Parliament, and the EAP co-organized a

stakeholder workshop in the European Parliament in Brussels addressing the hot topic "Breastfeeding promotion and a public-private partnership for infant nutrition – are they compatible?" Featuring speakers from EAP, WHO Regional Office for Europe, a Parent Organization and a Dietetic Industry Association, the session sought to understand how breastfeeding is promoted while simultaneously ensuring that mothers who do not provide breastfeeding receive evidence-based and current information on substitute options. The panelists concluded that close collaboration and a relationship of mutual trust between pediatricians and other healthcare professionals, families, and the public sector is needed to achieve progress. The EAP will follow up on these conclusions in the near future.

The EAP thanks all the leaders of the Strategic Advisory Groups, National Delegates, Individual members, and collaborating societies for being a part of its accomplishments.





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## IPA Regional Activity Recap

# North America REGION

This summer at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), we held our Annual Leadership Conference (LC) for the first time in person, since 2019. There was a total of 304 attendees participating from different sections, chapters, committees, and councils. The LC is a combination of the Annual Leadership Forum and District Meetings. The LC provides the primary communication link among chapters, committees, councils, and sections. This platform allows attendees to communicate and discuss with the AAP Board of Directors the AAP strategic priorities, policy development, education, and advocacy functions of the Academy.

Over the four-day conference, there were many meetings, but also educational

leadership sessions. At the end of the LC, resolutions were made and voted on for the Academy to work towards. This year 10 resolutions were highlighted out of 48 submitted by AAP groups and members. A few of the top resolutions chosen were supporting pediatrician advocates experiencing adversity, equal and quality healthcare regardless of the type of insurance, alleviating childhood poverty through tax credit policies, training for managing pediatric behavioral health crises, combating censorship for children and adolescents, and education training for transgender care. The Academy will work towards implementing and advocating for these resolutions.

## IPA Regional Activity Recap

### Latin America Region

Every month our Social Pediatrics Committee presents a webinar with distinguished professionals from all over Latin America as guest speakers, addressing various topics of great impact on the health and development of children and adolescents:

- **May: "Post-pandemic health recovery, focused on children's rights"**  
Dr. Fernando González. Head of Disease Prevention and Control Division, Ministry of Health, Chile. YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uOR37ByggqAg>
- **June: "Child health inequities"**  
Dr. Arachu Castro. Professor Samuel Z. Stone of Public health in Latin America, Public health School and Tropical

Medicine of Tulane's University. YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-nzoicliaA>

- **July: "The adult-children relationship in a changing world"**  
Dr. Juan Fernando Gómez. Pediatrician and Director of the program "Childcare and Health", Antioquia, Colombia. YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=48V401nP7YI>
- **August: "Malnutrition and food security, global and regional overview"**  
Dr. María Elena Ugaz, Health Officer, and Early Childhood Development, UNICEF Perú. Facebook: <https://fb.watch/fncNCsefZ3/>



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# IPA Regional Activity Recap Latin America REGION



Our committee on NCD launched the campaign “prevention of NCD from the first 1000 days of life” with six short videos on our social media on the following subjects: General Concepts about NCD, Complementary Feeding, Breastfeeding in collaboration with ALAPE’s Breastfeeding Committee and Upbringing.



1. ALAPE joined the world breastfeeding week from August 1st to the 7th. This year’s theme was “Set Up for breastfeeding: educate and support.” The UNICEF and the Pan American Health Organization urge the government to assign more resources to protect, promote and support breastfeeding programs and policies, especially those aimed at vulnerable families.
2. In an effort to raise public awareness about the importance of keeping up to date with the vaccination schedule, ALAPE has carried out the following activities:

3. We have been spokespersons through our webpage, sharing important documents such as The Immunization Schedule 2030 (AI2030) from the OPS and OMS and SLIPE’s input about vaccination against Covid-19. Also, ALAPE joined the UNICEF and the OMS campaign, sharing important information through our social media.
4. On 29th July, the IPA held a webinar in Spanish about this topic where ALAPE’s President, Dr. Carlos G. Alonso Rivera, provided an introduction and participated as moderator. YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXbKDIBzBY>
5. We will soon be celebrating our XIX Latin American Congress of Pediatrics and the XIV Dominican National Summit of Pediatrics. We are pleased to share the varied and enriching Scientific Program where we will address topics such as Neonatology, Pneumology, Nutrition, Hemato oncology, Neurology, Immunizations, Emergencies, Social pediatrics, Adolescents, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Covid-19, and the workshops “Critical pediatric transport,” “Breastfeeding” and “Improving the quality of neonatal care EPIQ.”

Take a look at the Scientific Program: <https://alape2022.com/programa-cientifico/>





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## Central Asia REGION

### Climate Crisis and Child Health Workshop, Turkish National Pediatric Society and International Pediatric Association Collaboration

The climate crisis is one of the most important health threats for children. Pediatricians and child health workers are a part of the solution. Considering the role of pediatricians and child health workers, a pre-congress “Climate Crisis and Child Health” workshop was conducted in collaboration with the International Pediatric Association (IPA) and the Turkish National Pediatric Society (TNPS) on 5 October 2022, in Girne, Northern Cyprus.

The workshop started with opening remarks from the IPA president Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu and the TNPS president Prof. Yıldız Camcıoğlu. The first part of the workshop was moderated by UNPSTR President Prof. Koray Boduroğlu and EPA-UNEPSA President Prof. Massimo Pettoelle-Mantovani. The most distinguished speakers, Prof. Camilla Kingdon, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) President, Prof. Massimo Pettoelle-Mantovani, Dorothy Esangbedo, UNAPSA Past President, and Prof. Erkin Ragimov, Azerbaijan Pediatriya Cemiyeti (APC) President, shared the situation for children globally and regionally (Europe, Africa, and Azerbaijan). UNICEF representative Paola Marchi discussed the UNICEF perspective.

In the second part of the workshop, a round table discussion was moderated by Prof. Elif N.Özmert, Co-Chair of IPA Environmental Health SAG. Participants discussed the effect

of climate change on their daily patient presentations and the role of pediatricians.

Although an increase in patients with respiratory symptoms has been noted, it was not related to climate change. The need to increase awareness among pediatricians was emphasized. It was also noted that pediatricians should be educated to take a detailed environmental history. The education of medical students and integrating the subject into the medical curriculum was discussed. Besides, the advocacy role of pediatricians and integrating basic principles into everyday patient care were among the recommendations. The need for further research on the effects of climate change and child health was put forward.

The report of the workshop is going to be available on the TNPS website ([www.millipediatri.org.tr](http://www.millipediatri.org.tr))







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## Central Asia Region

### The 66th Turkish National Pediatric Society Congress and the 21st National Pediatric Nursing Congress

The 66th Turkish National Pediatric Society (TNPS) Congress and the 21st National Pediatric Nursing Congress were held in Girne, Northern Cyprus, between 5-9 October 2022, with the participation of more than 1400 delegates.

The TNPS Congress started on 5 October with "Climate Crisis and Child Health," which was a workshop which was organized in collaboration with the International Pediatric Association (IPA) and the Turkish National Pediatric Society. On the same day, there were 7 courses going on as well.

The Congress started on the 6th of October. It was an honor to have the IPA President, Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu, the Turkish Minister of Health, Dr. Fahrettin Koca, and Northern Cyprus President Ersin Tatar at the opening ceremony. After the opening remarks, the Turkish Board of Pediatrics Accreditation Certificates were given to 5 new training institutes.

The Congress hosted 171 speakers in 50 different sessions, as well as 156 posters and 57 oral presentations. There were 3 online and 2 international physical speakers. Delegates had the opportunity to discuss a wide range of pediatric subjects with the experts. There were also international participants from other Turkish-speaking countries, mainly Azerbaijan.

At the Gala Dinner of the Congress, awards for best oral presentations and poster presentations were given.





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## International Subspecialty Pediatric Societies

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### International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP)

#### 75th World Health Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland

**S** IOP delivered two statements at the 75th WHA (22-28 May 2022), thus placing the needs and priorities in childhood cancer on the official record of this high-level meeting. SIOP's contributions pertained to the WHA agenda items 15: 'Human resources for health' and 16: 'WHO emergency preparedness & response.' More information [here](#).

#### Int. Childhood Cancer Survivor Week

**F** or the second year in a row, SIOP was proud to support CCI in advocacy and awareness-raising to mark International Childhood Survivors' Week (ICSW), 20 to 27 June. The central activity was the CCI-SIOP webinar in collaboration with St Jude entitled 'Childhood Cancer Survivorship Late Effects and Mental Health: Challenges and Solutions.' Watch [here](#).

#### Women Leaders in Paediatric Oncology (WLPO) Network

**T** he SIOP board of directors met for two days in early June to review the progress with the delivery of our current strategy, with many successes. We agreed to the request from several members to create a new **Women Leaders in Paediatric Oncology (WLPO)** Network that will promote female leadership in paediatric oncology and camaraderie among female professionals in global health. [Learn more](#)

#### Program for Advancing Research Capacity (PARC)

**T** hrough the PARC Program, our goal is to bolster paediatric oncology clinical research infrastructure in low-income countries (LICs) and middle-income countries (MICs). SIOP aims to enhance the capacity for research-informed treatment to improve the care and cure of children and adolescents with cancer. [Find out more](#)



# International Subspecialty Pediatric Societies

## World Society of Paediatric Infectious Diseases (WSPID)

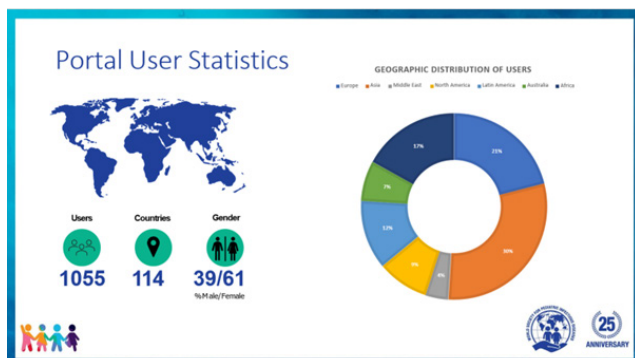
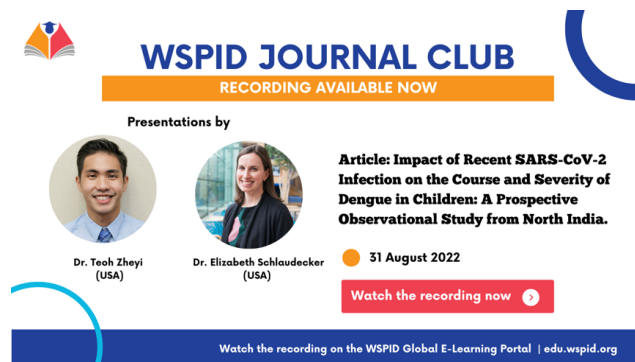
The World Society of Paediatric Infectious Diseases (WSPID) promotes the growth of PID societies in lower resource countries and settings and promotes education in infectious diseases in these settings. WSPID established a global e-learning portal in late 2021. Registration is free: <https://edu.wspid.org/>

### WSPID Journal Club

- Goal: Encourage participants to develop critical appraisal skills, and learn about study design, relevant statistics, concepts of ethics and justice, etc.
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# Webinar by IPA Strategic Advisory Group

## “Physical and Mental Health Problems in Children Exposed to Natural Disasters: Tip of The Iceberg”

### Webinar by IPA SAG on Humanitarian Emergencies

On 25 June 2022, the international webinar hosted by IPA Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) on Humanitarian Emergencies drew over 1,100 registrants. **Prof. Aman Pulungan** delivered his opening remarks to officially open the webinar while highlighting the significant threat of natural disasters to children and adolescents globally and calling for action to work together and be better prepared. In the following keynote address, **Mr. Budi Gunadi Sadikin**, the Minister of Health, Republic of Indonesia, emphasized the important role of all healthcare providers, including the government, to help mitigate and ensure the best possible response during natural disasters.

Beginning the series of presentations was **Dr. Yogi Prawira** from Indonesia. He presented lessons learned from past natural disasters in Indonesia and shared that problems derived from certain natural disasters might include outbreaks of infectious diseases that place children as the most vulnerable population. To conclude, he strongly advised improving multidisciplinary approaches by emergency medical teams and increasing awareness to achieve better outcomes during disasters.

In the next session, **Dr. Denise Bothe** from the USA underlined the importance of ensuring that the mental aspects of children affected during disasters are well acknowledged, as its impacts might cause life-long traumatizing consequences. Dr. Bothe highlighted that children could meet normal functioning during a disaster if their basic survival needs and security were ensured. The Question and Answer Session with speakers was led by **Dr. Linda Arnold** and **Dr. Abdulsalam Abu-Libdeh** as the moderators. The webinar recording is available on the IPA Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tb-n6Y-6t4w&t=203s>.

Left-Right: Opening remarks by **Prof. Aman Pulungan**, IPA Executive Director; Keynote address by **Mr. Budi Gunadi Sadikin**, Minister of Health Republic of Indonesia

Left-Right: Session 1: “When disaster strikes: expecting the unexpected” by **Dr. Yogi Prawira** (Indonesia); Session 2: “Screening of Mental Health Problems in Children Affected by Disaster” by **Dr. Denise Bothe** (USA).

**Dr. Linda Arnold**, IPA Coordinator of Development (Top-Left), and **Dr. Abdulsalam Abu-Libdeh** (Top-Right), Co-Chair of the IPA SAG on Humanitarian Emergencies, led the Question and Answer Session as the moderators.



# Webinar by IPA Strategic Advisory Group

## “Post Pandemic Challenge on Early Childhood Development”

### Webinar by IPA SAG on Early Childhood Development

On 8 July 2022, the IPA Strategic Advisory Group on Early Childhood Development conducted a webinar titled “Post Pandemic Challenge on Early Childhood Development.” The webinar discussed how various aspects of early childhood development are affected during the post-pandemic era. During the opening remarks, **Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu** highlighted how the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in various disruptions, causing increased inequalities and poverty that affect our children’s development, and called for actions to address gaps in early intervention and prevention for children globally.

**Dr. Helia Molina Milman** delivered the Keynote Presentation and underlined the shocking statistic that the development of children is massively affected during the COVID-19 pandemic, thus impacting the wellbeing of not only the children but also their caregivers. Therefore, Dr. Molina encouraged the audience to invest in early childhood development to help children achieve their maximum potential by supporting developmental child program stimulation and familial support programs in social services.



Top L-R: **Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu**, IPA President; **Dr. Helia Molina Milman**, Regional Advisor on Child Development and Health at the Pan American Health Office, WHO Regional Office. Bottom L-R: **Dr. Naveen Thacker** (IPA President-Elect) and **Dr. Carlos G. Alonso Rivera** (Co-Chair of IPA SAG on Early Childhood Development) as the moderators of the webinar



Left-Right: **Dr. Ilke Mungan Akin** (Turkey), **Dr. Dheeraj Shah** (India), **Dr. Antonio Rizzoli** (Mexico), **Dr. Manuel Katz** (Israel)

The first speaker, **Dr. Ilke Mungan Akin**, highlighted that the pandemic is far from over thus, approaches to learning opportunities for children through quality child-caregiver interaction at home are essential in supporting cognitive and behavioral development. As the second speaker, **Dr. Dheeraj Shah** emphasized the increasing burden of malnutrition during the pandemic. Therefore, recommendations such as a food-based approach, supplementation, food fortification, and public health measures need to be reinforced. **Dr. Antonio Rizzoli** took an interactive approach during his session and invited the audience to collaborate with him during his presentation. This approach is an example of how parental empowerment is needed to motivate learning for children during virtual scenarios due to the pandemic. **Dr. Manuel Katz** highlighted how toxic stress and adversities are inevitable during the pandemic, and its life-long impacts may threaten the well-being of children globally. Thus, creative and sustainable approaches to better this issue need to be addressed. The webinar recording is available [here](#).



# Webinar by IPA Strategic Advisory Group

## “Masked Epidemic of Antimicrobial Resistance”

Webinar by IPA SAG on Covid-19, Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), and Infectious Disease

On 16 July 2022, the IPA Strategic Advisory Group on Covid-19, Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), and Infectious Disease conducted a webinar entitled, “Masked Epidemic of Antimicrobial Resistance”, which attracted 804 registrations from 70 countries.

The webinar began with a welcome address from **Dr. Naveen Thacker**, the President-Elect of the International Pediatric Association. In his address to the webinar attendees, Dr. Thacker emphasized that antimicrobial resistance is no longer a hidden threat and is often found in clinical practice, further declaring IPA’s commitment to take action with our partners globally to tackle AMR and how it is affecting future generations.



Opening remarks by **Dr. Naveen Thacker** as the President Elect of the International Pediatric Association

The following sessions of the webinar were led by **Dr. Mortada El-Shabrawi** and **Dr. Muhammad Ashraf Sultan** as the moderators of the “Masked Epidemic of Antimicrobial Resistance” webinar.



Left-Right: Session 1: “Epidemic of Antimicrobial Resistance” by **Dr. Michael Brady** (United States); Session 2: “Antimicrobial Resistance in Neonatal Sepsis” by **Dr. Phoebe Williams** (Australia).

The first speaker was **Dr. Michael Brady**, who presented on “Epidemic of Antimicrobial Resistance”. In his presentation, Dr. Michael Brady shares that antimicrobial resistance can occur in anyone of any age in any country. AMR occurs naturally but increases with the misuse of antibiotics, leading to longer hospital stays, hospital costs, and an increase in mortalities.

Dr. Brady’s presentation was followed by **Dr. Phoebe Williams** as the second speaker of the webinar. Beginning the presentation entitled, “Antimicrobial Resistance in Neonatal Sepsis”, Dr. Phoebe Williams highlighted that the most dangerous time in a child’s life is in the first week of life. In her presentation, Dr. Williams shared how neonatal mortality rate differs across different healthcare settings, with more resource-poor settings not anticipated to catch up for many years to come. Furthermore, Dr. Williams highlighted the urgent need for more research on new antibiotics for children and neonates as there is a higher rate of AMR development without the development of new drugs keeping up as fast.

To conclude, a question and answer session was conducted with the three honorable speakers led by Dr. Keenan as the distinguished moderator. The webinar recording is available [here](#).



# Webinar by IPA Strategic Advisory Group

## “Kangaroo Mother Care”

### Webinar by IPA SAG on Newborn Health and Survival

On 10 August 2022, the IPA Strategic Advisory Group on Newborn Health and Survival conducted a webinar entitled, “Kangaroo Mother Care.” Attracting 1307 registrants from 84 countries, the webinar discussed key issues concerning kangaroo mother care, a method of care for preterm infants that involves skin-to-skin contact with their caregivers. Sessions during this webinar ranged from discussing definitions and basic concepts of kangaroo mother care, and how it has been successfully implemented in a number of countries.

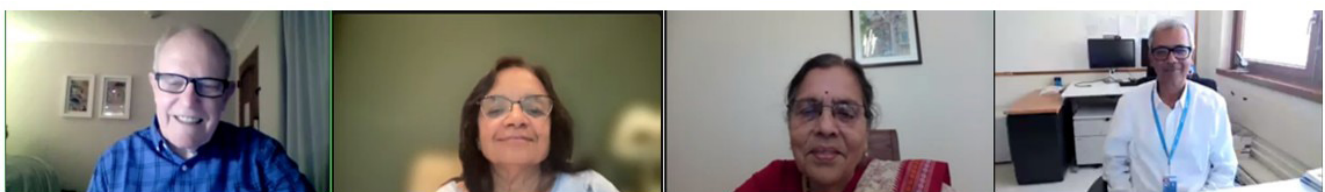
The webinar began with a welcoming address from **Professor Enver Hasanoglu**, the President of the International Pediatric Association. In his address, Professor Hasanoglu highlighted how fundamental care lacking in low-income countries causes disparities in infant mortality, therefore shedding light on the role of kangaroo mother care in reducing infant mortality upon hospital discharge.

The sessions were led by **Dr. William Keenan** as the moderator of the “Kangaroo Mother Care” webinar.

The first speaker was **Dr. Nalini Singhal**, the keynote speaker of the webinar, bringing the

topic: “Definition of KMC: Steps Towards Implementation.” In her presentation, Dr. Nalini Singhal establishes the definition and concepts of kangaroo mother care, whilst highlighting the important role of doctors in advocating, educating, and supporting families to ultimately transform neonatal care. A presentation by the second speaker, **Prof. Shashi N. Vani**, entitled, “KMC’s Success in India: What We Learned about Acceptance Implementation,” followed. In her presentation, Prof. Vani shared the experience of implementing kangaroo mother care in India, sharing several programs, including the various training and capacity-building programs that have been successfully conducted by the KMC Foundation in India.

The last speaker, **Dr. Rajiv Bahl**, discussed the topic, “Current Plan, Relationship to other Global Initiatives,” where he emphasized the importance of zero separation between mother and baby as much as possible from birth or from when the mother is ready. To conclude, a question and answer session was conducted with the three honorable speakers led by Dr. Keenan as the distinguished moderator. The webinar recording is available [here](#).



Left-Right: **Dr. William Keenan** (United States), **Dr. Nalini Singhal** (Canada), **Prof. Shashi N. Vani** (India), **Dr. Rajiv Bahl** (India)



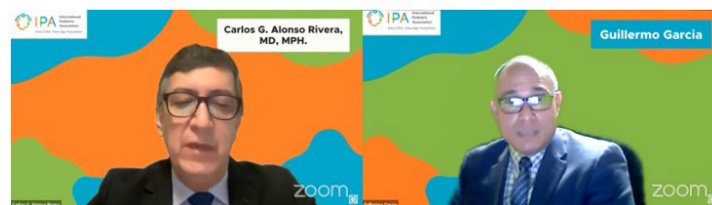
# Webinar by IPA Strategic Advisory Group

## “Measles and Rubella for Latin American Region”

### Webinar by IPA SAG on Immunization

On 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022, the IPA SAG on Immunization conducted a Spanish webinar entitled “Measles and Rubella for Latin American Region,” inviting speakers and moderators from various countries in the Latin American Region, which gathered a total of 474 registrations from 33 countries.

The webinar started with the opening remarks from **Prof. Enver Hasanoglu** as the IPA President, introductory remarks from **Dr. Carlos Alonso** as ALAPE President, and **Mr. Guillermo Garcia** as the Executive Director, International Response & Programs (IRP) at American Red Cross.



Left-Right: **Dr. Carlos Alonso** (Mexico), **Mr. Guillermo Garcia** (United States)



Left-Right (Top): **Dr. Desiree Pastor** (United States), **Dr. Eduardo Lopez** (Colombia), **Dr. Trinidad Arguello** (United States)  
Left-Right (Bottom): **Dr. Maria Luisa Avila** (Costa Rica), **Dr. Jose Luis Díaz Ortega** (Mexico), **Dr. Maria Paz Bertoglia** (Chile)

Each expert speaker underlined the importance of both clinical and organizational approaches in tackling the issue of measles and rubella, especially in the Latin American Region. **Dr. Desiree Pastor** underlined how the current COVID-19 pandemic worsened the measles and rubella situation, as well as a strategic framework to eliminate the issue. **Dr. Eduardo Lopez** dove deep into explaining the clinical aspects of measles and rubella. Then, **Dr. Jose Luis Diaz Ortega** shared Mexico’s experience in handling the issue, followed by **Dr. Trinidad Arguello**, who shared various activities regarding the same. Lastly, **Dr. Maria Paz Bertoglia** and **Dr. Maria Luisa Avila** discussed how to tackle vaccine hesitancy. To conclude, a question and answer session was conducted with the five honorable speakers led by Dr. Pastor as the distinguished moderator. The webinar recording is available [here](#).



## IPA Monthly Webinar by Education and Advocacy SC Subcommittee

**May 2022**

### Incorporating the Voice of the Child into Clinical Assessments for Children at Risk

The IPA Education and Advocacy SC Subcommittee presented the monthly webinars differently by inviting two notable speakers on 20th May 2022. IPA was honored to have Dr. Shanti Raman and Dr. Rajeev Seth share their expertise on the rights-based perspective on children and adolescent health. The webinar was officially opened by Dr. Hasanoglu, IPA President. In his remarks, he pointed out that the high number of children at risk is closely related to the country's education level, economic development, diseases, and children population. IPA would like to ensure children at risk have their rights to education and protection and will also raise awareness of the pediatricians to recognize these children

Dr. Raman presented the existing convention on the rights of the child and explained the way to incorporate children's voices in many settings. She also recommended regular training for clinicians to embed the practices in clinical assessment so that the practices will constantly exist and grow. Dr. Seth continued the session by explaining the challenges and rewards we might receive from listening to children's voices in low/middle-income countries. He also encouraged all physicians to provide anticipatory guidance to prevent violence against children. Dr. Kevin Forsyth then led the



Top (Left-Right): Dr. Kevin Forsyth (Australia) and Dr. Shanti Raman (Australia); Bottom: Dr. Rajeev Seth (India)

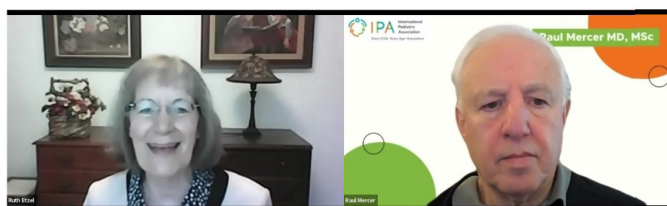
webinar to have a robust discussion answering the questions from the audience. The recording of the session is exclusively available for IPA members and networks to watch on youtube: <https://bit.ly/LIVEEduWebinarMay2022>.

**July 2022**

### Tips on Child Environmental Health for the Practitioner

Monthly webinar series organized by the IPA Education and Advocacy SC Subcommittee discussed "Tips on Child Environmental Health for the Practitioner" on 22 July 2022. The webinar that attracted 388 registrants globally commenced with opening remarks by Prof. Enver Hasanoglu who highlighted that environmental toxicity negatively affected the growth and development of children. He called for all pediatricians to advocate a clean environment for all children.

Dr. Ruth Etzel, the IPA's distinguished speaker, shared her expertise on the topics. She explained how the environment impacts children's health and how practitioners can contribute to tackle the issue. Moreover, she also pointed out that exposure to environmental hazards is largely preventable and shared advice for parents in protecting children from adverse exposure. Dr. Raul Mercer then moderated the Q&A session and tried to address questions from the attendees. The entire session of the webinar is exclusively available to watch on youtube through: <https://bit.ly/LIVEEduWebinarJul2022>.



Left-Right: Dr. Ruth Etzel, Dr. Raul Mercer



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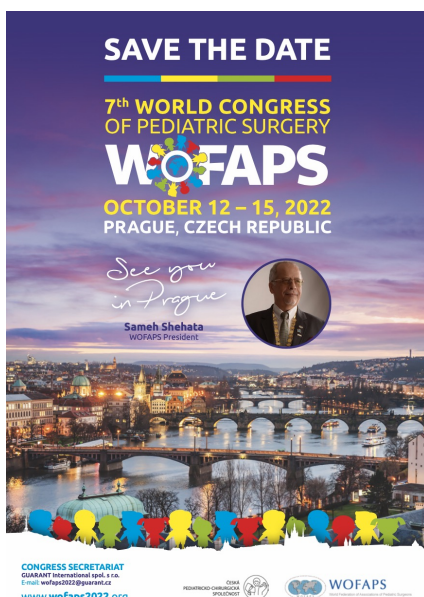
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