



Newsletter

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Message from the President



It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the President of the APSR for the next two years. I have been associated with the APSR almost since its inception and have been Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee and Secretary General for the last 2 years. Over the last 20 years I have seen the APSR grow from a fledgling organisation holding Congresses every 2 years and struggling to provide services to its members to the current situation where the APSR is one of the largest respiratory societies in the world, has its own journal which is rapidly increasing in stature, holds successful annual congresses, has commenced holding regular educational seminars in the region and is providing a number of other services to its members. In addition, the APSR is now fully recognised by its international sister societies the ATS, ERS, ACCP and ALAT as an active society participating in global activities such as FIRS (Forum of International Respiratory Societies).

This growth has been overseen by a series of hardworking Presidents and officers, none more so than our immediate past president Dr Yoshinosuke Fukuchi to whom I wish to pay special tribute. Yoshi has provided enormous drive and energy, has travelled extensively representing the Society at numerous meetings and has negotiated effectively on its behalf. Among many other achievements, he has registered the APSR as an NPO (Non Profit Organisation) in Japan, has attracted substantial funds for unrestricted educational activities, has developed a close working relationship with our international sister societies resulting in a number of reciprocal young investigator and travel awards, and finally has been Congress President for the 11th Annual Congress recently held in Kyoto. This represents an outstanding track record and on your behalf I thank him sincerely for his efforts.

I welcome the new officers to the Executive Committee. Dr Pan-Chyr Yang from Taiwan is the new Secretary General, with Dr Shoji Kudoh from Japan becoming the new Treasurer. I thank the outgoing treasurer, Dr Takashi Horie, for his excellent stewardship of the Society's finances. Yoshi Fukuchi will continue to serve the Society as Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee.

The 11th Congress held in Kyoto on the 19th to 22nd of November was an outstanding success with more than 2,400 attendees and about 800 submitted abstracts. There were many excellent sessions with the presidents of ATS, ERS, ACCP, ALAT and the president of last year's APSR Congress Dr. Nan-Shan Zhong, contributing to the Presidents' Symposium on the last day as well as giving a number of other presentations throughout the Congress. The special seminar on writing and publishing scientific papers involving the Editors-in-Chief of *Respirology*, *CHEST*, *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*, and *European Respiratory Journal*, was a unique initiative which proved very popular. The session was recorded and will soon be available by streaming video on the APSR website (www.apsresp.org). Those registrants who were able to take some time to see the sights were rewarded by traditional Japanese architecture and gardens, a rich cultural heritage, numerous beautiful shrines and temples on a backdrop of spectacular autumn colours. We thank Drs. Fukuchi, Mishima and Nishimura and their team who worked very hard to make the 11th Congress such a success. The 12th Congress will be held jointly with the ACCP on the Gold Coast, Australia on the 30th November to 4th December, 2007. Preparations are well underway and the program is taking shape under the direction of the Convener, Dr. Paul Reynolds, and the

Congress President, Dr. Christine Jenkins. At this stage it is planned to hold an Educational Seminar of the APSR (ESAP) immediately prior to the Congress on the subject of bird flu.

The Kyoto Congress was preceded by an ESAP held in Tokyo on the topic of Physiology in Respiriology – Classics, Updates and Frontiers. There was another ESAP held in Chengdu, China in August on the topic of COPD and a third ESAP for 2006 in Jakarta Dec 9 and 10 on Interventional Pulmonology. Dr Richard Beasley, Chairman of the Education Committee, is negotiating a number of ESAPs for 2007 and if there is interest in holding an ESAP, please contact him with your submission (rbeasley@asiapacificresearchreview.com). Richard has also been circulating the APSR Respiratory Research Reviews, another new initiative which has attracted a lot of favourable comment. These are major steps forward in the educational activities of the APSR.

There are many challenges ahead, including the inevitable financial issues, and I look forward to working with the officers and the Executive on the formidable task of building on the achievements of my predecessors in providing educational opportunities for the membership as well as promoting research and the highest standards of clinical care. I am pleased to report that since the last newsletter the Philippine College of Chest Physicians has joined the APSR and will be bringing at least 100 members en-bloc to the APSR. Continued growth of membership seems assured.

Norbert Berend
President/APSR

Message from immediate Past President and Congress President of the 11th Congress of the APSR in Kyoto

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all the members of the APSR from my dual capacity of immediate Past President of both the Society and the annual Congress.

First, as president of the APSR for 2004-2006, I am most grateful for such an enormous effort and cooperation devoted to the Society by Professor Norbert Berend, Secretary General, and Professor Takashi Horie, Treasurer, during the last two years. Norbert attended many international respiratory



conferences on behalf of the APSR whenever I was not available, despite his extremely busy engagements at the A. Woolcock Institute for Respiratory Medicine in Sydney. He was also a powerful locomotive for launching the academic assemblies as well as promoting en-bloc membership within the APSR as chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee. I am fully convinced that he will make an excellent President for 2006-2008 with his extensive experience and excellent leadership. I extend my gratitude also to Tak, who put so much energy into finding the most appropriate means to stabilize the financial operation of the Society with his patience and precision to achieve significant success. I owe so much to them in conducting presidential tasks in various activities of the APSR. I was also very fortunate to be able to witness the growth of our Society through close collaboration with all the members of the Executive Committee and the Council.

There are three aspects to be highlighted in the growth of the APSR;

First, academic strength: Respiriology, our official journal, was merited by an impact factor of 0.93 (2004) and 1.23 (2005) through the tremendous efforts of the editorial office in Perth under the magnificent leadership of Professor Philip Thompson, the Editor in Chief. There was a substantial increase in the





number and quality of submitted abstracts to the APSR Congresses from 2004 to 2006. With the advent of the academic assembly system, this trend will continue in the coming years.

Second, international presence: In 2004, the APSR became a unique regional society in respirology after negotiation with the ACCP. They agreed to co-sponsor a joint meeting in 2005 instead of holding APCDC, thereby having a joint congress in the Asia-Pacific region. The APSR was invited to send representatives to global respiratory circles such as FIRS, GARD, GOLD, ICC and WAM. Closer relationships have been developed with other regional/sister societies including ATS, ERS, ALAT and WONCA.

Third, educational activities: The ESAP (Educational Seminar of the APSR) was launched in 2006 for the first time in the APSR's 20-year history. This seminar aims at disseminating the academic fruits produced by the Society and fostering career development in respirology in this region by creating support for young investigators. The ESAP was fully supported by generously donated unrestricted educational grants in 2006. Three ESAP were held in 2006: ESAP Chengdu in August, ESAP Tokyo in November and ESAP Jakarta in December. All were well attended and achieved the primary goal of enabling participants to acquaint themselves with the latest knowledge in respiratory medicine. There will be ESAP in 2007 based on the evaluation of those in 2006. The Educational Committee and Strategic Planning Committee will be in charge of the venues as well as the program.

Next, as President of the 11th Congress of the APSR, I am delighted to report that it was well attended by more than 2,400 academic participants from 43 countries. I am extremely grateful to the Japanese Respiratory Society (JRS) and Japan Tuberculosis Society for their great support in preparing the Congress. All the directors of the JRS served as chairmen/

members of the subcommittees of the local organizing committee. I am particularly appreciative of hard work of Professors Takashi Horie, Shoji Kudoh, Takayuki Kuriyama, Ichiro Kawase, Michiaki Mishima and Masaharu Nishimura. We had three goals when we planned the Congress. First, to set high scientific standard in the program; second, to give as much support as possible for young doctors to attend; and third, to set a role-model active poster presentation to facilitate discussion/exchange on the site. It is particularly gratifying to get positive feedback on these points from the attendees after the Congress. I would like to express my sincere thanks to those who submitted the 710 abstracts and to those who joined us in the scientific programs. In particular, I am so grateful to kind support and cooperation given to the APSR from our sister societies, ATS, ERS, ALAT and ACCP.

The following doctors received awards for their outstanding work achievements.

APSR Young Investigator Travel Fellowship

Yi-Heng Liu	Wei Hsiu-Nien
Chen Shen	Yao T. Wang
Hermione Poh	Mizanur Rahman
Kendle M. Estcourt	Yu-Lin Tsai
Chia-Hung Chen	Shinn-Jye Liang
Chuangli Hao	Chen-Yu Wang
Suphagaphan Ratanamaneechat	

JRS Young Investigator Travel Fellowship (Harasawa Fellowship)

James C. Ho	Jin-Yuan Catherine L
Shih Gangell	Jennifer T. Burchell
Yanfei Jin Hwa	Guo Lee
Anita A Arsovska	JKL Wang
Yusuf Pohan	Zahra Shariat
Golnaz Ebrahimi	Lungyu Liu
Oon Hoe Teoh	Olanisun O. Adewole
Prayudi Santoso	Sally M Lansley
Robert J.J. O'Donoghue	Ozkan Yetkin
Wirongrong Chierakul	ShouWei Han
Zoran S Arsovski	Baoqing Sun
Kuan Yu Chen	Jaechun Lee
Lisa G Wood	

APSR Travel Awards to attend the ATS Congress

Lisa Wood

Hiroo Wada

Scholarship from TSANZ

JKL Wang

Best Poster Awards

Oon Hoe Teoh	Masaru Nishitsuji
Kye Young Lee	Satomi Hashimoto
Hui-Ping Li	Tomoaki Tanaka
Toshiyuki Yamagata	Hirokazu Ogino
Fanny WS Ko	Manabu Soda
Norihisa Motohashi	Marina Arifin
Watchara Boonsawat	Kuan Yu Chen
Shintaro Kanda	Yuka M. Miyazu
Hiroo Wada	Pim A de Jong
Roslan Harun	Takashi Hirose
Naoya Takeda	Ayuko Uesaka
Wataru Ito	Koji Chihara
Masaru Yanai	Kazi S Bennoor
Jin Won Huh	Makoto Fueki
Faisal Yunus	Hiroshi Tanaka
Hiroshige Yoshioka	Emiko Ono
Yong Soo Kwon	Masanari Watanabe
Makoto Osawa	Ki-Suck Jung
Dewi Puspitorini	Lisa G Wood
Hye Yun Park	Atsuyasu Sato
JKL Wang	Kohei Yamauchi
Kousuke Watanabe	Satoshi Ikegame
Eleanor A Dominguez	Noriho Sakamoto
Hideo Oya	Shinichi Hayashi
Yoshitaka Oyamada	Momoyo Azuma
Yanfei Guo	Nao Odajima
Shih-Yi Lee	Mei He
Hitomi Takahashi	Jih-Shuin Jerng
Hiromitsu Teruya	Jun Kishi
Tsuyoshi Tanabe	Sakae A. Homma
Teruaki Kimura	Makito Yasui
Keiko Hiyama	Yoko Gunji
Rieko Hatta	Naohiko Inase
Satoru Ito	Kazuma Kishi
Hiroko Kitaoka	Shinichiro Okamoto
Tetsuro Nishihira	

Yoshinosuke Fukuchi
President 2004-2006

Congress President/11th Congress of the APSR

Report - the Educational Symposium of the APSR (ESAP Indonesia 2006)

On December 9-10 2006, an Interventional Pulmonology Course on Bronchoalveolar Lavage & Medical Thoracoscopy was held in Jakarta. This ESAP focused on the medical intervention in pulmonary diseases such as thoracoscopy, bronchoalveolar lavage, and micro-sampling method. The event

was organized by Professor Faisal Yunus, Chairman of the Indonesian Society of Respiriology, and supported by the APSR. The lectures and workshops were given by Indonesian Pulmonologists: Menaldi Rasmin, Boedi Swidarmoko, Nirwan Arief, Faisal Yunus and speakers from APSR: Drs. A. Ishizaka, T. Miyazawa, M. Philips, A. Ng, and Y. Ishii. The proceedings were opened by the President of the APSR, Professor Norbert Berend.

The first day of the event was attended by 140 pulmonologists from across Indonesia (Aceh, Padang, Bandung, Semarang, Solo, Surabaya, Kalimantan, and Bali). The main topics were:

- Bronchoalveolar lavage: an overview
- Novel microsampling method to analyse epithelial lining fluid
 - comparison with BAL method
- Infectious lung disease and BAL
 - Is there any place for it?
- The use of BAL in respiratory care and obstructive airway disease
- Bronchoalveolar lavage: How I do it
 - Handling & processing the sample (VTR)
- Medical thoracoscopy: An overview
- Anatomy & physiology of pleural space
- How to prepare the patient & thoracoscopy techniques (1 port, 2 or 3 port of entries)
- Pleural biopsy techniques & pleurodesis
- Managing empyema & pneumothorax
- Pleural malignancy, mesothelioma and other pleural diseases
- New development in interventional bronchology

On the second day, there was a hands-on seminar, held in Department of Respiratory Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Indonesia in Asthma Clinic Persahabatan Hospital. This was attended by 40 pulmonologists from across the country, who engaged in:

- How to handle and prepare the BAL sample
- How to install the thoracoscope to patient
- Pleural biopsy techniques & pleurodesis

An animal model (goat) was used for the thoracoscopy and BAL procedure.

There was great enthusiasm from the audience, as proven by comments on the feedback forms collected after the event. The organizers hope that this event can be held annually.

Faisal Yunus

Chairman/Indonesian Society of Respiriology

Councillor's Report

The following reports were presented at the Council Meeting during 11th Congress of the APSR in Kyoto.

Australia

Dr. Ruffin reported that the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ), as en bloc members of the APSR, has been closely linked with APSR activities and the journal *Respirology*.

The annual TSANZ Meeting will be held in New Zealand in March 2007, and the TSANZ Secretariat is heavily involved with organizing the 12th APSR Congress in Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. Christine Jenkins is the Congress President and Paul Reynolds is taking a major role in the leadership of this event.

Singapore

Dr. Chee reported that the Singapore Thoracic Society (STS) had organized five talks through the year covering lung cancer and asthma, in particular asthma amongst high risk ethnic and minority groups in Singapore under the umbrella of the Singapore National Asthma Programme. The STS also endorsed the Ministry of Health guidelines on COPD which was launched on 2006 COPD Day.

Japan

Dr. Nukiwa reported that the Japanese Respiratory Society (JRS) joined with the American Thoracic Society (ATS) for a Meeting on 19-24 May 2006. The 46th Annual JRS Congress under the Presidency of Dr. S. Kudoh was held and 20-30 young doctors from the APSR were invited. The JRS then joined with the ERS for a Meeting 2-6 September. In October an MOU was exchanged with the APSR for the en bloc APSR members from the JRS to have to access the *Respirology* journal online. On 16 October there was an annual Meeting with the Japan Federation of Patient Organization for Respiratory Diseases. The JRS is participating in the current APSR Congress in Kyoto.

The 47th Annual Meeting will take place in Tokyo in 2007 and the main theme will be Respiratory Medicine for the Future; Preventative and Personalised Medicine.

Indonesia

Dr. Faisal Yunus reported that the Indonesian Association of Pulmonologists began in 1973 and hosted the 2nd APSR Congress in Bali in 1990. The Society has national annual meetings and a quarterly journal. There will be an ESAP event in Jakarta, Indonesia 9-10 December 2006 entitled 'Interventional Pulmonology Course on Bronchoalveolar Lavage & Medical Thoracoscopy'.

China

Dr. Zhong reported that the Chinese Thoracic Society currently has around 10,100 members. 150 members are attending the current Kyoto Congress. Last year 2,600 participants attended the 10th APSR Congress in Guangzhou, China. On 28th March 2006 GARD was launched which involves the Ministry of Public Health, physicians and patients. A National COPD Alliance and National Asthma Alliance have been established in 29 Chinese provinces and cities. A successful ESAP was held in Chengdu, Western China. Aims of the Society include promoting membership and increasing the number of submissions to *Respirology*. The Society has been actively involved in the prevention and management of emerging diseases in the region, such as Avian Flu.

Korea

Dr. Yoo reported that the Korean Respiratory Society has a long history of over 60 years and has 900 members. This year new guidelines have been published for COPD, asthma, pneumonia and tuberculosis. Last week the Society held five regional events for the World COPD Day. The executive are considering bidding to hold the 15th APSR Congress in 2010.

Bangladesh

Dr. A. Mujtaba Mahmud reported that in Bangladesh respiratory diseases occupy a major place in the disease spectrum. There are more than 400 diploma specialists in Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases (DTCD) and about fifty doctoral level specialists (MD). There are three organizations: Chest And Heart Association of Bangladesh, Asthma Association, and Bangladesh Society of Allergy & Immunology (BANSAI). These organizations are presently dealing with

various aspects of respiratory diseases.

A broader forum has recently been formed, the Bangladesh Lung Foundation (BLF), to involve all stakeholders in respiratory care in a streamlined fashion. The BLF seek en bloc APSR membership for their members.

BLF – main areas of activity

- Organization of congresses, workshops and seminars at central level
- Publication of guidelines and handbooks
- Training/orientation of primary care physicians/general practitioners (GPs)
- Organizing camps at rural level for the care of respiratory patients
- Advocacy for establishment of specialized respiratory units at medical college hospital (secondary level of care)
- Increasing social awareness regarding prevention of respiratory diseases
- Campaign of anti-smoking and early detection of lung cancer
- Conducting research – epidemiological, clinical trials

Philippines

Dr. Wi reported that the Philippine College of Chest Physicians (PCCP) has joined the

APSR en bloc. The PCCP holds two major annual conferences; in March and August. Dr. Mary Ip and Dr. Y. Fukuchi spoke at last year's annual conference. The PCCP is part of the BOLD study and last year revised the national tuberculosis guidelines and clinical practice guidelines for asthma. Attendees are welcome to join the 26th annual conference March 6-9 2007 at the Hotel Philippine Plaza.

Malaysia

Dr. C- K Liam was not present, and his report was read out by the Chairperson.

The congress this year, with the theme of "Unexplored Respiratory Frontiers of Malaysia", was held on 14 to 17 July 2006. In addition, several talks on asthma, COPD, respiratory infections and influenza pandemic preparedness in the country were organised under the society.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

2007

26th Annual Chest Convention of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians
6-9 March 2007, Manila, Philippines
Website: www.philchest.org

Notice from the Secretariat

1. Congress in 2008

We are delighted to announce the 13th Congress of the APSR will be hosted by the Thoracic Society of Thailand and held in Bangkok on 19-22 November 2008.

2. Congress in 2009!

We invite you to make a proposal to host the APSR Congress in 2009. Bids will be considered at the next Executive Meeting. You will be asked to present your thoracic society's plans for the arrangements and infrastructure of the event (Local Organizing Committee, etc.). Please contact the Secretariat in Tokyo for more information. (kyu00671@nifty.com)

3. Donation

One and half million yen was donated to the APSR by Dr. Fukuchi's sister and brother-in-law, Dr. Y. Aihara. This generous support makes a huge difference to the APSR finances and we are extremely grateful.

4. Website

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new website: <http://www.apspresp.org>

Annual Scientific meeting of Hong Kong Thoracic Society & ACCP
11 March 2007, Hong Kong
Email:
Sigourney.liu@asia.cmpmedica.com

TSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting
23-28 March 2007, Auckland, New Zealand
Website: www.thoracic.org.au

47th Annual Meeting of the JRS
10-12 May 2007, Tokyo, Japan
Email: 47jrs@jrs.or.jp
Website: www.jrs.or.jp/english/

ESAP Tokyo 2007
12 May 2007, (the last day of JRS meeting), 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Website: www.apspresp.org

ATS 2007 International Conference
18-23 May 2007, San Francisco, United States
Website: www.thoracic.org/

World Asthma Meeting
22-25 June 2007, Istanbul, Turkey
Website: www.wam2007.org

2nd Asia Pacific Congress of Bronchology
12-16 July 2007, Singapore
Email: info@apcb2007.com
Website: www.apcb2007.com/

International Union Against Tuberculosis
and Lung Disease – 1st Asia Pacific Region
Conference
2-5 August 2007, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Website: www.tibi2007.com

ERS 2007 Annual Congress
15-19 September 2006, Stockholm, Sweden
Website: www.ersnet.org

Annual International Scientific Assembly of
the ACCP
20-25 October 2007, Chicago, United States
Website: www.chestnet.org/CHEST/

12th Congress of the APSR
30 November-4 December 2007, Gold Coast,
Australia
Website: www.apsr2007.org

Annual Meeting of Taiwan Society of
Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
8-9 December 2007, Taipei, Taiwan

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TSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting
28 March- 2 April 2008, Melbourne, Australia
Email: tsanz@fcconventions.com.au
Website: www.thoracic.org.au

Annual meeting of the American Lung
Association & ATS
16-21 May 2008, Toronto, Canada
Website: www.thoracic.org

The 48th Annual Meeting of the JRS
15-17 June 2008, Kobe, Japan
Website: www.jrs.or.jp

Annual International Scientific Assembly of
the ACCP
25-30 October 2008, Miami, United States
Website: www.chestnet.org/CHEST/

13th Congress of the APSR
19-22 November 2008, Bangkok, Thailand
Website: www.apsresp.org

Annual Meeting of Taiwan Society of
Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
6-7 December 2008, Taipei, Taiwan
Email: spccm@mars.seed.net.tw
Website: www.tspccm.org.tw



The poster features a background image of a harbor at night with many lights reflecting on the water. The text is overlaid on this image. On the left side, there is a vertical grey bar containing the APSR logo and the CHEST logo. The main text is centered and right-aligned.

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