MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE 4TH CONGRESS OF THE APSR

GREETINGS FROM CHINA

The fourth Congress of the Asian and Pacific Society of Respirology will be held in the Olympic Center in Beijing from October 4th, (Friday) to 8th (Tuesday), 1996. Doctors and investigators and their families are heartily welcome to this major Congress.

Beijing is an ancient capital which has adapted to modern life. This historical city offers wonderful opportunities for visitors with its world-famous Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and the Temple of Heaven etc. October is the Golden Season in Beijing with blue sky and sunny weather. A range of interesting and various optional social programs will be available together with post-conference tours of Xi'an and Shanghai.

During the APSR Congress, an international panel of eminent speakers with the latest information and experience will be invited to grace the occasion. There is great need for cooperation and experience sharing among us all and this gathering will provide a much-needed platform to review latest advances in respirology, especially in the Asian Pacific region, but also throughout the world, including:

1. Critical care medicine
2. Allergic airway diseases
3. Acute pulmonary infections
4. Tuberculosis and non-tuberculous mycobacterial diseases
5. Smoking-related lung diseases
6. Occupational lung diseases
7. Lung cancer
8. Interstitial lung diseases
9. Sleep apnea syndrome
10. AIDS related pulmonary diseases
11. Lung function tests with ethnic differences
12. Experiences in imaging the lung with CT scan, MRI etc.

We believe that the Congress will promote international respirology and friendship in the Asian-Pacific region.

I look forward to welcoming you to Beijing in October 1996.

Dr. Wei-Ci Luo, M.D.

President of the Chinese Thoracic Society, Professor of Peking Union Medical College, President of the Chinese Society of Respiratory Disease, People's Republic of China
ACTIVITIES OF THE APSR

Informal Executive Meeting in Penang
An Informal Executive Meeting was held in Penang on August 27, 1994. Attendees were; Dr. A. Woolcock, Dr. N. Berend, Dr. P. Seale, Dr. M. Hadiarto, Dr. H. Alshaggaaf, Dr. M. Zainudin, Dr. S. Kira, Dr. Y. Fukuchi, and Dr. T. de Guia.
The Secretary reported the progress of preparation for the APSR meeting in Beijing, 1996. It was decided that Dr. Tan would hold further discussion when she visits Beijing in October, 1994.
Several recommendations and requests regarding the 5th congress were made.
Dr. Woolcock announced that the First World Lung Meeting was being planned in the year 2000. The main sponsors will be the ERS, ATS, IUATLD, and the APSR. The issue of increasing the number of APSR meetings organized with conjunction with other society.
Dr. Berend reported on the progress of the APSR journal. Some practical estimates were made given for the cost of publication. Final decision was left to further discussion.

Informal Executive Meeting in Nice
Executive members attended the ERS Congress in Nice (Galleri 1) met for an informal discussion on two occasions. Those were October 1 and 3, 1994. The attendees for the first discussion were; Dr. Berend, Dr. de Guia, Dr. Seal, Dr. Tan and Dr. Fukuchi. The attendees for the second discussion were the above plus Dr. Zhong, Dr. Takizawa, Dr. Woolcock.
All attendees agreed to launch a fund-rais ing campaign to provide solid financial basis for the APSR journal.
Dr. Berend reported the additional conditions of publication proposed by Reed Healthcare Australia, Sydney, Australia. The general concensus among attendees was to promote the planning of APSR journal by finding the most suitable publisher in financial term. The final decision of this issue is scheduled to be made at the Formal Executive Meeting to be held in Manila.
The Formal Executive meeting of the APSR is scheduled for February 28, 1995. Dr. de Guia was asked to organize the meeting and she kindly accepted this task.
Dr. Zhong reported the status of preparations for the 1996 Beijing meeting. There was some concern among attendees about the slow progress in preparation for the Beijing Congress, but Dr. Zhong responded with eagerness to work in close cooperation with Dr. Luo to gear up for success. The Secretariat promised to send every communication to Dr. Luo in duplicate to Dr. Zhong and vice versa, so that they are simultaneously informed of all communications.

ATS / ERS / IUATLD / APSR - Joint Meeting
Members from APSR were Dr. Tan, Dr. Woolcock, and Dr. Fukuchi.
Visit and a discussion with APSR Executive in Beijing was held on October 23, 1994. Dr. Tan, President of APSR, met Dr. Luo, and Zhao.

The following are various articles from APSR member countries.

AUSTRALIA

The news that the APSR is working towards developing a regional journal of respiratory medicine has been very enthusiastically received by the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ). I am certain that the journal will receive suitable submissions from respiratory physicians and scientists from many countries of the region including Australia and New Zealand. There is a need to put the journal on a sound financial basis which can only be done through an increase in membership numbers. Joining the APSR has been unduly difficult in the past due to problems in handling the subscription fees but the availability of payment by credit card should aid this process considerably. Professor Paul Seale, the President of the TSANZ, has initiated a major membership drive. The increasing quality of the APSR Scientific meetings will also contribute to increased interest by respiratory physicians in Australia and New Zealand.

The TSANZ will be hosting two very attractive meetings in 1995. The Annual Scientific Meeting will be held from March 26-30, 1995 at the Wrest Point Convention Centre in Hobart, Tasmania. A major topic will be adult respiratory distress syndrome and pulmonary vascular disease with Dr. Tim Evans, Reader in Critical Care Medicine at the National Heart and Lung Institute in London, being the principal invited guest. A wide range of other clinical topics will also be covered, with a large number of original papers being
presented. Tasmania is known for its scenic beauty and its wonderful range of gourmet foods. The biannual Advanced Course of the TSANZ, will be held from September 3-7, 1995 in Adelaide on the topic of sleep disordered breathing. In recent years these courses have involved both formal presentations and hands-on teaching and have been very popular. The TSANZ will indeed be pleased to welcome delegates from the Asian Pacific region. Further details and registration forms can be obtained from Eleanor McDonald at the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand, 145 Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000, fax 61-2-2313120.

Nobert Berend, MD, BS, FRACP
Professor and Head
Department of Thoracic Medicine
Royal North Shore Hospital
St Leonards, NSW, 2065

M.D. (member of the APSR Executive Committee).
In this meeting, we had reported: "The Progression of Tuberculosis in the World", to introduce advanced knowledge.
All the pulmonary doctors in this meeting said that this meeting was very useful, they got many advance knowledge from this meeting.
In this meeting, I introduced my research work on Histoplasmosis (The manifestation of this disease is very close to TB). There are three pulmonary professors who are new member of our APSR.

John Ngao-sun Wu, M.D.
Professor of Medicine, Xiang Ya Hospital,
Hunan Medical University
Changsha 410008

KOREA

The Korean Society of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases had its annual meeting on Nov. 18 in Seoul. More than 300 members participated and 70 papers were presented. A report on non-tuberculous mycobacterial study was presented.
On Nov. 19, a Workshop on Fiberoptic Bronchoscopy was held with more than 200 participants. Announcements for the APSR membership application were made.

Young-Soo Shim, M.D.
Department of Internal Medicine,
Seoul National University Hospital

PHILIPPINES

APSR JOINTS ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE PHILIPPINE COLLEGE OF CHEST PHYSICIANS

The Asia - Pacific Society of Respirology will join the 14th Annual Convention of the Philippine College of Chest Physicians and the two affiliate Chest Societies which are the Philippine Chapter of the International Academy of Chest Physicians and Surgeons and the Philippine Association of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons. As had been proposed in the last Executive Committee of APSR, involvement of the society with various thoracic societies in the region will develop a closer bond and awareness of each other for the

People's Republic of China
Hunan

Recently, in Hunan province, we had made a Symposium to discuss The Changes in X-Ray Films of Chest Diseases. This Symposium was directed by professor John Ngao-sun Wu,
common goal to combat lung problems in the region.

The National Convention, an activity of the three chest association in the Philippines, is held annually during the first week of March and attracts nationwide participation. Experts in chest diseases are invited as speakers together with local chest specialist to discuss various issues in respirology.

The participation of the APSR will boost this years' invited regional experts. The APSR will sponsor a course in Pulmonary Function Testing as a whole day post graduate course on March 1, 1995. The course will deal on subjects such as the importance, relevance and indications of procedures in the diagnosis and prognosis of lung disorders. There will also be discussions on the various techniques, methodology, performance and application of the various lung function determination. Standardization of procedures will be discussed. Executive Members will be asked as lecturers in conjunction with local pulmonologist. Dr. Teresita de Guia will chair the sessions together with Dr. Alberto Lardizabal. The convention will take place at the Shangrilla EDSA Plaza Hotel.
Registration fee is US$ 30.

Teresita S. de Guia, M.D.
Head, Pulmonary Division Philippine Heart Center
East Avenue, Quezon City
FAX# (632) 991414

THAILAND

ASTHMA CLUB - NEW TREND IN SELF-CARE PROGRAM

After a five-year period of preparation, the Thoracic Society of Thailand established the Asthma Club as an educational arena for public this year.

In Thailand, about 2.5 million people (4.3% of the total population) suffer from this disease, with more than 1,000 deaths yearly.

The Thoracic Society of Thailand is well aware of the increasing trend of asthma in relation to the environmental deterioration.

The first meeting of the Asthma Club members was held on October 15, 1994 at the Montien Hotel. There were also more than 300 asthma patients and their families attending the meeting. Various activities were conducted to provide education, information as well as fun for everyone. Highlights of the day was the talk show, aerobic exercises for asthma-affected children, interviews, health consultational materials, books and asthma medication on display, etc.

The meeting attained an impressive success as the main objective of Asthma Club is to obtain better understanding about the nature of the illness and thus enable parents to deal effectively with their conditions.

After this event, we will continue to distribute information to members and organize the get-together on a regular basis.

Chaivej Nuchprayoon, M.D.

SECRETARIAL REPORT

Forthcoming IMPORTANT Meetings of the APSR

1995 Feb. 28 Executive Meeting Manila, Philippines
Mar.1-4 Pulmonary Function Seminar Manila, Philippines

1996 Oct 4-8 4th APSR Congress Beijing, People’s Republic of China

1998 Oct 9-14 5th APSR Congress Sydney, Australia

2000 World Lung Meeting Congress
NEW APPLICATION FORMS
New application forms are available for applicants who wish to join the APSR. Please contact APSR - assistant, Chie Mori at; the APSR SOCIETY c/o Japan Society of Chest Diseases, Y.K Hongo Bldg, 4th Floor, 4-1-11 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113 JAPAN.

APSR MEMBERSHIP
As of December 1994, the state of the APSR membership is as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>COUNTRY</th>
<th>NUMBER</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AUSTRALIA</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CANADA</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HONG KONG</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INDIA</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INDONESIA</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ITALY</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JAPAN</td>
<td>310</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KOREA</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MALAYSIA</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC of CHINA</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PHILIPPINES</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SINGAPORE</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TAIWAN</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>THAILAND</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNITED KINGDOM</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNITED STATES of AMERICA</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>455</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

ANNUAL DUES
Please note that for the convenience of our members and to significantly reduce bank handling fees and simplification of record keeping, we have made it possible for you to pay your annual dues with any of four major credit cards. The annual dues for the year April 1995 through March 1996 will be ¥3,000. Please pay promptly.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE APSR

APSR meeting in Boston
An Informal Executive Meeting was held in the Boston Marriot Hotel on May 24, 1994. The attendees of this meeting were; Dr. N. Berend, Dr. C. Suchai, Dr. T. de Guia, Dr. Y. Fukuchi, Dr. Y. Shim, Dr. W. Tan and Dr. A. Woolcock. There was a report on recent activities of the APSR, and the World Lung Health Conference in the year 2000 was discussed.

Informal meeting in Beijing
Dr. Y. Fukuchi visited Beijing in November and held an Informal Meeting on November 23, 1994. The attendees of this meeting were; Dr. Y, Fukuchi (APSR Secretariat), Dr. W. Luo, Dr. M. Zhao, Dr. He Bing, Dr. Y. Zhu (members of Local Organizing Committee of the 4th APSR Congress) and Ms. Ma from the Chinese Medical Association.
OFFICERS OF THE APSR

President: Wan-Cheng Tan
President elect: Wei-Ci Luo
Past President: Michiyoshi Harasawa
Secretary General: Shiro Kira
Treasurer: Takao Takizawa

National Representatives:
Australia: Paul Seale
Beijing, China: Wei-Ci Luo
Hong Kong: Wah Kit Lam
Indonesia: P. M. Benjamin
Japan: T. Takishima
Korea: Young-Soo Shim
Malaysia: Md Zin Zainudin
Philippine: Teresita S. de Guia
Singapore: Wan-Cheng Tan
Taipei, China: Sze-Piao Yang
Thailand: C. Nuchprayoon

International Advisory Committee:
Norbert Berend
Ann J. Woolcock
Michiyoshi Harasawa
Takao Takizawa
Yoshinosuke Fukuchi
J. Patrick Barron

President of the 1st APSR Congress in Tokyo, 1988 - Michiyoshi Harasawa
President of the 2nd APSR Congress in Bali, 1990 - Hood Alsagaff
President of the 3rd APSR Congress in Singapore, 1993 - Wan-Cheng Tan
President of the 4th APSR Congress in Beijing, 1996 - Wei-Ci Luo

The Asian Pacific Society of Respirology
c/o Japan Society of Chest Diseases
Y.K. Hongo Bldg.
4-1-11 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku
Tokyo, 113 Japan
Phone: (03) 3813-3111, Fax: (03) 5802-1617