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Message from the President



Dear Colleagues,

We are half-way through 2024 and it has been a busy time for the IPA Admin Office and the President Office. Through this IPA Newsletter it is my pleasure to give you all a brief insight of what difference we are making for Pediatricians and child health through our work and what are the future plans of IPA for the coming months.

In past months, I have been proudly representing IPA at various events. I attended the two-day (27th- 28th April 2024) roundtable on Cervical Cancer Elimination organised by the Cervical Cancer Elimination Consortium- India (CCEC-I) in collaboration with the global HPV Consortium. We shared experiences from the IPA HPV+ Advocacy project in Nigeria and Indonesia. I attended the Advanced Course in Vaccinology (ADVAC) held at Annecy France on 6th -17th May 2024. We facilitated a productive small group exercise on decision- making for the evaluation and impact assessment of new vaccines introduced in selected countries. IPA is one of the sponsors and has representation on the ADVAC Scientific Committee.

On 26th May 2024, I attended side proceedings and participated in discussions at the 77th World Health Assembly at Geneva, Switzerland along with Prof. Joseph Haddad – President Elect IPA and Prof. Aman Pulungan – Executive Director IPA. I also attended the side event on newborn screening where I spoke about the role of Pediatricians and IPA in newborn screening. During the 77th WHA meeting, IPA had an opportunity to meet the key personnel of World Health Organization (WHO) and to discuss potential collaboration with WHO for the upcoming IPA Congress in Mexico. I attended the WHO-CS Working Group meeting and interacted with delegates from AMREF, IFMSA, ClimateAndHealthAlliance, WFPHA and ICN.

From June 2nd to 5th, 2024 I attended a Workshop on Advancing the NCD Agenda for Children, Adolescents and Young Adults in South Asia, in Kathmandu, Nepal. I delivered a keynote address on strategies to address severe chronic non communicable diseases in childhood, adolescents and young adults emphasizing that NCDs should be included in policy making. IPA commits to issue a call to action, drive campaigns and convene national stakeholders to support the childhood NCD agenda.

It was also my honour to chair (online) sessions for the Alumni Refresher Vaccinology Course (ARVAC) on 4th – 13th June 2024, and act as a panelist on the session “Update on Vaccine Confidence, addressing vaccine hesitancy and acceptance”.

Now we turn to the IPA Program Areas and Working Groups. So far, we have conducted 8 successful webinars from Program Areas and 10 webinars from Working Groups with the tremendous support of our staff at IPA President Office and IPA Admin Office. The Working Group on Childhood Cancer has been provided an opportunity to contribute to the London Global Cancer Week, 10-15 November 2024. Other updates on the Program Areas and Working Groups are:

1. IPA is planning to implement the ENC-2 facilitator update in Egypt, Nigeria and Sierra Leone to contribute to efforts to improve newborn health and well- being.
2. Work is ongoing regarding the IPA position paper on E-cigarette addiction.
3. The IPA Working Group on Childhood Cancer received a grant from SIOP to run an online course for all pediatricians. This course will be hosted on IPA's learning management system and will be available free of cost, self-paced, and will generate a certificate upon successful completion of an exam for all modules. Additionally, IPA plans to introduce a vaccinology course in the near future, further expanding its educational offerings.
4. IPA Working Group on Adolescent Health; Subgroup on Adolescent sexuality-CSE has released an IPA statement on CSE available on the IPA website.
5. IPA Program Area Committee; Nutrition Subgroup are working on the IPA position paper on recently updated WHO Guideline on complementary feeding in which we would acknowledge the recommendations we support, highlight concerns about other recommendations and provide alternative suggestions, in particular highlighting how advice should be adapted according to context which is critical given the wide range of circumstances covered by IPA members.
6. International Paediatric Association (IPA) Working Group on Access to Essential Medicines, Equipment and Diagnostics submitted a proposal to host a virtual side event at the UN Science Summit in September.
7. The IPA Working Group on Quality Improvement & Patient Safety conducted a needs assessment among the National Pediatric Societies on quality and patient safety to understand current status of activities, interest, capacity, funding and future plans. Over 26 countries responded and findings have been analysed to prioritise actions.

Alongside regular activities, IPA Admin Office & President Office are working on the IPA SC Meeting to be held at Casablanca on 9-10 August 2024 and IPA Congress 2025.

As President of IPA, it gives me immense pleasure to invite you to join us at the 31st International Pediatric Association (IPA) Congress in Mexico from 8-11 May 2025. Join us as we unite to explore innovative strategies, exchange invaluable insights, and foster collaboration towards ensuring the well-being of our youngest generations. For more information kindly visit our website www.ipacongress.org

I once again thank IPA leadership, member societies and our staff at IPA Admin Office & President Office for all the support to accelerate our work for the well being and betterment of Every Child Every Age Everywhere.

Dr. Naveen Thacker
IPA President



From Executive Director's Desk



Dear colleagues,

As we embark on another exciting quarter, I am filled with pride and optimism for the future of pediatric care worldwide. Our collective efforts within the International Pediatric Association continue to make a significant impact on children's health and well-being globally.

This year has been marked by remarkable achievements and milestones in various areas of pediatric healthcare. Our ongoing initiatives and collaborations have brought about advancements in neonatal care, childhood immunization, and the management of chronic pediatric conditions. These efforts are a testament to the dedication and passion of our members and partners.

IPA has participated in a number of significant events, including the 77th World Health Assembly, where Dr Naveen Thacker (IPA President), Professor Joseph Haddad (IPA President-Elect) and I met with key partners including the World Health Organization and UNICEF. To further expand collaborations between IPA and WHO, we met with Dr Anshu Banerjee, Director for the Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing at WHO. IPA also proudly co hosted the "Scaling Newborn Screening" Side-Event at WHA77 alongside CLAN Child Health, Yayasan Kesehatan Anak Global, International Society of Neonatal Screening and the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry. Through the IPA Programme Area Committees and Working Groups, we have organized dozens of webinars, initiated a number of surveys, among many programs, to advance child health globally.

Looking ahead, our focus remains on addressing the disparities in pediatric healthcare access and quality. We are dedicated to supporting pediatricians and healthcare workers in resource-constrained settings, ensuring they have the tools, knowledge, and support necessary to provide the best possible care for children. Our upcoming webinars, conferences, and training programs are designed to foster knowledge exchange and capacity building, especially in low- and middle-income countries.

With the IPA Congress officially being announced, I encourage you all to come and join us in Mexico in 2025. The IPA Congress is always a much-awaited event, gathering expertise from all corners of the world. Furthermore, I encourage all members to actively participate in our upcoming events. Your contributions are invaluable in driving our mission forward and in making a tangible difference in the lives of children worldwide.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the IPA and to the health of children everywhere. Together, we will continue to strive for excellence in pediatric care and to build a brighter, healthier future for the next generation.

Prof. Aman B Pulungan
IPA Executive Director



From the Editor



It has been a busy and productive first half of the year for the IPA, the Regional and Specialty Societies as well as the IPA Program Area Committees and working groups. In this newsletter you will be able to read about the wide array of education, advocacy, engagement and research that has been happening in many content areas. So much so, that there is little for me to add! Please read, explore and enjoy the amazing work of your colleagues all around the world.

What I see when I look at this body of work are the values demonstrated by paediatricians and their societies globally. The work demonstrates the investment of an incredible amount of time, energy, effort, persistence and academic thoughtfulness. Much of this work is done in a voluntary capacity, and yet is done because we believe in the outcomes it can achieve. At a time when there is much division in the world, it is wonderful to see paediatricians connecting and engaging across common goals and challenges, and coming together for children and adolescents who are most in need. From the great body of work which has been built around vaccination and vaccine hesitancy, to the focus on strengthening care for newborns, specific efforts on key diseases which affect the most vulnerable, and strong advocacy and leadership in non-communicable diseases and broader impacts on health, including homelessness and e-cigarettes. There will be a great opportunity to come together in person to continue these discussions, engagement and networking at the International Paediatric Association Congress in Mexico from 8th to 11th May 2025, and I encourage you all to take up the hospitality of our Latin American colleagues.

Prof. Amy Gray
IPA Newsletter Editor-In-Chief



IPA Congress 2025

Dear colleagues,

Greetings from IPA, Confederación Nacional de Pediatría de México (CONAPEME) and Asociación Mexicana de Pediatría (AMP)!

As you know, Mexico City will be the host for IPA's 31st Congress 2025 with the theme "Better Health and Well-Being for All Children Everywhere". The Congress will be held in Banamex Convention Center in May 2025. The Banamex Convention Center is an attractive venue, with ample spaces, many nice hotels nearby and good connection with the airport and other local attractions.



We will have an academic program of excellence, addressing the needs of the children and adolescents worldwide and will be joined by academic and opinion leaders from all continents in coordination with IPA, Mexico and Latin America.

Mexico City is a cosmopolitan city, with hospitality, global air connectivity, and many hotel options. You can enjoy our gastronomy, cultural traditions and open welcome. Culturally there are 136 museums, together with surrounding archaeological areas of interest; the Great temple in the city's Zócalo, Teotihuacan, the largest pre-Columbian city.

This World Congress of Pediatrics in Mexico will be an unforgettable event, exchanging knowledge and creating new friendships with colleagues from all over the world, under a framework of respect and equity. Pediatrics knows no borders and we will all meet at an academic event where our main purpose is to share tools to care for our children, regardless of race, religion or nationality.

As the co-presidents of the IPA 2025 Congress, we want you to know that we are preparing a very complete and inclusive scientific program, so you may hear and discuss with experts from all parts of the world the latest advances on the most important diseases and problems affecting children of all countries. There will be a special focus on prevention and long term well being.

Mexico City awaits you with open arms in 2025.

Sincerely

Dr. Ana Rosas-Sumano M.D. (CONAPEME)
Dr. Manuel Ángel Correa Flores (AMP)
Co-Presidents of the 31st IPA Congress 2025

Introducing the IPA Programme Area Committees and Working Groups

IPA Programme Area Committees

We wanted to share what our Programme Area Committees and Working Groups have been doing, and all but two share the latest news from this year below. Of the remaining two, the IPA Committee on Children in Humanitarian Settings has been busy understanding how to meaningfully respond to the many children in need globally, and The Working Group on Sickle Cell Disease will ensure the condition is represented well at the upcoming IPA Congress in Mexico.

1. Respectful Care for Every Mother & Newborn

Main focus:

Our committee has been putting on a webinar series entitled Race Towards Achieving SDG Goals, covering critical topics such as KMC implementation, feeding the small and sick newborn, reinvigorating newborn resuscitation, and the safe use of oxygen while preventing ROP.

- The presenters are experts from low-, middle- and high-income countries and include nurses and physicians, presenting to a worldwide audience of healthcare practitioners including midwives, nurses, and pediatricians, especially from low-to-middle-income countries. The objective of the series is practical information that can be easily and quickly implemented.

Overview of activities conducted: 7 Webinars done!

Upcoming activities:

- The Committee is developing key messages for Pediatricians globally, such as benchmarks for newborn screening and care which will be disseminated to all member societies.

- Every Mother and Newborn Committee members, with WHO, AAP and Laerdal Global Health support, will be providing training using Essential Newborn Care 2 (ENC2), including conducting field testing for WHO to assess the effectiveness of the training. This will help determine if we can effectively update facilitators remotely. We are very excited about plans coming together to hold these virtual workshops and update facilitators in Egypt, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria later this year.
- We have received 57 nominations for a Newborn Champion in different countries so far. Many have already let us know about their Champion, and we will be able to work closely with these individuals to identify the needs of our member societies surrounding newborn health and support them to move forward.

2. NCD & Mental Health

Main focus:

NCDs, the most common cause of morbidity and mortality at all ages, generally start in childhood, but are preventable. The IPA NCD Programme Area aims to address the health care needs of children living with NCDs and in particular diabetes, mental health and substance abuse, which are all rising in prevalence. Three NCD subgroups were established, aiming to:

- Promote access to optimum care, medications, technology;
- Empower paediatricians, health professionals, young people, their families and the public, regarding prevention, early detection, management and treatment; and
- Collaborate with national and international organisations including WHO, United



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Nations, UNICEF, NCD Alliance and paediatric organisations.

We plan to strongly advocate with governments and stake-holders for access to services for all children worldwide; particularly for vulnerable groups in limited resource settings (LRS).

Overview of activities conducted:

Diabetes Subgroup led by Dr Anju Virmani and Dr Feza Darendeliler

A very successful webinar on 'Diagnosing diabetes early and correctly' conducted in February 2024, open to all health care professionals and the public free of charge, was attended by >700 people. Stemming from it, a WhatsApp group has been formed, which provides for valuable continuing interaction on improving pediatric diabetes care, especially in LRS. A seminar on improving care in school is planned later in the year. In addition to many recent publications including one by Dr Pulungan on obesity, IPA representatives presented updates on NCDs at national and regional meetings, including the European Paediatric Association/UNEPSA/ECPCP Congress in April 2024.

Substance abuse Subgroup led by Dr Monika Arora and Dr Mychelle Farmer.

This subgroup plans to publish two review papers and a webinar.

- E-cigarettes and adolescents: A position paper of IPA will focus on highlighting the current burden and prevalence of e-cigarette use among adolescents. This paper will update Pediatricians and IPA members on current policies and interventions to protect adolescents from new emerging nicotine products and related addictions.
- Smokeless tobacco use and its impact on children and adolescents

- A webinar on substance abuse in adolescents will run in October 2024 to address these issues further and explore mental health topics.

Mental Health Subgroup led by Dr Upendra Kinjawadekar and Dr Arwa Nasir

This subgroup plans to organise a webinar and address mental health issues among adolescents, emphasizing the need to prevent suicide, aggression and low self-esteem. The group plans to promote positive mental health through interactive sessions and empower paediatricians to engage with adolescents effectively.

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.

3. Infectious Disease

Main focus:

- Develop educational resources on infectious diseases for pediatricians globally.



- Creating online training modules, webinars, and potentially a position paper.
- Raising awareness of new approaches to tackling infectious diseases

Upcoming activities

- RSV and Dengue:
 - Conducting surveys among IPA member societies to gather data on RSV.
 - Collaborating with national pediatric societies to raise awareness.
 - Addressing side effects of RSV vaccination, such as preterm delivery.
 - Inviting experts from other fields to contribute to discussions.
 - Addressing the new dengue vaccine in webinars and learning modules.
 - Writing recommendations or position papers on Dengue.
- Learning Management System and Webinar Platform:
 - Developing training courses on topics like fever, antimicrobial stewardship utilizing IPA's Learning Management System for course delivery.
 - Collaborating among committee members for course development.
 - Leveraging existing resources and modules from other international organizations.
 - Ensuring easy public access to resources through an online platform.
- Public Awareness Campaign to raise public awareness on hygiene practices, signs and symptoms of key infectious diseases, etc.

4. Immunization

Main focus:

- **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.

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.
- Research to better understand parental hesitancy, optimal dosing, timing, and coverage of HPV vaccination.



5. Environmental Health & Climate Change

Main focus:

- Advise the IPA on issues pertaining to toxic exposures and climate change
- Develop educational initiatives to reduce children's toxic exposures

The main focus is on 6 child health issues:

- Climate Change
- Household Air Pollution
- Tobacco
- Lead
- Unsafe water, poor sanitation, and hygiene
- Housing and vector-borne diseases

Overview of activities conducted:

- Assisted WHO to update the WHO Training Package for the Health Sector on Children's Environmental Health. This is available to anyone seeking training about the effects of environmental factors on child health. An online course was posted on the UNICEF website in April 2024: <https://ceh.unicef.org/resources/introduction-childrens-environmental-health-course>
- Participated in the WHO-Civil Society Working Group, which 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. Provided input through the Working Group to WHO for the UN climate negotiation process.
- Attended Expert Consultation in April 2024 to review draft of UNICEF's Global Evidence Report on Climate Change and Child Health
- Participated with WHO and UNEP in the Global Lead Paint Alliance, working to end

the use of lead paint around the world.

Upcoming activities:

- Continue the International Pediatric Environmental Health Leadership Institute (previously offered a Pre-IPA Congress six times) An 8-hour Pre-Congress Workshop on Child Health and the Environment is planned for the next Congress of Pediatrics. Pediatricians who successfully complete the workshop and pass an examination are accepted into the International Pediatric Environmental Health Leadership Institute.
- Advertise the IPA İhsan Doğramacı Prize in Children's Environmental Health
- Seek to identify a possible recipient to be awarded at the next Congress of Pediatrics.
- Hold a webinar on Preventing Childhood Lead Exposures in October, 2024
- Collaborate with the Brazilian non-governmental organization ALANA to update a manual on the benefits of nature for child and adolescent development. The aim is to encourage pediatricians worldwide to incorporate nature exposure into their practices to foster appreciation for the environment and combat climate change.

6. Education & Pediatric Workforce

Main focus:

The focus of this committee is on enhancing pediatric education and addressing workforce-related challenges globally. This includes advocating for pediatric healthcare, fostering international collaboration, and developing strategic plans to improve pediatric care globally. Additionally, the committee is defining its role to complement those of other organizations such as IPALA.



Overview of activities conducted:

The committee has conducted a poll among members to identify priorities, discussed potential webinar series, and explored topics such as differences in clinical care based on location, adapting feeding guidelines to local contexts, and establishing guidelines for interactions during international exchange internships. They have also considered broader themes like innovation in pediatric curriculum design, evidence-based pediatric education practices, and patient-reported outcomes research.

Upcoming activities:

The committee plans to organize webinars on various topics. Possible topics include developmental assessment of children, leadership training for pediatricians, and showcasing innovations by young pediatricians globally. They are also considering hosting a workshop/mini-conference over one or two days in the second half of the year covering topics related to pediatric education and the pediatric workforce.

7. Early Childhood Development

Main focus:

- Enhance pediatric healthcare capacities in early child development through:
- Capacity building
- Advocacy
- Educational support
- Research and collaboration with IPA member societies

Provide recommendations for programs, policy statements, and actions related to the early child development

Overview of activities conducted:

- Organization of webinars addressed to health
- First Webinar on Autism held on April 2024

Upcoming activities:

- Webinar on Impact of stress on Child development
- Developing an ECD hub with resources and lecture series about important topics in child development directed to pediatricians and caregiver.
- Leveraging social media platforms to create videos about child development in general and during crises in particular.
- Conducting a survey across pediatric societies regarding pediatrician's perspective on child development.
- Establishing a newsletter for sharing literature and activities.
- Scoping review on ECD in LowMiddle Eastern countries in progress.

8. Nutrition & Breastfeeding

Main focus:

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



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Overview of activities conducted:

Conflict of interest subgroup Lead: Dr Barbara Nalubanga

- Held 3 coordination meetings
- Reviewed literature on Conflict of Interest between healthcare professionals and Manufacturers of foods for Infants and Young Children.
- 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.

Obesity Management Subgroup Lead: Dr Louise Baur

- Five short videos developed for IPA and launched online in early March at the time of World Obesity Day. 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
- Via the IPA EC, endorsed the conclusions of the Lancet Commission on Clinical Obesity (the final version of the extensive Lancet report will be published in Q3 2024).
- Members are participating in the development of the WHO obesity management guidelines (ongoing)
- 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.

Technical Management Subgroup Lead: Dr Mary Fewtrell

- 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.
- 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.

Upcoming activities:

Conflict of interest subgroup Lead: Dr Barbara Nalubanga

- Obtain feedback on policies and practices influencing Conflict of Interest between Pediatric Associations in IPA Member Countries and Manufacturers of Foods for Infants and Young Children from Paediatric Associations, analyze the data, and write the report;
- Disseminate findings on the assessment on policies and practices influencing Conflict of Interest between Paediatric Associations in IPA Member Countries and Manufacturers of



Foods for Infants and Young Children;

- Develop a Plan of Action based on the recommendations from the assessment 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
- Develop advocacy and other communication materials and messages on Conflict of Interest between Paediatric Associations in IPA Member Countries and Manufacturers of Foods for Infants and Young Children.

Obesity Management Subgroup Lead: Dr Louise Baur

We still need to plan for:

- Report on support provided to strengthen implementation of WHO management guidelines
- Publications on implementing obesity management guidelines as agreed with WHO and in line with WHO rules and policies

Technical Management Subgroup Lead: Dr Mary Fewtrell

- We will design materials and/or activities for promoting breastfeeding education of Pediatricians based on the content of our position paper, according to the responses to the survey.
- We will write a position paper on complementary feeding, including practical, context-specific considerations.

9. Adolescent Health

Main focus:

- Advocate for including adolescent health care in the pediatric health care system globally.
- Educate and train pediatricians on Adolescent

Health and Medicine.

- Promote adolescent health education and training opportunities globally through collaboration with international organizations.
- Develop online educational resources and courses on adolescent health.

Overview of activities conducted:

- Subgroup on Adolescent sexuality-Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) has released an IPA statement on CSE on the IPA website.

Upcoming activities:

- 1-day or online workshop on comprehensive sexuality education.
- Certificate course on comprehensive sexuality education.
- Promote and propagate consensus statement on comprehensive sexuality education among member societies and media.
- Consensus statement on screen time guidelines.
- Online certification course on screen-time advocacy.
- Advocate dietary habits and physical inactivity among adolescents.



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1. Tuberculosis

Main focus:

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.

The Program Area on Tuberculosis realises the need for practical approaches 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 International TB Webinars & a Workshop for pediatricians.

Overview of activities conducted:

Some have already been described in other sections of this newsletter.

1. An International Society of Tropical Pediatrics (ISTP) symposium

This symposium was organized during the Annual Congress of the Kenya Pediatric Association in April 2024 in Mombasa, Kenya. Prof Rajeshwar Dayall 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.

2. An IPA webinar on Tuberculosis: Disease Burden, Roadmap and In-Country Challenges (Pakistan & Indonesia)" on 25th April 2024 and on the "Diagnosis of Pediatric Tuberculosis: An Update" on 4th July, 2024

Upcoming activities:

Upcoming IPA webinars on following topics: TB prevention, TB treatment, DR-TB and TB/HIV

2. Young Pediatricians

Main focus:

Our group focuses on pediatric trainees and early career pediatricians (7 or fewer years since completing their last training program).

We aim 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

Overview of activities conducted:

Our main activity this year is a bi-monthly webinar series on leadership skills.

- Webinar 1: Physician wellness and burnout by Dr. Alain Sabri. Moderated by Dr. Ivan Bambir.
- Webinar 2: Leadership and teamwork panel by Drs. Bhutta, Calle and Haddad. Moderated by Drs. Majdalani and Soans.



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Upcoming activities:

We are also working on a needs assessment survey to better understand our target group's unmet needs and challenges.

3. School Age Children

Main focus:

- To provide a comprehensive analysis of the global health challenges faced by school-age children, with a particular focus on the burden of disease, mortality, and morbidity, highlighting mental health and nutrition.
- To raise awareness and advocate for the health needs of school-age children among stakeholders, including policymakers, educators and healthcare providers,
- To update and enhance well-child visit guidelines by integrating the latest recommendations and data from WHO and UNICEF.

Upcoming activities:

In the upcoming activities, the IPA Working Group of School Age Children plans to:

- Develop a white paper focusing on issues concerning school-age children (5-15 years of age) addressing the issue of global burden of disease, mortality, and morbidity in this age group, with an emphasis on mental health and nutrition. The paper will also highlight evidence-informed intervention and delivery platforms in this age group.
- Create an advocacy PowerPoint presentation along with relevant educational materials or toolkits based on the above.
- Incorporate within the paper and PowerPoint, all relevant WHO and UNICEF updates, recent most validated systematic reviews updated well-child visit guidelines to include school-aged children

- Potentially, collaborate with groups like Girl Guides and Scouts for health messaging.
- Explore engagement with mid-career or early-career physicians interested in participating.
- Work with IPA and IPA Mexico Congress leadership to organize a dedicated session on School-age children and a side meeting of the working group in Mexico (May 2025)

4. Food Safety

Main focus:

The IPA WG on Food Safety is dedicated to advancing the understanding and implementation of food safety measures to safeguard children's health. Through webinars and the special issue, it aims to create a robust platform for knowledge sharing and advocacy.

Upcoming activities:

1. Series of Webinars on Food Safety:

The proposed series of webinars will cover various aspects of food safety, with a special emphasis on infant food safety. These webinars aim to enhance awareness, provide education, and promote best practices among healthcare professionals, policymakers, and the general public. The initial webinar, organized by EPA-UNEPSA, will serve as the cornerstone of this series, setting the stage for subsequent webinars.

2. Initial Webinar on "Infant Food Safety":

The Board of EPA-UNEPSA has committed to organizing and funding the technical aspects and content finalization for the first webinar in the series, titled "Infant Food Safety." This webinar will address crucial topics related to the safety of infant foods, potential risks, and measures to ensure the highest standards of safety in food preparation and consumption for infants.



3. Proposed Topics for the Webinar Series:

The following is a list of potential topics for the webinars, subject to evaluation and finalization by the working group:

- Contaminants in Infant Food: Risks and Mitigation
- Nutritional Standards and Regulations for Children's Food
- Foodborne Illnesses: Prevention and Control
- Innovations in Food Safety Testing and Technology
- Food Security and Its Impact on Child Health
- Role of Healthcare Professionals in Ensuring Food Safety

4. Special Issue on Children's Food Safety:

EPA-UNEPSA has also proposed and agreed to financially support the publication of a "special issue" dedicated to children's food safety in "Global Pediatrics," an open access journal by Elsevier. This special issue will feature contributions from members of the working group and other experts within IPA.

5. Primary Care Pediatrician

Main focus:

- Focusing on providing training and support for primary care providers, particularly in Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs).
- Making primary care more visible and highlighting the issues related to coordination of care for children.
- Empowering primary care pediatricians to offer comprehensive care.

Overview of activities conducted:

- Webinar on primary care differences around the world.

- Survey to understand the current state of primary care in various countries.

Note: The group is looking for new members to join, to help them with their work.

6. Antimicrobial Stewardship

Main focus:

- Improving awareness regarding Antimicrobial resistance among general public
- To improve antimicrobial stewardship practices among prescribers

Overview of activities conducted:

- **IPA-WHO webinar on "Barriers and Solutions in Combating AMR in Pediatrics: Country and Regional Perspectives."** Conducted on 23rd November 2023 during the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week with Dr Benedict Huttner (Lead for Essential Medication Lists, WHO Headquarters, Geneva). The representatives of different continents were Dr Vijay Yewale (Asia), Dr Zoi Pana (Europe), Dr Tom Murray (USA) and Dr Joycelyn Dame (Africa). Dr Dhanya Dharmapalan moderated the panel.
- **Video message on rational use of antibiotics** was released on the IPA social media by Dr Anggraini Alam.
- **Pilot study on ASP preparedness at country level** led by Dr Zoi Pana was conducted among IPA members in April 2024.
- **IPA- ISTP AMR Workshop** organised by Prof Nehal El Koofy, Dr Mortada and Dr Elizabeth Tayler (WHO) was held as part of 19th annual conference of Delta Union of Pediatrics 2024 in Alexandria, Egypt in May 2024.
- **Introduction and proposal for collaboration with Centre for Global development, UK.** A discussion was held between the two groups to seek areas of future collaboration on AMR.



Upcoming activities:

- Public Awareness of AMR through Cartoon stories is under preparation. An artist has been approached who has volunteered to draw the characters with an edited script. The project is led by Dr Nehal Koofy., supported by Dr Danielle, Dr Tom Murray, Dr Bernard Ebruke.
- ASP surveillance pilot study data and the potential for data collection through IPA networks has been discussed.
- Participation in monkeypox surveillance study, led by member Dr Zoi Pana, is supported by the European Union and aims to maintain a registry of monkeypox cases in children and adolescents from the 2022 epidemic and from endemic countries.
- Literature review on Mycoplasma pneumonia in children (Dr Zoi Pana, Dr Daniele, Dr Mortada, Dr Dhanya)
- Plan for Webinars for World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2024 in November 2024
- Fungal surveillance with proposed collaboration with WHO for a global registry of multi-drug resistant fungi like Candida Krusei in children.

7. Access to Medicines, Equipments & Diagnostics

Main focus:

The overall objective of the Working Group is to identify barriers and opportunities related to access to medicines in resource constrained settings and to develop and share strategies to facilitate sustainable access to pediatric medicines.

Overview of activities conducted:

This working group was recently developed at the suggestion of Prof Aman Pulungan. We have

had a first meeting with pediatric colleagues who have expressed interest in contributing: Dr. Kate Armstrong (Co-Founder and President of CLAN (Caring & Living As Neighbours - www.clanchildhealth.org and of @MATES4Kids (www.mates4kids.org)) and Jean-Pierre Chanoine (President of Global Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes (GPED – www.globalpedendo.org) (co-chairs), Dr. Abu-Libdeh (vice president of the Palestinian Pediatrician Society), Dr. Hepburn (Sick Kids Hospital, Director of Medical Affairs at the Canadian Pediatric Society), Dr. Muzzazi (President of the Tanzanian Pediatric Association). We are delighted that our small group has vast expertise in complementary areas of Access to Medicines.

Upcoming activities:

We are looking forward to a second meeting in the near future. We are planning to split our 60 minute-meetings between presentations (either by one of us or by an invited speaker) on topics that will help develop understanding and strategies and case studies. Where possible we will leverage existing conferences and meetings to address priorities relating to access to medicines. We welcome additional members interested in this very important topic.

8. Quality Improvement & Patient Safety

Main focus:

To promote and support high-quality healthcare services for newborns and pediatric populations at the last mile, accelerating progress towards the 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 sectors.
- 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 and nutrition care services.
- Support development of QI collaboratives 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:

- QI & PS working group has conducted several periodic meetings with members of the working group since September 2023
- The working group conducted a need assessment survey among the National Pediatric Societies on quality and patient safety to understand their present status of activities, interest,



capacity, funding and future plans. Over 26 countries responded and the report back has been analysed to prioritise actions.

- Developed the QI&PS work plan for 2023-2025 with clear delineation of feasible activities.
- Designed QI&PS webinar series and organized two webinars in March and April 2024 on the “Multidimensional Model of Quality” and on “Co-Production of Quality and Health” respectively.



Upcoming activities:

- Continue webinar series on quality and patient safety
- Develop self-learning online training resource at the IPA platform
- Develop a standard database for newborn and pediatric care including selected indicators for NCH
- Mobilise resources for undertaking collaborative activities quality and patient safety in newborn and pediatric care in selected countries

9. Polio Eradication

Main focus:

Main focus of the group is to Work closely with WHO and its partners of Global Polio Eradication Initiative to achieve the objective of Global eradication of both Wild and Circulating Vaccine Derived Polio.



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Overview of activities conducted:

IPA has formed a group of experts from different regions, who consented to work together to identify the areas where IPA could support GPEI. The group has met through zoom meetings. Subsequently two sub groups, technical and advocacy and awareness have met independently and prepared draft recommendations. Those recommendations were thereafter discussed in the group and the same were circulated through the President's office for comments/suggestions and amendments. The office did not receive any objections, hence stand approved (Recommendations are annexed).

One of the activities conducted include a webinar/panel discussions on various aspects of eradication initiative including nOPV2, cVDPV.

Upcoming activities:

Discussion of

- IPA representation in different Groups/ Committees/ Boards of GPEI.
- Develop Advocacy material (Posters, Cartoons) for different sections of the society, preferably in local languages.

10. Childhood Cancer

Main focus

The vision of the group is to harness the strength of IPA to improve awareness regarding childhood cancer globally, aligning it to the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC) to achieve a 60% cure rate for childhood cancer globally, by the year 2030. This will include a focus on:

- Education: To improve capacity of pediatricians and pediatric oncology trainees for early diagnosis of cancer, stabilization and early referral and to bring in uniform care for childhood cancer through all national pediatric societies

- Advocacy: To amplify the voice of all efforts to improve childhood cancer policy in member countries with IPA's reach to WHO, UNICEF and globally.
- Action: To commit to working through collaborative efforts of all stakeholders in cancer such as civil societies, educational initiatives of countries, professional organizations of pediatric associations etc.

Overview of activities conducted:

- IPA has been organizing quarterly webinars on topics which address pertinent issues including: essential medicines for cancer, survivorship, transfusion practices and paediatric oncology emergencies.
- GAP4Cure: Global Avenues for Pediatricians in Childhood Cancer Care and Cure: The working group has initiated a project on improving pediatric cancer related education for pediatric trainees globally through the Learning Management Solutions of IPA. This is a collaborative work with SIOP Education and Training Committee and has been selected for funding from SIOP.
- A survey of disparities in hematology/oncology education among pediatricians globally and implementing uniform training resources through the International Pediatric Association
- At the 77th WHA, IPA, along with participants such as SIOP (International Society of Pediatric Oncology), Childhood Cancer International, Intrahealth International etc., has proposed statements pertaining to childhood cancer under the banner of NCDs.

Upcoming activities:

Education

- Projects driven towards improving training of pediatric and pediatric oncology trainees



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and nursing / midwives globally

- Survey of how pediatric hematology oncology is represented in pediatrician training globally

Advocacy

- Collaboration with SIOP and St Jude Global; 2 organizations working towards the WHO GICC initiative and towards framing childhood cancer policies, working towards provision of essential medicines, essential investigations, standard treatment and universal health care in the countries under the fold of IPA.
- Collaboration with WHO – to showcase strengths of IPA in GICC and towards advocating better access to care globally for childhood cancer.
- Collaborating for children in disaster struck areas – try to develop an SOP

Action

- Collaborative projects and joint sessions in international congresses
- Joint statements, social media presence, webinars
- To collaborate with St Jude Global to contribute towards guidelines for resource adapted diagnosis and treatment through the existing ARIA guidelines.

Release of certificate course at IPA annual congress 2025

Our working group looks forward to the IPA congress which is being organized in Mexico between 9-11 May 2025. The Hematology Oncology and palliative care program has been prepared by IPA representatives with inputs from the working group.

The certificate course in Pediatric Oncology for pediatric trainees, developed by IPA in association with SIOP Education and Training committee will be officially released during this congress.

11. COVID-19

Main focus:

The group seeks to educate and engage pediatricians and healthcare professionals globally, fostering a deeper understanding of ongoing challenges and future directions in pediatric health amidst the pandemic.

Overview of activities conducted:

An IPA Webinar was organized by the group on “COVID-19 in 2024: Current Issues & Future Perspectives” on 2nd February, 2024

ADVAC Scientific Committee Meeting



Dr. Naveen Thacker participated as a member of the scientific committee in the Advance Course Vaccinology (ADVAC) Scientific Committee Meeting, which was held in Paris, France, from January 18 to 19, 2024.

TB Workshop

Grand Lecture

The grand lecture was held at the Department of Pediatrics, University of Indonesia. The lecture was streamed to the 15 Pediatric Training Centers in Indonesia by Dr. Rajeshwar Dayal, the Chair of the IPA Working Group on Tuberculosis. The event was attended by a total of 450 online participants from all the training centers spread across Indonesia and 70 in-training participants from the University of Indonesia. The event received was enthusiastically received, with much discussion on and offline.

National Workshop

The workshop began with opening remarks from Dr. Piprim B. Yanuarso, as the president of Indonesian Pediatric Society (IPS), followed by Dr. Naveen Thacker as the President of International Pediatric Association (IPA), and Prof. Aman Pulungan as the Executive Director of IPA. The event continued with a keynote speech on the "TB Elimination Strategy in Indonesia" by the Minister of Health of the Republic of Indonesia, Budi Gunadi Sadikin. The event started with a presentation from Dr. Rina Triasih, Chief of the Pediatric Respiratory Working Group of IPS on "Finding TB Cases in Children



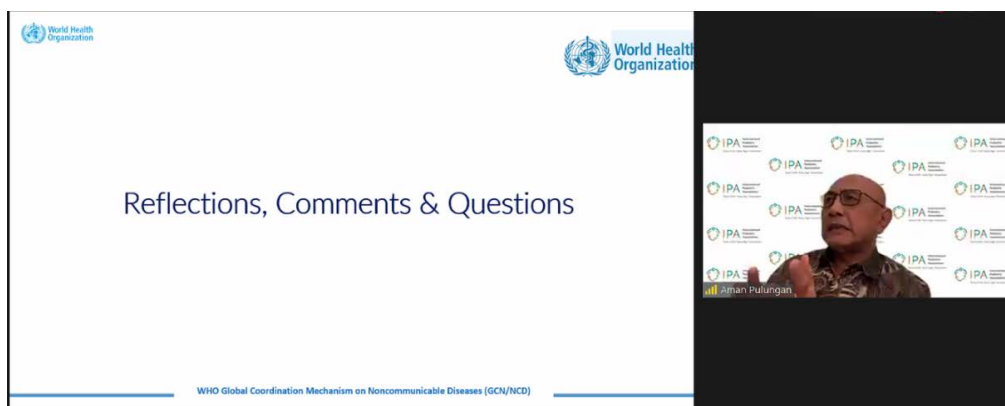
and Adolescents”, followed by Dr. Nastiti Kaswandani, Head of the Pediatric Respiriology Unit at the University of Indonesia, with “TB in Children: The Treatment and Prevention”. Dr. Rajeshwar Dayal, Chair of the IPA Working Group on Tuberculosis, shared “Extrapulmonary TB: How to Diagnose and Treat”. These were followed by a panel discussion on diagnostic, treatment, prevention and logistics. Dr. Madeleine Jasin, the moderator of the workshop, concluded the workshop highlighting that clinical diagnosis of child TB is challenging, and it is imperative to consider some risk factors of TB disease, including local TB endemicity because cases might not be as black-and-white as the textbooks say.

WHO Knowledge Action Portal on NCDs

IPA has established an account on the [WHO Knowledge Action Portal \(KAP\)](#), a community platform dedicated to enhancing NCD prevention and control through multi sectoral and multi stakeholder collaboration. We have been uploading resources and will continue to provide valuable materials that can be accessed freely.

Kick-Off Meeting of the WHO Global Coordination Mechanism on Non-communicable Diseases (WHO GCM/NCD)

Dr. Aman Pulungan, the IPA Executive Director, represented IPA at the meeting to lay out the roadmap for the second General Meeting of the WHOGCM/NCD to contribute to the preparation of the Fourth High-level Meeting of the United Nation General Assembly (HLM4) on the prevention and control of NCDs in 2025. He urged the inclusion of children and adolescents in the WHO programs and policies.





Roundtable on Cervical Cancer Elimination organized by the Cervical Cancer Elimination Consortium - India (CCEC-I) in collaboration with the Global HPV Consortium

Dr. Naveen Thacker participated in a comprehensive two-day Roundtable on Cervical Cancer Elimination. This significant event, which took place on April 27, 2024, was organized by the Cervical Cancer Elimination Consortium-India (CCEC-I) in collaboration with the Global HPV Consortium. Dr. Thacker used this platform to share invaluable insights and experiences gained from the IPA HPV+ Advocacy Project implemented in Nigeria and Indonesia.



Advanced Course in Vaccinology (ADVAC)



On 6-17 May 2024, Dr Naveen Thacker attended the Advanced Course in Vaccinology (ADVAC) held at Annecy France. Dr Thacker facilitated a productive small group exercise on decision making for the evaluation and impact assessment of new vaccines introduced in selected countries.

Workshop on Advancing the NCD Agenda for Children

Dr Naveen Thacker attended a Workshop on Advancing the NCD Agenda for Children, Adolescents and Young Adults in South Asia held on 2-5 June 2024, Kathmandu, Nepal.





Alumni Refresher Vaccinology Course (ARVAC)



On 4-13 June 2024, Dr Naveen Thacker chaired (online) the day 3rd and 6th session of Alumni Refresher Vaccinology Course (ARVAC) as a panelist and spoke on Update on Vaccine Confidence, addressing vaccine hesitancy and acceptance

77th Session of the World Health Assembly (WHA77)

IPA Representation on the General Assembly

IPA was represented physically in Geneva by the President, Dr. Naveen Thacker, and President-Elect, Dr. Joseph Haddad. Dr. Aman Pulungan, IPA Executive Director, also participated as the delegate from the Indonesian Ministry of Health. IPA actively supported the constituency statement on [agenda Item 11.2 Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases](#) coordinated by the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP). Additionally, IPA contributed to the constituency statement on [agenda Item 11.7 Acceleration towards the Sustainable Development Goal targets for maternal health and child mortality](#) led by the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC).

Dr Naveen Thacker (IPA President), Professor Joseph Haddad (IPA President-Elect) and Professor Aman Pulungan (IPA Executive Director) met with key figures at the World Health Organization, including (left) Dr Anshu Banerjee (Director of the Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing Department WHO), Dr. Queen Dube (Newborn Health Program Lead, WHO) and Dr Wilson Were (Senior Medical Officer, Lead Child Health Services WHO), and (Right) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization

IPA Partnership and Networking



1. Meeting with WHO Officers to discuss IPA 2025 Congress.

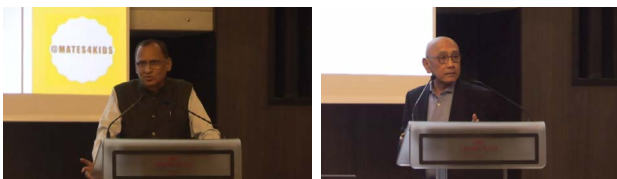




2. WHA77 Side event on Neonatal screening



Alongside CLAN Child Health, Yayasan Kesehatan Anak Global, International Society of Neonatal Screening, International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and the Ministry of Health Republic of Indonesia, IPA co-hosted the WHA77 Side-Event on Scaling Newborn Screening. This event was conducted as a hybrid event on Sunday, 26 May 2024. Professor Aman Pulungan, IPA Executive Director, was featured as one of the speakers of the event, speaking together with Mr Budi Gunadi Sadikin, Minister of Health Republic of Indonesia. In his presentation, Professor Pulungan shared about Indonesia's recent success in scaling newborn screening to reach 1.2 million newborns screened in a year. Dr Naveen Thacker, IPA President, was also present as a speaker in the event, delivering IPA's commitments to improving access to newborn screening for Every Child, Every Age, Everywhere.



More IPA Activities during WHA77



3. Dr. Haddad participated in the WHO Committee on Nutrition meeting that discussed the complementary feeding position of WHO and the need to open a forum of discussion on that issue.

4. Dr. Thacker participated in the meeting with the WHO Civil Society Working Group to Advance Action on Climate and Health.



5. Dr. Thacker had a meeting with (left) Ms. Helga Fogstad, UNICEF's Director of Health and Ms. Rajat Khosla, Executive Director of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), and (Right) Ms. Sandra Oyarzo Torres, the president of the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) and team.



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VICTORIA AWALENKAK AGWIAH (Neonatal Nurse Specialist, Ghana)
STELLA KYOYAGALA, MD (Pediatrician Neonatal Unit, Uganda)

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Organized by: IPA Programme Area Committee on Respectful Care for Every Mother and Newborn

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SURVIVORSHIP IN CHILDHOOD CANCER: GLOBAL CHALLENGES
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29 January 2024
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Moderators: DR SAQIB KHAN (Saudi Arabia), DR RUMEL BHAT (India)

Speakers:
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DR HELLOISA HUDSON (Indonesia) - GETTING UP IN SURVIVORSHIP CLINIC
DR DOLLY HOUR (India) - BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
DR RANA ZARAF (India) - CHILDHOOD SURVIVORSHIP PERSPECTIVES

Panelists: DR DINTA BHATIA (United States), DR MELISSA HUDSON (United States), DR PURVA KURKURE (India), DR RAJNINA SETH (India)

Moderator: DR RAJNINA SETH (India)

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Survivorship in Childhood Cancer: Global Challenges

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In-depth discussions on childhood cancer treatment, life after cancer, and survivorship conditions in different countries.



IPA Working Group on COVID-19 "COVID-19 in 2024: Current Issues & Future Perspectives"
SAVE THE DATE!
2:30-4PM GMT
2 February 2024

Moderator: VINAY VAMSHITHA (India)

Speakers: RAJ RAINARAYANAN (USA), TANU SINGHAL (INDIA), RAJEEV JAYADEVAN (INDIA), ANGRAINI ALAM (INDONESIA)

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Organized by: IPA Programme Area Working Group on COVID-19

Our prominent experts shared their experience in combatting COVID-19 and preparations and future expectations related to the ongoing pandemic.



Diagnosing Diabetes Early and Correctly: Saving the child with diabetes!
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1-2:30 PM CET
7 February 2024

Moderators: ANJU VIRMANI (India), FEYZA DARENDELLER (Turkey)

Speakers: OSKAR HOGUE (Australia) - Incidence and Mortality across the World; STUART BRINK (United States) - Suspecting and Diagnosing Diabetes; SUZANNE SAP (Canada) - Delineating the Type of Diabetes

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Diagnosing Diabetes Early and Correctly: Saving the Child with Diabetes!

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Addressed the topic of diagnosing diabetes early in limited-resource settings while also providing a WhatsApp group for discussions and resource sharing among healthcare workers worldwide.



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Implementing Kangaroo Mother Care

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The speakers, including pediatricians, obstetricians, and neonatal nurses, emphasized starting, strengthening, and promoting KMC in low-resource settings.

Physician Wellness and Burnout

Organized by: IPA Programme Area Working Group on Young Pediatricians

The participants showed great enthusiasm and found the webinar to be highly informative, offering practical solutions for physicians.

Multidimensional Model of Quality

Organized by: IPA Programme Area Working Group on Quality Improvement and Patient Safety

Featuring prominent international experts, this webinar discussed various topics including the importance of QI and patient safety in pediatrics with a focus on multidimensional models of quality.

Optimizing the Use of Breastmilk in Low-Resource Settings

Organized by: IPA Programme Area Committee on Respectful Care for Every Mother and Newborn

The third monthly webinar on newborns featured an insightful discussion on how the use of breastmilk can be optimized in low-resource settings.

Optimizing Nutrition for the Small and Sick Newborn

Organized by: IPA Programme Area Committee on Respectful Care for Every Mother and Newborn

Bringing the important topic of nutrition for the small and sick newborn, the fourth monthly webinar on newborns features key speakers from all over the world.

Autism Spectrum Disorder: Global Perspective, Challenges, and Opportunities

Organized by: IPA Programme Area Committee on Early Childhood Development

Explored the conditions and challenges in addressing autism spectrum disorder in each region.



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**IPA Webinar on Tuberculosis:
Disease Burden, Roadmap and In-country Challenges**
Thursday, 25 April 2024 | 2 - 3:30 PM UTC

Speakers

- "The Updated Roadmap Towards Ending TB in Children and Adolescents: Epidemiology, Key Oases and Actions"
SABINE VERKUIJL
WHO
- "Challenges Faced by Indonesia in terms of Tuberculosis"
NASTITI KASWANDANI
Indonesia
- "Challenges Faced by Pakistan in terms of Tuberculosis"
M. FAHEEM AFZAL
Pakistan

Moderator

- RAJESHWAR DAYAL**
India

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Disease Burden, Roadmap In-Country Challenges

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Discussed global TB trends and targets set by WHO, then explored TB program implementation and challenges in Indonesia and Pakistan.

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QUALITY IMPROVEMENT & PATIENT SAFETY WEBINAR SERIES
COPRODUCTION OF QUALITY AND HEALTH
Monday, 29 April 2024 | 1.30-3.00 PM UTC

SPEAKERS

- CO-PRODUCTION OF QUALITY**
PAUL BATALDEN
Sweden & USA
- IMPLEMENTING QI OF PEDIATRIC CARE IN LMICs: LESSONS LEARNT**
TAMAR CHITTHASHVILI
USA

Moderator

- RAJESH MEHTA**
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Coproduction of Quality and Health

Organized by: IPA Programme Area Working Group on Quality Improvement and Patient Safety

The discussion was an inspiring exploration of co-producing quality and implementing QI in providing pediatric care in LMICs.

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YOUNG PEDIATRICIAN'S LEADERSHIP WEBINAR SERIES
Teamwork and Leadership
Tuesday, 30 April 2024 | 2-3:30 PM UTC

Panelists

- JOSEPH HADJAD**
LEBANON
- ZULFIQAR BIHUTTA**
CANADA
- MARIA DEL CARMEN CALLE DAVILA**
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Teamwork and Leadership

Organized by: IPA Programme Working Group on Young Pediatricians

Prominent pediatric experts in international organizations shared their experiences in building teamwork and developing leadership skills for young pediatricians.



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**IPA Regional
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The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) would like to highlight key activities of our global work over the past few months.

The AAP is proud of its collaboration with the WHO in the development of its WHO Essential Newborn Care Course, the materials of which are now available online: [Essential Newborn Care course \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int/courses/newborn-care). The AAP, JHPIEGO and Laerdal Global Health collaborated on the development of an online learning platform, Helping Mothers and Babies Survive (hmbs.org), to promote remote facilitation of the WHO materials in development. The website has been recently updated to make the course materials easier to find and utilize. [HMBS.org Unveils Update: Streamlined Access to Programs on Helping Mothers and Babies Survive | Laerdal Global Health](https://www.hmbs.org/news/2024/03/20/hmbs-org-unveils-update-streamlined-access-to-programs-on-helping-mothers-and-babies-survive)



AAP Global Mentor and learner demonstrating skills during AAP-lead ENC 1 training of 30 Moroccan midwives.



Members of the Paediatric Association of Tanzania with AAP staff at their dissemination workshop.

The AAP, Operation Smile Morocco and the Moroccan Midwives Association are collaborating to implement the Essential Newborn Care

Project to improve newborn survival in Morocco. The project is utilizing the Academy's CRISP (Customized mentoRship and Implementation Support Package) model, which includes training and mentoring in the WHO Essential Newborn Care 1 (ENC 1) course, an updated version of Helping Babies Breathe. An ENC 1 training took place in Casablanca from 4-8 March 2024, where 5 AAP Global Mentors trained 30 midwives, 2 from each region of Morocco, in ENC 1. The midwifery facilitators will now connect with the Global Mentors virtually on a monthly basis for the next 6-8 months to receive implementation and facilitation support as they work to cascade the training in their facilities and throughout Morocco.

Announced at the CONAPEME/ALAPE Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico in May, the AAP will partner with CONAPEME on a commitment to literacy in early childhood through 'The Bridges to Literacy



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Project'. The joint initiative hopes to expand in scope the existing work of CONAPEME with its Doctor Lector program by linking to communities in six new locales.

AAP is partnering with the national pediatric societies of Kenya, Mozambique, and Tanzania to support their local and regional dissemination of findings from an early childhood development

(ECD) collaboration that took place over the past four years. In May, AAP led workshops with leaders and designated ECD Champions from each society to generate and refine strategies and plans to disseminate results to key decision-makers and the entire pediatric healthcare sector.

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APPA

The 6th APPA Executive Committee (EC) and Standing Committee (SC) Zoom Meeting



The 6th APPA EC & SC Zoom Meeting was held on February 18, 2024. The meeting was organised to discuss issues pertaining to APPA which include the update on the 18th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) to be held in Cebu, Philippines from November 14-17, 2024, new Editorial Board list of the APPA e Journal (Asia Pacific Journal of Pediatrics and Child Health), latest on Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on APPA Constitution Amendment and other matters.



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Consultative Meeting on Measles, Diphtheria and other Vaccine Preventable Diseases

A consultative meeting focusing on Measles, Diphtheria, and other Vaccine Preventable Diseases was held at the EPI Hall, Karachi, Pakistan on February 13, 2024. It was chaired by Dr. Muhammad Naeem, Project Director of EPI, Sindh, Pakistan.



The meeting was attended by among others, Prof. Iqbal Memon (President, Asia Pacific Pediatric Association-APPA), Dr. Muhammad Khalid Shafi (Secretary General, Pakistan Pediatric Association), Dr. Muhammad Amjad from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Dr. Ghulam Hussain Buledi from World Health Organization (WHO) and other distinguished guests.

The meeting concluded with a call for support from General Practitioners and pediatric doctors in sensitizing healthcare professionals,

strengthening routine immunization activities, advocating for increased acceptance of routine immunization, and enhancing coordination efforts.

Countdown to the 18th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) 2024

The 18th APCP will be held at the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel in Cebu City, Philippines from November 14-17, 2024.



The organizing committee is meticulously planning to create memorable scientific, cultural and social experiences for foreign and local delegates.

Congress Website, Online Registration, and Abstract Submission are Now Open:

The official website, <https://apcp2024.org>, is now live and serves as the virtual gateway to the Congress. Delegates can now register and pay online for both the Pre-Congress Modules and the main Congress. They can register and visit the Congress website at <https://apcp2024.org> or scan the QR code beside:





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World Immunization Week 2024

First Day of World Immunization Week, 24-4-2024

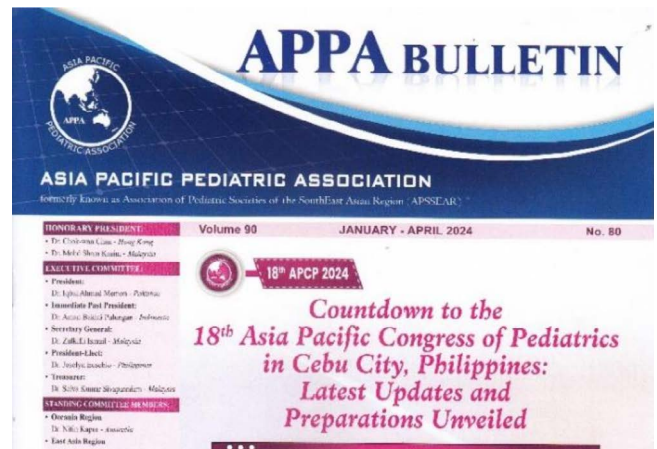
Faculty members, doctors and students from the Department of Paediatrics, Dow Medical College DMC/DUHS, arranged a Walk in collaboration with Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA) Karachi chapter, in conjunction with World Immunization Week 2024.



APPA Bulletin (Newsletter)

The latest APPA Bulletin (Volume 90 January-April 2024 No. 80) has been published and circulated digitally to all

APPA members and IPA Administrative Office on May 3, 2024.



Asia Pacific Journal of Pediatrics and Child Health (APJPCH), APPA e journal.

The new Editorial Board of the APJPCH has been uploaded into the APJPCH website www.apjpch.com. The Jan-March 2024 issue is now online.

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Latin America REGION

ALAPE

From May 16 to 19 we celebrated the XX Latin American Congress of Pediatrics ALAPE along the 55th National Congress of Pediatrics of CONAPEME. Under the motto “teaching caring and learning” this 4-day academic party received 9,700 participants from all over Latin América in one of the most emblematic cities of México, Guadalajara, also known as “the land of mariachi”.

Watch the recap here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpMK4qd00ts>

Over 17 pediatricians from ALAPE’s subsidiary societies among other international speakers from Texas Children’s Hospital, American Academy of Pediatrics, Nicklaus Children’s Hospital, Rady Children’s Hospital San Diego, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, Phoenix Children’s Hospital, Cook Children’s Hospital, delighted the audience with an enriching variety of conferences and workshops, including Neurology, Neonatology, Nutrition and Gastroenterology, Oncology, Outpatient pediatrics, Infectiology, Adolescence, Childcare, Pneumology, Emergencies and Intensive care, Prevention of non-communicable diseases and Breastfeeding just to name a few.

Assembly of Delegates.

In an atmosphere of camaraderie, Presidents, Past Presidents of ALAPE and assigned Delegates gathered in an ordinary Assembly of Delegates which took place during this major event. Led by Dr. Carlos Alonso, the reunion started through the presentation of

final reports of activities to conclude a very successful 2021-2024 term and thus give place to the elections where new authorities were chosen. They include President, Dr Marcela Fama Pereira (Colombia), Vice-President Dr Stella Maris Gil (Argentina), Secretary Dr. Rubén Ruíz (Guatemala), Treasurer Dr. Jorge Fabres Biggs (Chile) and members Dr Sarah María Vega (Perú), Dr. Ingrid Lizama (El Salvador), Dr. Marvis Corro (Panamá), Dr. Mónica Pujadas (Uruguay) and Dr. Jorge Carrasco (Chile).

Last but not least, Chile is ratified as the next host of the XXI ALAPE Congress 2027 and Peru was chosen by unanimous vote to be secondary host 2027 and host for our Congress in 2030.





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Europe REGION

EPA-UNEPSA

The 11th Europaediatrics Congress, the biannual flagship event of the European Union of National Pediatric Societies and Associations, took place on April 18-22, 2024 in Antalya, Turkey. The congress received unwavering support from the two most prominent Turkish pediatric societies, the Turkish Neonatology Society and the Turkish National Society of Pediatrics, who graciously hosted the conference. The presidents and numerous board members of these societies demonstrated their steadfast support through their presence and contributions to the lectures.

The international engagement of EPA-UNEPSA was further evidenced by the presence and lectures delivered by the most prominent representatives of prestigious international scientific societies and organizations. This included IPA President, Dr. Naveen Thacker, and the IPA Executive Director, Dr. Aman Pulungan, delegates of the Indonesian Pediatric Society and the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association, the director of the WHO Regional Office for Europe Centre for quality of care and patient safety (Dr. Martin Weber), the delegates and the former president of the Chinese Pediatric Society, the board of delegates of various North African pediatric societies, including Morocco, the president of the European Society of Primary Care Pediatrics, and over 25 presidents and delegates from European Pediatric Scientific Societies who attended the General Assembly.

The Congress was a resounding success in terms of scientific quality, personal and institutional networking, with an atmosphere of friendship and collaboration, and significant contribution from young pediatricians among the over 650 attendees. Training courses in emergency were

particularly well-received and it was a popular initiative among the young pediatricians.

The outstanding concluding lecture by Prof. Sir Terence Stephenson masterfully synthesized all of these Congress elements, particularly the high scientific quality, substantiating the substance of the lectures delivered during the conference with substantial content and meaningful imagery. The strong positioning of EPA-UNEPSA was keenly appreciated by all present, leading to several informal proposals for future joint meetings from delegates of various pediatric societies.



EAP

As the united voice of European Paediatrics and Child Health, the European Academy of Paediatrics (EAP) proudly represents fifty-three national paediatric societies and fourteen European paediatric subspecialty societies, collaborating closely with fourteen affiliated societies dedicated to Child Health. Our commitment is not only to act on behalf of our member societies but also to provide unwavering support.



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THE EBP-EAP EXAMINATION – APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!



Applications for the sixth edition of the **European Board of Paediatrics-European Academy of Paediatrics Exam** opens on **17 June, 14:00** CET and closes at the end of October 2024.

This pan-European Exam will be held on November 19th, 2024. The exam continues to serve as a cornerstone in harmonising paediatric knowledge and curricula across European countries.

Join EAP and Young EAP for the 2024 **Core Knowledge in Paediatrics Course** from 25-26 October or use the **EAP Learning** app to prepare for the examinations or refresh general knowledge. The upcoming course and exam in fall 2024 offer a valuable opportunity for continued professional development.

EAP STRATEGY DAY: SHAPING THE FUTURE

We are thrilled to share with you the highlights from our recent EAP Strategy Day held in Porto, preceding the EAP Spring Meeting. This day-long event was dedicated to reflecting on EAP's achievements, identifying areas for growth, and charting a course for the future of paediatric care in Europe.



At the heart of our discussions was the reaffirmation of EAP's mission to be the leading voice for paediatric health across Europe.

Representing 53 national paediatric societies across Europe and 14 European paediatric subspecialty societies, with close collaboration to a further fourteen affiliated societies dedicated to Child Health. We act on behalf of and in the interest of our member societies which we also wish to support. Read more [here](#).

EAP SPRING MEETING 2024, PORTO

It was such a pleasure to host 53 EAP Delegates and members at the Spring Meeting in Porto, Portugal from 11-12 April. There were wonderful debates, interesting thoughts and sharing of ideas from our interactive participants. The sessions were interesting and engaging. Read the highlights of this meeting [here](#).

REACH BECOMES OFFICIAL STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP OF EAP!

Meet the latest EAP Strategic Advisory Group, introduced at the General Assembly at the EAP Spring Meeting 2024: **The Refugee and Migrant Child and Adolescent Health (REACH)**! Together with you, our members, we are embarking on a transformative journey to address the unique healthcare needs of refugee and migrant children across Europe.

REACH aims to initiate and establish a sustainable network of caregivers and health workers dedicated to the well-being of refugee and migrant children. The group's vision is that across Europe, migrants and refugees receive equitable quality of health care compared to their local peers, both in terms of access to and continuity of care. Read the full article [here](#).



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Keep an eye on EAP's website for [new publications](#) and initiatives that EAP is involved in: [Vaccinate your Child Campaign](#), [Core-MD project](#), [ImmuHubs](#), [RIVER EU](#) (project on vaccine equity) & [IMMUNION](#).

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Central Asia REGION

UNPSTR

The 7th "A Day of a Pediatrician" Educational Meeting was held from April 18-21, 2024, in the historic city of Kyrenia, Northern Cyprus, in collaboration with Türkiye, Azerbaijan, and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Pediatric Societies which are all members of the UNPSTR.

With many esteemed speakers, the event covered the latest developments in child health and pediatrics. This information provided a great opportunity for both professional and personal development for the participants.

This meeting, led by Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu, greatly contributed to the strengthening of international friendships and collaborations, in addition to professional knowledge sharing.



Participants of the meeting from Azerbaijan, Türkiye and Northern Cyprus Turkish Republic.



International Subspecialty Pediatric Societies

FISPGHAN

The ESPGHAN Annual Congress in Vienna, organized again as a hybrid meeting, hosted 4.323 participants of which 3941 were onsite and 382 online. The participants came from 104 countries, reflecting the international nature of the Congress. The meeting was preceded by a day of educational postgraduate activities in gastroenterology, hepatology, and nutrition, and a separate course for the Allied Health Professionals, which saw over 530 registrants. 18 ESPGHAN Working groups held their meetings adjacently, reflecting the wealth of activities within the Society. A joint session with LASPGHAN was realised for the first time, and a newly established Motility Learning Zone proved popular, and was well attended. A record number of submitted (1,354) and accepted abstracts (1,211) were presented in various forms depending on their scores, starting with the usually best-attended session of the highest-scored works.

ESPGHAN activities are not limited to Congress. The 18 working groups are the most active part of the Society, providing evidence-based guidelines, and position papers, while the various ESPGHAN grants nurture a broad and intensive scientific activity. Finally, in the last year of educational events there were 14 events



with approximately 500 delegates, 21 webinars held with 840 attendees, and above all approximately 2000 participants finished the MOOC (Massive Online Open Course) on Enteral Nutrition.

Look forward to meet in Buenos Aires for our 7th WCPGHAN

<https://www.wcpghan2024.org/index.php>

SIOP

The International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) is championing the mission that No Child Should Die of Cancer. In doing so, it is also actively promoting overall child health with a focus on Non-

Communicable Diseases (NCDs). At the [WHO Executive Board in January 2024](#), SIOP delivered a statement on the urgency of curbing under-5 mortality and highlighted the role of the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC) in advancing towards this goal. SIOP also contributed to a grouped statement on NCDs emphasizing the multiplier benefits of investing in 'Best Buy' interventions, which include childhood cancer.

Childhood cancer is the only child-specific NCD among the policy options/cost-effective interventions that underpin Objective 4 ['To strengthen and orient health systems to address the prevention and control of NCDs... through people-centred primary health care and UHC'] of the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013–2030. SIOP advocates for strengthening overarching health systems – in particular for child health and NCD care delivery - by investing in childhood cancer.

The IPA community can play an important role in furthering this message at upcoming WHO and other global health policy fora. SIOP invites all interested parties to get in contact for opportunities to join efforts: advocacy@siop-online.org.



In February 2024, SIOP focused on unveiling the challenges faced by children with cancer through their [International Childhood Cancer Day](#) (Feb 14) advocacy campaign. This campaign, a collaborative effort with Childhood Cancer International (CCI), aims to highlight and address the inequalities and obstacles encountered by childhood cancer patients, their families, and healthcare professionals. The three-year initiative will progress through identifying challenges, inspiring actionable solutions in 2025, and demonstrating the impact of these efforts by 2026. This comprehensive approach aims to improve global access to treatment and care for all children with cancer.

WOFAPS

WOFAPS Participation in AAPS 2024 Conference

The World Federation of Associations of Pediatric Surgeons (WOFAPS) participated in the Asian Association of Pediatric Surgeons (AAPS) 2024 conference, held from April 27 to 30, 2024, in Hong Kong at the Hong Kong Ocean Park Marriott Hotel. This significant event gathered pediatric surgery professionals globally.



WOFAPS highlighted its commitment to enhancing global pediatric surgical education and fostering international collaboration. The conference featured a pre-Congress workshop on Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS), which provided hands-on training and practical insights into the latest MIS techniques aimed at improving participant skills and patient care.

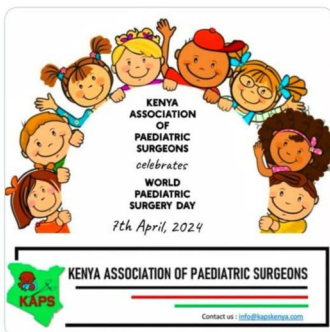
The comprehensive scientific program included presentations, panel discussions, and keynote speeches by leading experts. Attendees engaged with cutting-edge research, innovative surgical practices, and reviews of current challenges and advancements in areas such as neonatal surgery, oncology, and trauma care.



In addition to educational and scientific sessions, the conference hosted social events designed to facilitate networking and foster professional relationships among pediatric surgeons, researchers, and healthcare professionals. These interactions were crucial for exchanging ideas, discussing potential collaborations, and strengthening the global pediatric surgical community.

WOFAPS's participation underscored its dedication to promoting excellence in pediatric surgery worldwide. By engaging in such conferences, WOFAPS supports the advancement of surgical education and practice, ultimately benefiting children requiring surgical care globally. For more information, visit the [AAPS 2024 website](#).

Inaugural World Pediatric Surgery Day



The inaugural World Pediatric Surgery Day was celebrated worldwide on April 7, 2024, marking a significant milestone in raising awareness about pediatric surgery and the need for specialized surgical care for children. Various global events highlighted the contributions of pediatric surgeons and promoted advancements in the field to ensure better health outcomes for children.



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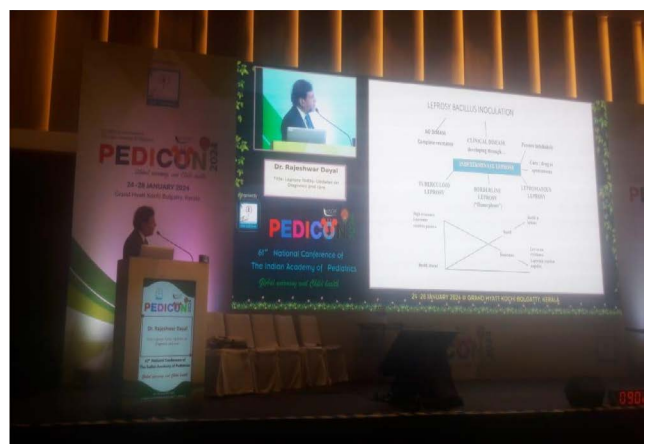
January 2024

In January 2024, the ISTP participated in the annual national conference of Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) PEDICON, Kochin, Kerala where a guest lecture on leprosy was delivered by Prof. Rajeshwar Dayal, President, ISTP enriching the conference's discourse.



Additionally, Prof. Manzoor Hussain, a member of the Standing Committee of ISTP delivered a guest lecture on "Pediatric COVID-19 Experience in Bangladesh".

Dr. Vasant Khalatkar, Vice President ISTP, also delivered a guest lecture during PEDICON 2024. Prof. Rajeshwar Dayal was elected as a member of the prestigious ACVIP (Advisory Committee on Vaccination and Immunization Practices) of IAP for period 2024 to 2026.



February, 2024

On February 1, 2024, the Philippines chapter of ISTP held a Zoom meeting under the chairmanship of Prof Lulu Bravo, Executive Director ISTP & Prof Rajeshwar Dayal President ISTP. During this meeting, they consulted with Dr. Rajeshwar Dayal, a respected figure in the field of tropical pediatrics, on strategies to revive the Philippine Chapter of ISTP. This initial meeting laid the groundwork for a series of activities aimed at strengthening the organization's presence and impact. All their activities are under the guidance of Prof. Lulu Bravo, Executive Director of ISTP.



March 2024

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 TB." 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.

On March 12, 2024, the new set of officers in the Philippines Chapter, led by Dr. Cynthia Aguirre, President, Philippines Chapter formally took their oath of office in a ceremony administered by Prof. Rajeshwar Dayal & ED. This marked the beginning of a new era for the ISTP-Philippine Chapter, with a renewed commitment to its mission of promoting child health in tropical regions.

April 2024



On April 5, 2024, the ISTP organized a Zoom meeting for its chapters to facilitate coordination and planning. This meeting was Chaired by Prof. Lulu Bravo.

On April 19, 2024, the ISTP held a symposium during the Annual Congress of the Kenya

Pediatric Association in Mombasa, Kenya. Prof. Rajeshwar Dayal attended the congress in person and delivered a lecture on "Perspectives of TB in the Tropics." Dr. Annette Baine and Dr. Christine

Chege presented on "Current Interventions in Neonatology with Public Health Impact" and "Trends in Immunization Coverage in Africa," respectively. The symposium was inaugurated by H.E. Musalis Mudavadi, Minister for Foreign & Diaspora Affairs, and attended by approximately 500 participants.



In celebration of World Immunization Week (April 24-30, 2024), the ISTP's Philippine Chapter organized a Zoom event titled "Conversations on Vaccine Hesitancy and Dengue Vaccines" on April 30, 2024. Prof. Mortada, Past President of ISTP & Prof Nehal Koofi, member Standing Committee of ISTP were also part of the panelists of the event.



On the same day, ISTP-Philippine Chapter organized its first webinar titled “Conversations on Vaccine Hesitancy and Dengue Vaccines,” addressing critical issues related to child health in the Philippines. It provided a platform for experts and stakeholders to discuss the challenges of vaccine hesitancy and the potential of dengue vaccines to protect children from this debilitating disease.

Activities of Egyptian Chapter of ISTP:

1. Prof. Mortada past president ISTP conducted a webinar on Immunization Practices during the Immunization week in April, 2024
2. Prof Nehal El Koofi & Prof. Michael Krawinkel, both members of Standing Committee of ISTP, have designed a “Pediatric Clinical Nutrition Diploma course of ISTP”. The 12 modules course comprehensively covers the subject. It will be rolled out shortly.

ISSOP

The International Society for Social Pediatrics and Child Health, ISSOP is a non-profit, interdisciplinary, non-governmental organisation grounded in the principles of child rights, equity, and social justice—focused on addressing critical regional and global issues impacting the health and well-being of children and youth.

Initially established as a membership society, ISSOP

has come to understand the important role to be played as a convening organisation committed to global interdisciplinary collaboration. In this respect it has expanded its connections with NGO’s and global Institutions such as IPSCAN, Child Rights Connect, UNICEF, WHO, ALAPE, APPA, UNAPSA and IPA. Within IPA, ISSOP presides over the Committee on Social Pediatrics and Child Rights and is currently working to establish a Humanitarian Disaster coordinator to help lead the response to natural and human-induced disasters.

ISSOP’s Research Group has been working in collaboration with the International Network for Research on Inequalities in Child Health (INRICH) on the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Children Internationally. It is a collection of papers by many authors from different countries, and has been uploaded to ResearchGate: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/376028607_Impacts_of_the_COVID-19_Pandemic_on_Children_Internationally_Paper_from_a_Research_Collaboration_between_the_International_Society_for_Social_Pediatrics_and_Child_Health_ISSOP_and_the_International_Ne

Currently ISSOP is also working in collaboration with BMJPO with two special collections, one regarding Street and Working Children, and the other on Preventing and Mitigating the Impact of the Climate Crisis on Child Health. These two collections are still ongoing, and the invitation is open for new submissions.

Finally, this year, ISSOP will be holding its conference in Athens in collaboration with the Greek/Hellenic Society for Adolescent Medicine/Health. The main themes of this conference focus on the challenges for children, adolescents and youth in modern and developing societies that raise dilemmas in management and control of immediate or long-term consequences and health inequalities

A review of our website [www.issop.org] will provide insight into the depth and breadth of our endeavours.



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