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6th ADS

Successful 6th ADS in Bangkok June 15-16, 2023

After a hiatus of two years, the Asia Dengue Summit (ADS) resumed in 2022 in Singapore. With the recent recovery from the pandemic, the attendance at the 5th ADS was rather muted.

This year's 6th ADS has just concluded in Bangkok, Thailand. The scientific program, attractive venue and camaraderie attracted more than 500 delegates. As usual the topics covered latest advances and understanding on epidemiology, vector control, environmental

issues, immunology, new rapid test kits and new vaccines.

This time around, the novelty of *Wolbachia* infected mosquitoes had palpably declined although the success in places like Jogjakarta were showcased. The interest in vaccines was ignited with two potential candidates from Takeda and MSD presenting their data. A vaccine against another arthropod-borne disease, chikungunya was also presented by Valvena.

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Group photo of the Committee



APPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



All of us are seemingly catching up on "lost time" to Covid; There are activities all over the region and by the International Pediatric Association (IPA).

It sure is nice to see academic activities galore; Congress by Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians in Colombo (SLCP), Annual Nepal Paediatric Society (Nepas) conference in Kathmandu, Nepal and the 6th Asia Dengue Summit (ADS) in Bangkok, Thailand.

It is heartwarming to see that request to member states to incorporate regional flavour/symposia in their activities has been visible through an APPA symposia on Climate Change Impact and Child Rights during the SLCP congress; APPA president invited to inaugural session in Kathmandu and APPA as collaborating entity/speakers in the 6th ADS @ Bangkok.

During our planning session in October 2022, during Pakistan Pediatric Association's Biennial congress in Karachi, it was requested to all the member associations to include a regional activity as part of their plans.

This has been requested to achieve increased visibility in terms of region and also to grow friendships amongst us as well as know each others perspective in local settings. I request that this spirit of camaraderie prevails and grows

IPA retreat in Athens

IPA had a retreat in Athens, Greece where APPA was represented by President and two other Standing Committee

(SC) members of IPA: Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf Sultan and Dr. Nitin Kapur.

During the meeting it was further accepted that third nominee from APPA be invited to be member of IPA SC, that is Dr. Piprim B. Yanuarso from Indonesia.

Besides that, our online journal needs full support of our member countries/associations for printable studies and relevant writeups/studies.

The World Health Organization (WHO) meeting in Manila, Philippine was attended by APPA President-Elect Dr. Joselyn Eusebio and Prof. Dr. Lulu Bravo as nominees of APPA to the regional meeting. Their report of activity will be part of this issue.

Let us continue to work together for the health of children of the region.

As I write this there are climate change disasters in Pakistan, India, South Korea and Japan. We shall have to wake up to ground reality.

We are half way to the next APCP in Cebu, Philippines, in November 2024, where we hope to welcome as many regional paediatricians as possible to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

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



ANNOUNCEMENT

JAPAN PEDIATRIC SOCIETY (JPS) TRAINING PROGRAM 2023

Congratulations!

The Japan Pediatric Society (JPS) screening committee has selected Dr. Sally Andrea D Gaspi from Philippines and Dr. Villa Watch from Papua New Guinea (PNG) as the two candidates for the Japan Pediatric Society (JPS) Training Program 2023.



Dr. Villa Watch

Specialty: Neonatology

Facility: National Center for Child Health and Development, Tokyo Prefecture, Japan



Dr. Sally Andrea D. Gaspi

Specialty: Neurology

Facility: Tottori University Hospital, Tottori Prefecture, Japan

APPA would like to wish Dr. Gaspi & Dr. Watch, All The Very Best in their training program.



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Diagnostic tests

In addition, improved diagnostic tests at elucidating the NS1 antigen and specific antibodies were also presented and discussed. The free paper presentations were well thought out, of high quality and discussed in detail. These were presented at the end of a corridor during tea breaks instead of in a room. It felt rather odd in the beginning but eventually the presenters and delegates warmed up to the idea.

BKK and the finale

Although the scientific program was enough to attract the delegates, BKK was also another attraction, with her lively street markets, unique nightlife, friendly people and service par excellence.

The ADS has always been in the month of June to coincide with ASEAN Dengue Day on 15th June. This year, it is possibly the hottest time of the year. Hence, many preferred to stay in and attend the summit rather than go shopping in the daytime.

The 6th ADS culminated with three talks given by three sixth form school girls from Newton School followed by Q&A plus comments. The maturity and confidence of the students were admirable. Their ability and candidness at handling questions from a panel and the audience was testimony to their prior reading and preparation with guidance by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Olarn Prommalikit who is Vice-Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Kasetsart University.

Exclusive post-congress visit

The next day after the closing ceremony, faculty and committee members were taken to a vaccine test site at Photharam Hospital in Ratchburi province with a short visit to the Nong Pladuk Railway station at Banpong district, which was the starting point of the 'death railway' in the 2nd World War.

The 6th ADS was a success by any standard. The attendance was the highest among all previous ADS. BKK will be a hard act to follow.

See you all at the 7th ADS in Malaysia (city to be decided :-)) in June 2024!

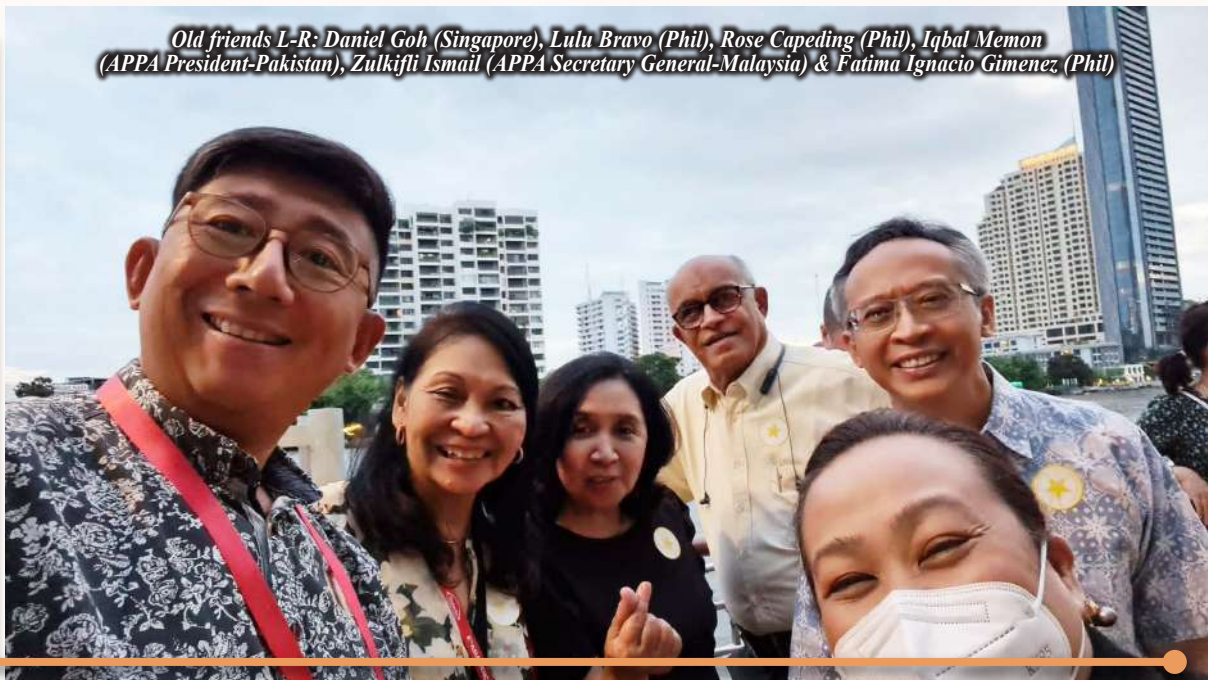
- Dr. Zulkifli Ismail

For Asia Dengue Voice & Action (ADVA) Group



Meeting a teacher: Prof. Dr. Lucy Lum and Prof. Dr. Zulkifli Ismail meeting their old teacher, Prof. Dr. Tikki Pang

Old friends L-R: Daniel Goh (Singapore), Lulu Bravo (Phil), Rose Capeding (Phil), Iqbal Memon (APPA President-Pakistan), Zulkifli Ismail (APPA Secretary General-Malaysia) & Fatima Ignacio Gimenez (Phil)





18th APCP 2024

The Philippines Gears Up for the 2024 18th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP)



November 14-17, 2024 | Cebu, Philippines

The year 2024 holds a promise of transformation and change as the Philippines prepares to host the 18th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP). This highly anticipated congress is set to unfold against the historic backdrop of Cebu City from November 14 to 17, 2024. The significance of this occasion is underscored by the return of the congress to the Philippines after a long hiatus of 50 years.

This homecoming echoes the inaugural congress held in Manila in 1974, when the seeds of collaboration and cooperation in pediatric healthcare in the region were first sown. The importance of this initiative in providing shared viable solutions to the common challenges and problems of the region cannot be overemphasized. Now, half a century later, the Philippines welcomes the congress once again, this time with a profound sense of pride and an unwavering dedication to advancing pediatric care to greater heights.

Pioneering the Future: Redesigning Pediatric Healthcare

The theme "Redesigning the Horizon of Pediatric Healthcare in the Asia Pacific" defines the essence of the 18th Asia Pacific

Congress of Pediatrics. This theme is reflected in the scientific program of the congress which seeks to reshape and rethink the landscape of pediatric healthcare to create healthier, brighter, and more promising futures for the pediatric population of the Asia Pacific region.

The Congress Objectives: Setting the Direction for Cultivating Knowledge and Collaboration

The objectives are carefully crafted by the congress organizers to channel and direct the collective efforts of the participants for meaningful outcomes in their roles in providing optimal care to the pediatric population in their respective areas.

The objectives of the congress are:

1. Describe the emerging horizon of pediatric care in the Asia Pacific region.
2. Discuss current issues and concerns affecting children including its immediate and long-term impact to health.
3. Enumerate the concrete measures to address new and lingering conditions that threaten the over-all health and wellness of children in the future.



The Organizing Committee headed by Dr. Joselyn A. Eusebio laying the groundwork for the 18th APCP Congress

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4. Develop shared expertise to ensure the implementation, supervision, documentation and evaluation of a unified concept of a better horizon for child health in the region.

The Scientific Program: Navigating the Frontiers of Pediatrics

The scientific program of the 18th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics, which is still a work in progress, promises to encompass a vast array of topics pivotal to pediatric healthcare in the region and aligned to achieving the objectives of the congress. Esteemed experts from the region will headline plenary sessions, sharing their insights and expertise on vital subjects including nutrition, vaccination, environmental health, infectious diseases, social pediatrics, pediatric wellness, pediatric research, AI in child health, and universal health care. Aside from the plenary lectures, simultaneous scientific sessions on important and current issues in pediatrics will also be focused in the extensive scientific program being prepared for the congress participants by the organizers. These sessions are poised to provide a fertile ground for knowledge exchange, innovation, discussion and collaboration.

Showcasing the Beauty and Culture of Cebu

The congress will be held in Cebu, renowned worldwide for its breathtaking views, historical sites and vibrant cultural traditions. The congress organizers are currently curating activities and events that would highlight the rich cultural tapestry and beauty of the host city. This integration of scientific learning and cultural immersion promises to create a truly unforgettable experience, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of all who will participate.

Mark Your Calendars

The fervent preparation of the Philippine organizers underscores its commitment to advancing pediatric healthcare in the region. With the theme "Redesigning the Horizon of Pediatric Healthcare in the Asia Pacific"; this congress epitomizes the spirit of collaboration, innovation and finding common solutions. Remember to mark your calendars and save the dates for this momentous event.

Watch out for future announcements on the scientific program, congress website, registration, travel arrangements and other pertinent details.

Let's see each other in Cebu, the Philippines on November 14 to 17, 2024!

- Publicity and Scientific Committees of APCP 2024



International Webinar - The Big Catch Up on World Immunization Week (WIW)

The Webinar was held in collaboration with APPA - SAPA (South Asia Pediatric Association) - PPA (Pakistan Pediatric Association), with its focus on immunization.

The webinar aims to bring together Paediatric experts from across the globe to share their insights and knowledge regarding the issue. Participants had the opportunity to engage with the Speakers and other participants through interactive Q&A sessions and group discussions. It was held on May 1, 2023 at 2pm (GMT+5) Pakistan time.





APPA Symposium on Child Protection and Safety May 16, 2023



25th Scientific Conference of the Sri Lanka College of Pediatricians



Introduction

The 25th Scientific Conference of the Sri Lanka College of Pediatricians featured a thought-provoking symposium on Child Protection and Safety. Prof. Dr. Iqbal Memon President Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) opened the symposium. He thanked the Sri Lanka College of Pediatricians and the APPA Technical Advisory Group on Child Rights & Environment and Child Health for organizing this important symposium.

The symposium was aimed to address various aspects surrounding child protection, including the establishment of child protection services, the challenges faced by low and middle-income countries, the impact of natural disasters, and the effects of climate change on child health. Four papers were presented, covering diverse topics related to child protection. This report provides a summary of each paper and the key points discussed.



APPA President, Prof. Dr. Iqbal Memon is third from left

PAPER TITLE: "SETTING UP OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES IN SRI LANKA-STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN IMPLEMENTATION"

Presenter: Prof. Dr. Harendra De Silva

Prof. Dr. Harendra De Silva presented a comprehensive paper on the establishment of child protection services in Sri Lanka. The paper highlighted the establishment of Presidential Task Force and National Child Protection authority, amendments in legal framework, institutional setup, and policies necessary for safeguarding the well-being and rights of children. Prof. Dr. De Silva discussed the initiatives taken to create an effective child protection system in Sri Lanka and shared insights into the challenges faced and potential solutions. He said that the



initiative took a flying start in the beginning but faltered with the passage of time. He said that lack of resources, lack of professionalism couples with the resistance to change and the perceived threat to territory of individuals were the main reason behind failure.

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PAPER TITLE: "SETTING UP CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM IN LOW AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES: INDIAN EXPERIENCE"

Presenter: Dr. Rajeev Seth (India)

Summary: Rajeev Seth from India delivered an enlightening presentation on setting up child protection systems in low and middle-income countries. Citing the Indian experience, the paper shed light on the unique challenges faced by these nations in establishing effective child protection frameworks. Dr. Seth discussed strategies, best practices, and innovative approaches to ensure the safety and well-being of children in



resource-constrained settings. The presentation provided valuable insights for countries grappling with limited resources and highlighted the importance of collaboration and knowledge sharing.

PAPER TITLE: "CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS EFFECT ON CHILD HEALTH" PRESENTER:

Dr Kurniwan Taufiq Kadafi (Indonesia)

Summary: Dr. Kurniwan Taufiq Kadafi presented an insightful paper on the effects of climate change on child health. Dr. Kadafi said that children as a group of individuals are more susceptible to climate change and the resulting natural disasters. This is because children have unique characteristics that are different from adults. These characteristics include the unique anatomy and physiology of children that makes them more susceptible to experiencing emergency situations such as dehydration and hypovolemic shock if there is an outbreak of diarrhea while staying in a relief camp. The paper highlighted the various health risks posed by climate change, including increased prevalence of infectious diseases,



malnutrition, and mental health challenges. Dr. Kadafi emphasized the importance of understanding and addressing these impacts within the context of child protection. The presentation discussed potential strategies for adaptation, resilience-building, and advocacy to protect the health and well-being of children in the face of climate change.

PAPER TITLE: "CHILD PROTECTION IN NATURAL DISASTERS"

Presenters: Dr. Tufail Muhammad and Dr. Naeem Zafar (Pakistan)

Summary: Dr. Tufail Muhammad and Dr. Naeem Zafar jointly presented a paper on the critical topic of child protection in natural disasters. Their presentation explored the specific vulnerabilities and risks that children face during such events and the importance of developing disaster management plans with a strong focus on child protection. They told that the main challenges during natural disasters are physical safety and wellbeing, separation of children from families, protection from abuse and exploitation, access to education



and health care and lack of resources. The presenters shared experiences and lessons learned from Pakistan with a special focus on establishment of child friendly spaces. They also highlighted the importance of disaster preparedness and other strategies to mitigate the impact of natural disasters on children and enhance their protection in emergency situations.

CONCLUSION

The symposium on Child Protection at the 25th Scientific Conference of the Sri Lanka College of Pediatricians provided a platform for sharing knowledge, experiences, and innovative ideas related to the protection of children. The papers presented by esteemed speakers from Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, and Indonesia shed light on crucial aspects of child protection, ranging from establishing effective systems to

addressing the impact of natural disasters and climate change. The symposium offered valuable insights for pediatricians, policymakers, and stakeholders, emphasizing the need for collaborative efforts and evidence-based approaches to ensure the safety, well-being, and rights of children in diverse contexts.

- Prof. Dr. Tufail Muhammad, Chair, Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Child Rights, Environment & Child Rights

Indonesian Pediatric Society Activities

1. Childhood Immunization Update 2023

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a widespread impact on immunization programs in Indonesia. Coverage of all vaccines to protect against vaccine-preventable diseases in infants and children has declined markedly, resulting in the occurrence of outbreaks in several regions.

Responding to this problem, the Indonesian government through the Ministry of Health and its board has made optimal efforts.

The Indonesian Pediatric Society (IPS) through the IPS Immunization Task Force as a collaborative partner, is motivated to empower its members to learn about various immunization problems that occurred and analysis to overcome them.

Childhood Immunization Update 2023 which was held from May 28-29, 2023 was attended by approximately 500 participants. This event was held with the aim that all IPS members and other health workers can contribute to improving immunization coverage, providing evidence-based information, communicating well in immunization services, and tackling misinformation that can concern the public and cause hesitation in vaccination.

The immunization schedule of IPS recommendation in 2023 was presented by Prof. Dr. dr. Soedjatmiko, Sp.A(K), M.Si. In general, the recommendations are not too drastically different from the 2020 immunization schedule, the new addition of live attenuated, recombinant tetravalent dengue vaccine (DEN-2 backbone) can be given to children with seropositive or seronegative dengue.

Other immunization schedules have additional remarks such as for Varicella immunization, which can be given in MMRV combination vaccine. The first dose of MMRV should be given at the age of 2 years or older to reduce the risk of febrile seizures, while the second dose will not increase the risk of febrile seizures.

2. Road Safety for Children

Cases of road injury among children and adolescents have increased in the last three years. Nearly 220,000 infants, children, and adolescents aged 0-19 years died each year due to road injuries, with the death rate among infants from road injuries twice as high as among children and adolescents. The proportion of road injury deaths among children and adolescents is 38% pedestrians, 36% passengers, 14% motorcyclists, 6% cyclists and 7% cars. Road Injury is one of the top 15 causes of disability globally among children and adolescents.

The Indonesian Pediatric Society (IPS) issued recommendations to reduce mortality and morbidity due to road accidents which were also socialized to the media. The absence of regulations governing the minimum age of children allowed to be carried on motorcycles, coupled with social and economic factors, has made motorcycle transportation a last option that is considered convenient, affordable, and fast. Thus, IDAI urges policy makers to immediately formulate regulations, and the public to be aware of the recommendations given.

- Indonesian Pediatric Society (IPS)



Figure 1: Presentation of the latest IPS recommended Immunization Schedule by Prof. Dr. Soedjatmiko, Sp.A(K), M.Si. at the Childhood Immunization Update 2023



Figure 2: Safety Road for Children Media Seminar / Socialization



The 4th Asian Pediatric Intensive Care Congress (APICC) 2023

The 4th Asian Pediatric Intensive Care Congress (APICC) 2023 was held at the Novotel Phokeethra, Phuket, Thailand, on May 8-12, 2023. The congress brought together well-renowned experts worldwide and invited Thai speakers from the Thai Pediatric Respiratory & Critical Care Society (TPRC) and healthcare professionals from various disciplines to discuss the latest advancements and challenges in pediatric critical care.



The excellent composition of the scientific program attracted 270 delegates from locals and abroad, 36 invited international faculty, and 50 local speakers



Associate Professor Dr Jitladda Deelodejanawong, the President of the Thai Pediatric Pulmonary & Critical Care Society, gave an opening speech of the 4th APICC 23

Outstanding line-up of speakers and sessions

This congress had an outstanding line-up of speakers and sessions covering various topics, including ECMO, resuscitation science, mechanical ventilation, ARDS, sepsis, nutrition, ER transportation, covid infection, ethical considerations in pediatric urgent care, and end-of-life care. Besides, it provided a platform for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and networking among participants, contributing to enhancing pediatric critical care practices across Asia.



Professor Dr Rujipat Samransamruajkit, the Organizing Committee Chairman of the 4th APICC 2023, gave a welcome speech at the opening ceremony

List of outstanding international speakers were:

- Prof. Dr. Vinay Nadkarni from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, USA., the current President of The American Society of Critical Care Medicine.
- Prof. Dr. Ravi Thiagarajan, Chief of pediatric cardiac intensive care unit, Boston Children's Hospital, Harvard University, USA.
- Prof. Dr. Nilesh Mehta, Boston Children's Hospital, Harvard University, USA.
- Prof. Dr. Ira Chiefetz, chief of Pediatric Cardiac ICU, Rainbow Baby Children's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, USA.
- Prof. Dr. Karen Choong, a senior PICU faculty from Macmaster University, Hamilton. Ontario, Canada.
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lee JH, and Judith Wong, KK Women and Children Hospital, Singapore and the Pediatric Acute & Critical Care Medicine Asian Network (PACCMAN) Research Group.

PACCMAN is a collaborative research network formed in 2015 by pediatric intensive care providers as a part of Singapore Research Institute. Currently, there are 35 Asian members located in 14 countries.

- Prof. Dr. Satoshi Nakagawa, National Center for Child Health and Development, Tokyo, Japan, and the PACCMAN Research Group.

The congress featured diverse sessions, including two pre-congress workshops covering pediatric ultrasound in critical care and pediatric mechanical ventilation. The main congress included keynote lectures, panel discussions, workshops, and oral/poster presentations.

Prominent experts in the field delivered insightful lectures, sharing their expertise and highlighting recent breakthroughs in pediatric critical care research. Participants gained valuable insights into emerging trends, innovative technologies, and evidence-based practices to improve patient outcomes and optimize care delivery. One of the key successes of the congress was the exchange of research findings and clinical experiences.

After the long second day of scientific discussion, the Gala dinner with the Thai traditional theme allowed everyone to let their hair down, enjoying the entertainment, friendships, and camaraderie as a critical-care team for the night.

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11th Singapore Paediatric and Perinatal Annual Congress (SIPPAC 2023)

“Shaping Child Health for the Future”

July 28-30, 2023, Singapore

SIPPAC 2023 was organized successfully under the auspices of Singapore Paediatric Society from 28-30 July, 2023 at Park Royal hotel, Singapore. This was a 2-day conference with a pre-conference workshop held on July 27, 2023. This conference was well attended by doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals from overseas and Singapore. Dr. Alvin Chang, Singapore Paediatric Society (SPS) President, delivered the welcome address to mark the start of the conference.

The pre-conference workshop on Point of care ultrasound course was well attended and the participants had hands-on experience in echocardiography, hemodynamics assessment, E-FAST, lung ultrasound and cranial ultrasound. Feedback was encouraging and participants exuded enthusiasm in their participation.



Day 1 of the conference began with the **Stuart Gan Lecture** rendered by **Prof. Dr. Troy Torgerson**, a Director of Experimental Immunology at the Allen Institute for Immunology, on **“Exploring the Full Spectrum of Genetic Immune Diseases”**.

He focused on characterizing genetic mutations that cause the immune system to become dysregulated, leading to autoimmunity and susceptibility to infections.

This was followed by the 16th College of Paediatrics and Child Health Lecture by **Prof. Dr. Victor Samuel Rajadurai** on **“Lessons learned from Randomized control trials: KKH experience”**.



Prof. Dr. Rajadurai shared his vast experience of conducting RCTs at KK Women’s and Children’s Hospital (KKH), their outcomes and impact on clinical practice. He was honored with a plaque for his achievements by Prof. Dr. Chua Mei Chien, Head & Senior Consultant, KKH, Singapore.



Various other topics were covered on day 1 which include Nursing symposiums, Developmental Paediatrics, Neonatology, Adolescent Mental Health, Maternal and child health. Free poster sessions and oral presentations were conducted on day 1 and the winners were recognized with awards at the conference dinner on day 1.

Day 1 also witnessed the **Inauguration of Clinical Practice Guidelines 2023 on Autism Spectrum Disorder in Children and Adolescents**. Guest of Honour: Ms. Denise Phua, Mayor, Central Singapore District & Member of Parliament, **Special Guest**: Ms. Rahayu Mahzam, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health & Ministry of Law & Member of Parliament. Dr. Wong Chui Mae and Dr. Aishworiya Rajkumar shared the key recommendations from the guidelines after the official inauguration of the guidelines.

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Ample networking opportunities for attendees

In addition to scientific sessions, the congress provided ample networking opportunities for attendees to connect with peers and establish collaborations. Participants engaged in interactive discussions, sharing their experiences and challenges and exploring potential solutions from basic to advance pediatric critical care. The Congress also showcased state-of-the-art technologies and equipment through an exhibition, allowing participants to explore the latest advancements in the field. Most of the participants, including all invited speakers enjoyed the 4th APICC as it was one of the few congresses in pediatric critical care, especially in this region, and they could attend in person after living with COVID-19 for the last three years.

Overall, the 4th Asian Congress on Pediatric Critical Care 2023 was a premier platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration, and professional development in pediatric

critical care, especially in Asian countries. By facilitating the dissemination of clinical research in limited resource areas and fostering collaboration among experts, the congress played a pivotal role in enhancing the quality of care and outcomes for critically ill children in Asia and beyond.

Lastly, the organizing committee thanked the industry and the congress secretariat for significantly contributing to the success of the congress.

We look forward to everyone's support and participation at the next 5th APICC in Bali, Indonesia in 2025.

The excellent composition of the scientific program attracted 270 delegates from locals and abroad, 36 invited international faculty, and 50 local speakers.

- **Professor Rujipat Samransamruajkit, M.D.**



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Day 2 of the conference encompassed topics from office Paediatrics, General Paediatrics, Paediatric allergy, futuristic topics including recent advances (in Telehealth, Genetics, gastroenterology), Infectious diseases and neonatology. Sessions were made interactive & interesting due to active participation of the delegates.

Overall, the conference was well received by all as the topics were relevant and applicable to clinical practice. We look forward to welcoming APPA delegates for the future SIPPAC conferences.

- **Dr. Sridhar Arunachalam, Secretary, Singapore Paediatric Society (SPS)**



INTERNATIONAL PAEDIATRIC EVENTS

NOTE:

These paediatric events are for information purposes and does not constitute any endorsements from the APPA Secretariat.

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MALAYSIA

UM-HM Inaugural Paediatric Palliative Care Symposium
Theme: "Perinatal Palliative Care and Narrative Medicine in Palliative Medicine and Clinical Care"
Date: September 9-11, 2023
Venue: T.J. Danaraj Auditorium, Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Registration: hospismalaysia.org/paediatricpalliativecaresymposium/
Email: education@hospismalaysia.org

THAILAND

3rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Association for Haemophilia and Allied Disorders-Asia Pacific (AHAD-AP)
Date: September 15-16, 2023
Venue: Bangkok, Thailand
Website: ahadap.org/asm2023
Email: conf@ahadap.org

SINGAPORE

The Inaugural Family-Centred Care Conference 2023
Date: September 16, 2023, the first of its kind in Singapore
Time: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm (Registration begins at 8.30 am)
Venue: NUHS (National University Health System) Auditorium 1E, Kent Ridge NUHS Tower Block, Singapore 119228, Singapore
For further inquiry, please kindly email: jazzeca.pachai@rmhc.sg

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The 16th Asian Pan-Pacific Congress for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (APPSPGHAN 2023)
Date: October 5-8, 2023
Venue: COEX, Seoul, Republic of Korea
Website: <http://appsppghan2023.org/>
Email: info@appsppghan2023.org
Deadline for Pre-registration: August 31, 2023
Inquiries about Registration and Payment: info@appsppghan2023.org

INDONESIA

The 12th Annual Scientific Meeting of Indonesian Pediatric Society in conjunction with the 8th Asian Pediatric Pulmonology Society (APPS) Annual Scientific Congress
Theme: "Pandemic Recovery: Restoring the Future of Children"
Date: October 7-11, 2023
Venue: Padang, West Sumatra, Indonesia
Website: www.pitika-apps2023.com

MALAYSIA

The 44th Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA) Annual Congress 2023
Date: October 12-14, 2023
Venue: Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC), West Wing Level 3, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Secretariat: secretariat@mpa2023.org
Website: www.MPA2023.ORG

SINGAPORE

The Inaugural Asian Paediatric Ethics Conference
Theme: Emerging Issues in Paediatric Ethics
Date: October 2-3, 2023
Venue: Kent Ridge Guild House, National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore
Secretariat: Singapore Paediatric Society
Email: secretariat@sps.org.sg
Tel: 656 774 5201

SINGAPORE

1st APIC-ADVA Asia Pacific Summit on Infectious Diseases and Immunization
Theme: "Vaccination for All: Access, Confidence and Equity (ACE)"
Date: October 31-November 1, 2023
Venue: Orchard Hotel, Grand Ballroom, Singapore
Email Secretariat: secretariat@adva.asia
Website: apicsummit.org
Registration inquiry: support@adva.asia

TAIWAN

MasterClass in Vaccinology (MCV) 2023
Date: November 4-6, 2023
Venue: Taipei International Convention Center, Taipei, Taiwan
Email: mcv2023.reg@mcv2023.tw
Tel: 02-2798-8329 ext 35

JAPAN

18th Congress of Asian Society for Pediatric Research (ASPR)
Online Platform
Theme: Developing the Future from the Past and Present
Date: November 11-12, 2023
Website: smartconf.jp/content/aspr18/
Secretariat: aspr18@pcojapan.jp

PAKISTAN

21st National Pediatric Conference
Theme: "Moving Towards Better Child Health"
Date: November 24-26, 2023
Venue: Peshawar, Pakistan
Hosted by: Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA) - Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
Website: www.ppa.org.pk

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