



Biennial Report

2023-2025

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INTRODUCTION

This report covers two years (2023-2025) and is divided into three sections:

- Governance and Administration of the International Pediatric Association (IPA)
- Activities and Accomplishment of the International Pediatric Association (IPA)
- IPA Financial Reports

During the scheduled meeting of the Council of Delegates on 9-10 May 2025 in Mexico, there is time allotted for discussion of this report. Comments or questions from IPA members before the meeting are welcomed.

I. GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION (IPA)

The Council of Delegates is the ultimate governing body of the IPA, consisting of one delegate from each Member Society. Members of the Council of Delegates are the Presidents of each IPA Member Society or the official society representative designated to fill the role. The Council of Delegates meets at the time of the IPA International Congress. The 2025 IPA Council of Delegates consists of members from 154 National Pediatric Societies from 148 countries, 7 Regional Pediatric Societies, and 12 International Pediatric Specialty Societies.

The IPA Standing Committee acts on behalf of the Council of Delegates and guides IPA policy and action delegated by the Council of Delegates. The IPA Executive Committee consists of the President of the IPA, the President-Elect, the Executive Director, the Coordinator of Development, the Treasurer, the Immediate Past President, the President of the forthcoming International Congress, and 2 members of the Standing Committee elected to represent the Standing Committee to the Executive Committee. Under provisions of the IPA Constitution, the Executive Committee has eight members plus one ex-officio member. The role of the Executive Committee is to carry out the mandates of the Standing Committee and to act on behalf of the Standing Committee between its regular meetings.

1.1 THE COUNCIL OF DELEGATES, FEBRUARY 2023 SESSION 36 AND 37

IPA Council of Delegates session 36, 20th February 2023

The Council of Delegates was welcomed and called to order by Dr. Enver Hasanoglu at 01:00 PM India Standard Time. Dr. Aman Pulungan called the roll, and a quorum was established. The meeting was attended by 66 Council of Delegates.

Agenda Item - Presentation of Biennial and Financial Report: Dr. Pulungan briefed about the IPA Biennial report, which was also translated into Spanish and French. He also briefly mentioned the Financial Report that was prepared by Dr. Jonathan Klein, IPA 2023-2025 Treasurer.

Agenda Item - Strategic Planning SC Sub Committee Report: Dr. Pallavi Thacker informed the Council of Delegates of the IPA Strategic Planning process, SWOT summary, and IPA Member Societies Satisfaction Survey. The next step of the strategic plan would be 1) action plans in accordance with the identified strategic priorities, 2) Measurement indicators to keep track of the progress of action plans, and 3) Connect with prospective pediatric societies.

Agenda Item - Constitutional Amendments: Dr. Naveen Thacker and Dr. Joseph Haddad presented the Constitutional Amendments to the Council of Delegates.

Agenda Item - IPA Action Plan 2023-2025: Dr. Naveen Thacker presented the IPA Action Plan 2023-2025

Agenda Item - Presentation and Approval of New IPA Membership Application: Dr. Hasanoglu presented the New IPA Membership Applications as follows:

1. Mauritanian Pediatric Society (SOMAUPED)
2. Société Centrafricaine de Pédiatrie (SOCEPED)
3. Azerbaijan Pediatric Society
4. European Confederation of Primary Care Pediatricians (ECPCP)
5. International Neonatology Association (INA)
6. Association Tchadienne de Pédiatrie (ATPED)
7. Paediatric Association of Lesotho (PAL)

Agenda Item - Open Interactive Discussion on Future Goals & Priorities of IPA: Inputs were made by the Council of Delegates in regard to the Constitutional Amendments and IPA Action Plan 2023-2025. Constitutional amendments were passed unanimously with the revision that the IPA SC seats will consist of 24 elected members, which consist of 19 members from the national societies and 5 members from the subspecialties societies, along with 7 IPA officers, bringing the total number of Standing Committee members to 31 members. The formulation of the IPA SC members, including the additional representatives from each region in EC, and details on the IPA EC and SC election will be further discussed in the by-laws.

Agenda Item - Overview of Election Procedures & Technical Orientation to Voting Process: Dr. William Keenan, Chair IPA Election Committee, shared a brief introduction of IPA Election Committee members (Dr. Adenike Grange, Dr. Errol Alden, Dr. Chok Wan Chan, and Dr. Sergio Cabral) and presented the final list of President-Elect and SC 2023-2025 Candidates, 2027 Congress Host Society candidates, and 2025 Congress President. He further explained the election guideline and technical orientation of the voting process.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:25 India Standard Time.

IPA Council of Delegates Session 37, 21st February 2023

The Council of Delegates were welcomed to the second day of the COD Meeting and called to order by Dr. Enver Hasanoglu at 13:00 India Standard Time. Dr. Aman Pulungan called roll and a quorum was established. The meeting was attended by 79 council delegates.

Agenda Item - Overview of Election Procedures & Technical Orientation to Voting Process
Dr. William Keenan, Chair IPA Election Committee, shared a brief introduction of IPA Election

Committee members (Dr. Adenike Grange, Dr. Errol Alden, Dr. Chok Wan Chan, and Dr. Sergio Cabral) and presented the final list of President-Elect and SC 2023-2025 Candidates, 2027 Congress Host Society candidates, and 2025 Congress President. He further explained the election guideline and technical orientation of the voting process.

Agenda Item - President-Elect Candidate 1 Speech

Dr. Deogratias Munube delivered his speech.

Agenda Item - President-Elect Candidate 2 Speech

Dr. Joseph Haddad presented his speech.

Agenda Item - IPA President-Elect Election: Time to Vote

After the specified time as per the agenda, the voting was closed, and the results were counted by the IPA 2022-2023 Election Committee.

Agenda Item - IPA Standing Committee Election: Time to Vote

After the specified time as per the agenda, the ballot papers were submitted to the voting box, and the results were counted by the IPA 2022-2023 Election Committee. Upon counting the votes for IPA Standing Committee representatives from the Asia Pacific region, 2 candidates received a tied vote. Dr. Keenan then advised for the RunOff election for the Asia Pacific Region. Voting delegates from the Asia Pacific region submitted their votes into the voting box between the two candidates, signed the ballot papers, and votes were counted again by the IPA 2022-2023 Election Committee.

Agenda Item - 2027 Congress Bid Presentation

Dr. Keenan called for presenters for the 2027 Congress Bid Presentation. In order, the presentations were done by Dr. Carlos G. Alonso-Rivera from Confederación Nacional de Pediatría de Mexico (CONAPEME), Dr. Entesar AlHammadi and Dr. Monika Kaushal from Emirates Paediatric Neonatal Medicine Society (EPNMS), Dr. Lisine Tuyisenge from Rwanda Paediatric Association (RPA), and Dr. Enver Hasanoglu and Dr. Elif Ozmert from Turkish National Pediatric Society (TNPS). Each was given a total of 12 minutes to present, including a 5-minute Q&A session.

Agenda Item - 2027 Congress Site Election: Time to Vote

After the specified time as per the agenda, the ballot papers were submitted to the voting box, and the results were counted by the IPA 2022-2023 Election Committee. Upon counting the votes, none of the bidders received a majority of votes from the Voting Delegates. Dr. Keenan then advised for the RunOff election for the top 2 most voted sites, Dubai, UAE by EPNMS and Kigali, Rwanda by RPA. Voting Delegates submitted their votes into the voting box between the two candidates, signed the ballot papers, and votes were counted again by the IPA 2022-2023 Election Committee.

Agenda Item - Introduction of IPA 2025 Congress President and Invitation to IPA Congress 2025 at Glasgow

Dr. Keenan announced that RCPC had nominated Dr. Camilla Kingdon as IPA 2025 Congress President. Dr. Keenan presented the same to CoD for endorsement. As there was no opposition, Dr. Kingdon was elected unanimously. Dr. Kingdon briefly presented the upcoming IPA 2025 Congress, which will be held in Glasgow, Scotland.

Agenda Item - Announcement of IPA Election Results

Dr. Pulungan announced the IPA Election 2023 result and congratulated the elected candidates.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:25 India Standard Time.

1.2 IPA CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT

The following changes in the IPA Constitution were made in accordance with the Constitution Amendments agreed by the Council of Delegates

Article 1: Name

- No changes

Article 2: Objectives

- The following points were added:
 - 2.1 (i) promote friendship, collaboration and joint actions of the world's pediatricians and their national, regional, pediatric subspecialty, and affiliate societies to improve the health and well-being, protection, and the support of every child from birth through adolescence
 - 2.1 (ii) To promote professional development, medical education, welfare and protection of pediatricians around the world.

Article 3: Membership

- Added the definition of Affiliate Societies (3.1) : “There shall also be Affiliate Societies which shall include other pediatric societies. Criteria for affiliate societies’ membership will be defined by the Council of Delegates periodically. Affiliated Societies Members do not have voting rights.”
- Added “language or other bonds” in the definition of Regional Pediatric Societies (3.1)

Article 4: Governing Bodies & Article 5: Officers

- Added “In case of extraordinary circumstances the CD can meet virtually with majority approval of the SC” (4.6)
- Added the function of Council of Delegates (4.7 [iii]): To Elect the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and Treasurer from the list of candidates nominated by the SC
- Adjustment of the composition of IPA Standing Committee member (4.8):

The SC of the IPA shall consist of 24 elected members and the IPA Officers.

Acknowledging the number of member national societies, size, and population, 19 SC regional members are allocated to seven geographic regions which shall duly elected representatives to represent Member National Pediatric Societies within their geographic region as follows:

1. USA and Canada – 2 representatives;
2. LatinAmerica (including Mexico) – 3 representatives;
3. Sub- Saharan Africa – 3 representatives;
4. Middle East and North Africa – 2 representatives;
5. Central Asia – 2 representatives;
6. Europe -- 3 representatives;

7. Asia-Pacific – 4 representatives.

Five seats are allocated to duly elected representatives of the Member International Pediatric Specialty Societies.

- Adjustment of the mechanism of election of members to the Standing Committee (4.9): Member National Pediatric Societies from each of the seven IPA geographic regions will propose a candidate selected through a democratic process with due consideration of rotation of areas within the region. Each Member International Pediatric Medical and Surgical Specialty Societies may present one duly elected candidate.
- Adjustment of the function of Standing Committee (4.12 [v]): To elect seven regional representatives of the EC from the newly constituted SC who shall serve on both SC and EC to maximize integration and coordination
- Rename the position of Coordinator of Development to Deputy Executive Director.
- Adjustment of the composition of IPA Executive Committee (4.13): The EC shall consist of the Immediate Past President, President of the IPA, the President-Elect, the Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Director, the Treasurer, the President of the forthcoming International Congress, and seven regional representatives of the SC in accordance with provision of Article 4.13(vi).

Candidates for the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, and Treasurer will be nominated by the SC and elected by the Council of Delegates.

- Added the function of Executive Committee (4.14 [i]): To make decisions on behalf of the SC between its regularly scheduled meetings in case of necessity
- Adjustment of point 5.6: The SC shall nominate candidates for Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, and Treasurer who, following election by the CD shall be the executives of the IPA. These executives will be in charge of technical, administrative and financial affairs of the IPA in consultation with the EC and SC.
- Adjustments made in the Fourth Schedule (Article 4):
 - D.2 In addition to the annual meetings, special physical or virtual meetings of the EC and SC may be called at the discretion of the President and the EC of the IPA.
 - D.5 The CD shall meet at the time of each International Congress. In case of extraordinary circumstances the CD can meet virtually subject to majority approval by the SC.

Article 6: Site of The Administrative Office; Article 7: International Congress; Article 8: Amendments

- No changes

Article 9: By-Laws & Article 10: Dissolution

- Added the procedure for making and changing the IPA By-Laws (Article 9)
- Added a Dissolution clause (Article 10)

1.3 STANDING COMMITTEE 2023-2025

IPA Executive Committee (also members of Standing Committee) 2023-2025

Naveen Thacker, India
Joseph Haddad, Lebanon
Enver Hasanoglu, Turkey
Aman Pulungan, Indonesia
Adamos Hadjipanayis, Cyprus
Jonathan D Klein, USA
Amy Gray, Australia
Carlos G A Rivera, Mexico
Ana Beatriz Rosas Sumano, Mexico

IPA Standing Committee 2023-2025

M. Iqbal A Memon, Pakistan (APPA)
M. Ashraf Sultan, Pakistan (APPA)
Nitin Kapur, Australia (APPA)
Santosh T Soans, India (APPA)
Piprim B Yanuarso, Indonesia (APPA)
Sara H Goza, US (AAP)
Catherine Farrell, Canada (CPS)
Marcela María Fama Pereira, Colombia (ALAPE)
Dipesalema Joel, Botswana (UNAPSA)
John Adabie Appiah, Ghana (UNAPSA)
Massimo Pettoello-Mantovani, Italy (EPA/UNEPSA)
Stefano del Torso, Italy (EAP/PS-UEMS)
Koray Boduroglu, Turkey (UNPSTR)
Erkin Rahimov, Azerbaijan (UNPSTR)
Basim Al-Zoubi, Jordan (UAPS)
Hassan Afilal, Morocco (UAPS)
Barbara Rubio, Spain (ISSOP)
María del Carmen Calle Dávila, Peru (IAAH)
Rajeshwar Dayal, India (ISTP)
Sameh Shehata, Egypt (WOFAPS)
Camilla Kingdon, United Kingdom (RCPCH)
Manuel Ángel Correa Flores, Mexico (AMP)

During the current mandate, the following adjustments were made to the composition of the IPA Standing Committee:

- Dr. Piprim Basarah Yanuarso was added as a non-voting member of IPA SC 2023-2025 based on the SC Resolution in May 2023.
- Dr. Camilla Kingdon, who was originally an IPA EC member as the IPA Congress 2025 President, stepped down from her role and was replaced by Dr. Ana Beatriz Rosas Sumano, the current Co-President of IPA Congress 2025.

- Dr. Camilla Kingdon was decided to be a non-voting member of the IPA SC 2023-2025 based on the SC Resolution in October 2023.
- Dr. Manuel Ángel Correa Flores, the co-president of IPA Congress 2025, was added as a member of IPA SC 2023-2025 based on the IPA SC Resolution in January 2024.

1.4 IPA INDEPENDENT ELECTION COMMITTEE 2024-2025

The IPA Independent Election Committee (IEC) 2024-2025 was elected through online IPA Election held in July 2024, with votes collected from IPA Member Societies. The elected IPA IEC 2024-2025 members are:

- Ousmane Ndiaye (Senegal)
- Mortada El-Shabrawi (ISTP)
- Sayaka Horiuchi (Japan)

THE COUNCIL OF DELEGATES IN MEXICO, MAY 2025: SESSION 38 and 39

The IPA Council of Delegates (COD) Sessions 38 and 39 will be held on 9-10 May 2025 in Mexico City, Mexico. During the COD meeting, certified voting delegates shall meet to review the policies and strategic plans of the IPA, to review and ratify the IPA Biennial Report, which includes the financial report and audit covering the period since the previous COD meeting, to review and approve new IPA membership applications for National, Regional, and International Pediatric Medical and Surgical Specialty Societies, and to review the Election Procedure. The COD sessions 38 and 39 will hold the elections for the President-Elect, IPA Executives, members of the Standing Committee for the term 2025-2027, and members of the Independent Election Committee for the term 2025-2027. The COD will also elect the President of the 32nd IPA International Congress of Pediatrics 2027 in Rwanda.

IPA Council of Delegate Meeting Session 38 9th May 2025 (14.00-16.30 Central Standard Time/CST)

Time	Duration	Agenda Items
14:00-14:05	5 mins	Welcome Remarks <i>Naveen Thacker, President 2023-2025</i>
14:05-14:20	15 mins	Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum <i>Aman Pulungan, Executive Director 2023-2025</i>
14:20-14:35	15 mins	Presentation of Biennial & Financial report <i>Naveen Thacker, President 2023-2025</i> <i>Aman Pulungan, Executive Director 2023-2025</i> <i>Jonathan Klein, Treasurer 2023-2025</i>
14:35-15:00	25 mins	Constitutional Amendments <i>Joseph Haddad, Chair of the Governance SC Subcommittee</i>

		<i>Naveen Thacker, President 2023-2025</i>
15:00- 15:15	15 mins	IPA Action Plan 2025-2027 <i>Joseph Haddad, IPA President-Elect</i>
15:15- 15:45	30 mins	Open Interactive Discussion on Future Goals & Priorities of IPA <i>Open for All Participants</i>
15:45-16:00	15 mins	Presentation and Approval of New IPA Membership Application <i>Aman Pulungan, Executive Director 2023-2025</i>
16:00-16:15	15 mins	Overview of Election Procedures & Technical Orientation to Voting Process <i>Ousmane Ndiaye, Chair of the IPA Independent Election Committee 2024-25</i>
16:15-16:30	15 mins	<i>Any other submitted business</i>
		Adjourn

IPA Council of Delegate Meeting Session 39
10th May 2025 (13.30-16.30 Central Standard Time/CST)

Time	Duration	Agenda Items
13:30-13:45	15 mins	Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum <i>Aman Pulungan, Executive Director 2023-2025</i>
13:45-13:55	10 mins	Overview of Election Procedures & Technical Orientation to Voting Process <i>Ousmane Ndiaye, Chair of the IPA Independent Election Committee 2024-25</i>
13:55-14:55	50 mins	2029 Congress Bid Presentation (10 minutes per candidate for presentation and Q& A session)
14:55-15:55	60 mins	IPA Election: Time to Vote <i>Independent Election Committee 2024-25</i>
16:00-16:10	10 mins	Announcement of IPA Election Results <i>Independent Election Committee 2024-25</i>
16:10-16:20	10 mins	Invitation to IPA Congress 2027 at Rwanda by Congress President and New IPA President
16:20-16:30	10 mins	Introduction of New Office Bearers 2025-2027

		<i>Joseph Haddad, IPA President 2025-2027</i>
		Adjourn

ELECTION OF THE HOST COUNTRY FOR THE 33RD ICP 2029

IPA is accepting bids for the future congress in 2029. Five candidate sites for hosting the 33rd International Congress of Pediatrics (ICP) in 2029 are:

- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Indonesia
- Morocco
- United Arab Emirates

Each candidate site will present its bid at session 39 of the Council of Delegates Meeting (10 minutes allotted per candidate for presentation and QnA session). A booth is provided for each candidate during the 31st Congress in Mexico.

Planning for the 32nd ICP in Rwanda will be presented by the Rwanda Pediatric Association at the IPA COD Session 39 in Mexico.

The 31st ICP is managed by the IPA and the Confederación Nacional de Pediatría de México (CONAPEME) and Asociación Mexicana de Pediatría (AMP) as the 2025 host national pediatric society, with a professional congress organizer (PCO). We welcome comments and input from all of our Member Societies concerning your experiences with the organization of this 2025 Congress and your suggestions for any modifications or improvements for the future.

ELECTION OF THE IPA PRESIDENT-ELECT 2025-2027

According to the IPA Constitution, the President-Elect, Prof. Joseph Haddad, after one 2-year term (2023- 2025), shall take office as the President for one 2-year term (2025-2027).

The candidates for President-Elect 2025-2027 are required to submit nomination letters from three different IPA Member Societies in good standing, and one of the letters must be from the national pediatric society of which the candidate is a member. The eligible candidates must represent a region from which there has been no President-Elect for the two preceding terms.

Chaired by Dr. Ousmane Ndiaye, the IPA Election Committee 2024-2025 received one duly nominated candidate for the position of President-Elect term 2025-2027:

1. **Dr. Carlos G Alonso-Rivera** [Confederación Nacional de Pediatría de México (CONAPEME)]

ELECTION OF THE IPA EXECUTIVES 2025-2027

As per the IPA Constitution, the IPA Executives for the 2025-2027 term—including the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, and Treasurer—are nominated by the Standing Committee

and will be elected by the Council of Delegates. Nominations of the IPA Executives term 2025-2027 that have been reviewed by the IPA Independent Election Committee 2024-2025 and IPA Standing Committee 2023-2025 can be found below.

Candidate for Executive Director:

- Dr. Naveen Thacker

Candidate for Deputy Executive Director:

- Dr. Adamos Hadjipanayis
- Dr. Muhammad Ashraf Sultan

Candidate for Treasurer:

- Dr. Bakul Parekh

ELECTION OF THE IPA STANDING COMMITTEE 2025-2027

Based on the IPA Constitution, there are seven geographic regions which are defined as 1) USA and Canada, 2) Latin America (including Mexico), 3) Sub-Saharan Africa, 4) Middle East and North Africa, 5) Central Asia, 6) Europe, and 7) Asia Pacific. Member National Pediatric Societies from each of the seven IPA geographic regions will propose a candidate selected through a democratic process with due consideration of rotation of areas within the region. Nominations of the IPA Standing Committee term 2025-2027 that have been reviewed by the IPA Independent Election Committee 2024-2025 can be found below.

Asia Pacific

Candidates for the first, second, third, and fourth regional seats:

- Prof. Santosh T. Soans, (Indian Academy of Pediatrics)
- Dr. Selva Kumar Sivapunniam, (Malaysian Pediatric Association)
- Prof. Aman Pulungan, (Indonesian Pediatric Society)
- Prof. Pujitha Wickramasinghe, (Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians)
- Prof. Sun Kun, (Chinese Pediatric Society)
- Dr. Kimihiko Oishi, (Japan Pediatric Society)
- Prof. Iqbal A Memon, (Pakistan Pediatric Association)
- Dr. Niroshini Kennedy, [the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)]

Central Asia

Candidate for the first and second regional seats:

- Dr. Erkin Rahimov, (Azerbaijan Pediatric Society)
- Prof. Elif N. Özmert, (Turkish National Pediatric Society)
- Dr. Gulnara Tashenova, (Union of Pediatricians Republic of Kazakhstan)
- Dr. Shaiirbek Sulaimanov, (Union of Children's Doctors of Kyrgyzstan)

Latin America

Candidate for the first, second and third regional seats:

- Dr. María del Carmen Calle Dávila, (Sociedad Peruana de Pediatría)
- Dr. Ruben Ruiz Santa Cruz, (Pediatric Association of Guatemala)

- Dr. Manuel Ángel Correa Flores, (Asociacion Mexicana de Pediatria)
- Dra. Marcela Fama Pereira, (Sociedad Colombiana de Pediatria)
- Dr. Stella Maris Gil, (Sociedad Argentina de Pediatría)

Middle East and North Africa

Candidate for the first and second regional seats:

- Dr. Basim Al-Zoubi, (Jordan Pediatric Society)
- Dr. Hassan Afilal, (Moroccan Society of Pediatrics)

Sub-Saharan Africa

Candidates for the first, second and third regional seats:

- Pr Ndeye Ramatoulaye Diagne, (Senegalese Pediatrics Association)
- Dr. Pius David Muzzazzi, (Paediatric Association of Tanzania)
- Dr. Ekanem Ekure, (Paediatric Association of Nigeria)
- Pr Mariam Sylla, (Association Malienne de Pédiatrie)

Europe

Candidates for the first, second and third regional seats:

- Prof. Ann de Guchtenaere, [Belgian Society of Paediatrics (EAP)]
- Dr. Berthold Koletzko, [German Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine (EAP)]
- Prof. Leyla Namazova-Baranova, [Union of Pediatricians of Russia (EPA)]
- Dr. Doina Anca Plesca, [Romanian Pediatric Society (EAP)]

North America

There is no single representative North American Regional Society, two candidates from North America have been nominated by the two Member Societies of North America:

- Dr. Catherine Farrell, (Canadian Paediatric Society)
- Dr. Sara Helen Goza, (American Academy of Pediatrics)

International Pediatric Specialty Societies

Five candidates from the IPA International Pediatric Specialty Member Societies will be elected to the IPA Standing Committee from candidates proposed by the seven IPA member specialty societies that nominate their representative. These candidates include:

- Dr. Jonathan Klein, (International Association for Adolescent Health)
- Dr. Amy Gray, (International Pediatric Academic Leaders Association)
- Prof. Rajeshwar Dayal, (International Society of Tropical Pediatrics)
- Dr. Barbara Rubio, (International Society for Social Pediatrics and Child Health)
- Dr. Ashok Gupta, (International Neonatology Association)
- Prof. Jose Vicente Spolidoro, (Federation of International Societies for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition)
- Dr. Anju Virmani, (International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes)

Final Composition of the IPA Standing Committee 2025-2027

The IPA Standing Committee 2025-2027 will have 31 members:

- 19 members representing each of the seven geographic regions
- 5 members representing the IPA specialty member societies

- 7 members of the IPA Officers

1.5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2025-2027

The composition of the IPA Executive Committee (EC) 2025-2027 will include:

- President (Joseph Haddad)
- President-elect (to be elected by the Council of Delegates 2025)
- Executive Director (to be elected by the Council of Delegates 2025)
- Treasurer (to be elected by the Council of Delegates 2025)
- Coordinator of Development (to be elected by the Council of Delegates 2025)
- President of the IPA Congress 2027, Rwanda (to be endorsed by the Council of Delegates 2025)
- Seven regional representatives of the 2025-2027 Standing Committee (to be elected to the 2025-2027 SC to represent the 2025-2027 SC to the 2025-2027 Executive Committee)
- Immediate Past President (Naveen Thacker)

1.6 PEDIATRIC SOCIETIES TO BE OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED AS IPA NATIONAL MEMBER SOCIETIES

- Association Burundaise de Pédiatrie (ABUPED)
- African Neonatal Association
- South Sudan Pediatric Society
- Pediatric Association of Montenegro
- Ukrainian Academy of Pediatric Specialties

1.7 PEDIATRIC SOCIETIES TO BE OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED AS IPA AFFILIATE MEMBER SOCIETIES

- Global Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes (GPED)
- South Asia Paediatric Association (SAPA)
- Iraqi Kurdistan Pediatric Society

1.8 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF THE IPA

Dr. Aman Pulungan continued his term as the IPA Executive Director term 2023-2025 following his re-election during the Council of Delegates Meeting 2023. The site of the IPA Administrative/Executive Director's Office remained in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The IPA Administrative/Executive Director Office has been responsible for coordinating all correspondence and administrative work of the IPA, supporting President, Treasurer, and Coordinator of Development officers, supporting the 3 Standing Committee Subcommittees, 24 Program Area and Working Group, supporting IPA Newsletter editors in publishing the IPA Newsletter quarterly, handling IPA social media account and advising on IPA member relations,

including organizing agendas, oversight, and preparing minutes of the Standing and Executive Committee meetings and the Council of Delegates 2025 meetings.

Dr. Naveen Thacker took the presidency of IPA and ran the IPA President Office from India. During the period from 2023 to 2025, the IPA President has represented the IPA at various global and high-level events conducted by other international organizations and national, regional, and subspecialty pediatric member societies in their meetings and conferences.

Dr. Jonathan Klein, IPA Treasurer, runs his office in the USA. Assisted by the finance committee, the IPA Treasurer prepares the budget proposal, provides oversight of budget, expenditures, and bank accounts, advises on the financial implications of strategic and operational programs of IPA, prepares accounts for audit, and sets up appropriate systems for bookkeeping and payments. The IPA Treasurer also presents regular reports to the Executive Committee and Standing Committee and works closely with the Executive Director in the preparation of the IPA financial report.

As the IPA Coordinator of Development, Dr. Adamos Hadjipanayis works from Cyprus. Dr. Hadjipanayis has managed the 24 Program Area and Working Group Term 2023-2025, including the Program Area and Working Group activities, with assistance from the IPA Administrative Office. The Coordinator of Development presents regular reports to the Executive Committee and Standing Committee.

The IPA website is managed by Dr. Samir Shah as the IPA Website Coordinator, with assistance from the IPA Administrative Office and IT Industries. The IPA Learning Management System (LMS), IPA website, IPA YouTube channel, and all IPA social media accounts (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook) are managed by the IPA Administrative Office under the supervision of Dr. Aman Pulungan, IPA Executive Director. The quarterly IPA Newsletter is under the editorship of Dr. Amy Gray as the Editor-in-Chief and Dr. Carlos Alonso-Rivera and Dr. Ousmane Ndiaye as the Assistant Editor-in-Chief, with assistance from the IPA Administrative Office.

2. ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2023-2025

The activities managed by the IPA Executive Director's Office:

1. IPA membership dues notice to IPA member societies and issuing receipts
2. Coordinate all correspondences and administrative work of the IPA, including day-to-day strategic communication, with the Executive Committee, Standing Committee, all members of the IPA, and other global organizations
3. Coordinate with the 3 IPA SC Subcommittees and 24 IPA Program Area and Working Group
4. Arrange the virtual meetings and face-to-face meetings of the IPA Executive Committee, Standing Committee, and Council of Delegates, as well as other meetings suggested by the SC Sub-Committees and Program Area and Working Group
5. Preparing minutes of the meetings and following up on action items and work plans
6. Arrange, promote, and host monthly IPA Webinars by IPA Program Area and Working Group
7. IPA Website update and development
8. Manage IPA Learning Management System, IPA YouTube channel, and all social media accounts of IPA (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook)

9. Publish the IPA Newsletter quarterly
10. Conducting IPA campaigns and surveys
11. IPA election notices, collecting nominations and voting delegates, and coordinating the electoral process with the IPA Independent Election Committee (IEC)

By the end of the year 2024, IPA was able to achieve the following accomplishments:

- IPA conducted 19 virtual EC meetings and 8 virtual SC meetings via Zoom; 1 EC/SC Retreat on 5-6 May 2023 in Athens; 1 physical EC/SC Meeting on 9-10 August 2024 in Morocco
- IPA Member Database
Updating the database of IPA member societies with the help of Executive Committee members, Standing Committee members, and the presidents of regional pediatric societies
- Partnerships
 - Maintaining partnerships with other global organizations (WHO, UNICEF, PMNCH, FIGO, GAVI) and actively participating by submitting written and live statements at high-level global events (WHASS2, WHO Executive Board Meetings, WHO Regional Committee Meetings, World Health Assembly, WHO Working Group Meetings (WGPR, INB, STAGE, etc.), etc.).
 - Sending representatives as the speakers or panelists at the external and member societies' events (UN High-Level Political Forum Side-Event, WHO/UNICEF/PMNCH/BMJ Webinar, PIBA Inaugural Meeting, IPA Member Societies' annual conferences, etc.).
- IPA Newsletter
Initiated the IPA Newsletter to be published now in three languages: English, Spanish and French. Regularly collecting articles from regional pediatric societies and writing articles covering IPA activities, and publishing the IPA Newsletter quarterly in a timely manner. IPA Newsletter is available on the [IPA website](#).
- Social Media
IPA has been actively using its social media handles with routine updates across all channels made daily. Since March 2023, IPA's social media handles have grown in terms of the number and variety of content published as well as the number of followers.
 - IPA Instagram followers have increased from 4,009 followers in March 2023 to 5,221 followers in February 2025, with the number of posts increasing from 880 to a total of 1,245.
 - IPA YouTube subscribers have increased from 6.86k to 7.5k subscribers.
 - IPA Twitter followers have increased from 5,626 to 6,009 followers.
 - IPA Facebook followers have reached 14,6k in January 2025.
 - IPA LinkedIn followers have increased from 851 followers in March 2023 to 1,976 followers in January 2025.

There have been a total of 365 new posts published across all IPA social media platforms. Social media content that has been published includes but is not limited to educational materials for various international health days, event reports of IPA and IPA member societies' activities, promotional material for IPA webinars as well as member societies' and partner events and conferences, and introductions to IPA Officers and members of IPA SC.

- IPA Monthly Webinar by IPA Program Area and Working Group(s)
The IPA Program Area and Working Group(s) have conducted a total of 54 webinars by the end of February 2025 and will be conducting the last webinar of its tenure in April 2025.

Each webinar that focuses on priority and emerging issues in pediatric health has successfully attracted participants from countries all over the globe, with the highest number of participants reaching almost 4 thousand registrations from 128 countries.

The webinars are titled:

1. Lead Menace - Zero Tolerance
2. Barriers and Solutions in Combating AMR in Pediatrics: Country and Regional Perspectives
3. Essential Medicines in Pediatric Cancer
4. Kangaroo Mother Care: A Transformative Innovation
5. Survivorship in Childhood Cancer: Global Challenges
6. Covid-19 in 2024: Current Issues & Future Perspectives
7. Diagnosing Diabetes Early and Correctly (Saving the Child with Diabetes!)
8. Implementing Kangaroo Mother Care
9. Physician Wellness and Burnout
10. Multidimensional Model of Quality
11. Optimizing the Use of Breastmilk in Low Resource Setting
12. Optimizing Nutrition for the Small and Sick Newborn
13. Autism Spectrum Disorder: Global Perspectives, Challenges, and Opportunities
14. IPA Webinar on Tuberculosis: Disease Burden, Roadmap and In-Country Challenges
15. Coproduction of Quality and Health
16. Teamwork and Leadership
17. Future of Newborn Care Education: Essential Newborn Care Course
18. Improved Care for Mothers and Neonates/Améliorer les soins de la mère et du nouveau-né
19. Transfusion Practices in Pediatric Cancers; Children Are Not Little Adults
20. Reinvigorating Newborn Resuscitation in LRS
21. Cell Therapy in Sickle Cell Disease: A Global Health Perspective
22. Polio Eradication: Surmounting the Last Mile
23. Tools for Pediatric QI and Patient Safety
24. Diagnosis of Pediatric Tuberculosis: An Update
25. Dengue Illnesses and Its Complications
26. Oxygen and the Small and Sick Neonate
27. The Power of Play: Why Early Moments Matter
28. Helping the Child with Diabetes Get an Education: Coping in School
29. Choice of Antibiotics: Perfect or Imperfect?
30. ESBL Infections in Children
31. Bubble CPAP: The Solution For Babies With Respiratory Distress
32. Working with Clinical Teams for Quality Improvement
33. Nurturing Care Practices in Multiple Setting
34. TORCH Infections in Neonates
35. Celebrating World Patient Safety Day: Improving Diagnosis for Patient Safety
36. High Risk Follow Up
37. Unraveling Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Diagnosis, Management, and Cultural Implications
38. What Pediatricians Can Do to Protect Children from Lead
39. Health Entrepreneurship
40. Diagnostic Stewardship in Pediatric Infectious Disease

41. Sepsis Prevention and Treatment in Low & Middle Income Countries
 42. Growing Up in a Changing Climate: Understanding the Impact of Climate Change on Child Development
 43. Pediatrician Focused Initiatives to Improving Childhood Cancer Outcome
 44. Case-based Panel Discussion: Neonatal Sepsis
 45. Partnering With Families For Better Neonatal Outcomes and Pain Control
 46. World AMR Awareness Week: Protecting the Youngest
 47. We are More Alike than Different: Challenges and Opportunities in Medical Education Across the Globe
 48. Case-based Panel Discussion: Staphylococcal Infections
 49. Measurement of Quality in Pediatrics
 50. Improving Neonatal Outcomes with Data and Teamwork
 51. Fragile Beginnings: The Impact of Conflict and Displacement on Early Child Development
 52. Gram-negative MDR Infections
 53. Little Eyes on Big Screens: The Good, The Bad and The Science
 54. Communication 101: How to Have Difficult Conversations with Patients and Families
- The webinar can be accessed freely through [IPA YouTube Channel](#) and [IPA LMS](#).

External Relation

End To End Process for RSV Policy Positioning Project in Selected Countries: An IPA-Sanofi Project

Introduction

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is a major cause of respiratory infections in infants, leading to significant hospitalizations and deaths globally. Despite its impact, there are no universal treatments or preventive solutions, making RSV an urgent unmet medical need. Recent advances in vaccines and monoclonal antibodies benefit high-income countries (HICs), but low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) face barriers like delivery inequities, low awareness, and policy challenges.

The study will engage pediatric societies to assess challenges and readiness for RSV interventions and vaccine inclusion in national programs.

Collaborative Effort:

The International Pediatric Association (IPA), representing 149 countries, collaborates with Sanofi, a global vaccine leader, to develop a plan for data generation, dissemination, and stakeholder engagement to bridge gaps in RSV awareness and policy-making worldwide.

Project Objectives

1. **Mapping:** The primary objective is to assess opportunities and barriers for RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) policy implementation through IPA's network, focusing on pediatricians. This involves identifying key gaps and challenges to formulate effective strategies.
2. **Planning:** Develop a comprehensive end-to-end plan for assessing RSV-related policies and

disseminating the findings. This plan will guide the project's progression and ensure alignment with its goals.

3. **Engagement:** Engage with key decision-makers in selected countries to implement and promote RSV-oriented policies. Collaboration with policymakers, stakeholders, and experts will be essential to achieve sustainable outcomes.

Activities

Global Survey: A global survey will be conducted among IPA member societies across over 150 countries. The objective is to gather broad insights and data regarding RSV policy landscapes.

Targeted Survey: A more focused survey targeting 100-500 pediatricians in 10 selected countries will be conducted. This will help gain country-specific perspectives and actionable insights.

Dissemination Plan:

- **Publication:** The study's findings will be published in a peer-reviewed journal to enhance its scientific credibility and reach.
- **International Webinars:** Webinars will be conducted in English, French, and Spanish to disseminate the results globally and foster knowledge sharing.
- **Event Sessions:** Dedicated sessions will be organized during the IPA Congress and the Vaccine Trust Project workshop to present the findings to key audiences.
- **Social Media:** Results will be shared across various social media platforms to engage a wider audience and increase awareness.

The first kick-off meeting was successfully held on November 13, 2024. During this meeting, the project timeline was reviewed, and the various steps were outlined.

As an initial step, two sets of questionnaires were developed:

1. A questionnaire for pediatric societies.
2. A questionnaire for selected pediatricians.

Both questionnaires have been finalized.

A second meeting was held on January 28, 2025 to have a discussion on survey process and study setting.

The team is now moving forward to start working on survey distribution to gather the necessary data.

This project marks a significant initiative to understand and address barriers to RSV policy implementation. Through comprehensive surveys, stakeholder engagement, and effective dissemination, the project aims to pave the way for informed decision-making and impactful policy changes in RSV prevention and management.

Increasing HPV Vaccination with Member International Pediatric Societies

Purpose of the project

The project's main purpose is to activate the member pediatric societies in LMICs to increase HPV vaccination rates through virtual healthcare worker training and support by enhancing their knowledge, motivation and ability to promote and administer the HPV vaccine effectively

Objectives

Objective 1: Member pediatric societies, especially in LMICs, are prioritizing HPV vaccine uptake in their membership and countries

An Action Guide will be prepared for global use by medical societies. Experts will be assigned to review the training modules with an eye towards relevance across wider LMIC cultures and provide feedback. A thorough review and approval process will be conducted before the final version of the Action Guide is disseminated. A strategic engagement plan will be developed and implemented to share the Action Guide and its resources with relevant stakeholders. An incentives and awards program will be established to recognize and celebrate medical societies that actively take action

Objective 2: Healthcare workers are trained and motivated to take action in their clinics and communities to promote HPV vaccine as cancer prevention and deliver the vaccine, as appropriate.

An online training course will be developed, with an expert committee assigned to review the training modules to ensure cross-cultural relevance and provide feedback (CRUK - WHO IARC). All modules and materials will be developed according to IPA LMS requirements. Outreach to faculty will be conducted, and the process of scheduling and recording modules will be managed. Co-branded modules will be implemented on the IPA LMS, and a launch, promotion, and monitoring plan for the training will be developed and executed.

A kickoff meeting is scheduled for January 27th to initiate the project

IPA - SIOP Project Report

Collaborative Projects

The Childhood Cancer Working Group (CCWG) of the International Pediatric Association (IPA) has initiated the GAP4Cure project in collaboration with SIOP, aiming to improve pediatric cancer education for pediatric trainees worldwide. The project includes a global survey on hematology/oncology representation in pediatric training, followed by the development of a training module consisting of 15 video lectures. This project is scheduled to conclude in late 2024, with the course being launched at the IPA Congress in 2025.

Joint Session at SIOP 2023

On October 11, 2023, the IPA and SIOP held a joint session at the SIOP Annual Congress in Ottawa. The theme was “**Pediatric Oncology Virtual Educational Resources,**” which highlighted virtual educational platforms and resources for pediatric oncology.

London Global Cancer Week (2023 & 2024)

In 2023, a joint session on early diagnosis strategies was conducted during London Global Cancer Week. The 2024 session will focus on national pediatric society initiatives that have been pivotal in improving cancer awareness.

International Childhood Cancer Day 2025

Dr. Naveen Thacker, President of IPA, was a featured speaker at the Second Global OncoThon organized by SIOP and Oncodaily. He ignited a wave of grassroots support by challenging three friends to donate \$10 each and pass the challenge along to their three friends. His simple yet powerful call to action underscores that even modest contributions can trigger a chain reaction of generosity, making a real impact in the fight against childhood cancer.

Dr. Nita Radhakrishnan was one of the six speakers invited from India to this event. She began her talk by expressing hope for the success of OncoThon, emphasizing the importance of supporting childhood cancer research and ensuring access to treatment for all children. Dr. Radhakrishnan presented findings from their study, revealing that some children with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) discontinue treatment due to social issues. She also discussed the challenges in treatment accessibility in India and the efforts being made to overcome these obstacles. A major concern she highlighted was the lack of immunotherapy in India. She encouraged pharmaceutical companies to conduct trials in low- and middle-income countries, noting that this would be a game-changer for children in need of advanced treatment.

Release of Certificate Course at IPA Annual Congress 2025

At the IPA Annual Congress in Mexico (May 2025), the Childhood Cancer Working Group will officially release a certificate course in Pediatric Oncology for pediatric trainees. This course, developed in collaboration with SIOP, will enhance the knowledge and skills of pediatricians in the early diagnosis and treatment of childhood cancer.

Paediatric Immunization Advocacy Project Report

Overview

This initiative aims to strengthen pediatric societies in Indonesia and Nigeria to promote immunization and support HPV vaccine introduction and scale-up. Over two years, IPA will train resource persons to assist governments and partners in combating misinformation and enhancing immunization efforts. HPV vaccination prevents nine types of HPV, including those causing 90% of HPV-related cancers.

Project Activities & Achievements

The key activities of the project included stakeholder analysis, stakeholder consultations, the Immunization Champion Workshop, continuous stakeholder engagement, cross-learning and knowledge dissemination, and the strengthening of partnerships.

The National Immunization Champions workshop of Nigeria was held from February 19th to 21st, 2024 at Lagos. Various partners, government representatives, and overall, 110 participants attended the workshop. The post-immunization activities include: advocacy visits, sensitization as well and step-down training at the state level.



On day one of the workshop in Nigeria, Dr Naveen Thacker, IPA President, provided the welcoming introductions as well as acted as the session chair for the first session on EPI in Nigeria and Reducing Cervical Cancer Burden.

The National Immunization Champions Workshop of Indonesia was held from March 8 to 10, 2024, in Jakarta. The target of the workshop was to form National champions. 30 Pediatric specialists from 30 IPS (Indonesian Pediatric Society) Branches and 36 stakeholders related to immunization participated in the workshop. As part of the post-workshop activities, the following training sessions and discussions were conducted: Training for Immunization Managers in Gorontalo, a Training Officer Course on Interpersonal Communication in West Sumatra, a Workshop on Engaging Religious Leaders in Immunization in Aceh, and a Discussion on Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) Cases in West Java.

The Regional Immunization Champions Workshop of Nigeria took place at 7 different locations within the six geo-political zones in Nigeria in April 2024. A total of 325 participants attended the workshop from all seven locations and e-certificates were issued to all successful participants.

The Regional Immunization Champions workshop of Indonesia took place from August 4 to October 27, 2024. As a post-workshop activity, several initiatives were conducted, including Strengthening HPV Target Data Collection in Makassar by champions from South Sulawesi; an advocacy and socialization meeting on HPV immunization implementation in South Sulawesi, attended by champions from South Sulawesi; HPV vaccination education for cadres by champions from West Java; and an Instagram Live session discussing HPV immunization, held by champions from Central Java.

A State Sensitization and Advocacy program was conducted in Nigeria to tackle some challenges identified during the mid-reporting of the project. For this Immunization champions receive support from the State team lead to conduct outreach sessions in Primary health care and schools. A total of 10,000+ women, 5000+ students, 200+ teachers, and 20+ Traditional Birth Attendants were reached during this outreach.

The virtual experience-sharing workshop of Nigeria took place on the 5th of December 2024 on the Echo platform with over 100 participants in attendance. This event featured reports of activities presented by all the state team leads.

A social media campaign was launched by PAN. The first was a Twitter storm during World Immunization Week and the HPV Introduction flag off with the hashtag #panforimmunization. Reached 4992 accounts on Twitter with 53 shares. The second campaign was launched in October 2024 to counter the myths and misconceptions around the HPV vaccine.

A physical sharing workshop was conducted on the 21st of January 2025 at Gombe and an experience-sharing program is planned to be conducted by the Indonesian Pediatric Society.

Vaccine Trust Project Report

Over centuries, vaccines have been demonstrated as an effective way to combat outbreaks and the only efficient and reliable method for disease prevention. The COVID-19 pandemic posed substantial challenges to healthcare systems globally and severely disrupted essential health services, including routine immunization programs.

After the successful completion of the 3rd International Vaccine Trust Project ToT conducted on 19th February 2023, at The Leela Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India, the International Pediatric Association is organizing its 4th International Vaccine Trust Project ToT workshop with a participation of 57 attendees from approximately 54 countries on 7th May 2025 at Hotel Camino Real Polanco, Mexico City prior to the IPA Congress 2025.

The workshop aims to sensitize pediatricians and pediatric societies from Lower and Lower middle high-priority countries on current challenges and opportunities in restoring routine immunization disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic and empower them with effective communication and engagement skills to build vaccine confidence.

Faculties/facilitators/chairs having expertise in the field of immunization and vaccination will be sharing their knowledge to have a successful workshop. The co-chairs of this workshop will be Walter Orenstein and Noni MacDonald, and the course coordinator will be Deep Thacker.

The report on the Vaccine Trust Project was submitted by the Vaccine Trust Project Team on behalf of Dr. Naveen Thacker.

Global Survey on National Growth Monitoring Policies and Activities

Introduction

The study includes representatives from the academia (TAU), as well as all the leading institutions providing international guidance on childhood growth monitoring and promotion: The World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), International Pediatric Association (IPA), International Food Policy Research Institute, and the World Bank (WB). All investigators have joined designed the study plan and the survey questionnaire and will jointly interpret and report the study findings. UNICEF and IPA representatives will share the questionnaire through their existing channels and TAU will do the data analysis. Prof. Per Ashorn will act as the principal investigator (PI) of the study and will bear the overall responsibility over its implementation. He has more than 30 years of experience from clinical and epidemiological research, both in low and high-income settings.

Childhood growth monitoring is important for child health and practiced everywhere in the world. However, there is limited international guidance on how such monitoring should be and how various contextual factors should be taken into account in its implementation. To provide further

international guidance on childhood growth monitoring, it would be important to know the current practices and main aims in such activity all over the world. However, such information is not currently available.

Objective

To provide an up-to-date summary of the availability of national guidance on childhood growth monitoring, its stated purpose and implementation, follow-up activities in case of growth deviation and issues related to staff training and quality assurance as well as on the administrative use of growth monitoring data, in different world regions and countries.

Aims of The Study

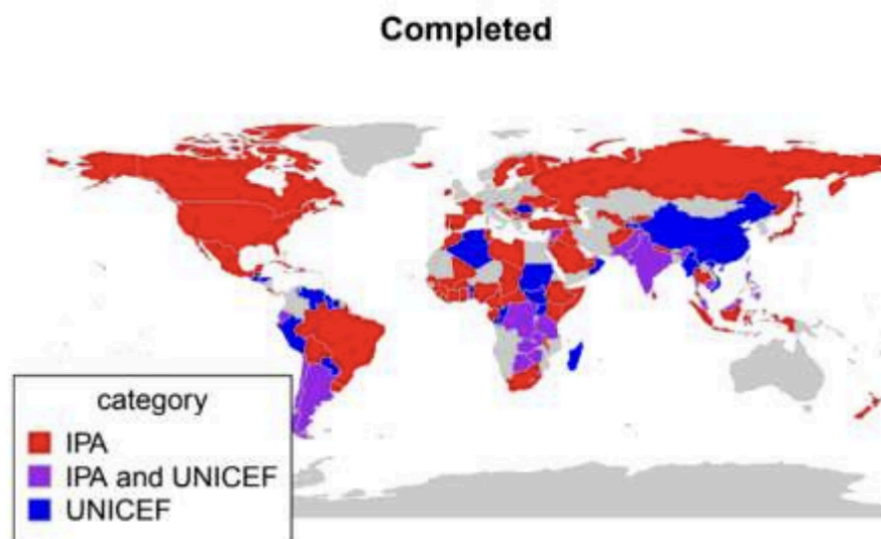
1. To summarize the availability of national guidance on childhood growth monitoring as well as its stated purpose and recommended sites, in different world regions and countries
2. To summarize the current schedule and contents of growth monitoring at well-child visits, in different world regions and countries
3. To summarize methods used for interpreting anthropometric measurements and recommended follow-up actions in case of growth faltering in different world regions and countries
4. To summarize national practices on growth monitoring -related staff training and quality assurance as well as on the administrative use of growth monitoring data, in different world regions and countries

Methodology

The study was conducted as a cross-sectional, questionnaire-based survey. The study participants were representatives of the relevant ministry responsible for growth monitoring and promotion in 195 countries and areas that are members of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), as well as representatives of the national pediatric society in the same countries and areas. The participants were reached through two separate channels. UNICEF sent an invitation and information letter, along with a link to the survey, to its contact person in the relevant ministry in each of the target countries and areas. Simultaneously, the International Pediatric Association (IPA) sent the same information and invitation to the president and secretary of each national pediatric society, all of which were members of IPA. The respondents were asked to fill in an internet-based questionnaire with 30 questions at a time convenient for them. Completing the questionnaire took approximately 30 minutes.

Data Collection

Data collection is still ongoing. As of now, **90 National Pediatric Societies** under IPA have completed the survey, while **16 Pediatric Societies** have started but have not yet completed it. The world map displays the countries from which at least one completed response has been received for the **National Growth Monitoring Survey**. The data was exported on **March 21, 2025**.



IPA Program Area Committee

Adolescent Health

Advisor: Jonathan Klein (USA) and Susan Sawyer (Australia)

Co-chairs: CP Bansal (India) and Silja Kosola (Finland)

Members: Preeti Galgali (India), Gohar Rehman (Pakistan), Bernie Endiyarni Medise (Indonesia), Maria del Carmen (Peru), Evelyn Eisenstein (Brazil), Asha Pemberton (Jamaica), Sinem Akgül (Turkey), Nuray Kanbur (Turkey), Bruce Dick (Switzerland), Alberto Tobias Simioni (Argentina), Ilze Kanina (Geneva), Anuradha Sanadhya (India), Valentina Baltag (WHO-Switzerland), Harish Pemde (India), Alberto Tobias Simioni (Argentina)

The Program Area Committee on Adolescent Health is devoted to advocating adolescent health care in the pediatric health care system, as well as promoting adolescent health education and training opportunities globally through collaboration with international organizations. In order to do so, the committee has formed three subgroups, i.e. Training in Adolescent Medicine, Digital Wellbeing-Media Literacy, and Adolescent Sexuality-Comprehensive Sexual Education, Gender Equality.

The committee has been involved in PMNCH-led forums on adolescent health and well-being. In 2023, the subgroup on Adolescent Sexuality-Comprehensive Sexuality Education released an IPA statement on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE). An online training module on Adolescent Medicine is currently being developed by the members of the subgroup on Training in Adolescent

Medicine and is intended to be published in the IPA online course system.

Breastfeeding & Nutrition

Advisor: Berthold Koletzko (Germany)

Co-chairs: Barbara Nalubanga (Uganda), Harshpal Singh Sachdev (India)

Members: Ayşe Selimoğlu (Turkey), Christopher Duggan, D. S. Akram (Pakistan), Edgar Vásquez Garibay, Eslam Elbaroudi (UAE), Etienne Nel de la Rey (South Africa), Gyikua Plange (Africa), Irina Kovalskys (Argentina), Jai K. Das (Pakistan), Louise A. Baur (Uganda), Mary Fewtrell (United Kingdom), Nezha Mouane (Morocco), Nilufar R. Akhmedova (Uzbekistan), Román González Rubio (Mexico), SK Roy (Bangladesh), Yoga Devaera (Indonesia), Zhenghong Li (China)

Main Focus/Aim

1. Technical approaches to address potential conflicts of interest between healthcare professionals and manufacturers of foods for infants and young children
2. Support implementation of the WHO obesity management guidelines, particularly on recommendations for pediatricians (e.g. training, task sharing, referrals, reimbursement, etc.)
3. To promote and support optimal infant nutrition, with a particular focus on the role of pediatricians.

Overview of Activities Conducted

- Subgroup- Conflict of interest
Lead- Dr Barbara Nalubanga
 1. Held 3 coordination meetings
 2. Reviewed literature on Conflict of Interest between Health Care professionals and Manufacturers of foods for Infants and Young Children.
 3. Developed a tool on policies and practices influencing Conflict of Interest between Paediatric Associations in IPA Member Countries and Manufacturers of Foods for Infants and Young Children and shared with Paediatric Associations.
 4. Assessment conducted among the Paediatric Associations in IPA member countries and report in final phase of completion for wide dissemination
- Subgroup- Obesity Management
Lead- Dr Louise Baur
 1. Five short videos (link) developed for IPA and launched online in early March at the time of World Obesity Day (4th March, 2024). Topics: weight stigma; obesity prevention in clinical settings; the role of pediatricians in population-based approaches to obesity prevention; tackling eating disorders when managing pediatric obesity; intensive diets in the treatment of adolescent obesity
 2. Via the IPA EC, endorsed the conclusions of the Lancet Commission on Clinical Obesity (includes pediatric-specific diagnostic criteria for “clinical obesity”).
 3. Members are participating in the development of the WHO obesity management guidelines (still ongoing meetings)

4. There has been some dissemination via IPA of the availability of the series of e-learning modules (SCOPE – Strategic Centre for Obesity Professional Education) developed by the World Obesity Federation. Many of these are free.
- Subgroup- Technical Management
Lead- Dr Mary Fewtrell
 1. Previously, the group produced a position paper on Breastfeeding for Paediatricians which considered common barriers to breastfeeding and addressed how pediatricians can better promote and support breastfeeding, both at an individual level and by influencing practice and policy. (<https://karger.com/anm/article/79/6/469/862503/Role-of-Pediatricians-in-Promoting-and-Supporting>). Our aim now is to implement the suggestions from this paper, using tools which address the needs of IPA members. To do this, we have designed and distributed a survey to IPA member organisations in order to understand current practice regarding breastfeeding education for Pediatricians and gather opinions and suggestions on how IPA could best help to facilitate and enhance this.
 2. The group has reviewed and discussed the recently updated WHO Guideline on Complementary Feeding and discussed areas of potential confusion and concern which should be clarified during the implementation of the guidance, especially the need for context-specific practical advice.

Children in Humanitarian and Emergency Settings

Co-chairs: Anita Shet (USA), Sahar Idelbi (Syria), Jeff Goldhagen (USA)

Members: Aisha Mehnaz (Pakistan), Aishatu Abubakar-Abdullateef (Nigeria), Betül Ulukol (Turkey), Daniel Martinez Garcia (USA), Hanan Azouz (Egypt), Iliana Curiel (Colombia), Joe Brierley (UK), Kurniawan Taufiq Kadafi (Indonesia), Lisa Umphrey (USA), Mahli Brindamour (Canada), Meita Damayanti (Indonesia), Raúl Mercer (Argentina), Robert Sacy (Lebanon), Safiedin Ibrahim (Sudan), Sayed Ali Shah Alawi (Afghanistan), Tufail Muhammad (Pakistan)

The Humanitarian Disaster and Child Rights Committee has met several times. The focus of the Committee has been to establish its priorities and to begin to focus on specific outcomes. The first order of business was to submit a request to the Board to establish a Humanitarian Response Coordinator. The Board agreed with the roles and functions of the Coordinator, but was not able to allocate funds for the position. Subsequently, the Committee in collaboration with other organizations, including the International Society for Social Pediatrics and Child Health (ISSOP), disseminated information on the conflict in Gaza and opportunities for advocacy. In addition to Gaza, the Committee, in collaboration with ISSOP and other organizations, organized a webinar on the status of children in Sudan (downloadable [recording link](#)). At its last meeting, the Committee identified the tasks it intends to fulfill as the initial focus on its work.

- The role of the Committee is to mobilize and engage at the national and international levels—using the voice of pediatricians. In selected crisis, provide direct support to enable hands on operations led by national societies with international support.

- Need a list from IPA of the International organizations they are connected to, and links to individuals with whom we can engage. We need to be present at conflict sites to have a credible voice.
- We can use national societies to provide a presence if a member of the Committee cannot be present.
- In specific crises where there is documentation health actors and facilities have been targeted, the presence of an international member of IPA provides weight to perception of "neutrality" of a medical facility and reinforce its security.
- We need to be vocal in diplomacy, generate policies of when and how to communicate.
- We need to participate in international judicial proceedings speaking directly to the impact of armed conflict on children
- Need to engage national pediatric organizations, e.g., with respect to Gaza, need to engage the Union of Arab Pediatric Societies,
- Need clear understanding as to how to communicate to member societies and individual members of societies. Need to have representatives from member societies involved in specific crises--ideally people with specific experience - each society can nominate 1-2 people.
- Use child safety and rights as the organizing framework for our for a humanitarian action group
- Need a communication strategy to disseminate information.

Here is the recording of a webinar that was a collaboration of a number of Sudanese organizations and ISSOP and IPA on the impact of war in Sudan on children (downloadable [recording link](#)). This is an example of the type of webinars IPA, in collaboration with ISSOP and other collaborating organizations, can develop and disseminate.

We thank the IPA for their support and look forward to accomplishing the above agenda.

Early Childhood Development

Advisor: Carlos Alonso Rivera (Mexico)

Co-chairs: Lama Charafeddine (Lebanon) and Samir Hasan Dalwai (India)

Members: Ilke Mungan Akin (Turkey), Nigâr Bayramova (Azerbaijan), Jean Clinton (Canada), Antonio Rizzoli Córdoba (Mexico), Bernadette Daelmans (WHO-Geneva, Switzerland), Ilgi Ertem (Turkey), Aisha Farid (Pakistan), Muazzam A. Ismailova (Uzbekistan), Theopista Jacob (Tanzania), Manuel Katz (Israel), Remesh Kumar R (India), Rosemarie Njeri Gachie Lopokoity (Kenya), Shiela Manji (WHO-Geneva, Switzerland), Shazia Maqbool (Pakistan), Rajesh Mehta (India), Sharmila Banerjee Mukherjee (India), Nirmala Rao (Singapore), Linda Richter (South Africa), Jamila Shimweta (Tanzania), Susan Wamithi (Kenya), Robin Williams (Canada).

The IPA Program area committee on Early Childhood Development (ECD) is dedicated to promoting and advancing the understanding of ECD and ensuring that healthcare providers, parents, and caregivers are well-informed about best practices. For year 2024, our primary objective was to empower healthcare providers with the latest knowledge and insights in the field of early childhood development. Therefore, the committee met regularly to discuss the best approach to achieve its objective. Five webinars focused on pediatricians were organized and covered the following critical topics:

1. Autism Spectrum Disorder: Global Perspectives, Challenges and Opportunities (April 2024)

2. The Power of Play: Why Early Moments Matter (July 2024)
3. Nurturing Care Practices in Multiple Settings (August 2024)
4. Unraveling Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Diagnosis, Management and Cultural Implications (September 2024)
5. Growing Up in a Changing Climate: Understanding the Impact of Climate Change on Child Development (October 2024)

Registrations for the webinar ranged between 169 and 405 registrants with an actual attendance on D-Day Zoom ranged between 62 and 222 participants.

Upcoming 2025 Webinar include the following topics (with tentative dates):

1. Shattered beginnings: The impact of conflict on early childhood development (January)
2. Nexus between the old and new traditional practices and early child development (February)
3. Trisomy 21: Early intervention and outcomes (March)
4. Myth Busting for Autism Spectrum Disorders (April)
5. Children's Mental Health topic: Focus on ADHD (May/June)
6. It takes a village: Community and ECD (July/August)
7. The Importance of tracking ECD milestones (September/October)
8. Gift giving season: What's in your stocking? (discussion about technology and its impact on child development (November/December)

Other organized activities include a workshop **in collaboration with WHO** entitled: **"Building Resilience to Promote ECD: The Role of Pediatricians and Other Health Professionals"** to be held during the 31st IPA Congress in May 2025.

A sub-group of committee members, led by Dr. Antonio Rizzoli is in the process of mapping ECD activities in low and middle income countries using a survey questionnaire addressed to the IPA country members.

The ECD program area committee has also planned to develop a blueprint for an ECD education program to be offered to all member societies for potential integration by the pediatric society into existing programs at the country level.

Education & Pediatric Workforce

Co-chairs: Haroon Saloojee (South Africa) and Safira Alatas (Indonesia)

Members: Anupam Sibal (India); Somashekhar Nimbalkar (India); Nader Fasseeh (Egypt); Liviana Da Dalt (Italy); Robert Armstrong (Canada); Syed Asad Ali (Pakistan); Amy Gray (Australia); Kevin Forsyth (Australia); Adelle Atkinson (Canada); Catherine Farrell (Canada); Ramesh Mehta (UK); Nitin Kapur (Australia); Jonathan Darling (UK); Russ Christiana (USA); Wilson Were (WHO-Switzerland)

The committee is dedicated to enhancing pediatric education and addressing global workforce challenges. This involves advocating for pediatric healthcare, fostering international collaboration, and developing strategic plans to improve pediatric care worldwide. The committee also collaborates with organizations such as the International Pediatric Academic Leaders Association

(IPALA).

To engage with IPA associations and pediatricians globally, the PAC has identified online webinars as its primary mode of communication. In November 2024, the PAC hosted a webinar titled “We are More Alike than Different: Challenges and Opportunities in Medical Education Across the Globe.” Facilitated by Dr. Catherine Farrell, the webinar featured Dr. Adelle Atkinson (Canada) and Dr. Daniel Nel (South Africa). Both experts provided insightful reflections on the challenges faced by trainees in their respective contexts and the strengths and weaknesses of their programmes. The experiences and ideas shared resonated with the 54 global attendees, who rated the webinar highly.

At the 2025 IPA conference in Mexico, Dr. Bob Armstrong will lead a pre-conference workshop on behalf of the PAC and IPALA titled “Pediatric Workforce in Crisis – Global Efforts to Define Effective Solutions.” This workshop aims to address the pediatric workforce crisis by highlighting leadership and organizational strategies for effective pediatric resource and health system planning. It will focus on activities to build pediatric leadership capacity and developing impactful institutional structures, by featuring thematic speakers and best practices from seven selected countries.

Environmental Health and Climate Change

Advisor: Elif Özmert (Turkey)

Co-chairs: H Parmesh (India), David Githanga (Kenya), Ruth Etzel (USA)

Members: Ananda Kesavan (India), Camilla Kingdon (UK), Dilorom I. Akhmedova (Uzbekistan), Elizabeth Cherian Paramesh (India), Laura Reali (Italy), Purnima Prabhakaran (India), Ramesh Bajania (India), Remeshkumar (India), Sadhana Dharmapuri (USA), Salman Mroueh (Lebanon), Satish Agrawal (India), Vineet Tyagi (India), Waseem Jamalvi (Pakistan), Sandeep Thacker (India)

A. Collaborated with UNICEF

UNICEF and IPA agreed to work together on children’s health and the environment around the world. IPA attended a virtual Expert Consultation in April 2024 to review a draft of UNICEF’s Global Evidence Report on Climate Change and Child Health. IPA worked with UNICEF to disseminate the online course Introduction to Children’s Environmental Health, released in April 2024: <https://ceh.unicef.org/resources/introduction-childrens-environmental-health-course> UNICEF representatives joined IPA experts for webinars on Preventing Childhood Lead Exposures in October 2023 and October 2024. In November 2024 IPA also reviewed the UNICEF document Fragile Beginnings: The devastating effects of environmental hazards on a developing fetus and provided suggestions for revision.

B. Participated in Global Lead Paint Alliance

IPA has participated with WHO and UNEP in the Global Lead Paint Alliance since 2013. This Alliance works to end the use of lead paint around the world. In October 2024 the SAG shared customizable outreach materials with pediatric societies for national awareness days for prevention of lead poisoning with an emphasis on the risks of lead paint. In collaboration with UNICEF, the Committee developed and delivered webinars on Preventing Childhood Lead Exposures during lead poisoning prevention week in October 2023 and October 2024.

C. Participated in the WHO-Civil Society Working Group on Climate and Health

IPA was appointed to the WHO-Civil Society Working Group in 2021. The Working Group aims to foster a strong and sustained health voice to inform decision-making on climate change nationally and internationally, and to drive urgent action on climate change to protect health. The Committee provided input through the Working Group to WHO for the UN climate negotiation process at COP28 (2023) and COP29 (2024).

D. Continued the International Pediatric Environmental Health Leadership Institute

The institute was launched by IPA in 2005 to better prepare the world's pediatricians to address environmental health issues. It was initially funded by a \$150,000 grant to IPA from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. IPA sponsored Workshops in 2005, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016 and 2023 to fulfill the needs of pediatricians wishing to learn more about child health and the environment. Pediatricians who successfully complete a workshop and pass an examination are accepted into the International Pediatric Environmental Health Leadership Institute. IPA is continuing the Institute with a half-day Pre-Conference Workshop on Child Health and the Environment to be held in Mexico City on May 8, 2025.

E. Finalized a new statement "Guidelines on the Benefits of Nature in the Development of Children and Adolescents"

The new statement, prepared in collaboration with the Brazilian non-governmental organization ALANA, highlights the relationship between playing and being in nature and the healthy development of children and adolescents, and provides recommendations to guide the work of pediatricians and other child health professionals. It has been shared widely and will be posted on the IPA website.

F. Updated the WHO Training Package for the Health Sector on Children's Environmental Health

IPA assisted WHO to update the WHO Training Package for the Health Sector on Children's Environmental Health. An online course was finalized in April 2024: <https://ceh.unicef.org/resources/introduction-childrens-environmental-health-course>
This course is available to anyone seeking training about the effects of environmental factors on child health.

G. Promoted the IPA Statement about responding to the impact of climate change on children

The statement Responding to the Impact of Climate Change on Children is posted on the IPA website: https://ipa-world.org/society-resources/code/images/n6h58PGjQ92_.pdf It provides information about climate change and child health that national societies may use in their educational programs. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.joclim.2021.100038>

H. Promoted the IPA İhsan Doğramacı Prize in Children's Environmental Health

The Prize was established by IPA to promote and raise the standards of pediatric environmental health by acknowledging individuals who have made major creative contributions to identifying an environmental hazard and working to protect children from that hazard. The prize may be awarded to a pediatrician for an achievement in environmental health. The Committee will consider all nominations.

I. Worked with Environmental Health Advocates from National Pediatric Societies

After National Pediatric Societies were invited to identify environmental health advocates, the following 15 pediatricians were appointed. More nominations are welcome from National Pediatric Societies.

Current IPA Advocates from National Pediatric Societies:

- Dr. Estefania Aguilar (Spain)
- Dr. Abdullah AL Omair (Saudi Arabia)
- Dr. Lydiana Avila De Benedictis (Costa Rica)
- Dr. Immaculate K-Barasa (Kenya)
- Dr. Ferrán Campillo (Spain)
- Dr. Alvin S. M. Chang (Singapore)
- Dr. Alok Gupta (India)
- Dr Michael Lim Teik Chung (Singapore)
- Dr. Juan Antonio Ortega Garcia (Spain)
- Dr. Rose A. Kambarami (Zimbabwe)
- Dr. Damian Nwaneri (Nigeria)
- Dr. Peter Le Souëf (Australia)
- Dr. Juan Antonio Ortega Garcia (Spain)
- Dr. Michael M. Resurreccion (Philippines)
- Dr. Selva Kumar Sivapunniam (Malaysia)

J. Participated in the Healthy Children and Climate Forum

The first teleconference was convened by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) in partnership with the International Society for Social Pediatrics and Child Health (ISSOP) on January 29, 2025. The purpose is to provide a forum for pediatricians to have a collective voice with and on behalf of children.

Immunization

Advisor: Walter Orenstein (USA)

Co-chairs: Noni MacDonald (Canada), T Jacob John (India), Jeannette Comeau (Canada)

Members: Hartono Gunardi (Indonesia), Nitin Wairagkar (India), Yangmu Huang (China), Sura Albermani (Iraq), Ezzeddine Mohsni (Tunis), Ghassan Dbaibo (Lebanon), Najwa Khouri (Jordan), José Brea del Castillo (Dominican Republic), Mónica Pujadas (Uruguay), Eduardo Lopez (Colombia), Ombeva Malande (Uganda), Lisine Tuyisenge (Rwanda), Ndenbe Paul (Cameroon), Gody Jean Chrisostome (Chad), Christine Chege (Kenya), Hasan Tezer (Turkey), Eli somekh (Israel), Hans Jürgen Dornbusch (Austria), Anil Dutta (India), Barbara Rath (France), Yvonne A Maldonado (USA), Jessica Kahn (USA), Chalilwe Chungu (Zambia), Meenu Anand (Georgia), Muhammad Ashraf Sultan (Pakistan), Digant Shastri (India), Deep Thacker (India), Ayebo Sadoh (Nigeria), Doreen Ramogola-Masire (Botswana), Zoi Dorothea Pana (Cyprus)

Main Focus/Aim:

- Immunization coverage equity and advocacy issues subgroup: Focus on providing tools and suggestions for local pediatric societies to implement vaccine advocacy and equity, and

facilitating connections between countries' National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups (NITAGs).

- Vaccinology training subgroup: Focus on providing training materials and resources to enhance knowledge and skills in vaccinology among healthcare professionals.
- HPV vaccination subgroup: Focus on promoting HPV vaccination globally, increasing vaccination coverage, addressing barriers to vaccine acceptance, and conducting research to optimize vaccination practices.
- Vaccine Pain Mitigation

Upcoming Activities:

- Assessing gaps and effective strategies for optimizing vaccination, focusing on low- and middle-income countries.
- Creating and disseminating tools and resources to promote vaccination, particularly in countries with low vaccine uptake.
- Developing online training, courses, and webinars to promote vaccination globally.
- Promoting collaboration between the International Paediatric Association (IPA), paediatric societies, medical professional societies, and non-governmental organizations to enhance vaccination efforts.
- IPA Mexico City May 2025 Train the Trainer Vaccine Trust workshop with subcomponent on HPV vaccine

Infectious Diseases

Co-chairs: Bakul Parekh (India), Lourdes Dueñas (El Salvador)

Members: Abhay shah (India), Ateş Kara (Turkey), Carlos Torres (Colombia), Claudia Beltrán Arroyave (Colombia), Faheem Afzal (Pakistan), Fatima Kakkar (Canada), G V Basavaraja (India), Inke Nadia Lubis (Indonesia), Juan Pablo Torres (Chile), Lakkumar Fernando (Sri Lanka), María Luisa Avila (Costa Rica), Muhammad Ashraf Sultan (Pakistan), Nigora Tadgiev (Uzbekistan), Nijman Ruud (UK), Renato Kfoury (Brazil), Rolando Ulloa-Gutierrez (Costa Rica), Ruchira Gupta (India), Shaun Morris (Canada), Tanu Singhal (India), Wail Hayajneh (Jordan).

The IPA Program Area on Infectious Diseases focuses on developing educational resources for pediatricians worldwide and aims to raise awareness of new approaches to tackling infectious diseases. The committee is divided into four subgroups: RSV, Dengue, Pneumonia, and Diagnostics. From 2023 to 2025, the group has held several internal meetings to discuss plans and activities. As of February 2025, they have conducted a total of seven webinars featuring global experts in infectious disease, attracting over 1,000 attendees from various regions. The webinars include:

1. Dengue Illnesses and Its Complications
2. Choice of Antibiotics: Perfect or Imperfect?
3. TORCH Infections in Neonates
4. Diagnostic Stewardship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases
5. Case-based Panel Discussion: Neonatal Sepsis
6. Case-based Panel Discussion: Staphylococcal Infections
7. Gram-negative MDR Infections

At the IPA Congress 2025 in Mexico, the IPA Program Area on Infectious Diseases will conduct a workshop titled “Diagnostics in Infectious Diseases.”

NCD & Mental Health

Advisor: Aman Pulungan (Indonesia) and Mychelle Farmer (USA)

Co-chairs: Jamal Raza (Pakistan), Hilary Hoey (Ireland), Basim Al-Zoubi (Jordan)

Members: Agustini Utari (Indonesia), Anju Virmani (India), Anshu Mohan (WHO-Geneva), Feyza Darendeliler (Turkey), Ikram Rustamov (Uzbekistan), Joel Dipesalema (Botswana), Jyoti Bhatia (India), Kamran Siddiqi (UK), Leanne Riley (WHO-Geneva), Mansi Gupta (India), Monika Arora (India), Muralidhar M Kulkarni (India), Neelesh Kapoor (India), Sandeep Kelkar (India), Stanton Glantz (USA), Upendra Kinjawadaker (India), Vaishali Deshmukh (India).

The IPA NCD Program addresses the urgent worldwide concern of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), particularly affecting children. NCDs are the leading cause of morbidity and mortality across all age groups, often originating in childhood but largely preventable. This report highlights achievements, such as impactful webinars and advocacy initiatives, and outlines future plans, including expanded newborn screening programs and strategies to combat substance abuse and mental health challenges in adolescents.

Main Focus/Aims of the Program Area

The IPA NCD Program aims to:

1. Promote access to optimal care, medications, and technology for children with NCDs.
2. Empower pediatricians, health professionals, young people, families, and the public regarding prevention, early detection, management, and treatment.
3. Collaborate with global organizations such as WHO, United Nations, UNICEF, and the NCD Alliance.
4. Advocate with governments and stakeholders to ensure equitable access to services, particularly for vulnerable groups in resource-limited settings (LRS).

Overview of Activities

NCD Subgroup (Led by Dr. Anju Virmani and Dr. Feyza Darendeliler)

- Webinars:
 - February 2024: "Diagnosing Diabetes Early and Correctly"
 - Attendance: Over 700 participants
 - Post-webinar views: 588
 - Outcome: Formation of a WhatsApp group fostering ongoing interaction on pediatric diabetes care, especially in LRS.
 - July 2024: "Helping the Child with Diabetes Get an Education: Coping in School"
 - Attendance: 101 participants
 - Feedback: 22 responses, with suggestions for practical solutions.
- New Materials:
 - Developed resources for diabetes self-care in schools, aiding parents in annual discussions with school staff to enhance care and quality of life.
- Publications and Presentations:
 - Recent publications include Dr. Aman Pulungan's work on obesity (2024).

- IPA and WHO representatives presented updates at national and regional meetings, such as the European Paediatric Association (EPA) Congress in April 2024.

Newborn Screening Programs

- Advocacy:
 - Promoting worldwide implementation and standardization of newborn screening programs to identify metabolic, endocrine, genetic, and hearing disorders.
 - Highlighted concerns: 70% of newborns globally lack screening for congenital hypothyroidism, despite significant cost-benefits.
- Proposed Solutions:
 - Advocacy for universal, decentralized TSH testing using cord blood as a feasible alternative for resource-limited settings.
- Next Steps:
 - Collaborate with national pediatric organizations to support implementation.
 - Present recommendations at the Biennial IPA Congress in Mexico (May 2025).

Substance Abuse Subgroup (Led by Dr. Monika Arora and Dr. Mychelle Farmer)

- Publications:
 - Position paper on e-cigarette use among adolescents:
 - Status: Final draft stage, submission by January 31, 2025.
 - Focus: Burden, prevalence, and policy interventions.
 - Upcoming paper: Smokeless tobacco use and its impact on children and adolescents (February 2025).
- Webinars:
 - April 2025: Addressing substance abuse and mental health topics in adolescents. The webinar is being planned alongside the release of the e-cigarette paper.

Mental Health Subgroup (Led by Dr. Upendra Kinjawadekar and Dr. Arwa Nasir)

- Planned Activities:
 - Webinar addressing adolescent mental health, emphasizing emotional well-being and prevention of negative outcomes like suicide and low self-esteem.
 - Promoting positive mental health through interactive sessions and empowering pediatricians to engage effectively with adolescents.

Highlights and Recognition

- Awards:
 - Prof. Aman Pulungan and Dr. Martin Weber (WHO) received medals for their contributions to child health and NCD prevention at the EPA/UNEPSA & ECPCP Congress (April 2024).
- Presentations:
 - Symposia on diabetes, mental health, and substance abuse held at the EPA Congress, showcasing global advancements.

Conclusion and Future Directions

The IPA NCD Program continues to drive impactful initiatives in addressing NCDs among children. Future priorities include expanding newborn screening, publishing key position papers, and conducting webinars to engage stakeholders and foster global collaboration. Advocacy and collaboration remain central to achieving equitable healthcare access for children worldwide.

Photographs of activities to accompany provided reports



Presentations and symposia on diabetes, mental health & substance abuse were conducted at the Scientific Congress of EPA/UNEPSA & European Confederation Primary Care Paediatricians April 24. Both Prof Aman Pulungan (IPA Executive Director) and Dr Martin Weber Head of WHO Child Health Europe were awarded medals at the Congress for their outstanding contributions to child health and NCD prevention and care.

Photo Prof Pulungan receiving award at the EPA/UNEPSA, ECPCP Congress from the President Professor Massimo Pettoello Mantovani for outstanding contribution to child health and NCD prevention and care.

Respectful Care for Every Mother & Newborn

Advisor: William Keenan (USA)

Co-chairs: Michael Visick (USA), Nalini Singhal (Canada)

Members: Amr Elshahed (Canada), Ayesha DeCosta (WHO-Geneva), Bo Jacobsson (Sweden), Bogale Worku (Ethiopia), Carole Kenner (USA), Danielle Ehret (USA), Douglas Donald McMillan (Canada), Ebunoluwa Adejuyigbe (Nigeria), Ekanem Ekure (Nigeria), Gagan Gupta (UNICEF-USA), Gene Dempsey (Ireland), Gordon Glade (USA), Harish Chellani (India), Hema Magge (USA), Karen Walker (Australia), Khorshid Mohammad (Canada), Lama Charafedine (Lebanon), Lakshmi Nagarajan (Australia), Md Shahidullah (Bangladesh), Mohamed Reda Bassiouny (Egypt), Nellie Bell (Sierra Leone), Oswaldo Revelo (El Salvador), Ranjan Kumar Pejaver (India), Rebecca Richards-Kortum (USA), Renu Shrivastava (India), Sara Berkelhamar (USA), Shamil Seth (USA), Susan Niermeyer (USA), Tom Stiris (Norway), Umida F. Nasirova (Uzbekistan), Vikas Goyal (India)

During 2024, the Committee put on a series of 12 webinars entitled Race to Achieve SDG Goals, with topics ranging from KMC to safe oxygen use and bCPAP implementation. These were extremely well received and most attended by over 150 people from varied professions and countries.

A subgroup of Neonatal Representatives from over 50 countries was formed, and they chose to address ways to improve management of neonatal infections and better use of antibiotics. The group had concerns that they work hard to save small and sick newborns and then they die from infections. We are working together to see if this remote method of helping improve Neonatal outcomes will be helpful.

Another subgroup has been working on finalizing a small number of Neonatal Indicators culled from the many neonatal indicators available. This was requested at the IPA Congress in India by a group of experts from multiple countries and will help substantially with benchmarking and quality improvement.

The Committee is working with WHO to hold workshops on the Essential Newborn Care Course second edition. In May 2025, prior to the IPA Congress, we will have 60 participants in 2 groups. One group that will be doing an update and the second group that has not been exposed to small group learning, simulation, debriefing and simple programs to assist with care of infants will learn how simple, evidence-based programs like ENCC can assist learning, transfer skills, and impact infant morbidity and mortality.

At the beginning of 2025, the Committee will send out a Barriers and Enablers to KMC Questionnaire to IPA Neonatal Representatives as requested by WHO. The Committee Chairs went to Geneva at their own expense to assist with developing future plans for the IPA Newborn Committee to join with WHO and country pediatric societies to help those countries meet SDG goals.

IPA Working Group

Access to Medicines, Equipments and Diagnostics

Working Group Co-Chairs: Jean-Pierre Chanoine (Canada), Kate Armstrong (Australia)

Members: Aman Pulungan (Indonesia), Diagne Rama Ndyé (Senegal), Jeelson Unni (India), Abdulsalam Abu-Libdeh (Palestine), Pius David Muzzazzi (Tanzania), Charlotte Moore Hepburn (Canada)

At the initial meeting the Working Group agreed Terms of Reference, shared insights from the areas of specialisation of individual members and undertook a rapid landscape analysis of key groups to engage with and learn from.

Key activities included:

- Regular Working Group meetings
- Engagement with the @MATES4Kids Network, Yayasan Kesehatan Anak Global (YKAG), CLAN Child Health and the International Society for Neonatal Screening (ISNS) on a World Health Assembly (WHA77) side event titled **"What will it take to scale #NewbornScreening so that #EVERYnewborn has an equal chance to life and health?"**. This event focused on newborn screening and the challenges relating to access to essential medicines for Sickle Cell Disease (hydroxyurea) and Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (hydrocortisone and fludrocortisone) - [report and recording of the event are available here](#).
- Participation with @MATES4Kids and CLAN Child Health in UN CSW with a session focused on the priority theme **'Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective'** - [report and recording of the event available here](#).
- Participation with @MATES4Kids and CLAN Child Health in UN CSocD62 on an event titled **'Newborn Screening: Promoting Equitable Healthcare Regardless of Economic Status'** - [report and recording available here](#).

- Participation with @MATES4Kids and CLAN Child Health at the 4th Small Island Developing States Conference (SIDS4) on an event titled **“Investing in Tomorrow: Strengthening Newborn Screening for Resilient and Prosperous Futures in Small Island Developing States”** – [report and recording available here](#).
- Participation with @MATES4Kids and CLAN Child Health at the 2024 UN Science Summit on an event titled **“Bridging Science and Health Equity: Reducing Preventable Mortality Associated with Childhood NCDs”** – [report and recording available here](#).
- Organisation of the first virtual, global annual meeting of GPED in Oct-Nov 2024. The theme was: **“Bridging Gaps: Enhancing Pediatric Endocrine Care Globally”**. All IPA member societies were contacted and thanks to this support, 955 attendees from 87 countries attended this first edition.
- Regular virtual presentations on “Access to Medicines in resource-constrained settings” and on specific NCD topics organized by JP Chanoine and A Pulungan.

Moving forward, key insights from these initial activities have helped shape the first participation of this sub-group to an International IPA conference. In Mexico 2025, our sub-group will offer two sessions. First, we are developing a 4-hour pre-conference meeting that uses a collaborative approach to identify and implement practical solutions to improve access to essential medicines, diagnostics and equipment for children living with non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in resource-poor settings. Preparation for the workshop will include the conduct of a survey of IPA Members to strengthen our understanding of the wide range of issues facing IPA members around the world with regards access to medicines, diagnostics and equipment for children. This survey was adapted from an instrument developed by the Centre for Policy, Pediatrics and International Collaboration, Health Canada in 2023 (courtesy of Dr Hepburn). Second, we will host a 1-hour session to inform participants of the opportunities and barriers in the field of medicine access in pediatric NCD.

Antimicrobial Stewardship

Advisors: Mortada El Shabrawi (Egypt), Muhammad Ashraf Sultan (Pakistan)

Working Group Co-Chairs: Dhanya Dharmapalan (India)

Members: Vijay Yewle (India), Anggraini Alam (Indonesia), Nehal El Koofy (Egypt), Azza Baraka (Egypt), Robert Cohen (France), Thomas Murray (USA), Jose Brea del Castillo (Dominican Republic), Bernard Ebruke (Nigeria), Daniele Dona (Italy), Inke Nadia (Indonesia), Zoi Pana (Cyprus)

The IPA WG on Antimicrobial Stewardship is devoted to improving awareness of antimicrobial resistance among the general public, as well as improving antimicrobial stewardship practices among prescribers. The working group has conducted several activities, including:

1. IPA-Centre of Global Development Meeting held on 14 November 2023

The Working group members met online with Dr Anthony MacDowell, Centre of Global Development (CGD), UK. Dr Dowell presented the work on their analysis to improve antimicrobial market for human health. The members discussed potential collaboration with IPA on AMR.

2. IPA-ISTP Antimicrobial Resistance Workshop

The workshop was held as part of the 19th Annual Conference of the Delta Union of Pediatrics in May 2024, in Alexandria, Egypt. The workshop was a collaborative effort with representatives from WHO.

3. Video Campaign on Rational Use of Antibiotics

The working group took part in celebrating the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2023 by publishing three short videos about how to protect children from antimicrobial resistance. It was published in all IPA social media platforms.

4. Pilot Study: Global IPA Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs (ASP) Survey for children and adolescents Study Project

The study aims to collect international data to better understand the preparedness, challenges and potential solutions for Antimicrobial Stewardship Programmes (ASP) for children in different countries of the world. The preparation held from March to June 2024.

Project lead : Dr Zoi Panna

Launch of survey through IPA network from July 2024 to November 2024.

Currently In analysis stage. Proposed to prepare abstract for IPA webinar

5. Public Awareness Video for Children on Rational Use of Antibiotics

Commemorating World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2024, the working group launched a cartoon video titled 'The Story of Zuba'. It tells the story of a little girl who fell ill and was given antibiotics without proper caution or indication. The video was created for Public Awareness Video on AMR for children, " **Zuba's Fever**". With Dr Neha El Koofy as the Lead Project.

Using a cartoon story with script written by IPA Working Group Members and pictures painted by an Egyptian artist, Mr Fathy El Kufi, an animation video was created for children to create awareness about rational use of antibiotics. The video was launched by the IPA President Dr Naveen Thacker during the IPA-WHO webinar on 21st November and was widely distributed in the social media.

6. 'Escape from ESKAPE' Quiz

Following the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2024, the members created a multiple-choice quiz on social media about ESKAPE bacteria "ESCAPE FROM ESKAPE Challenge". With Dr. Danielle Dona as the Lead Project. The questions were posted on IPA's X account one per day for six

consecutive days, from November 18–23, 2024. The solution to the quiz question was posted the next day with a link to relevant literature supporting the solution.

7. Dissemination of Information Locally by Members

VERDI Mpox pediatric registry

8. IPA Awareness Videos on Avoiding Misuse of Antibiotics during WAAW

The videos were taken by Dr. Anggrani Alam in 2023, Dr. Mortada El-Shabrawi (in Arabic) in 2024, and Dr. Nehal Koofy (in Arabic) in 2024.

9. Webinars

Three webinars have been held, each successfully attended by more than 100 participants. The working group had the opportunity to collaborate with representatives from WHO, ICM, and COINN in hosting the webinars. The following are the lists of the webinars:

- IPA-WHO webinar held on 23 November 2023

Organised IPA-WHO webinar during the World AMR Awareness Week 2023 on 23 November 2023
Topic: "Barriers and solutions in combating AMR in Pediatrics: country and regional perspectives".

This IPA-WHO webinar brought together panelists of pediatricians or pediatric ID experts from 4 different continents Asia, Europe, North America, and Africa, who spoke about the barriers in combating AMR in their respective regions/continents. The WHO expert discussed the solutions, WHO's role and the way forward.

Moderator: Dhanya Dharmapalan

IPA Speakers: 1. Dr Vijay Yewale (Asia), 2. Dr Zoi Dorotheia Panna (Europe), 3. Dr Thomas Murray (USA), 4. Dr Joycelyn Dame (Africa). Each speaker presented the barriers faced in their region in combating AMR

WHO speaker: Dr Benedikt Huttner spoke on the role of WHO and framing of guidelines based on the Aware Classification.

- ESBL Infections in Children Webinar held on 12th August 2024

This webinar was organized by IPA.

Moderator: Dr Bernard Ebruke (Africa)

Speakers:

Dr Mehreen Arshad from Aga Khan University, Pakistan, on the topic of "Burden of ESBL infections in Asia."

Dr Julia Bielicki from Switzerland on the topic of " Management of ESBL infections with BL BLI combinations".

- **IPA-WHO webinar during the World AMR Awareness Week 2024 held on 21 November 2024**

This webinar was organized IPA-WHO webinar during the World AMR Awareness Week 2024

Topic: **Protecting the youngest**

This webinar organized by the International Pediatric Association brings together experts from the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) and the Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN) to discuss the prevention of neonatal infections as well as investigation of infection outbreaks in neonatal units. The WHO expert discussed the role played by WHO in combatting AMR in neonatal sepsis.

Moderator :

IPA Speakers: Ms. Musarrat Rani (the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM)) presented on " Preventing infections in the newborn."

Ms Ruth Davidge (the Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN) spoke on " Investigation and Control of Outbreak of Infections in a Newborn Unit." She is the President of the neonatal nurses association of southern Africa.

WHO speaker: Dr Benedikt Huttner discussed the role of WHO in combating AMR in neonatal sepsis

Childhood Cancer

Working Group Chair: Nita Radhakrishnan (India)

Members: Nur Melani Sari (Indonesia), Mai Anh (Vietnam), Sunil Bhat (India), Bounpalisone Souvanlasy (Laos), Girish Chinnaswamy (India), Shaarna Shanmugavadivel (UK), Carlos Rodriguez-Galindo (USA), Muhammad Saghir Khan (Pakistan), Anne Akullo (Uganda), Miguel Abboud (Lebanon)

The Childhood Cancer Working Group (CCWG) of the International Pediatric Association (IPA) was established in May 2023 to enhance global awareness, education, and action regarding childhood cancer. With a strong focus on improving early diagnosis, access to care, and advocacy, the working group aims to contribute to achieving a 60% global cure rate for childhood cancer by 2030, in alignment with the World Health Organization's (WHO) Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC).

1. Constitution and Selection of Members:

The selection process for the CCWG members involved nominations based on professional experience in childhood cancer and inclusivity across IPA regions. The committee's members represent diverse geographical regions, ensuring a global perspective. Notable members include Dr. Carlos Rodriguez-Galindo (USA), Dr. Girish Chinnaswamy (India), and Dr. Sunil Bhat (India), Dr. Nita Radhakrishnan (India), among others, contributing to a well-rounded team with expertise in clinical practice, advocacy, and education.

2. Vision Statement:

The working group envisions harnessing the IPA's platform to improve awareness of childhood cancer worldwide, working towards aligning efforts with the WHO GICC initiative. By 2030, the goal is to achieve a 60% cure rate for childhood cancers globally. The group's priorities include:

- **Education:** Enhancing the capacity of pediatricians and trainees for early cancer diagnosis, stabilization, and referral.
- **Advocacy:** Strengthening efforts to improve childhood cancer policies in member countries, with a focus on WHO and UNICEF collaboration.
- **Action:** Engaging all stakeholders, including civil societies and professional organizations, to work towards improved outcomes for children with cancer.

3. Strategic Plan:

The CCWG's strategic plan, focused on the 2023-2025 term, revolves around three core areas:

- **Education:** Developing training resources for pediatricians and oncology trainees, and conducting surveys on the representation of hematology-oncology in pediatric training.
- **Advocacy:** Collaborating with organizations like SIOP (International Society of Pediatric Oncology) and St. Jude Global to advocate for essential medicines, standard treatments, and universal healthcare for childhood cancer.
- **Action:** Collaborating on international congresses, joint sessions, webinars, and contributing to guidelines for resource-adapted treatment through the ARIA guidelines.

4. Webinars:

The IPA has organized quarterly webinars on various topics related to childhood cancer. Notable past and upcoming webinars include:

- **27 November 2023:** Essential Medicines in Childhood Cancer, moderated by Dr. Nita Radhakrishnan and Dr. Guillermo Chantada.
- **29 January 2024:** Childhood Cancer Survivorship – Global Challenges.
- **3 June 2024:** Transfusion Practices in Pediatric Cancers.
- **5 August 2024:** Pediatric Oncological Emergencies.

These webinars have been well-received, fostering engagement and learning on a global scale.

5. Collaborative Projects:

The working group has initiated the **GAP4Cure** project in collaboration with SIOP, aiming to improve pediatric cancer education for pediatric trainees worldwide. The project includes a global survey on hematology/oncology representation in pediatric training, followed by the development of a training module consisting of 15 video lectures. This project is scheduled to conclude in late 2024, with the course being launched at the IPA Congress in 2025.

6. 77th World Health Assembly (2024):

During the 77th WHA, the IPA will advocate for the recognition of childhood cancer as a critical non-communicable disease (NCD), urging member states to prioritize malnutrition and proactive nutrition support for children undergoing cancer treatment.

7. Appeal to National Pediatric Member Societies:

The IPA Childhood Cancer Working Group has appealed to national pediatric societies to establish their own childhood cancer working groups, incorporate childhood cancer education into pediatric training curricula, and develop action plans to raise awareness of childhood cancer signs and symptoms.

8. Joint Session at SIOP 2023:

On October 11, 2023, the IPA and SIOP held a joint session at the SIOP Annual Congress in Ottawa. The theme was "Pediatric Oncology Virtual Educational Resources," which highlighted virtual educational platforms and resources for pediatric oncology.

9. London Global Cancer Week (2023 & 2024):

In 2023, a joint session on early diagnosis strategies was conducted during London Global Cancer Week. The 2024 session will focus on national pediatric society initiatives that have been pivotal in improving cancer awareness.

10. International Childhood Cancer Day 2025

Dr Naveen Thacker, President of IPA was a featured speaker at the Second Global Onco Thon organised by SIOP and Oncodaily. He ignited a wave of grassroots support by challenging three friends to donate \$10 each and pass the challenge along to their three friends. His simple yet powerful call to action underscores that even modest contributions can trigger a chain reaction of generosity, making a real impact in the fight against childhood cancer.

Dr Nita Radhakrishnan was one of the 6 speakers invited from India to this event. She began her talk by expressing hope for the success of Onco Thon, emphasizing the importance of supporting childhood cancer research and ensuring access to treatment for all children. Dr. Radhakrishnan presented the findings of their study, revealing that some children with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) discontinue treatment due to social issues. She also discussed the challenges in treatment accessibility in India and the efforts being made to overcome these obstacles. A major concern she highlighted was the lack of immunotherapy in India. She encouraged pharmaceutical companies to conduct trials in low- and middle-income countries, noting that this would be a game-changer for children in need of advanced treatment.

11. Release of Certificate Course at IPA Annual Congress 2025:

At the IPA Annual Congress in Mexico (May 2025), the Childhood Cancer Working Group will officially release a certificate course in Pediatric Oncology for pediatric trainees. This course, developed in collaboration with SIOP, will enhance the knowledge and skills of pediatricians in the early diagnosis and treatment of childhood cancer.

Conclusion:

The Childhood Cancer Working Group of IPA is making significant strides toward improving global childhood cancer outcomes. Through strategic education, advocacy, and collaborative efforts, the group is fostering a network of support and action for children with cancer worldwide. With key initiatives like the GAP4Cure project, joint sessions, and a focus on international policy advocacy, the working group is poised to create meaningful change in the lives of children battling cancer.

Food Safety

Working Group Co-Chairs: Mehmet Vural (Turkey), Massimo Pettoello Mantovani (Italy)

Members: Flavia Indrio (Italy), Tudor Pop (Romania), Hayat Bozdar (Pakistan), Silvia Cruchet (Chile), Mitchell B. Cohen (USA), Rekha Harish (India)

The IPA WG on Food Safety is dedicated to advancing the understanding and implementation of food safety measures to safeguard children's health. It aims to create a robust platform for knowledge sharing and advocacy. So far, the group has held two members' meetings to discuss plans for a webinar series and a journal article regarding food safety for children.

Measles and Rubella

Working Group Chair: Sunil Bahl (India)

Members: Carlota Carlos Vieira Diua Sarama (Mozambique), Muhammad Ashraf Sultan (Pakistan), Kumnuan Ungchusak (Thailand), Michelle Morales (USA), Mahmudur Rahman (Bangladesh), Susan Reef (USA), Patrick O'Connor (USA)

The IPA Program Area Working Group on Measles and Rubella has focused on advocacy, capacity building, and technical support, aligning its efforts with the Measles and Rubella Partnership under the Immunization Agenda 2030.

So far, the working group has held two meetings to discuss key priorities, including identifying country-specific obstacles to measles and rubella elimination, strengthening routine immunization coverage, and ensuring pediatric associations are actively involved in advocacy and technical discussions. A survey was initiated to assess the involvement of pediatric societies in routine immunization programs and vaccine introduction efforts.

The group has also engaged in outreach efforts, contacting ambassadors from Guinea-Bissau, Nigeria, and DR Congo to provide support for vaccine introduction. Additionally, advocacy initiatives have targeted 13 countries that have yet to develop a formal plan for measles-rubella vaccine introduction, with efforts focused on securing government support and preparing GAVI funding proposals.

The group is working to finalize recommendations on the stance of pediatricians regarding vaccine introduction and send letters to countries that need assistance in eliminating measles and rubella,

as well as to those that have successfully eliminated the diseases to support the maintenance of elimination status.

Polio Eradication

Working Group Chair: Muhammad Ashraf Sultan (Pakistan)

Members: Abdoul Aziz Soumaila (Niger), Alok Bhandari (India), Ananda Bandyopadhyay (USA), Aidan O'Leary (Ireland), Ekanem Ekure (Nigeria), Granga Daouya Douna (Chad), Jalal Akber (Pakistan), Lalya Honorat Francis (Benin), Piprim Basarah Yanuarso (Indonesia), Sunil Bahl (Switzerland), T. Jacob John (India)

IPA formed a Working Group (WG) on Polio eradication in 2023, consisting of experts from different regions and officers from WHO program on Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) and their partners. The WG, in its first meeting, decided to work closely with GPEI and partners to support the objective of global eradication of both Wild and circulating Vaccine Derived Polio (cVDPV). In that meeting WG identified the areas where IPA could support GPEI to achieve the objective of Global polio eradication.

Activities

- Recommendations

Subsequently, two sub-groups of WG, technical and advocacy and awareness have met independently and prepared recommendations, which met the approval of the WG (Recommendations are annexed)

- Webinar on cVDPV and nOPV

The WG was able to develop a close working relationship with the GPEI. The WG delivered a joint webinar from the platform of GPEI and IPA, on cVDPV and novel OPV2, experts from the IPA and GPEI shared their insights and advanced our collective efforts.

- Polio Ambassadors

On the recommendations of Advocacy and Awareness sub committee and support from Mr Aiden O'Lairry Director General of the GPEI and a very active member of the WG, the WG decided to contribute Polio ambassadors from high priority countries in the most affected regions, to serve as powerful voices and advocate for their communities. These ambassadors would team up with the national programmes and its partners to enhance community awareness and demand.

- Webinar on Spread of Polio in Gaza

The WG supported a webinar on stopping polio in Gaza-for all of us, organized by Rebuilding Alliance.

- To publish an article

The WG decided to write an article, based on the work done so far and to spell out the IPA position on Polio eradication, identify the bottleneck and propose their solutions and where IPA could support the programme to realize the objective of eradication of all types of Polio. We have completed the write up and the manuscript is in the final stage of editing. We intend to publish it in an impact factor journal.

- Partnership with GPEI

The WG is proud to have developed a sustainable partnership with the GPEI and has become a stake holder in the programme to watch the best interest of the target population i.e., children under 5 years of age. This is the first time that IPA HAS BEEN RECOGNISED AS A STAKE HOLDER

IN A CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMME OF WHO AND HAS OPENED THE DOOR FOR OTHER WORKING GROUP. We remain fully committed to the partnership between IPA and GPEI.

The working group has made significant progress over the past year. However due to sudden demise of Mr Aidan o Lairy, programme director of GPEI, and the ongoing process of succession in WHO, the process of appointment of ambassadors, which in fact was his initiative, has been slowed down.

Furthermore, as agreed between GPEI and IPA, we are keen to proceed with the involvement of IPA nominees on key committees, including the Polio Research Committee, SAGE Polio, and the Evaluation and Monitoring Board. IPA has sent the nomination of Dr. Ayebo Sadoh for the Research Committee and Dr. Muhammad Ashraf Sultan for SAGE on Polio.

Recommendations of the Technical Review sub group of the IPA Working Group on Polio Eradication Initiative

The WHO Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has made tremendous progress since 1988, but it has not yet achieved its goal of eradication. Despite multiple iterations of the endgame plan, two countries remain endemic, and the emergence and multiple outbreaks of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) have further complicated the issue.

Strategic Recommendations

- The IPA pledges its support to the GPEI and desires to work closely with the program and its partners.
- The GPEI currently lacks representation from a major stakeholder: the target population of children under five years of age, in addition to the existing partners who have provided technical and financial support to the program since 1988.
- The IPA is the sole representative body of the global pediatric community, and its mission is to protect the rights of children and safeguard their best interests. The inclusion of the IPA as a GPEI partner would strengthen the group of partners and add a unique perspective dedicated to child population and their best interests.
- The IPA has the capacity to support the program through representation on the WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE).
- The IPA has the capacity to support the program through representation on the GPEI Monitoring and Evaluation Board.
- Develop country-specific strategies for endemic countries and those at high risk for cVDPV outbreaks.

Operational Recommendations

The GPEI initially adopted a two-phase strategy: eliminate wild poliovirus first, then vaccine virus. However, given the emergence and frequent outbreaks of cVDPV, the IPA recommends a change in strategy to eliminate both viruses simultaneously, which was mandated through WHO, Polio End Game Plan and Strategy 2013-2018

- For endemic countries
- Modify the current schedule for routine primary immunization to three doses of inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) at 2, 4, and 6 months, preferably as a hexavalent vaccine.
- Establish independent national review and monitoring boards for outbreak response. These should include representatives from the IPA and the national pediatric society. Members of these boards should declare any conflicts of interest.
- Where cVDPV is present, develop a country-specific strategy in consultation with the independent national review and monitoring board.

- Where a positive environmental sample is reported, plan supplementary immunization activities in consultation with the national Monitoring and review board.

Conclusion

The IPA urges the GPEI to adopt these recommendations to accelerate the progress towards polio eradication. The IPA is committed to working with the GPEI and its partners to achieve this goal.

Recommendations of Advocacy and Awareness sub-group of the IPA working group on Polio Eradication Initiative

The group discussed that IPA should launch an advocacy and awareness campaign to support the Polio eradication initiative, through national pediatric societies. IPA should provide the guiding principles and the Content should be in local languages.

The group agreed that the target audience should be

- Communities
- Policy makers
- Governments
- Stock holders
- Religious groups
- Social workers
- Pediatricians

The group emphasized to use Media and social media to spread the message.

The content of the message should be clear and based on scientific evidence.

Further discussion is required to determine what do IPA intend to change through this campaign and what is the impact we want to see?

Primary Care Pediatrician

Working Group Chair: Sally Goza (USA)

Members: Stefano del Torso (Italy), Jagdish Chinnapa (India), Zachi Grossman (Israel), Christine Magendie (France), William Garvey (Australia)

The IPA WG on Primary Care Pediatricians aims to make primary care more visible and highlight the issues related to coordination of care for children. The members are determined to empower primary care pediatricians to provide comprehensive care for child patients. The group members have held three meetings and are working on disseminating a survey on pediatric primary care to all IPA society members. The group looks forward to recruiting more members in the future.

Quality Improvement and Patient Safety

Working Group Co-Chairs: Rajesh Mehta (India), Praveen Sharma (India)

Members: Muhammad Hussain (Pakistan), Minara Choudhary (UK), Peter Lachman (Ireland), Nigel Livesley (Nigeria), Artem L. Batmanov (Uzbekistan), Magdy Gamal (Egypt), Nabil Dwidar (Egypt), Entesar Al Hammadi (UAE), Tamar Chitashvili (USA), Carl Bose (USA), Arun Kumar Neopane (Nepal)

Main focus Area/Aim:

The main focus of the IPA Program Area Working Group on Quality Improvement & Patient Safety is to promote and support high-quality healthcare services for newborns and pediatric

populations at the last mile, thus accelerating progress towards achieving SDG target of ending preventable newborn and child mortality.

Towards this aim, IPA will collaborate with multiple stakeholders and partners like WHO, UNICEF, FIGO, ICM, ICN, etc. to advocate and prioritize quality agenda globally and proposes to undertake the following key activities:

- Strengthen the understanding of global frameworks for improving quality of care and patient safety among the national societies and further build their capacity in policy advocacy and collaboration with national health authorities.
- Promote partnerships at global, regional and country level through constituent societies and provide technical guidance for integrating and strengthening quality in clinical pediatric practices and promote a quality culture across public and private health sector.
- Develop a consensus-based roadmap in selected countries including a framework based on standards for quality assurance and quality improvement in health service provision with focus on neonatal/pediatric health services.
- Support development of QI collaborative in the selected countries and QOC learning platforms for sharing knowledge and best practices within and across the countries.
- Promote documentation and publication of QOC related learnings and provide the required technical support.

Overview of Activities Conducted:

- **Needs assessment among national pediatric societies on quality of care:** The working group conducted a needs assessment of National Pediatric Societies on quality and patient safety of neonatal and pediatric health care, over 26 countries responded to the survey. We have some understanding of the policy and operational level situation of quality of care in these countries and also the interest and capacity of national pediatric societies.
- **Work plan of the Programme Area Working Group:** The Working Group has prepared a plan of discreet activities for 2023-2025. Work on these activities started in 2024 and will be completed in 2025.
- **Knowledge sharing on Quality and Patient Safety issues:** We have conducted six webinars with global experts on a range of issues related to pediatric quality and safety. The list is provided below:
 - Importance of quality of care and Multidimensional Model of Quality
 - Co-Production of Quality and Health and Implementing QI of Pediatric care in LMICs
 - Tools for Pediatric QI and Patient Safety
 - Working with clinical teams for quality improvement
 - Patient Safety Day celebration: Improving diagnosis of patient safety
 - Measurement of quality on pediatric practice



Upcoming Activities

- **Continue webinar series on quality and patient safety during 2025**
- **Develop self-learning online training resource at the IPA platform:** A brief course on basics of quality improvement methods has been drafted and will be posted on the IPA learning platform in the first quarter of 2025.
- **Develop a standard database for newborn and pediatric care** with key indicators for newborn health: The concept note will soon be shared with the member national societies to discuss the possibilities of creating a network of hospitals that agree to standard data collection and using it for improvement.
- **Knowledge repository on QI and Patient Safety:** Key scientific resources on quality improvement and patient safety will be posted on IPA web platform in the second quarter of 2025
- **IPA Congress 2025:** Pre-Congress Workshop in Mexico City: A workshop on basics of quality improvement will be organized in May 2025. A technical session on quality improvement will also be organized during the Congress

School Age Children

Working Group Chair: Zulfiqar Bhutta (Canada)

Members: Ahmad Suryawan (Indonesia), Linda Richter (South Africa), Stefan Swartling Peterson (Sweden), Inobat M. Akhmedova (Uzbekistan), Dan Sellen (Canada)

The IPA working group has been working over 2024 on the following three products which should be available by the time of the IPA World Congress (May 2025) in Mexico

1. A White Paper on the importance of school age children and their health and wellbeing
2. A PowerPoint presentation for advocacy and regional dissemination by member associations and country level partners
3. A webinar on the key findings and work prior to the IPA Congress (likely in April 2025)

The working group is exploring options for a side session at the IPA Congress and interaction with the WHO counterparts. This will depend upon resources and members participating in the Congress.

Sickle Cell

Advisor: Errol Alden (USA)

Working Group Co-Chairs: Deogratias Munube (Uganda), Anupam Sachdev (India), Miguel Abboud (Lebanon)

Members: Nita Radhakrishnan (India), Cherif Rahimy (Burkina Faso), Akshat Jain (USA)

IPA WG on Sickle Cell Disease focuses on the best practice for sickle cell disease in children. The group has successfully held a webinar titled “Cell Therapy in Sickle Cell Disease: A Global Health Perspective” in June 2024, where the group received many positive feedbacks. Two members’ meetings were done throughout the tenure.

Tuberculosis

Working Group Co-Chairs: Rajeshwar Dayal (India)

Members: Mo Archary (South Africa), Faheem Afzal (Pakistan), Mohamed Bouskraoui (Morocco), Varinder Singh (India), Soumya Swaminathan (India), Ben Marais (Australia), Tanu Singhal (India), Rina Triaasih (Indonesia), Anna Ong Lim (Philippines)

Main Focus & Aim:

WHO Tuberculosis Report 2023 states that the estimated TB incidence rate increased by 3.9% between 2020 and 2022, reaching 133 new cases per 100,000 population in 2022. Children (0-14 years) formed 5.65% of total TB cases in 2021. Around 10.6 million people across the world were diagnosed with TB in 2021, an increase of 4.5% from 2020, while 1.6 million patients died of the disease. IPA Program Area on Tuberculosis realises the need for practical approaches taken to help reach the WHO’s END Tuberculosis (TB) targets. The IPA WG aims to work towards updating the latest science of diagnosis & management of TB. One of the initiatives is to hold an International TB Webinars & Workshop for pediatricians.

Overview of Conducted Activities:

- **Workshop: Pediatricians’ Key Role in Strengthening National System to Achieve WHO’s END TB Targets**

This workshop was conducted in Jakarta (Indonesia) on 8th March 2024.

As the Chair of IPA WG on TB, Dr Rajeshwar Dayal physically conducted this workshop and delivered a lecture on “Diagnosis of Extra Pulmonary TB”. Other topics covered were “Update on the diagnosis of TB in children” & “Update on Treatment of TB in Children (Drug sensitive & Drug resistant)” by Dr Rina Triasih & Dr Nastiti Kaswandani respectively, both of whom are pediatricians (Infectious disease experts) in Indonesia. This workshop was inaugurated by HE Budi Gunadi Sadikin, the Health Minister of Indonesia. On the same day Prof. Rajeshwar Dayal delivered a grand lecture on “Extrapulmonary Tuberculosis in Children: An update” in the University children’s hospital in Jakarta, Indonesia. This is the main tertiary reference center for pediatric patients in Indonesia.

Participants: 70 Pediatricians offline & Around 500 online participated in both of the events.

- **An International Society of Tropical Pediatrics (ISTP) symposium**

This symposium was organized during the Annual Congress of the Kenya Pediatric Association on 19th April, 2024 in Mombasa, Kenya. Prof Rajeshwar Dayal physically conducted this symposium and delivered a lecture on “Perspectives of TB in the Tropics”. Other topics were covered on “Current Interventions in neonatology with public health impact” & “Trends in immunization coverage in Africa” by Dr Annette Baine & Dr Christine Chege respectively.

- **An IPA webinars on Tuberculosis:**

- A. Disease Burden, Roadmap and In-Country Challenges (Pakistan & Indonesia)**

The webinar was conducted on 25th April, 2024 via the IPA Webinar Platform. This webinar was moderated by Prof Rajeshwar Dayal & the below mentioned topics were covered by the following speakers:

- 1) The Updated Roadmap towards Ending TB in Children & Adolescents: Epidemiology, Key gaps & Actions by Dr Sabine Verkuijl
- 2) Challenges faced by Indonesia in terms of Tuberculosis by Dr Nastiti Kaswandani
- 3) Challenges faced by Pakistan in terms of Tuberculosis by Prof Faheem Afzal

- B. Diagnosis of Pediatric Tuberculosis: An Update_scheduled to be organized on 4th July, 2024**

The webinar was conducted on 4th July, 2024 via the IPA Webinar Platform. This webinar was moderated by Dr Tanu Singhal & the below mentioned topics were covered by the following speakers:

- 1) Introduction by Prof Rajeshwar Dayal
- 2) Diagnosis of Pulmonary Tuberculosis by Prof Varinder Singh
- 3) Diagnosis of Extra-Pulmonary Tuberculosis by Dr Giancarlo H C Tarrasa

Prof Rajeshwar Dayal as the Chair of the Working group has attended various events as follows:

- Delivered a PLENARY lecture on Tuberculosis and Symposium lecture on Japanese Encephalitis at the 18th Asian Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (14th-17th Nov, 2024) attended by over 2000 pediatricians at Cebu, Philippines.

- Delivered a lecture on Tuberculosis on Children at the 11th Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases (13th-15th Dec, 2024), Hongkong.
- On March 8, 2024, Prof. Rajeshwar Dayal, President ISTP conducted a workshop in Jakarta, Indonesia, featuring a grand lecture and symposium on tuberculosis. Dr. Rajeshwar Dayal, conducted the workshop physically and delivered a lecture on the Diagnosis of Extra Pulmonary; Other topics included updates on the diagnosis and treatment of TB in children, presented by Dr. Rina Triasih and Dr. Nastiti Kaswandani, respectively. The workshop was inaugurated by HE Budi Gunadi Sadikin, the Health Minister of Indonesia. On the same day, Dr. Rajeshwar Dayal delivered a grand lecture on Extrapulmonary Tuberculosis in Children: An Update at the University Children's Hospital in Jakarta. The event attracted 70 pediatricians offline and around 500 participants online.

Young Pediatricians

Working Group Chair: Sanemba Aya Fanny (USA)

Members: Santosh Soans (India), Marianne Majdalani (Lebanon), Ivan Bambir (Croatia), Priya Kevat (Australia), Lucy Mpayo (Tanzania), Elizabeth Mkashabani (Tanzania), Antonella Vallone (Argentina), Reza Fahlevi (Indonesia), Iqra Ahmad (Pakistan), Mampholo Queen (South Africa), Nora Karara (Germany), Umain Hamid (Pakistan), Ghaisani Fadiana (Indonesia), Samaila Aboubacar (Niger), Nina Dwi Putri (Indonesia), Nikita Sahwney (India), Lorenza Onorati (Italy), Rüya Meriç (Turkey), Amber Van Baelen (Belgium)

The Young Pediatricians' Working group (YPWG) was created in 2023. The group focuses on pediatric trainees and early career pediatricians (7 or fewer years since completing their last training program). It aims to support pediatric trainees and early career pediatricians become strong leaders and advocates for child health around the world by:

- Amplifying their voices and promoting their visibility
- Addressing their specific personal and professional development needs through pertinent and innovative programming
- Providing them with mentorship and networking opportunities

1. Monthly meetings

Monthly meetings were held starting in October 2023 to discuss and plan activities.

2. Leadership Webinar series

The YPWG has organized 3 webinars as part of a leadership webinar series.

a. Physician Wellness and Burnout on 27 February 2024


Speakers: Drs. Ivan Bambir (Croatia) and Alain Sabri (Lebanon).

b. Leadership and teamwork on April 30th 2024

Speakers: Drs. Marianne Majdalani (Lebanon), Santosh Soans (India), Joseph Haddad (Lebanon), Zulfiqar Bhutta (Canada), Maria del Carmen Calle Davila (Peru).

97 participants, 291 views on webinar platform

c. Health Entrepreneurship on October 3rd 2024



Speakers: Drs. Ivan Bambir (Croatia), Priya Kevat (Australia), Rafaela Tripalo (UK), Data Santorino (Uganda), Zvonimir Bosnic (Croatia) and Mr. Noel Etche (Côte d'Ivoire).
57 participants

3. IPA Congress 2025 Pre-Congress Workshop

In partnership with IPALA, the YPW will be hosting a pre-congress workshop titled “Leadership for Paediatricians in the 21st Century”

4. Needs assessment survey

The YPWG has been working on the development of a survey to assess the personal and professional development needs of pediatric trainees and early career pediatricians in member countries. The group plans on rolling out the survey in the spring of 2025.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

The IPA Treasurer serves as a member of the executive and standing committee. The treasurer is responsible for monitoring IPA expenditures and income, and for the preparation of financial reports for the Executive and Standing Committees. On the following pages you will find the final year end financial report and an audit report for IPA's 2023 and 2024 budget. US and Geneva tax filings are also available for review. The 2025 budget and proposed spending plans will be reviewed by the 2025-2027 standing committee.

INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION 2023 Final

Account	REVENUE	Budget 2023 Grants	YTD 2023 GRANTS	Budget 2023 CORE	YTD 2023 Core
3204	Annual Dues			\$ 200.000	\$ 179.698
3240	IPAF Support		\$ -		
3270	Donations		\$ -		\$ 3.850
3210	International Congress - Income			\$ 225.000	\$ 88.348
3220	Vaccine Hesitancy Program- SERUM	\$ 54.000	\$ 54.000	\$ 6.000	\$ 6.000
3230	Unicef IPAF- COVID Grants		\$ 3.403	\$ -	\$ 213
3290	Interest Income			\$ 6.500	\$ 28.995
3520	Carryforward from 2022	\$ 36.911	\$ 36.911		
3250	Transfer from restricted reserve	\$ -		\$ -	
3245	Sabin Grant	\$ 5.000	\$ 5.000		
3260	Other Grants - unicef vaccine	\$ 45.082		\$ 3.393	
3260GSK	GSK VZV grant		\$ 225.704		\$ 25.078
3260BMGI	GATES Grant		\$ 218.389		\$ 24.265
3260	Sanofi grant - Immunization	\$ 98.410		\$ 9.841	
	Total IPA REVENUE	\$ 239.403	\$ 543.407	\$ 450.734	\$ 356.446

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EXPENSES		BUDGET 2023 Grants	YTD 2023 GRANTS	Budget 2023 CORE	YTD 2023 Core
Administration Expenses					
6502	President's Office Expenses - through CONGRESS			-	\$ 9.000
6502	President's Office Expenses - AFTER CONGRESS			23600	\$ 14.907
6536	Coordinator's Office Expenses			1500	
6506	President Elect's Office Expenses - - through CONGRESS			-	\$ 377
6521	Past-president office expenses - through CONGRESS			-	1305
6506/6521	President Elect/Past-president office expenses -AFTER CONGRESS			0	0
6507	Executive Director's Office Expenses			22000	\$ 26.380
6510	Geneva Office Expenses			4800	\$ 7.779
6509	Treasurer's Office Expenses			4000	\$ 2.561
6515	Congress Expenses - COD			10000	\$ 8.587
6520	Strategic Planning			0	264.157
	Total Administrative Expenses		\$ -	65900	\$ 73.538
Committee Meeting and Officer Travel					
6505	External Relations (WHO, PMBCH, etc)	\$ -		\$ 25.000	\$ 10.769
6500	Exec Committee/Standing Committee	\$ -		\$ 65.000	\$ 61.850
	Total Meetings and Travel	\$ -		\$ 90.000	\$ 72.619

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Program Areas		BUDGET 2023 Grants	YTD 2023 GRANTS	Budget 2023 Core	YTD 2023 Core
6005	Vaccine Hesitancy Program - Sanofi	\$ 28.000	\$ 25.196		
6015	Vaccine Hesitancy Program - TOT Trav	\$ 150.000	\$ 21.891		
6020	Unicef - covid project expenses		3403		
6020	Unicef - Vaccine Project Expenses	\$ 45.082	\$ 45.082		
6025	Sabin Grant		\$ 5.000		
6025b	VZV GSK project staff		\$ 3.427		
6025b	VZV GSK project travel		\$ 61.569		
6030	IPA 2023 Congress			\$ 100.000	
6035	Program and Projects			\$ 120.000	\$ 5.936
6030	2025 Congress			20.000	
6040	Digital academy development			\$ 10.000	\$ 10.000
	Total Program Expenses	\$ 223.082	\$ 165.568	\$ 250.000	\$ 15.936
Administrative Expenses and Services					
6555	Website Maintenance			\$ 6.500	\$ 8.205
6520	IPA Journal/Newsletter			\$ -	
6530	Accounting and Auditing			\$ 6.000	\$ 3.203
6940	Bank Charges Sun Trust/Truist			\$ 4.000	\$ 4.816
6950	Merchant Fees - Credit Cards			\$ 1.200	\$ 1.672
6942	Swiss and India - Exchange losses			\$ 600	\$ 12.012
6568	D & O Insurance			\$ 3.750	\$ 3.676
6560	Registration IL/ Fiduciary in Switzerland			\$ 600	\$ 552
6570	Legal Expenses			\$ 2.000	\$ 526
6536	Tax Preparation			\$ 2.400	\$ 2.500
6660	Disaster Relief DONATION			tbd	
	Total Service Expenses		\$ -	\$ 27.050	\$ 37.163

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	BUDGET 2023 Grants	YTD 2023 GRANTS		Budget 2023 Core	YTD 2023 Core
TOTAL IPA INCOME	\$ 239.403	\$ 543.407		\$ 450.734	\$ 356.446
TOTAL IPA EXPENSES	\$ 223.082	\$ 165.568	\$ -	\$ 432.950	\$ 199.256
NET INCOME/EXPENSES	\$ 16.321	\$ 377.839	\$ -	\$ 17.784	\$ 157.190

TOTAL ASSETS - 2023 November

TRUIST- Business Advantage Account	\$230.956
TRUIST Money Market Account	\$1.266.645

Total TRUIST Bank	\$1.497.601
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Credit Suisse Bank	Held as:	IN USD
Swiss Francs XXXXXX-51	CHF 222,288.99	264.246
Swiss Francs XXXXXX-5G-2	CHF 160,000	190.273
US Dollars - XXXXXX-52	USD 4,542.43	4.542
US Dollars - XXXXXX-5G-1	USD 259,000	259.000
Euros - XXXXXX-52-1	Euro 10,149.51	
Euros- cash acct- XXXXXX-52-3	Euro 20,000	33.050
Total Credit Suisse Bank		\$751.112

TOTAL ASSETS	\$2.248.713
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Restricted assets	\$513.193
Vaccine Trust Projects	\$509.343
Disaster relief donations	\$3.850

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED ASSETS	\$1.735.520
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30/12/2023

Changes made in May 2023

USD 259,000 USD from **524419-52** into a **6 month** money market at 4.85%

CHF 160,000 from **524419-51** into a **6 month** money market at 1.4%

Euro 20,000 from **524419-52-1** into a **cash-basis month** money market account at 3%

\$USD 7583 in accrued interest ias of Nov 1 2023

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	6 months	RENEWED 11/2023
EUR - MM rates only	3,00%	*
USD	4,85%	5,45%
CHF	1,40%	1,62%

VACCINE
PROJECTS

Income YTD
444.093

spending YTD
165568

IPA 2024 Final

Account	REVENUE	Budget 2024 CORE	YTD 2024 Core
3204	Annual Dues	\$ 200.000	\$ 192.458
3240	IPAF Support	\$ -	\$ -
3270	Donations	\$ -	\$ -
3210	2023 International Congress - Income	\$ 800.000	\$ 526.474
3211	2025 Mexico Congress income	\$ -	\$ 17.225
3250	Transfer from restricted reserve	\$ -	\$ -
3260	Other Grants - SIOP 11019; Sanofi 87	\$ 3.393	\$ 8.718
3260GSK	GSK V2V grant CF 23	\$ -	\$ 22.570
3260BMGF	GATES Grant CF23	\$ -	\$ 17.363
3290	Interest Income	\$ 25.000	\$ 46.209
Total IPA REVENUE		\$ 1.028.393	\$ 831.017

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EXPENSES		Budget 2024 CORE	YTD 2024 Core
Administration Expenses			
6502	President's Office Expenses	25000	\$ 18.251
6507	Executive Director's Office Expenses	26648	\$ 27.718
6510	Geneva Office Expenses	6000	\$ 6.625
6509	Treasurer's Office Expenses	4000	\$ 4.500
6515	Mexico 2025 Congress Expenses - CO	125000	\$ 320.047
6520	Strategic Planning	\$ -	\$ -
Total Administrative Expenses		186648	\$ 377.141
Committee Meeting and Officer Travel			
6505	External Relations (WHO, PMNCH, etc)	\$ 25.000	\$ 17.591
6500	Exec Committee/Standing Committee	\$ 75.000	\$ 55.258
Total Meetings and Travel		\$ 100.000	\$ 72.849

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Program Areas		Budget 2024 Core	YTD 2024 Core
6020	Other (IT services/grant misc)	\$ -	\$ 10.000
6035	Program areas	\$ 70.000	\$ 14.816
6030	2027 Future Congress	\$ -	\$ -
6040	Digital academy development	\$ 10.000	\$ -
Total Program Expenses		\$ 80.000	\$ 24.816
Administrative Expenses and Services			
6555	Website Maintenance	\$ 10.000	see 6020
6520	IPA Journal/Newsletter	\$ -	\$ -
6530	Accounting and Auditing	\$ 4.000	\$ 1.190
6940	Bank Charges Sun Trust/Truist	\$ 5.000	\$ 6.703
6950	Merchant Fees - Credit Cards	\$ 2.000	\$ 2.178
6942	Swiss and India - Exchange losses	\$ 120.000	\$ 45.000
6568	D & O Insurance	\$ 4.000	\$ 3.786
6560	Registration IL/ Fiduciary in Switzerland	\$ 600	\$ 185
6570	Legal Expenses	\$ 1.000	\$ 1.000
6536	Tax Preparation	\$ 3.500	\$ 2.500
6660	Disaster Relief DONATION	\$ 3.850	\$ -
Total Service Expenses		\$ 153.950	\$ 62.543

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	Budget 2024 Core	YTD 2024 Core
TOTAL IPA INCOME	\$1.028.393	\$831.017
TOTAL IPA EXPENSES	\$ 520.598	\$ 537.349
NET INCOME/EXPENSES	\$ 507.795	\$ 293.669

IPA TOTAL ASSETS - December 2024 Final

TRUIST- Business Advantage Account	closed
TRUIST- Business Advantage NEW Account	112.068
TRUIST Money Market Account	1.087.942

Total TRUIST Bank	\$1.200.009
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Credit Suisse Bank	Held as:	IN USD
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Swiss Francs XXXXXX-51	CHF 34,007	
Swiss Francs XXXXXX-5G-2	CHF 350,000	422.892
US Dollars - XXXXXX-52	USD 216,190	
US Dollars - XXXXXX-5G-1	USD 225,000	441.190
Euros - XXXXXX-52-1	0	
Euros- cash acct- XXXXXX-52-3	Euro 30,412	31.615
Total Credit Suisse Bank		\$895.697

TOTAL ASSETS	\$2.095.706
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Total Restricted assets*	\$521.081
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Vaccine Trust & Grant Projects	\$517.231
Disaster relief donations	\$3.850

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED ASSETS	\$1.574.625
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30/01/2025

* Excludes ACS and GSK Dec 2024 grants for 2025 activities

International Pediatric Association (IPA)

Geneva

Auditors' report on the limited examination

of the financial statements

at December 31, 2023

(in accordance with Swiss law)

International Pediatric Association (IPA)

Geneva

Auditors' report on the limited examination
of the financial statements

Year ended December 31, 2023

In accordance with the mandate entrusted to us, we have examined the financial statements (balance sheet, statement of income and expenses, notes) of the **International Pediatric Association (IPA)** for the year ended December 31, 2023.

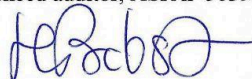
These financial statements are the responsibility of the IPA Administrative Office. Our responsibility is to perform a limited examination on these financial statements.

We conducted our examination in accordance with the Swiss Auditing Standard 910 Review (limited examination). This standard requires that we plan and perform the limited examination to obtain moderate assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement. A limited examination consists primarily of inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures applied to the financial data of the annual accounts and thus provide less assurance than an audit. We conducted a review and not an audit and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Based on our limited examination, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements, showing net assets of USD 2'019'898, do not comply with Swiss law and the association's articles of incorporation.

Pully, May 8, 2024

HP Révision & Conseil SA
(Swiss licenced auditor, ASR n° 503934)



Henri Probst
Swiss licensed audit expert

Encl . Financial statements (balance sheet, statement of income and expenses, notes)

INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION (IPA), GENEVA

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023
In United States Dollars

	NOTE	2023	2022	
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and bank balances	3	2,248,614	1,740,260	
Accrued interest		2,320	--	
Recoverable withholding tax		2,394	--	
		<u>2,253,328</u>	<u>1,740,260</u>	
<u>DEFERRED INCOME & LIABILITIES</u>				
Deferred income - GSK grant	4	217,935	60,000	--
Accounts payable		15,495	25,667	
		<u>233,430</u>	<u>85,667</u>	
<u>GENERAL RESERVES</u>				
General reserves brought forward		1,654,593	1,651,171	
Result for the year		365,305	3,442	
		<u>2,019,898</u>	<u>1,654,593</u>	
		<u>2,253,328</u>	<u>1,740,260</u>	

INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION (IPA), GENEVA

REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Note	2023	2022
<u>REVENUE</u>			
Membership dues	5	186,976	192,063
BMGF Serum grant		242,654	--
IPA Congress 2023, Gujarat, India	6	88,348	--
Sabin Grant		65,000	98,410
Vaccine Hesitancy Program		--	61,261
UNICEF – COVID19 study grant		3,616	--
Donations received	7	2,750	--
Interest income		38,898	3,126
Exchange gains		61,161	--
		689,403	354,860
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Programs and Meetings		224,521	232,318
Administrative expenses: President and Executive director		85,464	79,566
Donations	7	--	20,000
Geneva office		6,732	7,793
Bank charges		7,381	5,294
Exchange losses		--	6,467
		324,098	351,438
Result for the year		365,305	3,422

INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION (IPA), GENEVA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023

1- GENERAL

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- Promote development of knowledge in pediatrics.
- Hold an international congress in conjunction with other national, regional and international pediatric associations.
- Encourage meetings between associations working in different pediatric specialization areas and support such meetings as approved by the Board.
- Undertake special programs in children's health.

The registered office is at Rue du Purgatoire 3, c/o SIG Fidiciaire SA, CH 1204 Geneva.

The Executive Committee Board Members are as follows:

- Naveenkumar THACKER, President
- Jonathan David KLEIN, Treasurer
- Jospeh Haddad

2 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying accounts have been prepared under principles of accounting generally accepted for associations registered in Switzerland. The most significant accounting policies are:

a) Reporting currency

These financial statements have been prepared in United States Dollars as this is considered as the association's functional currency.

b) Investments

Investments are valued at their market value with any gains being taken to a revaluation reserve, whereas losses are recognized in the income and expense account.

INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION (IPA), GENEVA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023 (CONT)

c) Foreign currencies

All assets and liabilities in currencies other than United States Dollars are translated into Dollars at the year-end closing rate whereby realized exchange differences are taken to the income and expense account. All transactions in currencies other than Dollars are translated into Dollars at the rate of exchange prevailing at the transaction date.

d) Other assets and liabilities

All other assets and liabilities for which no valuation is mentioned on the face of the balance sheet or the notes thereto are stated at face value.

3 - BANK BALANCES

Represents unrestricted cash balances in United States dollars, Euros and Swiss Francs held at Credit Suisse, Switzerland and at Truist USA.

4 - DEFERRED INCOME

Represents the non-expended amount of grants received.

5 - MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues are accounted for on a cash basis.

6 - INCOME AND EXPENSES ON CONGRESS

The initial payment from the Indian Congress organizing group was made to IPA consisting of the initial advance funding of USD 100,000 provided to the conference organizers as seed money in 2022 returned at the current exchange rate less bank charges, totalling USD 88,348. Additional revenue from this Congress is expected to be received in 2024 and will be recorded upon receipt.

The next IPA Congress is to be held In Mexico City during May 2025.

7 - DONATIONS

In 2022 USD 10,000 were granted to each of two national pediatric societies in areas of the world suffering from severe disasters. These funds were allocated to support the national pediatric society and responding to the needs of their members and their population of children. Donations were also solicited in 2023 to support continued investment in disaster relief by IPA. These are recognized as restricted revenue and totalled USD 2,750.

International Pediatric Association (IPA)
Geneva

**Auditors' report on the limited examination
of the financial statements**

Year ended December 31, 2024

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Chernex, April 7, 2025

Horesman SA

(Swiss licenced auditor, ASR No 502224)

Olivier Jaquier

Swiss licenced audit expert

Fernand Donnet

Encl. Financial statements (balance sheet, statement of income and expenses, notes)

INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION (IPA), GENEVA

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024
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	NOTE	2024	2023
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and bank balances	3	2 045 373	2,248,614
Account receivable		45 850	--
Accrued interest		5 890	2,320
Recoverable withholding tax		6 540	2,394
		<u>2 103 653</u>	<u>2,253,328</u>
<u>DEFERRED INCOME & LIABILITIES</u>			
Deferred income - GSK grant	4	174 339	217,935
Accounts payable		16 295	15,495
		<u>190 634</u>	<u>233,430</u>
<u>GENERAL RESERVES</u>			
General reserves brought forward		2 019 898	1,654,593
Result for the year		(106 879)	365,305
		<u>1 913 019</u>	<u>2,019,898</u>
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INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION (IPA), GENEVA

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Membership dues	5	201 903	186,976
Immunization grants		489 766	242,654
IPA Congress 2025, Mexico	6	14 242	--
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Donations received	7	--	2,750
Interest income		53 775	38,898
Exchange gains		--	61,161
		759 686	689,403
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Programs and Meetings		373 632	224,521
IPA Congress 2025 – Mexico	6	368 502	--
Administrative expenses: President and Executive director		77 928	85,464
Geneva office		7 425	6,732
Bank charges		4 584	7,381
Exchange losses		34 494	--
		866 565	324,098
Result for the year		(106 879)	365,305

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The next IPA Congress is to be held In Mexico City in May 2025. This event is co-managed by IPA and the Mexican Societies (AMP and CONAPAME). Income and expenses already received / paid have been recognized in this year's income statement.