



# Newsletter

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## Message from the President



Dear APSR members;

The Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology has valuable assets of not only human resources but also the intellectual property developed by former APSR leaders and colleagues. Positioning this year as “Challenge of the APSR for the future of the society” utilizing those assets, we are now preparing some new initiatives to start right after the 19th Congress of the APSR in Bali, with the great support of Dr Kwun Fong, Secretary General and many APSR colleagues.

One such initiative is to generate APSR guidelines that will be useful and beneficial to members. In addition to supporting ESAPs (Education Seminar of the APSR), the APSR Short-Term Research/Training Scholarship and other scholarships, I believe further investment in education in the Asia-Pacific region is the most important issue, particularly for young researchers. Pursuing great ideas, mainly from the APSR Assembly Heads, our aims for a more powerful society are becoming more feasible.

In collaboration with our sister societies, we have built a brand new session at other international meetings and established further mutual benefits to members of the APSR and of other societies. In order to build more fascinating opportunities for APSR members to attend, we have continued exchanging views and ideas with APSR Assembly Heads and committees with more frequent face to face meetings and telephone conferences.

We also have not ignored social media opportunities. For example, APSR Twitter and Facebook accounts have been recently opened and your use of those media would be very much appreciated.

Another focus this year is the 20th Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology led by Dr Roslina Manap to be held on 3 - 6 December in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in the centre of the Asia-Pacific region. Needless to say, the hard work put into this congress so far by the Central Congress Committee and Local Congress Committee has very much upgraded the quality of our scientific programme, featuring the latest advances in basic sciences, epidemiology, research and clinical practice in the field of respiratory medicine by renowned experts from the region and internationally. I am sure the congress will definitely provide you ample opportunities for networking with colleagues, friends and exhibitors.

I would like to share good news with you that the Kyrgyz Thoracic Society in Kyrgyzstan and the Sri Lanka College of Pulmonologists have recently joined us. As the result, the number of APSR en bloc member society has now increased to 10 societies throughout the Asia-Pacific region. I am sure you will welcome both of these new societies.

Referring to FIRS (Forum of International Respiratory Societies), which consists of the APSR, ERS, ATS, CHEST, ALAT, PATS and UNION, activities have become more aggressive year by year to improve lung health all over the world. The FIRS has specific working groups to which each member society and organization contributes. Information about “The World Asthma Day” was disseminated to the world in early May through a press release via the APSR website and Bulletin to coincide with local events conducted by national respiratory societies. In line with the normal rotation, the APSR will be soon appointed to chair FIR meetings for one year right after the ERS 2015 congress in Amsterdam. Representing the APSR, I am honoured to chair a series of FIRS meetings through the year and at the two-day 2016 FIRS Annual meeting in early February 2016 in Kyoto, Japan.

Finally I strongly recommend you to become a Fellow of the APSR (FAPSR). The FAPSR is a distinction available exclusively to APSR members who have more than five years' experience in healthcare or research in respiratory medicine or a related discipline. There has been an increase in the number of FAPSRs since its inauguration in 2012, getting great support from APSR members. However, we have not yet reached our goal and need more members to apply for FAPSR. The link to the application form can be found on the top page of the APSR website <http://www.apsresp.org>.

Michiaki Mishima

## Message from the Secretary General

The role of the SG is a very rewarding one, as it offers the chance to work closely with members and the Office-Bearers of the APSR to develop new initiatives together to advance and achieve the mission of the APSR. One of these is embracing new technologies to improve communications and information to APSR members and stakeholders. The Secretariat has successfully and effectively implemented the use of video-conferencing to enable direct and frequent committee meetings to help facilitate projects and processes; simple flexible communications will allow the APSR to function more effectively and plans are in progress to further enable videoconferencing for our Assemblies to meet more frequently. The Secretariat has also commenced social media, with Twitter and Facebook used to bring fresh news to members – please follow us on @APSRapsr as the official twitter account of the Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology and Facebook on "APSR, Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology". Exciting too are the modernisation efforts of our webmaster for our website to make it mobile-compatible and user friendly – more to come on this and please feel free to make suggestions on how better to communicate between us all. Other thoughts are communication translation for members who are not as fluent in English.

Other ideas in development include efforts to develop a teaching library for APSR members of cases vignettes and teaching pearls – thanks to Dr Philip Eng for leading this effort – watch for developments in the next Newsletter, as well as ways for the APSR to help Assemblies establish goals and tools for reaching these.

We look forward to the next Newsletter to share more news with you. Until then, do please send in ideas and proposals for us to make the APSR even more beneficial for members so it can help improve lung health for the many people in our AP region. Thanks for your support and also our gratitude for the hard working office-bearers and Secretariat. If you wish to contribute more actively, please let APSR know!!

Kwun Fong

## Message from Editor-in-Chief of Respiriology

At the start of 2015 *Respirology* successfully transitioned from print and online publication to an online-only platform. In order to make the articles more accessible to mobile users, Wiley (*Respirology*'s publisher) is developing a journal App for iPad and iPhone with a launch expected before the end of this year. These initiatives will allow us to build on the success of 2014, which saw a continuation of the annual increase in number of article downloads, journal subscriptions and content alert registrations.

The journal's big increase in impact factor last July has led to an increase in original article submissions and is keeping the editorial team very busy. To help with the increased reviewing load, we have welcomed several new Associate Editors – James Chalmers (UK), Masahito Ebina (Japan), Fabien Maldonado (USA), Stacey Peterson-Carmichael (USA), Stephen John Wort (UK), Lisa Wood (Australia) and Conroy Wong (New Zealand). We also extend a warm welcome to Cynthia Chee (Singapore) and Alexander Larcombe (Australia) as new members of the Editorial Board.

*Respirology* is experiencing a continued increase in the quality of the original research articles being submitted and published. In addition, the journal is publishing several new *Invited Review Series*, which are packed with timely and thought-provoking articles by experts in the respiratory medicine field:

- '*Challenges in drug development for chronic lung diseases*' edited by Martin Kolb and Kjetil Ask (first paper published in January 2015)
- '*Lung cancer, implementing evidence from around the world*' edited by Kwun Fong and Nico van Zandwijk (first paper published in February 2015)
- '*Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonia*' edited by Tamera Corte, Athol Wells and Hal Collard (first paper published in July 2015)
- '*Unravelling the many faces of COPD to optimize its care and outcomes*' edited by Don Sin and Greg King (first article scheduled for publication in October 2015)

*Respirology* will soon publish its next *YouTube* video which will introduce the review series on drug development for chronic lung diseases, and feature the series editors Martin Kolb and Kjetil Ask.

In April, *Respirology* announced the winner of the *Fukuchi Award* for best original research paper published in the journal in 2014. I would like to sincerely congratulate the authors of the paper entitled '*Elevated plasma YKL-40 as a prognostic indicator in patients with idiopathic pulmonary arterial hypertension*' which was published in the May issue of 2014. I look forward to meeting two of the authors, Dr Guo Chen and Dr Tao Yang (Beijing, China), at the APSR congress in Kuala Lumpur in December and formally present them with their award. For a comprehensive overview of all papers published in *Respirology* during 2014 as well as an analysis of their contribution to advances in respiratory medicine research and practice, I recommend reading the *2014 Year in Review* publications, published in the April, May and July issues of 2015.

As always, I sincerely thank the members of the Editorial Board, the Editorial Office staff, the staff at Wiley, the APSR Secretariat and the APSR Executives for their continued support and assistance.

Peter Eastwood

## Message from Editor-in-Chief of Respirology Case Reports

Since my last message in January, *Respirology Case Reports'* activity has remained very satisfactory. In these early years, our aim is to increase the journal's visibility and to establish its reputation as a sound international platform for the publication of interesting cases or rare or unusual presentations.

Wiley has released its publisher's report for 2014 and we were very pleased with the feedback on the performance of *Respirology Case Reports*. 2014 was the first full year of operation for the journal so this should be seen as the baseline. The readership is good and international, with, interestingly, a quarter of article downloads coming from the USA. The top 10 case reports downloaded show a high number of accesses (in the two to four hundreds), with one article having received over 6,000 accesses, which is very high. The traffic to the journal's website is also very interesting, with more than 50% coming from the UK and USA, showing that *Respirology Case Reports* reaches an international audience beyond the Asia-Pacific Region.

So far this year, *Respirology Case Reports* has received 48 submissions from 20 different countries, with about 37% originating from Japan and about 65% from the Asia-Pacific region. Since the journal was listed on PubMed last December we have noticed a slight increase in manuscript submissions, we hope that the trend will continue this year. In the past 12 months, approximately 58% of the case reports were accepted for publication. On average, the authors are informed of a first decision within 22 days of submission, and of a final decision in about 35 days.

Last month, *Respirology Case Reports* was also approved for listing on the Directory of Open Access Journals. This should also help in increasing the journal's visibility and raising its profile. In addition, the journal continues to be widely marketed. It is regularly advertised in *Respirology* and the APSR Respiratory Updates, and on the APSR and *Respirology* websites, as well as on that of other societies. Wiley marketed the journal in the World Association of Bronchoscopy and Interventional Pulmonology (WABIP) January Newsletter, at the Japanese Respiratory Society (JRS) meeting in April and at the American Thoracic Society (ATS) conference in May. Wiley is also dedicating a team to ensure that articles published in *Respirology Case Reports* receive a high ranking on search engines such as Google and Google Scholar. Each new case report published is mentioned on Twitter. These mentions contribute to the paper's altmetric score, which is a measure of all mentions a scholarly publication attracts from various media, and some case reports show to have already attracted a lot of comments and activity.

During the American Thoracic Society Conference

in Denver, Colorado, a meeting was held on Saturday 16 May featuring what were judged to be the best scientific and case presentation abstracts submitted by young APSR investigators. The investigators gave brief presentations which were then critically reviewed by Dr Ian Yang and myself, who followed with seminars about how to present papers at major meetings. Many examples from *Respirology Case Reports* were cited, illustrating why and how such unusual cases can be presented for publication. This was followed by a Q and A session. Feedback from this meeting was very positive.

The co-publication venture with *Respirology*, that was initiated last year, continues, and is proving very popular with our authors. This venture offers to authors of invited reviews the opportunity to publish in *Respirology Case Reports* a "real life" case report that illustrates their invited review in the series published in *Respirology*. This is now happening for the new series on Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonia edited by Tamera Corte, Athol Wells and Harold Collard as well as for the upcoming series on COPD edited by Gregory King and Don Sin. We believe that this initiative helps further raise awareness of *Respirology Case Reports* as invited reviews that are part of a series in *Respirology* are always well accessed, read and cited.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Editorial Board members for their work in reviewing all the case reports submitted to the journal and would like to thank each one of them for their expert advice and support and for championing the journal. We are also indebted to the reviewers who help our Board members with the peer-review, our three Deputy Editors, the Editorial Office team as well as the team at Wiley and the APSR Secretariat.

Norbert Berend

## Message from the APSR Education Committee

### Educational Seminar of APSR (ESAP)

We received the report from the Vietnam Respiratory Society (VNRS) on the ESAP on **Pediatric Asthma Workshop** held on 6 -7 December 2014 in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam. The event was hosted by Dr Le Thi Tuyet Lan from VNRS, with Dr Gary Wong (Hong Kong) and Dr Timothy Craig (USA) being the International Faculty. This ESAP brought updated information on diagnostic investigation and management of asthma in children, together with discussion on the updated GINA, to practicing pediatricians in Vietnam. The event was well attended with 79 delegates (physicians and pharmacists) from all over Vietnam.

### ATS Statement on Unproven Stem Cell Interventions

Dr Yasuhiro Yamauchi, the Head of the APSR Assembly for Cell and Molecular Biology, has



Participation in Practice Guideline Development or relevant review

been representing the APSR in working with the ATS for the Statement on Unproven Stem cell interventions for lung diseases. The APSR has endorsed the 2015 Update version of that ATS Statement by updating it with signatory support from the APSR.

#### APSR Respiratory Updates

The schedule of the monthly release of APSR Respiratory Updates was implemented smoothly in 2015. We are glad to have invited expert reviewers to select updated articles for comments and discussion. The list of topics reviewed in 2015 is listed in the following table

These new and archival issues are all available on the APSR website:

<http://www.apsresp.org/publications/resp-updates.html>.

We continue to invite authors to share their views on update literature in their expert areas

#### Future Plans:

Application for ESAP in 2015 is open. We are

working on the plan to have another ESAP on Interstitial Lung Diseases as a pre-congress event before the upcoming APSR Congress 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Suggestions for topics from APSR members and potential hosts are most welcome.

The APSR Education Committee has also received request for endorsement on clinical practice guidelines in the Asia-Pacific Region. A recent example is the TSANZ Use of Oxygen Guidelines, which we are looking forward to receiving for APSR endorsement.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the APSR Education Committee members, Dr Arata Azuma, Dr Richard Beasley, Dr Shu Hashimoto and Dr Kazuhisa Takahashi, for their continued support. We are looking forward to your continued participation in future APSR education activities.

David CL Lam

2015	Topic	Reviewers
Jan	Quantitative imaging of respiratory system	Nguyen Van Tho, Yasushi Ryujin, Emiko Ogawa and Yasutaka Nakano Division of Respiratory Medicine, Department of Medicine, Shiga University of Medical Science, Shiga, Japan.
Feb	Cellular and molecular biology of the lung	Yasuhiro Yamauchi, Satoshi Noguchi, Yu Mikami, Hirotaka Matsuzaki, Masafumi Horie, and Takahide Nagase Department of Respiratory Medicine, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
Mar	Non-invasive ventilation	Amanda Piper Respiratory Failure Service, Department of Respiratory and Sleep Medicine, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown, NSW, Australia
Apr	Pneumothorax: Evolving indications for surgery	Alan Sihoe Department of Surgery, the University of Hong Kong
May	Induced sputum 2015	Peter Gibson Centre for Asthma and Respiratory Disease, The University of Newcastle, NSW, Australia
Jun	Air pollution update	Zoran Ristovski, Branka Miljevic, Svetlana Stevanovic (International Laboratory for Air Quality & Health, Queensland University of Technology) Annalicia Vaughan, Ian Yang (UQ Thoracic Research Centre) The University of Queensland & The Prince Charles Hospital, Brisbane, Australia

## Message from the 20th Congress President



### **APSR 2015**

**Congress of Asian Pacific  
Society of Respirology**

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

On behalf of the organizing committee, I am delighted to welcome all the delegates and their guests to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for the 20th Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respirology (APSR 2015) that will take place 3 – 6 December 2015. This is Asia-Pacific's annual event devoted to the field of respiratory medicine, and it will give participants a platform to exchange ideas, discover novel opportunities, become reacquainted with colleagues, meet new friends and broaden their knowledge. The conference will be held at the state-of-the-art Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre amidst the backdrop of the spectacular Petronas Twin Towers and a sprawling 50-acre garden surrounding it.

As the APSR Congress enters its second decade, the endeavour to have a strong scientific content that is even better organized than previous years is so much more challenging!

Dr Pang Yong Kek and his Scientific Committee together with APSR Assembly Heads have put together an exciting scientific programme in the form of symposia, plenary lectures, interactive sessions and workshops covering Clinical and Respiratory Medicine, Cell and Molecular Biology, Clinical Allergy and Immunology, Environmental and Occupational Health and Epidemiology, Respiratory Infections, Tuberculosis, Asthma, Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease, Lung Cancer, Respiratory Neurobiology and Sleep, Critical Care Medicine, Bronchoscopy and Interventional

Techniques, Paediatric Lung Disease, Respiratory Structure and Function, Pulmonary Circulation, Pleural Disease and Interstitial Lung Disease. Industry-sponsored satellite symposia will bring the latest developments in new therapies and clinical trials in respiratory illnesses, whilst interactive sessions along with dedicated scientific oral and poster presentations will allow active participation and exchange of information with our distinguished faculty. Accepted abstracts will be eligible for consideration for the APSR Travel Award and APSR Young Investigator Award.

As we reach the final stretch of planning for APSR 2015, I would like to especially thank Dr Michiaki Mishima for his guidance, Dr Kwun Fong for his invaluable insights, Dr Pang for volunteering his time as the Scientific Chairperson and Dr Hooi Lai Ngoh for ensuring that our key partners' needs are seen to. And my deepest gratitude to the Local Congress Committee who have consistently given their input and shared the heavy (but happy) load in organizing APSR 2015.

I look forward to welcoming you personally to an inspiring, educational and enjoyable programme in Kuala Lumpur with the intent of addressing the global challenge of respiratory medicine. More updates at [www.apsr2015.com](http://www.apsr2015.com)

We look forward to warmly welcoming you to APSR 2015 in Kuala Lumpur.

With best wishes,



*Roslina Abdul Manap*

Roslina Abdul Manap



## Message from the 21st Congress President

Dear APSR friends and colleagues

On behalf of the organizing committee, I would like to invite and welcome you to the 21st Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respirioloogy (APSR 2016) which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, 12-15 November 2016, at The Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (QSNCC).

The APSR 2016 is expected to gather over 2,000 clinicians, experts as well as allied health personnel who work in the field of respiratory and critical care medicine in the Asia-Pacific region. In addition to being an excellent forum for information sharing, it will provide the most up to-date knowledge from world-renowned authorities. The content of each session will be of both knowledgeable and practical value for practitioners including pulmonologists, thoracic surgeons, internists, intensivists and pediatricians. Furthermore, I would like to express a warm welcome to those participants who want to share knowledge from their recent research studies and good practices, either through an oral or poster presentation. Our experience from hosting the 13th APSR Congress in 2008 gives us confidence that the 21st APSR Congress will be even more attractive.

Bangkok, one of the most famous cities in Asia, is not only well known for modern meeting and shopping facilities, but also blessed with indigenous cultural and historical attractions. We are confident that your stay in Bangkok during the 21st APSR Congress in 2016 will be the most enjoyable one.

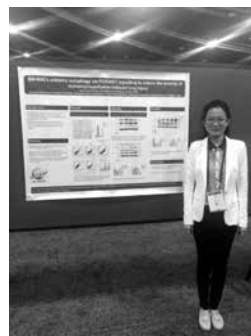
We would like to express our warm invitation for you to participate in this APSR 2016. It is only your participation that ensures our success.

Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you in Bangkok, Thailand for APSR 2016.



Sumalee Kiatboonsri

## Report from the award winners to attend the ATS International Conference



I am very grateful to the APSR for giving me this opportunity to attend the 2015 ATS International Conference in Denver. As a postgraduate student in Pulmonary Medicine, this conference was a remarkable opportunity to learn the latest and the most remarkable development about the field.

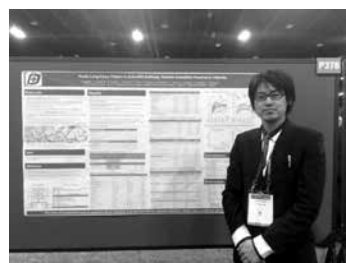
The conference offered a wide array of topics in respiratory medicine for basic scientists and healthcare professionals. Many speakers were invited to give a short talk on how to get an article published in respected journals. Of particular interest were the latest innovations on stem cells and ARDS.

I was very pleased to have the opportunity to present our work in the "China Day". The session was exciting for me because I received so much valuable feedback from the audience and the chairperson, which will fortify our future experiments.

I also presented my poster entitled "Human Bone Marrow-Derived Mesenchymal Stem Cells Enhance Autophagy via PI3K/AKT Signaling to Reduce the Severity of Ischemia/Reperfusion-Induced Lung Injury". The questions received were quite difficult and challenging, however it was a very wonderful experience for me.

I am very grateful for your support for young investigators like me to attend the ATS International Conference. It was truly a memorable and enriching experience!

Jing Li  
Fudan University



I am very grateful to the APSR for giving me this opportunity to attend the 2015 ATS International Conference in Denver, Colorado.

I participated in the "APSR Live learning presentation session" on Saturday. There was an opportunity of oral presentation, so I could give a presentation about our study. Furthermore, we were able to learn about how to make case reports and how to deliver a presentation in English. The meeting was very nice and attractive for me. I made a presentation titled "Acute Lung Injury Pattern in Anti-ARS Antibody Positive Interstitial

Pneumonia Patients" with my co-author at the session "You've really got a hold on me: ILD Anti-synthetase syndromes". In this session, many Asian researchers gave presentations, so we felt that it was necessary to provide new evidence from Asia to the world.

Aside from our session, I participated in many poster discussion sessions and forwarded various arguments. I was pleased to learn a lot from the sessions which I can connect with a future study.

I am very grateful for APSR support for young investigators like me to attend the ATS conference.

Yasuhiko Yamano  
Tosei General Hospital

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### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

#### 2015

The Japanese Society of Medical Oncology 2015 Annual Meeting  
16 – 18 July,  
Venue: Sapporo, Japan  
Website: [www.congre.co.jp/jsmo2015/](http://www.congre.co.jp/jsmo2015/)

TSANZSRS Annual Scientific Meeting 2015  
6 – 7 August  
Venue: Queenstown, New Zealand  
Email: [tsanz@outshine.co.nz](mailto:tsanz@outshine.co.nz)  
Website: [outshine.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/tsanz2015/web](http://outshine.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/tsanz2015/web)

16th World Conference on Lung Cancer  
6 – 9 September  
Denver, USA  
Website: [wclc2015.iaslc.org/](http://wclc2015.iaslc.org/)

ERS 2015 International Congress  
26 – 30 September, Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
Website: [www.erscongress.org/](http://www.erscongress.org/)

75th Kyushu Regional Branch Meeting in Autumn of the Japanese Respiratory Society, the Japanese Society for Tuberculosis and the Japan Society of Sarcoidosis and other Granulomatous Disorders  
2 – 3 October  
Venue: Saga, Japan  
Website: [www2.convention.co.jp/jrsk75/](http://www2.convention.co.jp/jrsk75/)

Kyrgyz National Congress of Respiratory & Allergic Diseases  
and Euro-Asian International Primary Care Respiratory Group (IPCRG) Forum  
8-10 October, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Website: [www.apsresp.org/archive/kts-2015.html](http://www.apsresp.org/archive/kts-2015.html)

18th PCCP Mid-year Convention  
9-10 October, Iloilo City, Philippines  
Email: [secretariat@philchest.org](mailto:secretariat@philchest.org)  
Website: [www.philchest.org](http://www.philchest.org)

Vietnamese Respiratory Society (VNRS) Congress  
6-7 November, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam  
Website: [vnrs2015.org/](http://vnrs2015.org/)

120th Annual Meeting of the KATRD  
12-13 November  
Venue: Seoul, South Korea

PULMOCON 2015 - 4th International Conference on Lung Health  
17 - 20 November  
Venue: Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Email: [pulmocon@gmail.com](mailto:pulmocon@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.bdlungfoundation.org](http://www.bdlungfoundation.org)

56th Annual Meeting of the Japan Lung Cancer Society  
26 – 28 November  
Venue: Yokohama, Japan  
Website: [www2.convention.co.jp/56jlcs/](http://www2.convention.co.jp/56jlcs/)

20th Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respirology  
3 – 6 December, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Email: [apsr2015@relianceconventions.com](mailto:apsr2015@relianceconventions.com)  
Website: [www.apsr2015.com/](http://www.apsr2015.com/)

#### 2016

76th Kyushu Regional Branch Meeting in Spring of the Japanese Respiratory Society and the Japanese Society for Tuberculosis.  
19 March  
Venue; Kagoshima, Japan

TSANZSRS Annual Scientific Meeting 2016  
1 – 6 April  
Venue: Western Australia, Australia  
Email: [tsanzsrs@tcc.co.nz](mailto:tsanzsrs@tcc.co.nz)  
Website: [www.tsanzsrs2016.com/](http://www.tsanzsrs2016.com/)

56th Annual Meeting of the JRS  
8 – 10 April  
Venue: Kyoto, Japan  
Email address: [56jrs@jrs.or.jp](mailto:56jrs@jrs.or.jp)  
Website: <http://www.jrs.or.jp/jrs56>

121st Annual Meeting of the KATRD  
9 or 16 April (to be confirmed )  
Venue: Jeju, Korea

91st Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Tuberculosis  
26 – 27 May  
Venue: Kanazawa, Japan  
Website: [www.kekkaku.gr.jp/jst91/index.html](http://www.kekkaku.gr.jp/jst91/index.html)

39th Annual Meeting of the Japan Society for Respiratory Endoscopy  
23 – 24 June  
Venue: Nagoya, Japan

77th Kyushu Regional Branch Meeting in Summer of the Japanese Respiratory Society, the Japanese Society for Tuberculosis and the Japan Society of Sarcoidosis and other Granulomatous Disorders

22 – 23 July

Venue: Kurume, Japan

Japanese Society of Medical Oncology 2016 Annual Meeting

28 – 30 July

Venue: Hyogo, Japan

122nd Annual Meeting of the KATRD

10 – 11 November

Venue: Seoul, Korea

21st Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respirology

12 – 15 November, Bangkok, Thailand

57th Annual Meeting of the Japan Lung Cancer Society

19 – 21 December

Venue: Fukuoka, Japan

## 2017

78th Kyushu Regional Branch Meeting in Spring of the Japanese Respiratory Society and the Japanese Society for Tuberculosis.

11 March

Venue: Fukuoka, Japan

92nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Tuberculosis

23 – 24 March

Venue: Tokyo, Japan

57th Annual Meeting of the JRS

21 – 23 April

Venue: Tokyo, Japan

40th Annual Meeting of the Japan Society for Respiratory Endoscopy

June

Venue: Nagasaki, Japan

The Japanese Society of Medical Oncology 2017 Annual Meeting

Venue: 27 – 26 July

Venue: Kobe, Japan

58th Annual Meeting of the Japan Lung Cancer Society

14 – 15 October

22nd Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respirology

24-26 November, Sydney, Australia

## Notices from the Secretariat

### 1. Invitation to bid for the 2018 Congress!

We invite you to make a proposal to host the 23rd Congress of the APSR in 2018. Bids will be considered at the next Executive Committee Meeting. You will be asked to present your thoracic society's plans for the arrangements, financial planning and infrastructure of the event (Local Congress Committee, etc.). Please contact the Secretariat in Tokyo for more information. (apsrinfo@theapsr.org)

### 2. APSR Research Awards

The APSR is pleased to announce two Research Awards; the Harasawa Research Award and the Woolcock Research Award, to two APSR members. The awardees will deliver lectures at the APSR Congress in Kuala Lumpur, December 2015. Nominations can be made by any member of the APSR and nominees can be any member of the APSR, whose work enshrines excellence in respiratory research. Nominations should be sent to the Secretariat and will be considered by the APSR Research Committee.

Deadline for nominations: 15 August 2015

### 3. The APSR Medal

The APSR Medal will be bestowed during the 20th Congress of the APSR in Kuala Lumpur, December 2015. The award of this medal is made for the advancement of respirology in the Asia-Pacific region in fields other than research but including major achievements in advocacy, teaching, or clinical practice. Any member of the APSR fulfilling the criteria is eligible for this award. Nominations should be sent to the Secretariat and will be considered by a committee comprising of the Chairperson of the Strategic Planning Committee, Chairperson of the Education Committee, Secretary General, Past President and President of the APSR.

Deadline for nominations: 15 August 2015

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