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Message from the President



Dear Colleagues,

We have completed three years after we faced the COVID-19 pandemic. We are now one year nearer to SDG being fulfilled in 2030. Let's have a closer look at the world's situation in this regard. "The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022" has been released.

Unfortunately, the effect of the pandemic has caused deterioration in almost all goals. Additionally, we are in an era with the highest number of conflicts all over the world since the establishment of the United Nations.

The total number of people living in extreme poverty is estimated to be 657-676 million compared to 581 million in the pre-pandemic period. Conflict, COVID-19, climate change, and growing inequalities converge to increase food insecurity worldwide. To reduce stunting in children by 50% by 2030, the annual rate of decline has to double.

The COVID-19 pandemic is threatening decades of progress in global health. As of mid-2022, more than 500 million people got infected, leading to 15 million deaths. Increased demand caused a disruption in essential health services in 92% of countries. Global life expectancy and immunization coverage decreased, and the prevalence of anxiety and depression increased, particularly among young people and women. Compared to 2019, 3.7 million more children adding up to 22.7 million missed basic vaccines in 2020. The pandemic claimed the lives of 115,500 front-line healthcare workers.

Although action has been taken to recover education, 147 million children missed more than half of in-person instruction, and it is estimated that 24 million students from pre-primary to university may never return to school.

Climate change is giving a "red code" warning, with increasing CO2 emissions by 6% in 2021, reaching the highest level ever, and rising global temperatures leading to more extreme weather. Increased heatwaves, droughts, and floods are affecting billions of people worldwide, contributing further to poverty, hunger, and instability.

A quarter of the global population is living in conflict-affected countries. As of 2022, 100 million people have been forcibly displaced worldwide, and it is estimated that 41 % are children.

Numbers in the SDGs not mentioned here are, unfortunately, on regression, except an increase in the percentage of individuals using the internet increased from 54% to 63%.

All the figures put a great toll on all stakeholders. As pediatricians, while healing children, we have to act to heal the world.

IPA supports and advocates for all SDGs for "Every Child, Every Age, Everywhere." I wish you all a happy, healthy, and peaceful new year.

Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu

IPA President

Reference: United Nations. Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022.



From Executive Director's Desk



Dear colleagues,

Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was unanimously agreed upon by the 193 member states of the UN General Assembly in October 2015. Numerous child-focused indicators are within each goal, and we are now halfway to 2030, which marks the finish line of these global targets.

With the COVID-19 pandemic in its third year, however, decades of development gains are severely disrupted, further delaying the progress on the SDGs. As such, progress can be accelerated by prioritizing children's rights in action plans on the SDGs, as a child rights-based approach multiplies future development gains. It is now up to all of us to join forces to address the challenges and turn goals into action. Therefore, partnerships among member pediatric societies, respective government agencies, academic institutions, local governments, private businesses, and civil society organizations are urgently needed to ensure no child is left behind.

As the only global body representing the professional societies of pediatricians, IPA continuously advocates for children worldwide. We are also working with members and other associations to conduct webinar series for healthcare professionals. Since January this year, IPA has committed to providing support in developing high-quality educational content by holding 20 international webinars by far. Recordings are available to access on the [IPA website](#). In the last quarter of the year 2022, IPA also submitted statements on Non-Communicable Diseases for children's well-being at the WHO Regional Committee of South-East Asia, Europe, and Western Pacific. I hereby would like to express my gratitude to the IPA Executive and Standing Committee, Strategic Advisory Groups, and all member societies for their undying support in serving "Every Child, Every Age, Everywhere."

Welcoming the year 2023, I invite IPA members to register for the IPA Council of Delegates Meeting 2023 (contact: adminoffice@ipa-world.org) and the "30th International Pediatric Association Congress & 60th Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics" (<https://ipa2023congress.org>) in India on 19-23 February 2023.

Warmest wishes for better days ahead, and looking forward to seeing you all in India!

Prof. Aman B Pulungan
IPA Executive Director



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Upcoming IPA Congress 19-23 February

SDG progress

In this issue, there is a fair amount of messages regarding the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and how each country should be evaluating its individual progress towards achieving those goals as we approach the midway mark. The pandemic has set the targets back a few years and some countries would have difficulty catching up. IPA is working in tandem with the national and regional associations to help realise this by upgrading knowledge in important areas of child health and advocacy.

Environmental health and its repercussions on children is far too often neglected. The effects of conflicts, resulting from political rivalry and infighting, on children have been sidelined and taken up by voluntary aid workers. These are among the issues that plague our world in the 21st century. IPA and all national societies can

play a small part in trying to influence the powers that be to at least ensure that we leave behind a clean and peaceful world to our children and theirs.

IPA Congress in India

We are fast approaching our 30th IPA Congress that will be held together with the 60th PEDICON of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics. The organising and scientific committees have worked extremely hard to make things happen. Those who have organised these massive international conferences will appreciate the stress and multi-faceted preparations required. Everybody knows that India is capable of organising an interesting conference with relevant scientific content, fun social events and simply scrumptious food.

Attached below is an invitation from the Chairman of the Organising Committee:

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the International Pediatric Association and Indian Academy of Pediatrics!!!

The organizing committee takes immense pleasure in announcing the 30th International Pediatric Association Congress 2023 & 60th Annual Conference of The Indian Academy of Pediatrics to be held in Gujarat, India from the 19th – 23rd February 2023.

The theme for the 2023 Congress is “Quality Care for Every Child Everywhere”. With this in mind, we have planned an academic bonanza with hi-quality workshops and guest lectures on challenging issues pertaining to pediatric and neonatal health. We have confirmed participation of over 180 international faculty and delegates from over 140 countries.



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Our fraternity's dedication and commitment towards academic excellence and collective social causes has been pivotal in keeping us together despite the wide geographical distribution and diversities. Whether you attend in-person or online, the 30th IPA Congress & 60th PEDICON 2023 will be highly informative and enriching.

The venue for the in-person Congress is the iconic Mahatma Mandir Convention & Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. A state-of-art centre spread over 34 acres with a capacity of over 15,000 participants. All this, topped with exceptional hospitality from my organising team and Indian Academy of Pediatrics.

The organizing committee invites you to be a part of this Congress and look forward to your positive participation.

With Warm Regards,

Dr. Bakul Jayant Parekh,
IPA Congress President 2023

Farewell..

The current Editorial Team will end its tenure during the congress in India. I would like to thank the team for their excellent work in making this newsletter what it is. The newsletter is but a means of communication among all regional member societies and by forwarding to individual paediatricians in their emails, we hope that the message gets to every paediatrician everywhere in the world (we hope that at least some of them will read parts of it!). It has been an honour and a pleasure to have worked with Dr Abdulsalam along the young people Ama (who literally kept us on track with deadlines), Aliya (who worked quietly in the background) and the others in the team, including one from the UK, who provided reports.

Wishing everybody a Happy and better New Year. Stay safe and see you all in India...

Prof Zulkifli Ismail

Editor



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September 2022

IPA Representative at the 75th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia

On 5-9 September 2022, the 75th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia (RC75 SEARO) was held in a hybrid format in Paro, Bhutan. **Dr. Aman Pulungan** (IPA Executive Director and Co-Chair of IPA Strategic Advisory Group/SAG on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD)) represented IPA at the meeting by submitting a written statement on *Agenda Item 9.2. Strategic Action Plan to Reduce the Double Burden of Malnutrition in the South-East Asia Region 2016-2025*. The full statement can be read [here](#).

IPA Representatives at the 72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe

On 12-14 September 2022, the 72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe (RC72 Europe) was held in Tel Aviv, Israel. **Dr. Manuel Katz** from Israel (Member of IPA Strategic Advisory Group/SAG on Early Childhood Development) represented IPA in person at the meeting and delivered a pre-recorded statement on *Agenda Item 14. Implementation of the Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases in the WHO European Region 2016-2025*. The statement was prepared by **Dr. Hilary Hoey** from Ireland and **Dr. Arunas Valiulis** from Lithuania (Members of IPA Strategic Advisory Group/SAG on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD)). The full pre-recorded statement can be

found on the [WHO Europe Youtube Channel](#), and the full statement can be read [here](#).



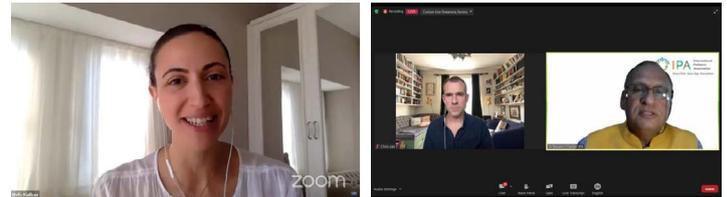
Dr. Manuel Katz (left), Member of IPA SAG on Early Childhood Development, delivered a pre-recorded statement on *Agenda Item 14* at the 72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe. The statement was prepared by **Dr. Hilary Hoey** (middle) and **Dr. Arunas Valiulis** (right), Members of IPA SAG on NCD.

WHO-BMJ-PMNCH-CAP2030 Webinar Series on "The Problem with the Formula Milk Industry"

On 8 and 29 September 2022, the World Health Organization (WHO), the British Medical Journal (BMJ), the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (PMNCH), and Children in All Policies 2030 (CAP2030) organized a webinar series on "The Problem with the Formula Milk Industry." **Dr. Melis Pehlivan Türk Kızılkın** (Co-Chair of the Young Professionals Network at the International Association for Adolescent Health (IAAH), IPA Member Society) represented IAAH and IPA at the 1st webinar: "The Problem with the Formula Milk Industry: An Unhealthy Influence on Health Professionals?". **Dr. Naveen Thacker** (IPA President-Elect) represented IPA at the 2nd webinar: "The Problem with the Formula Milk Industry: Should Health Professional Associations Refuse Industry Funding?". During the panel discussion on "Industry Influence and Sponsorship: Personal and Professional Reflections", Dr. Thacker highlighted IPA's stance

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on the formula milk industry. It was emphasized that the IPA has consistently supported the WHO International Code of Marketing Breastmilk Substitutes and will continue its efforts to promote this mutual view. IPA has been clear in refusing to accept BMS marketing and will continue to do so moving forward. Dr. Thacker raised the importance of building awareness around marketing tactics from companies, emphasizing a need to be cautious around potential encounters. The full recordings of the webinar can be found [here \(1st webinar\)](#) and [here \(2nd webinar\)](#).



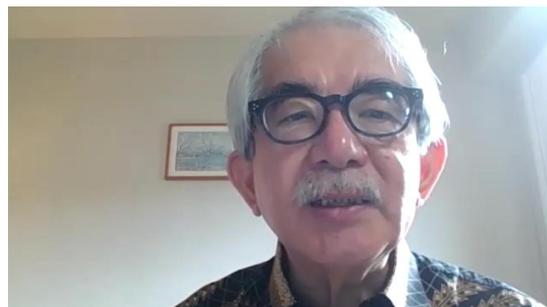
Top-Left to Right: **Dr. Melis Pehlivantürk Kızılkın** (Co-Chair of Young Professionals Network at the International Association for Adolescent Health (IAAH), IPA Member Society) and **Dr. Naveen Thacker** (IPA President-Elect) as IPA representatives at the WHO-BMJ-PMNCH-CAP2030 Webinar Series on “The Problem with the Formula Milk Industry” Webinar.

October 2022

IPA Representatives at the 73rd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Western Pacific

On 24-28 October 2022, the 73rd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Western Pacific (RC73 WPR) was held in a hybrid format in Manila, Philippines. **Dr. Yasuhide Nakamura** from Japan (Member of the IPA Standing Committee) and **Dr. Lilian Wong** from Hong Kong (Member of IPA Strategic Advisory Group/SAG on Adolescent Health) represented IPA at the meeting. Both submitted pre-recorded statements on *Agenda Item 13. Primary Health Care and its Annex. Draft Regional Framework for*

Reaching the Unreached in the Western Pacific (2022-2030), Agenda Item 11. Mental Health and its Annex. Draft Regional Framework for the Future of Mental Health in the Western Pacific 2023-2030, and Agenda Item 12. Noncommunicable Disease Prevention and Control and its Annex. Draft Regional Action Framework for Noncommunicable Disease Prevention and Control in the Western Pacific, respectively. The full pre-recorded statements can be found [here](#).



Left-Right: **Dr. Lilian Wong** and **Dr. Yasuhide Nakamura** submitted pre-recorded statements on Agenda Items 11, 12, and 13 at the 73rd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Western Pacific.



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22nd Congress of the Union of Arab Pediatric Societies in conjunction with the 18th International Conference of Jordan Pediatric Society

On 26-29 October 2022, **Prof. Enver Hasanoglu** (IPA President), **Dr. Naveen Thacker** (IPA President-Elect), and **Dr. Abdulsalam Abu-Libdeh** (IPA 2021-2023 Standing Committee Member and Secretary General of UAPS) participated in the 22nd Congress of the Union of Arab Pediatric Societies in conjunction with the 18th International Conference of Jordan Pediatric Society. During the conference, Prof. Enver Hasanoglu (IPA President) delivered a presentation on behalf of the International Pediatric Association.



Left-Right: (Above) **Prof. Enver Hasanoglu, Dr. Naveen Thacker, and Dr. Abdulsalam Abu-Libdeh** participated in the 22nd Congress of the Union of Arab Pediatric Societies in conjunction with the 18th International Conference of Jordan Pediatric Society. (Below) **Prof. Enver Hasanoglu** delivered a presentation on behalf of the International Pediatric Association.



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North America REGION

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

The American Academy of Pediatrics is expanding work on early childhood development through two new partnerships in the Middle East. This quarter we have conducted trainings in Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

In Jordan, we are working with the Royal Health Awareness Society to train a group of pediatricians from Jordan in early childhood development and nurturing care. The training included sessions on the science of ECD, incorporating nurturing care into practice, and identifying developmental differences. Pediatricians made action plans and established how they would train other pediatricians in Jordan in the same material. The AAP will now work with these pediatricians over the next six months in a

telementoring format to support them in training others and maintaining their new skills.

In Abu Dhabi, we are working with the Abu Dhabi Early Childhood Authority to train pediatricians in developmental surveillance and communications. A two-part training was developed with an online learning opportunity around developmental surveillance, and then a 5-hour virtual live training focused on developmental surveillance, communications, and incorporating surveillance into practice. Over 75 pediatricians in Abu Dhabi attended the virtual live training. This was a pilot training with the expectation that this approach would be scaled up across Abu Dhabi and beyond

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Latin America REGION

From September 29th to October 1st, the XIX Latin American Congress of Pediatrics, "Latin American Children in the Face of New times," and the XIV Dominican National Summit of Pediatrics was celebrated in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. New investigations and treatments, clinical findings, and the knowledge of diverse subspecialties gathered with a common

goal: the well-being of the children and adolescents. 1,100 specialists from 11 countries participated in this long-awaited event. Check the full gallery: <https://alape.org/la-ninez-latinoamericana-ante-los-nuevos-tiempos/>. Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/tv/Cjnp_5cDcSA/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link





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Also, our Non-Communicable Diseases Committee issued a declaration in which the affiliated societies from all over Latin América signed and committed to working on the prevention of Non-Communicable Diseases from the conception. Find the document here: <https://alape.org/enfermedadesno/>



Webinars

- **Social Pediatrics Committee: "Syndemic in Pediatrics"**
Dr. Ernesto Durán Strauch, Social Pediatrics Professor, Colombian National University.
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JB6ltnbcMwk&t=137s>
- **Social Pediatrics Committee: "Post-pandemic reflections: the social construction of childhood"**
Dr. Mario Rovere - Sanitarian pediatrician
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YrSj00ImZs>

Martes 18 de octubre
Webinar **LIVE**
La construcción social de la infancia; reflexiones pospandémicas
Invitado: **Mario Rovere**
Medicina pediátrica y sanitaria, Director del Instituto de Investigaciones en Salud "Flores de Caoba" Universidad de Buenos Aires, rovere@iisg.uba.ar
Moderadora: **Mirta Garategaray**
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17h: SLV, GTM, HND
18h: MX, PAN, COL, PE y EC
19h: RD, BO
20h: ARG, CL, PY, UY
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Martes 20 de Septiembre
WEBINAR **LIVE**
Sindemia en Pediatría situación regional, nacional y mundial.
Dr. Ernesto Durán Strauch
Profesor de Pediatría Social, Universidad Nacional de Colombia.
Moderadora: Dra. Ilana Curtiel
Organiza: **Comité de Pediatría Social de ALAPE**
17h: SLV, GTM, HND
18h: MX, PAN, COL, PE y EC
19h: DO, BO, CL y PY
20h: ARG y UY
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Campaigns

- **World Diabetes Day** (November 14th) is an opportunity to create awareness about the impact of this disease and also to highlight the opportunities that we have strengthened the prevention, diagnosis, and available treatments.
- **World Prematurity Day**: this year's motto was "skin to skin," which has been proven to have many benefits and is very effective on premature newborns. ALAPE shared some videos on its social media to raise awareness on babies born before their time.



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- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** (December 3rd): In an effort to raise awareness about the need to build inclusive societies where a person with a disability can participate and have an active role on the decision-makers who have a direct impact on their lives, ALAPE's Disabilities Committee developed the following document: <https://alape.org/3-de-diciembre-dia-internacional-de-las-personas-con-discapacidad/>



Events and Recognition

Dr. Carlos Alonso Rivera, President of ALAPE, attended the 33rd National Congress of Pediatrics and the 21st National Congress of Neonatology of the Association of Pediatricians of El Salvador and presented on "Use of screens audits impact on neurodevelopment."



Last November 3rd celebrated the 24th Biannual Congress of the Central and Western Pediatrics Federation (Mexico), where Dr. Alonso was honored. In an emotional ceremony, authorities and fellow pediatricians paid tribute to Dr. Alonso's brilliant 38-year career as a physician and his contributions to pediatric neurology in the region.



EAP co-organised a stakeholder workshop in the European Parliament in Brussels

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

The month concluded with the 4th Congress of Paediatricians of Serbia (Vrdnik, Serbia) from 29th September to 2nd October 2022. EAP’s president had the honor of opening the Congress during the welcome address.

Barcelona, Spain, was the heart of paediatrics in Europe during the EAPS Congress, organized by the three leading European societies: the European Academy of Paediatrics (EAP), the European Society for Paediatric Research (ESPR), and the European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC), from 7 and 11 October 2022. The EAP President and Organising Committee Chair announced proudly that 3,192 Participants (77% in-person) joined the event from 108 countries. There was a large, inspiring presence of young doctors. The EAP Young Investigator Award was presented to 17-year-old **Saanvi Mehra** for the outstanding presentation “Down Syndrome Detection through Graphical Analysis of Facial Dysmorphic Features in Newborn Children with Ethnicity/racial slicing – an ai/MI-based approach.” EAP thanks its representatives for their hard work and efforts to bring the best and brightest minds in paediatrics to EAPS.

European Academy of Paediatrics

The European Academy of Paediatrics concluded 2022 with a busy fourth quarter.

The month of September kicked off with a presentation by EAP President and IPA Standing Committee member, **Adamos Hadjipanayis** at the IPA Executive and Standing Committee meeting beginning September in Istanbul, Turkey. On 6th September, **Dr. Peter Liese**, a Member of the European Parliament, and the



EAP’s President, **Adamos Hadjipanayis**, during the Welcome Address at 4th Congress of Paediatricians of Serbia (Vrdnik, Serbia)



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EAPS Opening Ceremony Address

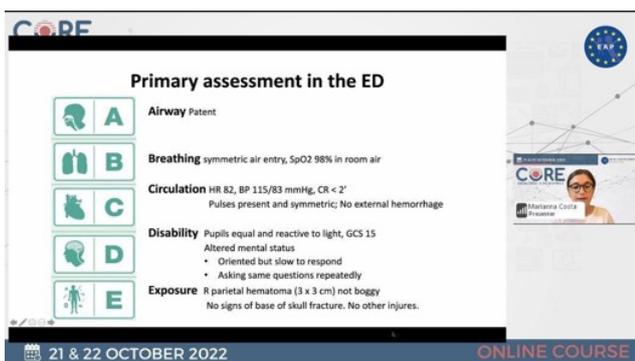
Another EAP initiative by young paediatricians (**Francesca Seregni, Valentina Ferraro, and Kathy Gallagher**, led by **Rob Ross Russell and Liviana da Dalt**): on the 21st and 22nd October, the online [Core Knowledge in Paediatrics \(CKP\)](#) course took place close to 150 participants. This virtual course and the [EAP Learning](#) application (a “virtual classroom” available on mobile, tablet, or laptop) are the early shoots of strong and valuable training. A particular shout out to

them for their enthusiasm.

The 4th EBP Examination took place on 22nd November 2022, with a total of 252 candidates taking part. 174 candidates sat the exam online. A new, highly successful initiative this year saw 78 candidates sitting the exam as part of onsite group bookings with local invigilators. Examination results are due to be issued by Christmas.



In-person candidates sitting the EBP-EAP Examination in Padova, Italy



*Virtual presentation by **Marianna Costa**, case presenter and CKP 2022*

The EAP Winter Meeting could once again materialize face-to-face in the winter wonderland of **Brussels, Belgium, from 2-3 December 2022**. Opera singers delighted the crowd with a surprise performance on Friday evening during the EAP Dinner.



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Delegates enjoying the Christmas spirit/light display in Brussels square

During the **Strategic Advisory Group meetings on 2nd December**, an exciting highlight was the presentation of preliminary results of a survey conducted by [Choosing Wisely](#) Advisory Group & the [EAPRASnet](#) Steering Committee on over-diagnostics and over-treatment in Paediatrics throughout Europe. This initiative was embraced by the Japan Pediatric Society. An independently distributed survey on the EAPRASnet website in Japan received over 500 responses out of a total of 3353 replies.

EAP Congratulates **Lukasz Dembinski** (Poland), who was elected as EBP Treasurer during the EBP session, **Ann de Guchtenaere** (Belgium), who was re-elected as Secretary General, **Ketil Stordal** (Norway), the newly elected Secondary-Tertiary Care Council Chair as well as **Zachi Grossman** (Israel), re-elected primary Care Council Chair.

During the [General Assembly](#), the audience had the pleasure of hearing a [special address](#)

[by the Commissioner of Health, Stella Kyriades](#), emphasizing the role of EAP to ensure that the pandemic does not leave a lasting impact on children and youth of Europe and beyond.



*Special Address by Commissioner of Health, **Stella Kyriades***

Before the traditional update on EAP matters in 2022 by the President of the EAP, **Javier Hernandez Reta**, President of Duracell Europe & Africa, accentuated a new collaboration between EAP and Duracell on preventing accidental Lithium coin ingestions. More than 50% of the 10,000 cases of Lithium Coin cell ingestion accidents in households reported in 2020 took place in Europe. EAP and Duracell aim to significantly minimize the risk of Lithium Coin Cell ingestion across Europe by driving awareness of the topic among **parents** and **paediatricians** and educating them on how to best prevent and detect it.



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“Young EAP table” at the EAP Dinner



Adamos Hadjipanayis (EAP President) and **Javier Hernandez Reta** (President Duracell Europe & Africa)



Stefano del Torso presenting during the General Assembly

The presentation by the Executive Director, **Stefano del Torso**, highlighted a new collaboration with the [Paediatric Nursing Associations of Europe \(PNAE\)](#) to extend the mission of the EAP beyond Paediatricians. The Secretary-General, **Ann de Guchtenaere**, and **Arunas Valiulis**, the EAP's Treasurer, updated the 60 delegates on operations and finance. Both the EBP and General Assembly concluded with Elections. EAP Congratulates **Lukasz Dembinski** (Poland), who was elected as EBP Treasurer during the EBP session, **Ann de Guchtenaere** (Belgium), who was re-elected as Secretary General, and **Ketil Stordal** (Norway), the newly elected Secondary-Tertiary Care Council Chair. Sincere thanks to **Berthold Koletzko** for many years of dedicated service in the position.

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](#).

EAP invites all members to join the Strategic Advisory Group meetings and initiatives. Strong teamwork and an active workforce are key elements in achieving our goals.

The EAP thanks all the leaders of the Strategic Advisory Groups, National Delegates, Individual members, and collaborating societies for being a part of its accomplishments. Warm wishes for a joyous festival season and Merry Christmas to all those celebrating!



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Asia Pacific REGION

APPA Symposium in conjunction with the 26th Biennial International Conference in Karachi, Pakistan, held from October 28th-30th, 2022

On October 29th, 2022, an APPA Symposium during the 26th Biennial International Conference was held in Karachi, Pakistan. The APPA Speakers were Lulu Bravo, Zulkifli Ismail, Lilian Wong, and Nitin Kapur, with topics on vaccinology. The following were the topics:

1. Vaccine controversies - **Prof. Lulu Bravo** (Philippines)
2. Vaccine hesitancy and refusal - **Prof Zulkifli Ismail** (Malaysia)
3. Adolescent vaccines - **Prof Lillian Wong** (Hong Kong)
4. Maternal and newborn vaccination - **Prof Nitin Kapur** (Australia)

Chairs: **Prof. Iqbal Memon** and **Prof. Muhammad Ashraf Sultan**



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APPA 2nd Activity

On October 30th, 2022, an APPA Strategic Planning Session and brainstorming were organized between APPA Executive Committee (EC), Standing Committee (SC) members, and Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA) senior members. The session via Zoom link was held from 3.00 PM to 4.30 PM PST GMT+5. The objective of the meeting was to develop a strategic business plan for APPA to further strengthen APPA's organization and maximize its impact. A Business Plan for APPA would be developed based on proposed objectives outlined by APPA President **Prof. Iqbal Memon** and with feedback and suggestions from the meeting.



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IPA Regional Activity Recap

Asia Pacific Region

15th Congress of Asian Pan-Pacific Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition (APPSPGHAN) in conjunction with the 43rd Annual Congress of the Malaysian Paediatric Association (MPA)

The Congress was held from October 12nd-15th, 2022, in Sabah, Malaysia. “Beyond Kids’ Gut and Liver - towards holistic care” was chosen as the theme for the Congress. The mission of APPSPGHAN is to promote knowledge in the fields of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, and nutrition through scientific exchanges and research for the benefit of children in the Asian Pan-Pacific region.



APPA Secretary General, **Prof. Zulkifli Ismail** (third from left), APPA Treasurer and MPA President, **Dr. Selva Kumar Sivapunniam** (fifth from right), and APPA Deputy Secretary General, **Dr. Hung Liang Choo** (third from right), in a group photo with some delegates of the 15th APPSPGHAN & 43rd MPA Annual Congress

APPA Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

The five APPA TAGs have begun work. They comprised of:

1. Constitution Amendments Committee
2. Immunization/Infectious Diseases
3. Adolescent Health
4. Non-Communicable Diseases
5. Child Rights, Environment & Child Health

The TAGs will outline objectives, goals, and a plan of action for the next two years.

18th APCP Poster

APPA President-Elect **Dr. Joselyn Eusebio** from the Philippine Pediatric Society (PPS) Inc. emailed the 18th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics (APCP) poster to the APPA Secretariat, which was then forwarded to all APPA members and IPA. The 18th APCP will be held in Manila, Philippines, from November 14th-17th, 2024.





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IPA Regional
Activity Recap

Middle East and North Africa REGION

The 22nd Congress of the Union of Arab Pediatric Societies and the 18th International Conference of Jordan Pediatric Society, Amman-Jordan, 26th-29th October 2022



It was the largest scientific event held in Jordan in 2022, this event had a lot of striking features.

The participation of 43 international speakers from the United States, Europe, Africa, and Asia who are very famous figures in their field. The event included 6 workshops, Nutrition, Obesity, Hypertension, and the Golden Hour

in the resuscitation of the newborn. Also, there were 8 specialized symposiums, RSV, Influenza, Varicella, and Meningitis vaccines, to impact the importance of vaccination for the pediatrician in addition to two symposiums about bleeding disorders and most update in treating hemophilia. There were 18 sessions and 91 lectures in the form of oral presentations as well as 10 posters.

More than 700 pediatricians from Jordan and different Arab countries, in addition to intern doctors as well as medical students, attended this event. Feedback from participants and authorities was strongly positive, overall, we can say that the success of the event was more than expected.

14th Conference of Pediatric Society – Palestine

On 24-25th November 2022, Pediatric Society – Palestine held its 14th conference in Jericho – Palestine, entitled:

“Healthy Children for a Bright Future,”

Drawing over 300 pediatricians from Palestine.

Dr.Abdulsalam Abu-Libdeh (President of Pediatric Society, IPA 2021-2023 Standing Committee member and Secretary General of UAPS) discussed the issue of protecting children and adopting recommendations to be adopted by stakeholders in the Ministry of Health for a better future for our children, also discussed the issue how to deal with victims of conflict to support our children



psychologically in addition to expand genetic screening in Palestine and how to use whole exom sequencing (WES) as a first-tier sequencing test for children in a resource limited settings.



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Middle East and North Africa Region

The 6th Palestinian Conference for Endocrinology and Diabetes

On 15-16th December, the Palestinian Society for Endocrinology and Diabetes held its 6th conference in Bethlehem – Palestine, entitled: “State of the Art in Diabetes Management”

Dr. Abdulsalam Abu-Libdeh, Conference Chairman (President of the Palestinian Society for Endocrinology and Diabetes, IPA 2021-2023 Standing Committee member and Secretary General of UAPS), held a discussion with invited speakers and experts about diabetes and advised to adopt advanced strategies in the treatment of T1DM including new technologies, discussed universal guidelines and advised to raise awareness about diabetes and prevention on social media.



1st Medical Conference of Jerusalem

Palestinian Medical Association has held the 1st Medical Conference of Jerusalem from 22-24th December in Jericho – Palestine, entitled:

“Towards a Better Future Together,”

Drawing over 300 participants from Jerusalem area with different sub specialities.

Dr. Abdulsalam Abu-Libdeh, Conference Chairman (IPA 2021-2023 Standing Committee member and Secretary General of UAPS), delivered a presentation about obesity in children and its complication, led a discussion about obesity in children and remarks to be adopted by stakeholders to prevent obesity and to have programs all over Palestine for awareness, screening, and management of obesity.





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International Subspecialty Pediatric Societies

International Society of Tropical Pediatrics (ISTP)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most of the ISTP activities were virtual and online. The 12th International Congress of Tropical Pediatrics (ICTP) was held largely virtually (and to a limited extent physically for local attendees in Cairo, Egypt) from May 18th to 20th, 2022, in collaboration with UNICEF and the WHO officers in Cairo, Egypt. Several ISTP, IPA, UNICEF, and WHO speakers gave valuable lectures during the Congress (<https://ictp2022.com>).

Below are the speakers:



Webinar by IPA Strategic Advisory Groups

"The Development of Newborn Screening: Moving Beyond the 1960's"

Webinar by IPA SAG on Non-communicable Diseases

On 1st October 2022, the International Pediatric Association conducted a webinar entitled "The Development of Newborn Screening: Moving Beyond the 1960's", drawing over 1,000 registrants from 73 countries. To officially open the webinar, **Prof. Enver Hasanoglu** delivered his



Left-Right: Opening remarks by **Prof. Enver Hasanoglu**, IPA President; Keynote address by **Ms. Endang Sumiwi**, Representative of the Minister of Health Republic of Indonesia

opening address highlighting how newborn screening (NBS) is an integrated public health program essential to promptly detect and diagnose various curable but life-threatening diseases. A representative from the Ministry of Health, Republic of Indonesia, **Ms. Endang Sumiwi**, represented Mr. Budi Gunadi Sadikin as the Minister of Health, Republic of Indonesia, to deliver the keynote address.



Top L-R: **Ms. Endang Sumiwi**, Representative of the Minister of Health Republic of Indonesia; **Prof. Aman Pulungan**, IPA Executive Director and webinar panelist, **Prof. Feyza Darendeliler**, webinar moderator.
Middle L-R: **Dr. Osama Aldirbashi**, webinar speaker; **Dr. Basim Al-Zoubi**, webinar moderator; **Dr. Natasha Heather**, webinar speaker
Bottom L-R: **Dr. Ellen Crushell**, webinar speaker; **Dr. Mychelle Farmer**, IPA Co-Chair of SAG on NCDs; **Dr. Dipesalema Joel**, webinar panelist

Dr. Natasha Heather from New Zealand began the series of presentations by sharing insights on the screening of congenital hypothyroidism in Australia/New Zealand. In her presentation, she highlighted the importance of all parts of a system working well in ensuring a good screening process. **Dr. Ellen Crushell** from Ireland then discussed the procedures, logistics, and ethical considerations of NBS programs in Ireland. **Dr. Osama Aldirbashi** from Qatar focused on discussing the history, screening criteria, target disorders as well as the future of NBS in his presentation.

As panelists in the webinar, **Prof. Aman Pulungan** from Indonesia and **Dr. Dipesalema Joel** from Botswana shared the experiences, progress, and challenges of NBS in Indonesia and in the African region, respectively. The question and answer

session was conducted with all speakers and panelists, moderated by **Prof. Feyza Darendeliler** from Turkey and **Dr. Basim Al-Zoubi** from Jordan as moderators of the webinar. The webinar recording is available [here](#).

“IPA/ UNICEF/ WHO Webinar: Preventing Children’s Lead Exposure”

Webinar by IPA SAG on Environmental Health

The International Pediatric Association Strategic Advisory Group on Environmental Health conducted a webinar titled “Preventing Children’s Lead Exposure” on the 27th of October 2022, which drew 460 registrants from 65 countries. **Dr. Linda Arnold** delivered the Opening Remarks as IPA’s Coordinator of Development, highlighting the importance of lead prevention as it could lead to long-term disabilities in children. **Dr. Aboubacar Campo** followed by adding the work UNICEF does in developing countries to prevent lead exposure. **Dr. Maria Neira** then underlined the recommendation from the WHO to prevent and raise awareness of lead exposure.



Left-Right: Opening remarks by **Dr. Linda Arnold**, IPA Coordinator of Development; **Dr. Aboubacar Campo**, Director of Health Program at UNICEF; **Dr. Maria Neira**, Director of Health and the Environment at WHO

Dr. Desiree Narvaez highlighted UNICEF’s work on lead, including policies and legislation, online learning courses, and key partners with the WHO and IPA to protect children’s lead poisoning. **Lesley Onyon** then applauded every stakeholder collaborating with the WHO to reduce lead exposure in society, especially in children. **Prof. Elif Ozmert**, as moderator, introduced the first

speaker **Prof. Stephan Boese-O’Reilly**, who dove deep into the alarming data of high quantities of lead exposure in children in Kabwe, Zambia. **Prof. Tudor Lucian Pop** then presented data from Romania, including recommendations to reduce lead exposure by removing lead from petrol, cosmetics, food containers, medicine, and water pipes. **Dr. Ramesh Bajania** then highlighted the hardship of eliminating lead from folk medicine, as it is integrated into the people’s culture and beliefs in India. **Prof. Salman Mroueh** concluded that the problem of lead exposure in Lebanon and other countries is strongly related to the undereducation of its toxic effects on health. The question and answer session commends proactively with questions from the participants. Watch the full recording of the webinar [here](#).



Left-Right: **Dr. Desiree Narvaez** (UNICEF); **Lesley Onyon** (WHO), **Prof. Elif Ozmert** (Turkey)



Left-Right: **Prof. Stephan Boese-O’Reilly** (Germany); **Prof. Tudor Lucian Pop** (Romania); **Dr. Ramesh Bajania** (India); **Prof. Salman Mroueh** (Lebanon)

“Understanding the Impacts of Man-made Disasters on Child Health”

Webinar by IPA SAG on Children in Humanitarian Emergencies

The International Pediatric Association Strategic Advisory Group on Children in Humanitarian Emergencies conducted a webinar entitled “Understanding the Impacts of Man-made Disasters on Child Health” on the 4th November 2022. The webinar drew 614 registrants from 52 countries. **Prof. Aman Pulungan**, as the IPA Executive Director, delivered the opening remarks of the webinar, highlighting the dangers of the environmental changes, waste, and pollution on the health of children and urging every country, every doctor, and every citizen to take action to reduce and manage man-made disasters.



Left-Right: Opening remarks by **Prof. Aman Pulungan**, IPA Executive Director; First session by **Dr. Merritt Schreiber** from the United States; Second session by **Dr. Michelle Niescierenko** from the United States

As the first speaker of the webinar, **Dr. Merritt Schreiber** from the United States discussed the triage and screening of the impact of disasters on children and adolescents. In his presentation, Dr. Merritt Schreiber shares various intervention pyramids and protocols for mental health and psychosocial support in emergencies. The second speaker, **Dr. Michelle Niescierenko** from the United States, discussed the physical ailments children experience during disasters. In her presentation, Dr. Michelle Niescierenko detailed health conditions that affect children, from trauma and injuries to mental health. Therefore, highlighting the importance of strengthening community and family support.

The question and answer session was conducted with all speakers, moderated by **Prof. Leyla Namazova-Baranova** from Russia and **Dr. Halim Hennes** from the United States as moderators of the webinar. Watch the full recording of the webinar [here](#).



Top Left-Right: **Dr. Michelle Niescierenko**, webinar speaker; **Dr. Halim Hennes**, webinar moderator
Bottom Left-Right: **Dr. Merritt Schreiber**, webinar speaker; **Prof. Leyla Namazova-Baranova**, webinar moderator

“Childhood Cancer Early Diagnosis & Appropriate Referral (CEDAR) Project”

Webinar by the International Society of Pediatric Oncology (SIOP) in collaboration with the IPA SAG on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD)

The International Pediatric Association Strategic Advisory Group on NCD collaborated with the International Society of Pediatric Oncology in conducting a series of monthly webinars on the topic of pediatric cancers.

The first webinar, titled “Outcomes of Childhood Cancers: Gaps and Disparities to Be Addressed,” was conducted on the 9th of September 2022. The webinar highlighted the disparities in cancer diagnosis, management, and overall care in various countries. Watch the full recording of the webinar [here](#). The second webinar, titled “Diagnosis and Referral of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia,” was conducted on the 14th of October 2022. Watch the full recording of the webinar [here](#). The third webinar, titled “Diagnosis and Referral of Retinoblastoma,” was conducted on the 18th of November 2022.

IPA Monthly Webinars by Education and Advocacy SC Subcommittee

December 2022

Practical Approaches to Improving Teaching and Learning in Busy Clinical Settings

The IPA Education and Advocacy SC Subcommittee finally continued the monthly webinar series by collaborating with IPALA. IPA was honored to have three notable speakers, **Dr. Amy Gray, Dr. Haroon Saloojee, and Dr. Sanjay Lala**, share their expertise on the 2nd December 2022.

Prof. Enver Hasanoglu, IPA President, officially opened the webinar. In his remarks, he highlighted that in many settings, young learners, as the future of pediatrics, are still facing many high burdens of the clinical ward, which may prevent successful teaching and learning in clinical activities. Even though there have been significant advances in teaching techniques during the pandemic, it needs to be improved and distributed equally. Therefore, IPA calls all pediatricians and educators to take action to advocate and improve teaching and learning in busy clinical settings, as our



Opening Remarks by **Prof. Enver Hasanoglu**, IPA President

children's future is with young and well-trained pediatricians.

Dr. Saloojee presented the importance of incorporating evidence-based practice concepts in work, including practical tips on how it can be done in the clinical setting. He highlighted that EBP is more likely to be successful if the practice is undertaken as a team effort within the institutional structure. Dr. Gray continued the session by explaining the current situation of the ward round and shared a framework that could be used to improve the teaching and learning developed from research in a pediatric hospital. Finally, Dr. Lala presented the purposeful practice and how it can be applied to pediatric examination skills and develop expertise. He also emphasized that purposeful practice could be implemented if we have the commitment, time, and effort to develop clinical scripts or drills. Dr. Gray then moderated the Q&A session and tried to address questions from the attendees. The webinar's recording is exclusively available for IPA members and networks to watch on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/LIVEEduWebinarDec2022>.



Top (Left-Right): **Dr. Haroon Saloojee** (South Africa) and **Dr. Amy Gray** (Australia); Bottom: **Dr. Sanjay Lala** (South Africa)

Recapitulation of Webinars by IPA Education and Advocacy SC Subcommittee in 2022

February



IPA Education and Advocacy SC Subcommittee presents the webinar

Pitfalls in Pediatric Surgery: What the Pediatrician Needs to Know

FEBRUARY 24, 2022 | 12.00 - 13.00 UTC

SPEAKER

SAMEH SHEHATA
 • President of the World Federation of Associations of Pediatric Surgeons
 • Co-Chair of the Education and Advocacy IPA SC Subcommittee

MODERATOR

RAUL MERCER
 • IPA Standing Committee
 • Former Commissioner of The Lancet UNICEF WHO report "A Guide for the World's Children"
 • Coordinator CAP-2020 Initiative (COVID-19 in All Pediatrics in Argentina)

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- 999 Registrations from 90 Countries
- Total 400 participants: Zoom (345 participants) and Youtube (55 participants)

March



IPA Education and Advocacy SC Subcommittee presents the webinar

WHAT THE PANDEMIC TEACHES ON ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH

MARCH 18, 2022 | 13.00 - 14.00 UTC

SPEAKER

MARÍA DEL CARMEN CALLE DAVILA
 • Chief of Social Pediatrics Service in the Pediatric Society of Panama and at the Latin American Association of Pediatrics
 • Vice-President for Latin America of the International Association of Adolescent Health
 • Vice-President of the Caribbean Association of Adolescent and Youth Health Latin American, Asia and Africa

MODERATOR

JONATHAN KLEIN
 • IPA Executive Committee
 • President of the International Association for Adolescent Health
 • Executive Vice-Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Florida at Orange (UNF College of Medicine)

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- Total of 713 Registrations from 59 Countries
- Total of 392 participants: Zoom (271 participants) and Youtube (121 participants)

April



IPA Education and Advocacy SC Subcommittee presents the webinar

Introducing a Child Rights-Based Approach in Clinical Practice

APRIL 22, 2022 | 13.00 - 14.00 UTC

SPEAKER

JEFFREY GOLDHAGEN
 • President of the International Society for Social Pediatrics and Child Health (ISSCP)
 • Professor of Pediatrics and Chair of the Division of Community and Social Pediatrics at the University of Florida Jacksonville

MODERATOR

RAUL MERCER
 • IPA Standing Committee Member
 • Member of the Education and Advocacy SC Subcommittee
 • Member and Representative of ISSCP for IPA

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- Total of 509 Registrations from 61 Countries
- Total of 242 participants: Zoom (155 participants) and Youtube (87 participants)

May

July

December



IPA Education and Advocacy SC Subcommittee presents the webinar
Incorporating the Voice of the Child Into Clinical Assessments for Children at Risk
MAY 20, 2022 | 13.00 - 14.00 UTC

SPEAKERS

- SHANTI RAMAN**
Director of Community Pediatrics, South Western Family
Member of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect
Executive Committee of the International Society for Social Pediatrics & Child Health
- RAJEEV SETH**
Chair of the Board International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect
Managing Director, San Young Children's Services

MODERATOR

- KEVIN FORSYTH**
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Member of the IPAC Standing Committee

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IPA Education and Advocacy SC Subcommittee presents the webinar
Tips On Child Environmental Health for the Practitioner
JULY 22, 2022 | 13.00 - 14.00 UTC

SPEAKER

- RUTH ETZEL**
Co-Chair of IPA SAC on Environmental Health
Senior Officer for Environmental Health Research at the World Health Organization (2009-2020)
Founding Editor of the book "Pediatric Environmental Health" (1st edition) was published by the American Academy of Pediatrics in 2016

MODERATOR

- RAUL MERCER**
IPA Standing Committee Member
Member of IPA Education and Advocacy SC Subcommittee
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IPA Education and Advocacy SC Subcommittee presents the webinar
Practical Approaches to Improving Teaching and Learning in Busy Clinical Settings
DECEMBER 2, 2022 | 13.00 - 14.15 UTC

SPEAKERS

- HARON SALOOJEE**
South Africa
"Applying principles of evidence based practice for daily emergency practice"
- AMY GRAY**
Australia
"What to do with your child? A Parent's view"
- SANJAY LALA**
South Africa
"Personal practice to improve pediatrician's educational skills"

MODERATOR

- AMY GRAY**
Australia
Deputy Head Department of Paediatrics, University of Melbourne

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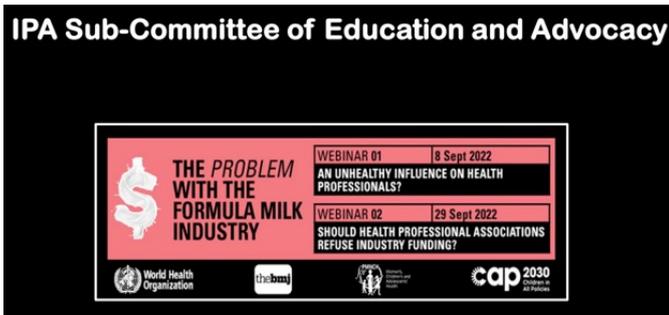
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- Total of 207 Registrations from 44 Countries
- Total of 84 participants: Zoom (65 participants) and Youtube (19 participants)

- Total of 388 Registrations from 68 Countries
- Total of 328 participants from Zoom (133 participants) and Youtube (195 participants)

- Total of 533 Registrations from 70 Countries
- Total of 221 participants from Zoom (131 participants) and Youtube (90 participants)

Others



IPA Sub-Committee of Education and Advocacy

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