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Message from the President



Dear Colleagues,

The year 2021 is still a difficult year for children. Although there are vaccines available for the COVID-19 pandemic which has changed the daily life of all children especially the educational activities, vaccines are not distributed equally and not all children (even not all adults) have access to the vaccines.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) are the focus of the International Pediatric Association (IPA) because it is related to children, it is related to child rights, and it is related to health. So, access of all children to COVID-19 vaccines I believe is related to the achievement of SDGs in the perspective of child, child rights and health.

However, we are already dealing with other universal problems which are among the SDGs and are defined as a child rights crisis leading to many health, environment and development related problems, such as the climate crisis.

UNICEF's Children's Climate Risk Index report has just been released. The report reveals that 1 billion children are at 'extremely high risk' of the impacts of climate change, and this is nearly half of all children. It has been reported that

almost all children on earth are exposed to at least one climate and environmental hazard, heatwaves, cyclones, air pollution, flooding and water scarcity and approximately one-third of all children are exposed to four or more stresses. Children are more vulnerable and bear the greatest burden of climate change, as they are growing and developing and as they are the future.

Due to climate change we not only have extreme weather, toxic hazards and diseases but increasingly catastrophic droughts, fires and storms which also affects food and water systems. Although the 33 extremely high-risk countries emit just 9 % of global CO₂ emissions, only one country ranked in the extremely high-risk index among the 10 highest emitting countries which are responsible for 70% of the emission. Children in least developed countries are under most risk.

As the injustice for the reach of COVID-19 vaccines, climate change effects create another injustice. IPA, working for "Every Child, Every Age, Everywhere" to leave no child behind, calls all pediatric societies, pediatricians and child health workers to advocate against injustice in their local, national and international platforms. Besides working for sustainable solutions against climate change again in our local, national and international platforms.

The planet and children need every possible step for brighter futures.

Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu

IPA President

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From Executive Director's Desk



Dear fellow colleagues,

Ever since the COVID-19 pandemic, IPA has been keeping up with the advancement of technologies to accommodate the demands of information sharing and continuing collaboration with our partners and member societies from seven regions all over the globe. Therefore, it is a tremendous pleasure for me as the IPA Executive Director 2021-2023 to demonstrate our commitment to publish the IPA Newsletter three times a year by presenting the IPA Newsletter Volume 15, Issue 3, 2021, the third newsletter of the year 2021.

Being an official partner of the World Health Organization (WHO), IPA actively participates in events convened by WHO, gives recommendations, and consultations on their drafts in diverse health issues to voice children's health. In September 2021, IPA was honoured to present three live statements at the 74th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia. IPA further was given opportunities to write statements for the 68th Session of The WHO Regional Committee for Eastern Mediterranean and the 72nd Session of The WHO Regional Committee for Western Pacific in the following

month. At the later event, a recommendation on safe school reopening in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic was submitted by IPA. Several surveys also had been arranged by the IPA Administrative/Executive Director Office to IPA member societies in advance to collect data from certain regions. IPA representatives hence could create high-quality statements that accurately address children's health issues in each region under the umbrella of IPA.

In September, consultative invitations from WHO Global Coordination Mechanism for the Prevention and Control of NCDs (GCM/NCD) on the Work Plan 2022-2025 and from WHO on the Ongoing Intersessional Work on NCDs and Mental Health were promptly responded by IPA. As a pediatric endocrinologist who currently serves as the Governing Council of NCD Child and has extensive experience in this field, it is an honour for me to submit recommendations on NCDs, representing IPA to advocate for "Every Child, Every Age, Everywhere".

All of IPA activities above, including member societies events, are regularly posted in IPA Social Media. The number of followers on IPA social media platforms has been steadily increasing from June to September 2021: from 1,427 to 1,696 on Instagram, from 3,872 to 4,271 on Twitter, and from 11,848 to 12,432 followers on Facebook. Official YouTube Channel of IPA also has seen an increase of 2,000 subscribers in the last 2 months. Given our profound influence across the globe, IPA welcomes member societies, partners, and other international organizations to collaborate and reach out to the unreached through the use of digital information and technology.

Prof. Aman B Pulungan

IPA Executive Director



IPA Newsletter Editorial



As we approach the end of 2021..

Welcome to this last issue of our newsletter for 2021. Other than the usual reports from member societies and IPA activities, we decided to invite our Assistant Editor, Dr Abdulsalam Abu Libdeh who is a Palestinian to write about what is happening on the ground and how they are coping. It is time for us to reflect on what is happening in the world around us and try and sort out what the politicians have done to mess it up. As a reputable international organisation representing paediatricians and speaking for children's rights, IPA should speak with a clear conscience on any transgression of children's rights and dignity, everywhere and anywhere.

What we have learnt from COVID-19

Two years of this pandemic have shown us new ways of communicating, developed new technologies and evolved new business models and work processes that would have taken decades to be realized. Online learning, although not ideal for children's development, has become a norm in most countries. As with the survivors of the Spanish

flu of 1918, our children may have some psychological repercussions decades down the line that will be studied and documented by psychologists and psychiatrists of the future.

Alternative workplace or work from home (WFH) is another phenomenon that has a bearing on children's development. While many see this as a positive thing since both parents are at home, there are drawbacks too.

When both parents are busy on their computers, children are quite often left on their own with their own screen viewing. Exposure to television, smartphones and tablets are increasing among children(1). Paediatricians will discover this if they bother to enquire from parents.

The wearing of masks has had its fair share of controversy from the beginning. While many protest and shun it, there are others who have made fashion statements and innovations from this new norm. It has opened up a new area of business opportunities, and children's face masks are getting as fashionable with pictures of unicorns, fairies, princesses and superheroes.

In the beginning when the gold standard was the tight-fitting, industry-standard suffocating N95 mask, other standards like China's KN95(2) and Korea's KF94(3) have emerged as fashionable and comfortable alternatives. These adaptations are necessary as we step into a new world where masks will become a necessity when in confined public spaces, at least until we get the all-clear to unmask.



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Children's vaccination next

We are now starting to give children COVID-19 vaccines with Pfizer-BioNTech getting the approval to vaccinate 12-year-olds and above. The initial fear of myopericarditis documented in 67 per million doses among male adolescents has changed to acceptance when subsequent data showed these were mild and resulted in complete recovery(4). Although news of China's Sinovac and SinoPharm vaccines have been trialed in children as young as 3 years old, the publication is still forthcoming.

We are starting to see children who have received their vaccination, especially the second dose, coming with chest pain and palpitations. Invariably, there is a history of play, exertion, excessive onscreen games (till early morning) following the vaccination. Lest we forget, we have to advise children

and adolescents to take complete rest for at least two weeks following their covid vaccination to minimize this risk. This includes online and onscreen games that cause sleep deprivation, which is a stress in itself.

As usual, we hope you enjoy reading this issue of the IPA newsletter. We appreciate any feedback so that we can improve. We wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2022. Stay safe always and keep your distance.

Prof. Zulkifli Ismail

Editor-in-Chief

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Plight of Children in East Jerusalem

Structural violence & aggression during a global pandemic

The aggression and violence that has happened during a global pandemic in occupied East Jerusalem in April-May 2021 following on the eviction of Palestinians in East Jerusalem including Sheikh Jarrah Neighborhood will affect Palestinians children's health and well-being either acutely or in the future.

Eviction and violence removed Palestinian children from a safe environment, resulting in toxic stress, which can have a lasting effect on health across their lives.

The conflict would inflict both health and psychological trauma to the children as well as their families in the presence of a global pandemic of COVID-19, including the restrictions of the pandemic itself.

Effects on Children and the Health System

These recent events have brought anger and frustration, as armed conflicts have both direct effects on children's physical health and indirect harms through chronic fear, toxic stress and deprivation.

As a result, Palestinian children will bear a significant burden due to this conflict, including physical, mental, developmental and behavioral health (increased prevalence of posttraumatic stress disorder, anxiety, behavioral and psychosomatic complaints)

which will persist long after the cessation of violence.

Service delivery planning, health-care quality and patient safety are highly needed to promote improved health outcomes, to protect the right to health, to reduce access barriers to health services, and to improve the social determinants of health for all Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem.

Paediatricians' role

As pediatricians we are committed to the health and well-being of children everywhere, to ensure their rights, to safeguard children's health and well-being for a bright future for all, without racial or ethnic privileges and hierarchies, where all people can live as equals.

We urge to avert children's detention and abuse within this conflict, strive for a fair, equal and dignified treatment of our children.

Therefore, structural and political violence will continue to impose a heavy price to be paid by children, until it is completely dismantled, to have rights of protection and keep them safe from harm.

Dr. Abdulsalam Abu-Libdeh

Jerusalem





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IPA LEAD Graduation Week 2021: Child Health Emerging Leaders Program

The IPA LEAD: Child Health Emerging Leaders Program is a mentored leadership development program designed for early career pediatricians over a 2.5-year curriculum. With the aim to build leadership capacity among emerging leaders in child health from around the world, the IPA LEAD program stands for “Leadership”, “Engagement”, “Advocacy” and “Determination”. Over the duration of the program, the IPA LEADers have attended several workshops, in-person training and webinars that aim to equip them with the knowledge and skills required to drive improvements in child health.



Dr. Linda Arnold, the Coordinator of the IPA LEAD Program, explained in her address, “The idea behind the program is that pediatricians are uniquely prepared to talk about and understand the needs of children but we often do not receive leadership training. Therefore, IPA LEAD was designed to provide early career pediatricians and pediatric societies with the knowledge, skills and personal mentorship they would need to have a

greater influence on child health priorities. We are much stronger together than we are individually. The greater our numbers, the greater capacity we will have to advocate and lead improvements in child health.”

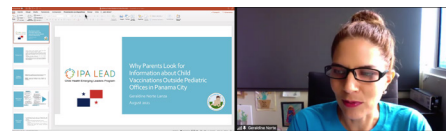
As part of the curriculum, the 14 IPA LEADers participating in the program were given the opportunity to work on individual projects related to child health. To celebrate the accomplishments of the IPA LEADers and officially bring the program to an end, a series of virtual ceremonies and events were conducted over the course of three days in the IPA LEAD Graduation Week from 10-12 August 2021.

Graduation Week: Day 1 (August 10,2021)

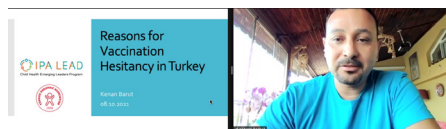
“To our young pediatrician leaders, as you are going to take posts and places in the future, you should work hard hand in hand under the umbrella of IPA and take IPA forward and forward and raise the flag of IPA higher and higher”, urged **Prof. Enver Hasanoglu** (IPA President) addressed the IPA LEADers on the first day of the IPA LEAD Graduation Week. Have a glimpse of the IPA LEADers presentations on their individual leadership projects below.



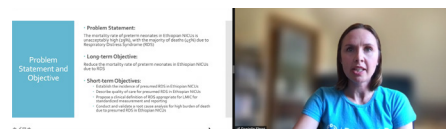
Dr. Smriti Mathema - Strengthening Vaccinology Expertise in Nepal



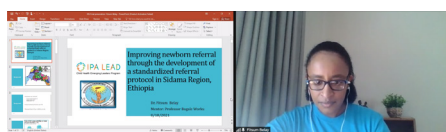
Dr. Geraldine Norte - Why Parents in Panama Seek Information About Vaccines Outside the Pediatric Office



Dr. Kenan Barut - Reasons for Vaccination Hesitancy in Turkey



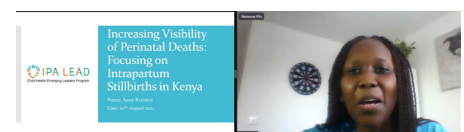
Dr. Danielle Ehret - Presumed Respiratory Distress Syndrome in the Ethiopian Neonatal Network



Dr. Fitsum Belay - Improving Newborn Referral Linkages Across the Sidama Region of Ethiopia



Dr. Santorino Data - Using PRISMS to Understand Factors Influencing Newborn Outcomes in Uganda



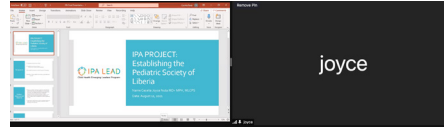
Dr. Anne Rerimoi - Increasing Visibility of Perinatal Deaths: Focusing on Intrapartum Stillbirths in Kenya

Graduation Week: Day 2 (August 11,2021)

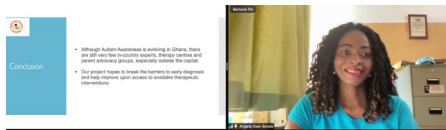
On the second day of the IPA LEAD Graduation Week, **Prof. Aman Pulungan** (IPA Executive Director) further left the IPA LEADers with the message, “Leadership is not a rank or a position to be attained. Leadership is a service to be given. Your cohort does not end after tomorrow’s graduation. But after this, all the children all over the world will be doing your cohort for you. So, you have to show the world what you have been doing. A leader can be inspired by the people that came before them, but a leader can inspire others. You have to inspire the people in your country.” The presentations from seven IPA LEADers on the second day are below.



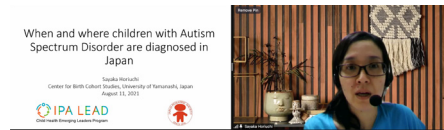
Dr. Sebastian Gray - Wellbeing for Paediatricians in the United Kingdom



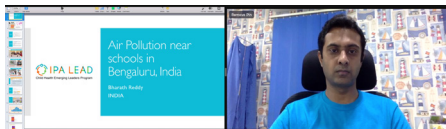
Dr. Cecelia Nuta - Establishing a Pediatric Society in Liberia



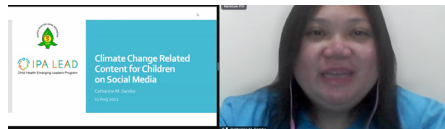
Dr. Angela Osei-Bonsu - Developing Standardized Care Pathways for Autism Spectrum Disorder in Ghana



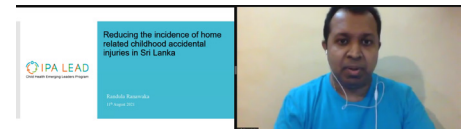
Dr. Sayaka Horiuchi - When and Where Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder are Diagnosed in Japan



Dr. Bharath Reddy - Air Pollution Near Schools in Bengaluru City, India: Time to Act!



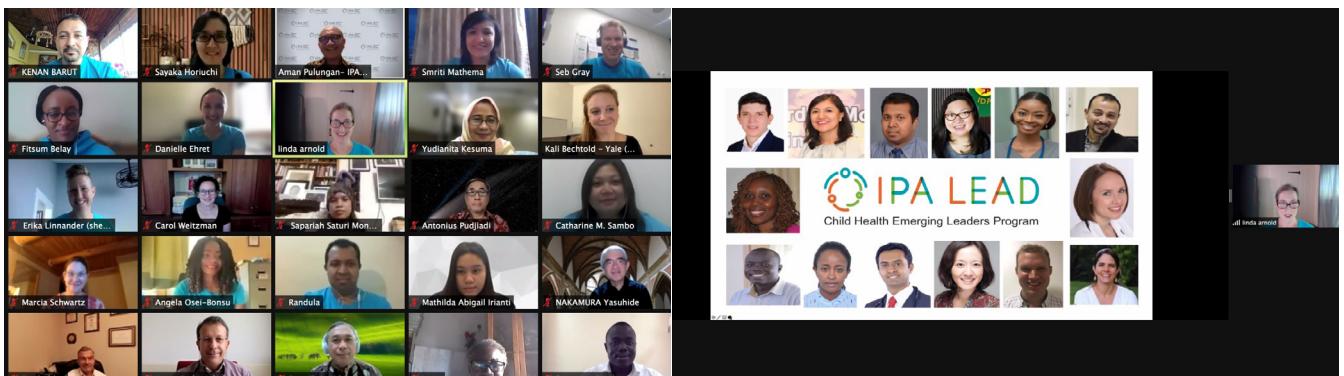
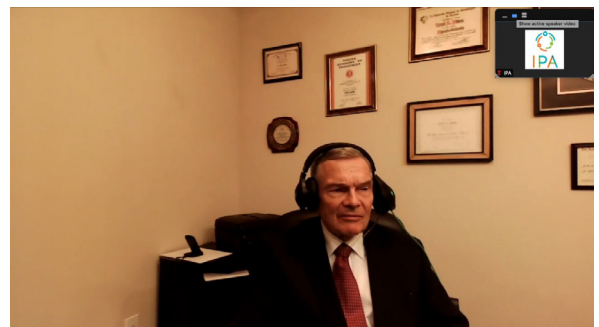
Dr. Catharine Mayung Sambo - Climate Change Related Content for Children on Social Media in Indonesia



Dr. Randula Ranawaka - Reducing Incidence of Home-Related Accidental Injuries in Children in Sri Lanka

Graduation Week: Day 3 (August 12, 2021)

The IPA LEAD program ended with the graduation ceremony. **Prof. Errol Alden** addressed his keynote speech to further equip the IPA LEADers with the wisdom and encouragement needed to further drive change and action. Each of the IPA LEADers were presented with their certificates and received well-wishes from their mentors in a heart-warming congratulatory video.



IPA Activity Recap

July 2021

The IPA Standing Committee (SC) Working Subcommittee

The IPA SC has created working subcommittees in order to optimize the internal work efficiently. The subcommittees work in parallel and report their work at the SC Meeting. The SC Subcommittees for the term of 2021-2023 were established in July 2021 based on the preference and expertise of each SC member. IPA President, Executive Director,

and President-Elect take roles as the ex-officio members in every subcommittee.

Each working subcommittee has conducted their first meeting in the July-August period. The convener and members of five working subcommittees of IPA SC for term 2021-2023 are listed in the following table.

Working Subcommittees of IPA SC	Governance, Finance, Policies & Procedures	Ethics, Evaluation & Awards	Membership, Alumni & Communication	Education & Advocacy	Strategic Planning & Development
Convener	Joseph Haddad	Abdulsalam Abu-Libdeh	Oswaldo Revelo	Sameh Shehata	Naveen Thacker
Members	Ashraf Sultan	Mansour Bahrami	Yasuhide Nakamura	Manzoor Hussain	Jonathan D Klein
	Adamos Hadjipanayis	Errol R Alden	Ousmane Ndiaye	Raul Mercer	Carlos G A Rivera
	Leyla Namazova	Adamos Hadjipanayis	Mortada El Shabrawi	Kevin Forsyth	Berthold V Koletzko
	Bakul Parekh	Bakul Parekh	Koray Boduroglu	Madeleine Amorissani Folquet	Sam Wong
	Abdulsalam Abu-Libdeh	Madeleine Amorissani Folquet	Enver Hasanoglu		Linda Arnold
		Carlos G A Rivera			Susan Sawyer

August 2021

IPA at the Consultation on the WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence

On 10th August 2021, IPA Executive Director, Dr. Aman Pulungan, represented IPA to attend the virtual consultation on the **WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence** - *Better Data. Better Analytics. Better Decisions* (WHO Hub). The WHO Hub will be established as a new global platform for pandemic and epidemic intelligence,



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creating shared and networked access to multi-sectoral data, surveillance and analytics innovation needed for all countries and partners to predict, prevent, detect, prepare for and respond to worldwide health threats. Oliver Morgan, the Director of the Health Emergency Information and Risk Assessment Department in the WHO Geneva's Health Emergency Program who has been leading on the technical development of the hub, presented the concept of the WHO Hub,

followed by discussions among participants. Dr. Pulungan raised an issue whether there would be any special program for pediatrics. Oliver Morgan explained that there was a gap of information both in younger age groups and the older age groups that they had experienced hence it could be very difficult to get information about different groups within the population during outbreaks and other infectious diseases events. He added that it was important to fill the gap and the WHO Hub allowed them to do it. The lively discussion moved forward with active participation from all attendees. It ended with the announcement that WHO will be proceeding with a more definitive planning on the work of the hub in the last quarter of this year.



Prof. Aman Pulungan (IPA Executive Director)

September 2021

WHO World Patient Safety Day 2021 Global Conference: "Together for safe and respectful maternal and newborn care"

As the leading voice for child health globally, IPA was invited to participate in the Global Conference organized by the WHO Patient Safety Flagship, entitled, "Together for safe and respectful maternal and newborn care", a virtual event conducted via Zoom from 14:00-18:00 CEST on 17 September 2021. The conference featured keynote addresses by global patient safety leaders and advocates, introduced global landscapes and stories from the ground on maternal and newborn health and safety, presented panel discussions on prioritizing safety in maternal and newborn care in the journey towards universal health coverage and the role of partners and introduced World Patient Safety Day Goals 2021.



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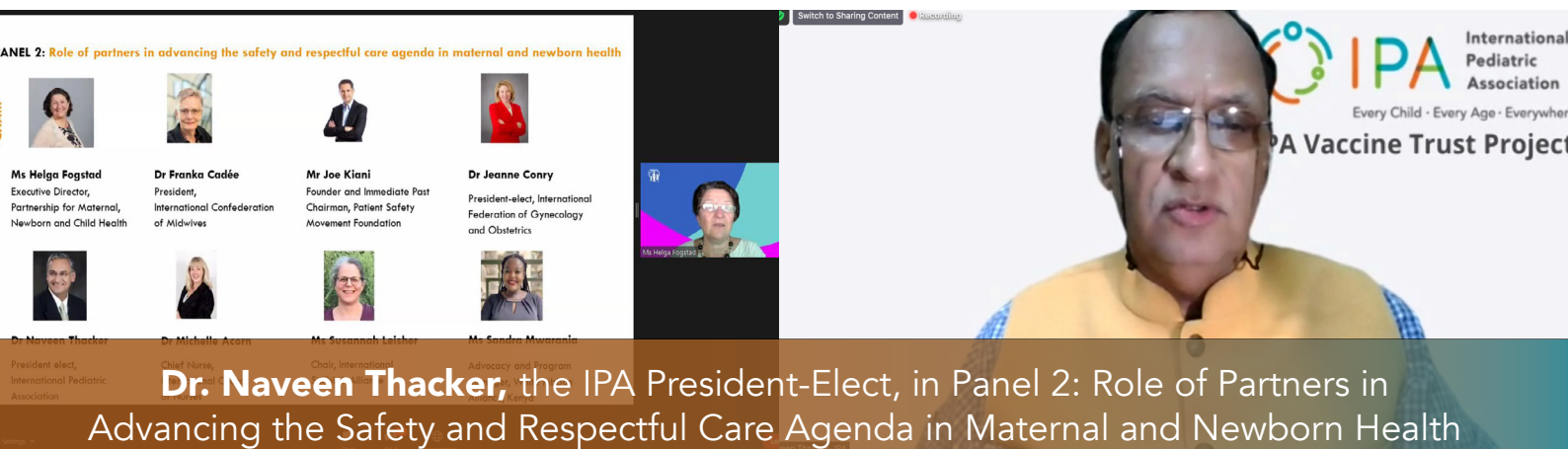
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As one of the panelists, Dr. Naveen Thacker (IPA President-Elect) shares IPA's positions, ongoing programs and plans of action with regards to the theme of maternal and newborn care, emphasizing the essential need to connect and integrate all newborn and child services with newborn care, whether for immunization, tobacco smoke, and other environmental exposures or mental health.

Dr. Naveen Thacker urged, "Now is the time that newborns should get their due place

in the healthcare system and the respect they deserve. In many parts of the world, a newborn is not counted as an independent person unless they are sick and get admitted into a newborn unit. As a result, important vital data related to newborn care are often not captured and monitored, which may result in inadequate planning and delay in care. Let us ensure the efforts and commitment to make every newborn count and get the safe and respectful care they deserve".



IPA Participation at WHO Global Coordination Mechanism of the Prevention and Control of NCDs Workplan 2022-2025 Virtual Consultation

On 23 September 2021, IPA participated in the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism of the Prevention and Control of NCDs (GCM/NCD) Virtual Consultation on the Workplan 2022-2025, providing comments on the work plan to be submitted by WHO GCM/NCD to the 75th World Health Assembly. With millions of children and adolescents globally impacted by NCDs, it is crucial that their voices be included in the global agenda for NCDs. Represented by Prof. Aman Pulungan as the IPA Executive Director, IPA urges the WHO GCM/NCD to include children and adolescents in the global NCD agenda, emphasizing the importance of access to medicine, newborn screening, prioritizing NCD targets and including the voices of children and young people living with NCDs.



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“If we want to decrease one-third of the mortality caused by NCDs by the end of 2030, we have to start right now especially in our children as they will be adolescents and adults by then. A lot of member states do not really think NCDs in children is a problem yet. We urge the WHO to declare that all

countries should start preventing NCDs in children, urging all countries to start newborn screening and guarantee access to medicine. We have to start with children. Otherwise, we are going to have a lost generation”, urged Prof. Aman Pulungan at the forum.

Global Webinar: Enabling Children to Grow Up in a Smoke-Free World: Policies and Practices

On 28 September 2021, the International Pediatric Association collaborated with the World Health Organization and ECD Action Network to conduct the Global Webinar: “Enabling children to grow up in a smoke-free world: policies and practices”. The webinar probed further into the Thematic Brief Tobacco control for children’s health and development and provides examples of how comprehensive smoke-free policies positively impact child health and development.

Prof. Aman Pulungan (IPA Executive Director) was honored to present “*Balancing the interests of tobacco companies with governments’ goals for tobacco control in Indonesia*”. In his address, he urged “We need to work together. WHO, governments, and stakeholders should support the tobacco control issues. IPA has to encourage all the members to share their experience on the matter and remind others where it is needed.”

Representing IPA in Partners’ Reflection Session, Dr. Jonathan Klein (IPA Treasurer) leaves the message, “The partnership

between governments along with that advocacy from professional voices can help address the integration of these issues. The role of IPA and the other global professional organizations is to help bring those partners together. With WHO, UNICEF, and other partners here I hope we will continue to be able to ensure that every child can grow up in a smoke-free environment, end the epidemic of nicotine addiction, and have a true smoke-free generation.”

The presentation slides and recording are available to be accessed through the link below:

<https://nurturing-care.org/events/enabling-children-to-grow-up-in-a-smoke-free-world/>

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IPA Statements at the 74th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia

As a leading voice for child health globally, IPA represents the voice of every child, every age, everywhere at the 74th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia on 6 to 10 September 2021.

On behalf of IPA, Prof. Aman Pulungan (IPA Executive Director) and Dr. Naveen Thacker (IPA President-Elect) voiced concerns, positions and recommendations from IPA to all delegates present. Below is the summary of IPA's statements delivered on specific agendas of the 74th WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia.

Agenda 8.1: Accelerating progress on prevention and control of NCDs, including oral health and integrated eye care, in the WHO South-East Asia Region

NCD in children needs to be a priority. IPA applauds the WHO's Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2013–2020, and the Global Coordination Mechanism on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (GCM/NCD). However, continued integration, focus and inclusion of child and adolescent health into the NCD agenda is essential. Action needed to address inequities in the prevention and control of childhood NCDs require time and commitment from a broad range of stakeholders. IPA urges WHO to initiate and implement programs that tackle the hard-hitting issues on the rights

and needs of children and young people who are living with NCDs, particularly in the South-East Asia Region where these types of programs are barely available.



- Live statement of IPA under Agenda Item 8.1 presented by Prof. Aman Pulungan. Read the full statement here: <https://ipa-world.org/page.php?id=416>

Agenda 8.3: Strategic Framework of the South-East Asia Regional Vaccine Action Plan 2022–2030 as aligned with the Global Immunization Agenda 2030

IPA fully supports the Immunization Agenda 2030 and is committed towards playing an active role in supporting Strategic Priority 2 - Commitment and Demand of Immunization Agenda 2030 and thereby contributing to Immunization Agenda 2030. As we have invested a lot in developing and making available COVID-19 vaccines, now it is time to invest equally in developing a robust communication strategy for strengthening trust in immunization systems and ensuring services are appropriate, understood, and accepted by communities making them more likely to be used sustainably.



IPA Statements at the 74th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia



- Live statement of IPA under Agenda Item 8.1 presented by Dr. Naveen Thacker. Read the full statement here: <https://ipa-world.org/page.php?id=417>

Agenda 9.1: Measles and rubella elimination by 2023

IPA applauds WHO's commitments particularly member states of the Southeast Asia region who have adopted the goal of "measles and rubella elimination by 2023"

and endorsed the strategic plan for the period of 2020-2024. With the ongoing battle against COVID-19, global childhood vaccination through routine immunization services have declined in a majority of countries as part of the many essential service disruptions occurring due to the pandemic. WHO and member states are urged to drive catch-up immunization in their respective countries to protect children from preventable illnesses, including measles and rubella by firmly embedding measles and rubella programs as a national priority, rectifying gaps in immunization coverage, and tailoring existing immunity gaps to local challenges, conditions and available resources. Read the full statement here: <https://ipa-world.org/page.php?id=418>

IPA Representatives at the 74th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia.



Left to Right: Prof. Aman Pulungan (IPA Executive Director, Indonesia), Dr. Naveen Thacker (IPA President-Elect, India), Prof. Manzoor Hussain (IPA Standing Committee, Bangladesh), Dr. Nina Dwi Putri (Immunization Expert, Indonesia).



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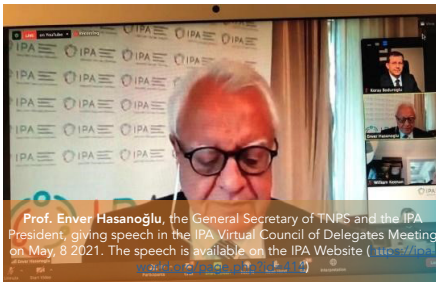
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Central Asia REGION

Turkish National Pediatric Society

TNPS Congratulates Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu, the IPA President 2021-2023

The General Secretary of TNPS, Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu, started his duty as the President of the International Pediatric Association (IPA). He was elected as the next term president at the election that was held in the general assembly attended by the delegates of all member countries in Panama in March 2019. In the IPA Virtual Council of Delegates Meeting on May 8, 2021, he was officially appointed as the IPA President. He is the second Turkish physician elected to this position after the founder of the society, Prof. İhsan Doğramacı, left.



Turkish National Pediatric Society congratulates Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu for this achievement and wishes him success in his work for the children of our country and the world in achieving the goal of IPA.

TNPS has conducted webinars with various topics as follows:

- "Diagnosis and Rational Treatment Approach in Cow's Milk Protein Allergy/ From the Perspective of a Pediatrician; Diagnosis and Management of Atopic

Dermatitis" on 25 February 2021

- "COVID-19 Vaccination / Anaphylaxis Diagnosis and Management in Children" on 31 March 2021
- "Fever Management" on 20 May 2021
- "Approach to the Non-Growing Child" on 27 May 2021

Other Activities

- On May 3, 2021, the online meeting, which was jointly organized by the Turkish National Pediatric Society and the Turkish National Allergy and Clinical Immunology Association, discussed the treatment of asthma in the light of the updated national guide
- The Child Health and Diseases Medical Specialization Board, which established under the leadership of the Turkish National Pediatric Association and the Turkish Pediatrics Institution, conducted the National Child Health and Diseases Medical Specialization Qualification Exam with 109 participants in a total of 11 cities and 15 centers in all corners of Turkey. We would like to thank our instructors for their hard work and wish success for all participants.





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Sub-Saharan Africa REGION

Kenya Paediatric Association

Early Childhood Development Advocacy Workshop

Kenya Paediatric Association partnered with the American Academy of Pediatrics to implement an Early childhood development Advocacy Project. The project seeks to leverage clinical expertise, patient experience and an expansive network of paediatricians to ensure national and sub-national health care systems are responsive and inclusive of nurturing care for early childhood development. As part of the project implementation, KPA held a 3-day advocacy workshop to train ECD champions

and identify national and sub-national priorities for advocacy.



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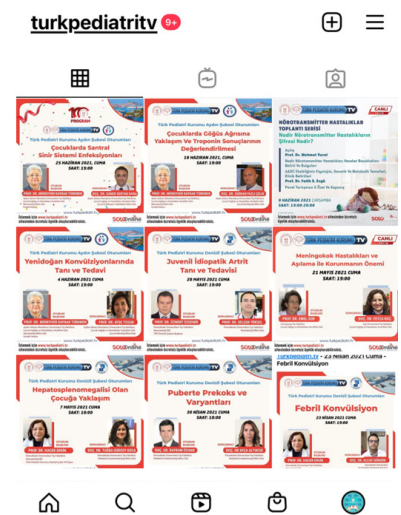
Europe Region

Turkish Pediatric Association

Education TV by Turkish Pediatric Association

As the Turkish Pediatric Association, continuing education was one of our primary missions. Therefore, an education TV was established in April 2020 as [turkpediatri.tv](http://www.turkpediatri.tv) in order to revive the disrupted pediatric education process when the whole world was engaged with COVID 19 pandemic. The number of these educational webcast programs in which expert faculty members in our country participated as educators, has exceeded 100 in a one year period. Some of these education videos have also been translated into different languages

simultaneously. These broadcasts reached over 15000 viewers, all of whom were pediatricians. Our video broadcasting continues as a weekly basis on www.turkpediatri.tv. Viewers can access old broadcasts from the same site.





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Europe REGION

The 6th Congress of Young Pediatricians

The 6th Congress of Young Pediatricians has been organized by Turkish Pediatric Association as a digital congress between 5-7 March 2021. There were a total of 28 sessions including 2 satellite symposia. The congress attracted 55 oral and 39 poster abstract presentations. 146 speakers were invited and total attendance was 1467.

Società Italiana di Pediatria (SIP)

SIP Campaign: #IoMiVaccino

Join #IoMiVaccino, the campaign launched by Società Italiana di Pediatria. Learn further about the campaign on the website of SIP (<https://sip.it/campagna-vaccini-covid-19/>).

Vaccinazione Covid-19 a mRNA: il decalogo SIP

Società Italiana di Pediatria has created an article against COVID-19 fake news, along with the short video, which can be accessed on the SIP website (<https://sip.it/2021/02/10/vaccinazione-covid-19-il-decalogo-sip/>).

#IOMIVACCINO
LA CAMPAGNA SIP

Società Italiana di Pediatria

"La vaccine hesitancy è stata classificata dall'OMS tra le dieci minacce alla salute globale. È importante che come medici, come pediatri, diamo il buon esempio, vaccinandoci per proteggere noi stessi, la nostra famiglia, i nostri amici e i nostri pazienti".
È per questo che la SIP lancia la campagna #IoMiVaccino

Società Italiana di Pediatria

VACCINAZIONE COVID-19 A mRNA: IL DECALOGO SIP

una GUIDA per SAPERNE DI PIÙ DIECI domande, DIECI risposte

- I VACCINI COVID-19 POSSONO MODIFICARE IL CODICE GENETICO?**
NO
I vaccini Covid-19 mRNA contengono un RNA messaggero che non può penetrare nel nucleo delle cellule dell'ospite.
- CHE EFFICACIA HA IL VACCINO?**
In base agli studi, due dosi di vaccino Covid-19 mRNA somministrate ad uno specifico intervallo temporale (una dall'altro, a seconda del tipo di vaccino) possono impedire al 94-95% degli adulti di sviluppare la malattia.
- LA PROTEZIONE INIZIA SUBITO?**
NO
La protezione ottimale inizia dopo 1-2 settimane a seconda del vaccino Covid-19 mRNA.
- QUALI SONO LE REAZIONI AVVERSE PIÙ COMUNI?**
Le reazioni avverse osservate più frequentemente dopo la somministrazione dei vaccini Covid-19 mRNA sono stanchezza e gonfiore nel sito di iniezione, stanchezza, mal di testa, dolore ai muscoli e alle articolazioni, brividi e febbre. Sono reazioni lievi/moderate di breve durata eventualmente trattabili con terapia sintomatica.
- LE PERSONE IMMUNODEPRESSE POSSONO RICEVERE IL VACCINO?**
SI
Non sussistono problemi di sicurezza per la vaccinazione di persone con immunodeficienza o in trattamento con farmaci immunomodulatori.
- LE PERSONE AFFETTE DA DIABETE, TIPODI, MALATTIE CARDIOVASCOLARI O ALTRE PATOLOGIE CRONICHE POSSONO VACCINARSI?**
SI
Non vi sono controindicazioni alla vaccinazione di soggetti affetti da diabete, tumori, malattie cardiovascolari o altre patologie croniche.
- È POSSIBILE RICEVERE IL VACCINO IN ALLATTAMENTO?**
SI
La plausibilità biologica suggerisce che in un bambino allattato al seno il rischio conseguente alla vaccinazione Covid-19 della madre sia estremamente basso, per cui la vaccinazione Covid-19 simultaneamente in gravidanza o con l'allattamento.
- È POSSIBILE RICEVERE IL VACCINO SE SI HA GIÀ CONTRATTATO UN'INFEZIONE DA COVID-19?**
SI
Non vi sono controindicazioni e non vi è la necessità di sottoporsi ad esami per verificare se si ha contratto l'infezione in precedenza. La vaccinazione non contrasta con una precedente infezione da Covid-19, anzi potenzia la sua memoria immunitaria.
- SI È CONTAGIOSI NEI PRIMI GIORNI DOPO AVER RICEVUTO LA VACCINAZIONE?**
NO
Si tratta di una fake news.

FAKE NEWS



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REGION**

Confederación Nacional de Pediatría de México

"CONAPEME's New Leadership"

On May 1, 2021, CONAPEME held the New Executive Committee Opening Ceremony. Dr. Marisol Millan-Lizarraga finished her successful 2-year period, after battling to accomplish CONAPEME's objectives in the Coronavirus era.

The new leadership is run by Dr. Jesus Gerardo Guajardo-Treviño as the President who will be in office until May 2023. Congratulations to both great Presidents!



*Dr. Guajardo, President.
Dr. Millan, Past President.*



*CONAPEME's
2021-2023 Executive
Committee.*



*Dr. Jesús Gerardo
Guajardo
President 2021-2023*

"CONAPEME's Virtual Pediatric Meeting"

Also starting May 1st, CONAPEME hosted a Pediatric Virtual Meeting with professors from Mexican pediatric state colleges, and different countries. Sessions took place on all five Saturday mornings of May, and it was a great success with more than 3,000 registered attendees.



*Dr. María Soledad Millán Lizárraga
Presidenta Ejecutiva
Opening Ceremony*



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Asia Pacific REGION

Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP)

IAP Annual Conference: PEDICON 2021



The most awaited paediatric conference in the entire South Asia, IAP Pedicon was held as a hybrid event in February 2021. The event was attended by a few hundred doctors in person and over 17000+ IAP members and other HCPs online.

COVID-19 Education by IAP

IAP spearheaded COVID education in 2021, forming a massive team of leading experts from across the country and conducting a blitzkrieg of 60 city-level Covid workshops within 100 days. More than 10,000 pediatricians participated.



We are fully committed to making high quality IAP education accessible to the vast medical education ecosystem in the country for free. IAP provides students of pediatrics and HOD cells direct access to leading practitioners and nationally and internationally renowned IAP faculty. Education for all, anytime, anywhere!

"Nurturing Care for Early Childhood Development" Project



IAP with support from UNICEF launched the Nurturing Care for Early Childhood Development (NC-ECD) Project with a well-attended workshop in March 2021. The program objectives are to:

- Help pediatricians enhance their skills in communication, build professional relationships with parents
- Popularize well child visits to coincide with immunization visits



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- Incorporate the practice of sensitization and imparting knowledge and skills to parents/ caregivers related to NC & ECD
- Develop a uniform system of monitoring growth and development of children and other components of NC

major regional languages and made available to institutions and medical associations across the country. The guidelines can be accessed freely via IAP website, <https://iapindia.org/guidelines-for-parents/>

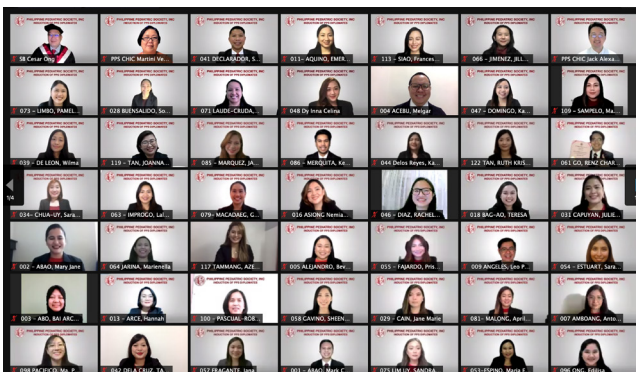
Guidelines for Parents Program

IAP under the auspices of the IAP Action Plan 2021 launched 101 Guidelines for Parents program in January 2021. Under the initiative, 25 Guidelines have been released thus far with a plan to launch 02 Guidelines per week starting July 2021. In the next phase these handy documents will be translated into 6



Philippine Pediatric Society

The Philippine Pediatric Society Induction Ceremonies 2021



The Philippine Pediatric Society (PPS) held its board certification in February and June 2021. In an effort to adapt to the new normal, the written and oral examinations were given virtually. Both examiners and examinees had technical runs to ensure that internet connectivity and audiovisual needs were satisfactory. Our Specialty Board announced

and inducted the 304 new diplomates held in two separate ceremonies. We are expecting more applicants in the latter part of the year from our 111 residency training programs throughout the country. The PPS continues to move forward and become technology competent. (Submitted by Maria Christina H. Ventura, MD, FPPS).



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Bangladesh Paediatric Association

Throughout the period of the devastating global pandemic, BPA Executive Committee along with the general members have collaborated tirelessly, not only to participate in the treatment of children affected by COVID-19 in Bangladesh, but also in assisting the Government of Bangladesh in devising the national COVID-19 policy, real-time paediatric case statistics gathering from all over the country as well as having numerous seminars, conferences and meetings amongst the members of BPA (both online and offline) to aid and assist in conducting the core responsibilities and activities of the organization in the field of child health in Bangladesh. Furthermore, BPA has paid a round-the-clock active role in monitoring the paediatric COVID-19 situation in the country and has constantly worked behind the scenes, in collaboration with the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) Bangladesh, to devise effective case

management and treatment planning for the children affected by the virus. BPA has also been able to collect and compile the statistics of paediatric COVID-19 cases from all over the country, which plays a pivotal role in successful case management of children affected with COVID-19.

A summary of selected activities conducted by BPA are listed below:

- **Research Grant Distribution Program on 7 January 2021**
This year, the research grant was awarded to 18 talented young researchers from different institutes from all over the country.
- **Training Program with Research, Training and Management (RTM) International**
On 28 February 2021– 11 March 2021, BPA provided technical assistance to RTM International in facilitating/moderating five workshops in Bangladesh on five workshops in various parts of Bangladesh. The workshops held were to develop/adopt guideline and training packages on Emergency Triage Assessment and Treatment (ETAT) and sick child management for doctors and nurses under the leadership of various wings of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) Bangladesh. A three days long training event was also held on ETAT and sick child management at inpatient following WHO pocketbook.
- **Webinar on “World Immunization Week 2021” on 29 April 2021**



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BPA conducted a live webinar during the pandemic in observance of World Immunization Week 2021.

- **E-CME on Meningococcal Meningitis** on 6 May 2021

BPA organized an E-CME on Meningococcal Meningitis in collaboration with Sanofi Pasteur.

- **COVID-19 Donation of medical essentials for the people of Nepal** on 10 June 2021
BPA Executive Committee and general members, as a gesture of solidarity and goodwill, helped raise donations for the pandemic affected people of Nepal and handed over medical essentials and supplies to His Excellency Dr. Banshidhar Mishra, Ambassador of Nepal to Bangladesh at the Embassy of Nepal, Dhaka.



BPA: COVID-19 Donation of medical essentials for the people of Nepal (10 June 2021)

- **Workshop on "Improving Newborn and Paediatric QoC (Quality of Care) Through Improved Availability and Timely Access to Safe Provision of Medical Oxygen in Selected Facilities"** on 10 June 2021
BPA organized a follow-up experience

sharing workshop in 2021 (on a training conducted in 2020) on the same topic to further enhance the understanding of the crucial topic for related paediatric case management among health care professionals.



BPA: Workshop on "Improving Newborn and Paediatric QoC (Quality of Care) Through Improved Availability and Timely Access to Safe Provision of Medical Oxygen in Selected Facilities"

BPA had previously in 2020 collaborated with UNICEF and various wings of DGHS Bangladesh to hold "ToT" (Training of Trainers) event to provide information to participating health care providers regarding the importance of knowing about hypoxemia and oxygen therapy in under-5 children, focusing on how to build the skills, among the health care providers, for identification and management of hypoxemia.

- **Stakeholder Meeting for "Tobacco and Vaping Control in Bangladesh Children and Youth"** on 30 June 2021

BPA organized the meeting with stakeholders on a relevant and important topic, "Tobacco and Vaping Control in Bangladesh Children and Youth" to help reduce or eliminate tobacco use within the community.



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