



## The 15<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology

22 – 25 November, 2010  
Philippine International Convention Center, Manila, Philippines

### FINAL REPORT

The Philippine College of Chest Physicians proudly hosted the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology last November 22-25, 2010 at the Philippine International Convention Center.

The Congress capped the year-long observance of the Year-of-the-Lung and featured renowned international speakers from all over the Asia-Pacific region, including Australia and the Americas.

After a successful bid to host the Congress for the first time during the APSR Congress in Brisbane, Australia more than three years ago. Congress President Teresita de Guia and members of the local Organizing Committee worked hard to make the convention a milestone not only for PCCP but for APSR itself. Efforts were made to feature an impressive scientific program and highlight the famous Filipino hospitality with a world-class line-up of socio-cultural activities.

The active participation of members of the College was truly palpable in every aspect of running the Congress. In fact, this was positively cited by the APSR leadership as a model for other congresses in the future, particularly for the spirit of volunteerism among members of the host organization.

Though having an effective secretariat was a key component in the preparations, it was the "hands-on" approach of the PCCP members that astounded the foreigners. More than the ornate national costumes worn by the hosts, it was hearing our fabulous doctors sing that floored them even more! Kudos to the PCCP Chorale!

Over 1,900 delegates attended the Manila Congress despite the bad publicity generated by the Manila Bus Hostage Crisis in August and the travel advisories issued against the Philippines by late October.

Major respiratory societies, particularly those with close tie-ups with APSR like the American Thoracic Society, the American College of Chest Physicians, the European Respiratory Society, Asociacion Latinoamericana Del Torax and the Forum of International Respiratory Societies, were ably represented by their current or incoming president.

The UST Singers, Choir of the World winner for 2010, sang the national anthem and the official PCCP hymn, "One Breath, One Heart", with Dr. Ivan Villespin, during the Opening

Ceremony. They were later joined by the Tux, prima ballerina Liza Macuja-Elizalde, Ballet Manila and Banda Kawayan as entertainers during the Welcome Reception that followed.

Food was overflowing during the affair as a clear manifestation of the Orgcom's eagerness to please and impress the delegates. This eventually became one of the positive feedbacks received by the local organizers, distinguishing the Manila Congress from previous APSR meetings – food was definitely not wanting and an international selection was available to suit all tastes and preferences.

The Presidents' Honor Banquet the following evening proved to be another memorable social event, particularly for the Congress faculty and APSR VIPs who each received a specially commissioned painting depicting local colors as tokens of appreciation from the College. Highlight of the night was Dr. Tom Realiza's "dessert-ation" on "What Makes the Filipino Unique." He anchored his talk on the local dessert halu-halo to describe our mixed heritage and consequent distinguished traits. The passionate Flamenco dancers and the Iberian menu hinted at our Hispanic roots. This was followed by a medley of Philippine and American classics excellently rendered by the PCCP Chorale.

The Gala Night the next day at the Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo (main theater) of the Cultural Center of the Philippines proved to be the coup d' grace for the Socials Committee. The Brass Percussion Ensemble of the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra greeted the guests as they arrived at the ramp leading to the CCP main entrance. Cocktails were served at the foyer while a short ceremony to award certificates to the recipients of travel grants served as pre-programming for the cultural fare that followed. Praises were heaped on the host organization by this time as various APSR VIP's extended their congratulations and felicitations for a job well done.

"Breath: A Celebration of Life," as the show was aptly titled, was a specially commissioned performance for the 15<sup>th</sup> APSR Congress. Featured artists were from the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, Ballet Philippines, the Ramon Obusan Folkloric Group, the Philippine Madrigal Singers, Dancesport Philippines, the Company, Bayang Barrios, Jan Nieto and Bituin Escalante. The PCCP Chorale likewise joined the group and can now boast of having performed onstage the CCP main theater.

With the Filipinos' penchant for pomp and pageantry, a special Turnover Ceremony was included in the program with the Shanghai Congress President, Dr. Chunxue Bai, receiving lighted candles in lotus-shaped capiz holders from Dra. De Guia to symbolize the warm friendship between the 2 host cities and recognize the transfer of duties for the next APSR scientific meeting to China. This was said to be an innovation introduced by the local



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organizers, reminiscent of the Olympics, to add meaning to the occasion – something not accorded by previous APSR hosts.

The Congress ended with a simple Closing Ceremony after the Year-of-the-Lung plenary session that featured the various initiatives of the represented respiratory societies and some state-of-the-art lectures on latest technological developments. Department of Health Usec. Teodoro Herbosa highlighted efforts of the national government and lauded contributions of the College.

The Philippine College of Chest Physicians would like to express our sincerest gratitude to the Executive Committee of the Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology for giving us the opportunity to host this significant meeting. The scientific affair was an unqualified success largely because of the support extended by the Central Congress Committee, the Council Assembly and the members (individual and en-bloc membership) of the APSR.

## I. CONGRESS OVERVIEW

### A. General Information

Title of Scientific Meeting	The 15 <sup>th</sup> Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology	
Congress Date	22-25 November 2010	
Congress Venue	Philippine International Convention Center CCP Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Manila	
Host Organization	Philippine College of Chest Physicians	
No. of Delegates	1,932 delegates (911 foreign and 1,021 local)	
Important Deadlines	Abstract Submission	31 July 2010
	Notification of Acceptance	31 August 2010
	Travel Grant Application	31 July 2010
	Accommodation Bookings	8 October 2010
	Early Registration	15 September 2010

### B. Scientific, Socials Events and APSR Business Meetings

#### i. Scientific Program

Session Format	No. of sessions
Post Graduate Courses	5
Meet the Expert (breakfast session)	9
Symposia	19
Orals Presentations	17
Poster Discussion Presentations	15
Luncheon Symposia	13
Memorial Lectures	2
Special Session on Year of the Lung	1

ii. Socials Events

Event	Date	Venue
Fun Golf	November 21, 2010	Club Intramuros Golf Course
Opening Ceremony	November 22, 2010	Plenary Hall, Philippine International Convention Center
Welcome Reception	November 22, 2010	Courtyard, Philippine International Convention Center
APSR President's Dinner	November 23, 2010	Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila
Gala Dinner	November 24, 2010	Cultural Center of the Philippines
Closing Ceremony	November 25, 2010	Summit Hall, Philippine International Convention Center

iii. Awards

- Professor Michiyoshi Harasawa Research Award
- Professor Ann Janet Woolcock Research Award
- APSR Medal Award
- APSR Travel Grant

iv. APSR Business Meetings

APSR Leadership Meeting	Date
APSR/ERS Leadership Meeting	22 November, 2010
Council Meeting	22 November, 2010
APSR/JRS Leadership Meeting	22 November, 2010
Executive Committee Meeting	23 November, 2010
Annual General Meeting (AGM)	23 November, 2010
APSR/ACCP Leadership Meeting	24 November, 2010
Leaders of en-bloc Membership Meeting (APSR, JRS, TSANZ, TSPCCM, PCCP, KATRD)	24 November, 2010
Central Congress Committee Meeting	24 November, 2010
Editorial Board Meeting	24 November, 2010
APSR/Wiley-Blackwell Meeting	24 November, 2010
APSR/ATS Leadership Meeting	25 November, 2010
APSR/ANZSRS Leadership Meeting	25 November, 2010

APSR Assembly Meeting	Date
Interstitial Lung Disease	22 November, 2010
Paediatric Lung Disease	23 November, 2010
Environmental & Occupational Health and Epidemiology	23 November, 2010
Cell and Molecular Biology	23 November, 2010
Bronchoscopy and Interventional Techniques	23 November, 2010
Clinical Allergy & Immunology	23 November, 2010
Critical Care Medicine	23 November, 2010
Respiratory Neurobiology and Sleep	23 November, 2010
COPD	23 November, 2010
Lung Cancer	24 November, 2010
Respiratory Structure and Function	24 November, 2010
Tuberculosis	24 November, 2010
Clinical Respiratory Medicine	24 November, 2010

v. Sponsorship

Category	Sponsoring Company
Platinum	Pfizer, Glaxo SmithKline
Silver	Boehringer Ingelheim, AstraZeneca
Satellite Symposia	Pfizer (3 symposia), GSK, BI, AZ, Bayer, Nycomed, Otsuka, Getz Pharma, Janssen Cilag, United Laboratories
Exhibit Booths	Bayer, Nycomed, Otsuka, Getz Pharma, United Laboratories, OEP, BlueSky Trading, Vitalograph, ResMed, Natrapharm, Olympus, Hill-Rom, Nonin, Care Fusion, Trudell, Respicare, MSD, Cathay Drug Olympus, Pentax, Respicare
Satchels	Getz Pharma, Otsuka, Daiichi Sankyo
Welcome Reception	Department of Tourism, United Laboratories

vi. Congress Secretariat

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## II. APSR CONGRESS 2010 BY THE NUMBERS

### A. REGISTRATION

#### i. Registration Category

Category	Full Registration		Day Registration	Free Registration
	Foreign	Local	Foreign	
APSR Member	107			
Non-APSR Member	696		2	
PCCP Member		408		45
Non-PCCP Member		44		18
Speakers				79
Trainee, Student, Paramedical	45	87		
Internal Medicine Trainee (for PG/YOTL session)				125
Accompanying Person	22			
Exhibitors, Media, etc				254
Sub-total	870	539	2	521
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1932</b>			

#### ii. Post Graduate Course, Meet the Expert

SESSION	COUNT
POST GRADUATE COURSE	275
MEET THE EXPERT	45

iii. Country of Origin Data

	COUNTRY	COUNT	PERCENT
1.	ARGENTINA	1	0.05176
2.	AUSTRALIA	26	1.346453
3.	BANGLADESH	34	1.760746
4.	BELGIUM	2	0.103573
5.	BRUNEI	2	0.103573
6.	CANADA	7	0.362506
7.	CHINA	179	9.269808
8.	EGYPT	3	0.15536
9.	FRANCE	2	0.103573
10.	GERMANY	4	0.207147
11.	GREECE	1	0.05176
12.	HONGKONG	11	0.569653
13.	HUNGARY	2	0.103573
14.	INDIA	58	3.003625
15.	INDONESIA	75	3.883998
16.	IRAN	1	0.05176
17.	IRAQ	1	0.05176
18.	ITALY	1	0.05176
19.	JAPAN	98	5.075091
20.	JORDAN	1	0.05176
21.	KOREA	40	2.071466
22.	MALAYSIA	48	2.485759
23.	MYANMAR	4	0.207147
24.	NETHERLAND	1	0.05176
25.	NEW ZEALAND	3	0.15536
26.	PAKISTAN	21	1.087519
27.	PHILIPPINES	1021	52.87416
28.	PORTUGAL	24	1.242879
29.	QATAR	3	0.15536
30.	RUSSIA	1	0.05176
31.	SAUDI ARABIA	9	0.46608
32.	SINGAPORE	21	1.087519
33.	SRI LANKA	31	1.605386
34.	SWEDEN	3	0.15536
35.	SYRIAN	1	0.05176

36.	TAIWAN	34	1.760746
37.	THAILAND	11	0.569653
38.	TURKEY	50	2.589332
39.	UAE	9	0.46608
40.	URUGUAY	1	0.05176
41.	USA	25	1.294666
42.	VIETNAM	62	3.210772
	Grand Total	1932	100

## B. SCIENTIFIC

### i. Invited Speakers Country of Origin Data

Country	No. of Speakers	Travel Grant
Australia/NZ	10	US/EU/South America USD 3,000
Belgium	2	
China	2	Australia USD 1,750
Hong Kong	2	
Japan	14	Japan/Korea/China USD 1,500
Philippines	16	
Singapore	1	Singapore, Taiwan, HK, Vietnam USD 1,000
South Korea	4	
Taiwan	1	Philippines (as honoraria) USD 350
United Kingdom	2	
Uruguay	1	*except ACCP,ATS, ERS leaders and WHO
USA/Canada	12	
Vietnam	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	

ii. Session Chairpersons Country of Origin Data

Country	PG	SY	Oral/Poster Presentations	Notes
Australia		8	8	<i>Invitation as session chairs was extended to the Presidents/officers of the national pulmonary societies in the Asian region to make sure that all Asian countries are represented.</i>
Bangladesh		1	2	
Indonesia		1	1	
Japan	1	12	11	
New Zealand			1	
Philippines	7	20	22	
Singapore		1		
South Korea		2	1	
United Kingdom		1		
Uruguay			1	
USA/Canada		1	5	
Vietnam			1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>53</b>	

iii. Submitted Abstracts Figures

ASSEMBLY	Total	Oral	Poster
Clinical Respiratory Medicine	23	6	17
Cell and Molecular Biology	3	2	1
Clinical Allergy & Immunology	3	2	1
Environmental & Occupational Health and Epidemiology	4	1	3
Respiratory Infections (non-TB)	26	7	18
Tuberculosis	20	7	13
COPD	35	14	22
Lung Cancer	41	8	33
Asthma	24	4	20
Respiratory Neurobiology and Sleep	8	3	5
Critical Care Medicine	22	6	16
Bronchoscopy and Interventional Techniques	14	7	7
Pediatric Lung Disease	9	7	2
Respiratory Structure and Function	6	1	5
Pulmonary Circulation	9	5	4
Interstitial Lung Disease	12	5	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>174</b>

iv. Submitted Abstracts Country of Origin Data

Country	Total	Oral	Poster
Australia	4	4	
Bangladesh	10	8	2
China	12	6	6
Germany	1	1	
Hong Kong	8	3	5
India	17	8	9
Indonesia	27	4	23
Iran	5	2	3
Japan	43	10	33
Korea	26	4	22
Malaysia	8	3	5
New Zealand	1		1
Philippines	61	25	36
Russia	2	1	1
Sri Lanka	2	1	1
Taiwan	8		8
Turkey	14	1	13
UAE	1	1	
United Kingdom	2	1	1
USA	5	1	4
Vietnam	2		2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>174</b>

C. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION THROUGH CONGRESS ACCREDITED HOTELS

ACCREDITED HOTEL	TOTAL
Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila	351
Century Park Hotel	83
Diamond Hotel	211
Atrium	10
Hyatt Hotel	137
Traders Hotel	111
Pan Pacific Hotel	35
Budget Hotels	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>946</b>

#### D. SOCIALS EVENTS

Event	Date	No. of Reservations
Fun Golf	November 21, 2010	200
Opening Ceremony	November 22, 2010	1,000
Welcome Reception	November 22, 2010	1,000
APSR President's Dinner	November 23, 2010	150
Gala Dinner	November 24, 2010	1,200
Closing Ceremony	November 25, 2010	150

### III. EXHIBITS

ALLOCATION	No. of Companies
Sponsors	27
Professional Societies	9
Table Display	5

BOOTH ALLOCATION	Companies
Sponsors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pfizer</li> <li>2. Pfizer Vaccines</li> <li>3. Glaxo SmithKline</li> <li>4. Astra Zeneca</li> <li>5. Boehringer Ingelheim</li> <li>6. ResMed</li> <li>7. BlueSky Trading</li> <li>8. Hill-Rom</li> <li>9. Care Fusion</li> <li>10. Trudell</li> <li>11. Respicare</li> <li>12. Olympus</li> <li>13. Vitalograph</li> <li>14. Pentax</li> <li>15. Natrapharm</li> <li>16. Orient Euro Pharma</li> <li>17. Wiley-Blackwell</li> <li>18. Cathay Drug</li> <li>19. MSD</li> </ol>



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<p><b>Professional Societies</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indian Chest Society</li> <li>2. Philippine College of Chest Physicians</li> <li>3. Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology</li> <li>4. APSR Congress 2011 – Chinese Society for Respiratory Diseases</li> <li>5. American Thoracic Society</li> <li>6. European Respiratory Society</li> <li>7. American College of Chest Physicians</li> <li>8. Indonesian Society of Pulmonologists</li> <li>9. Turkish Thoracic Society</li> </ol>
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