



Newsletter

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Message from the President



The 10th Congress of the APSR and 1st Joint Congress of the APSR/ACCP in Guangzhou, China was a great success. I'm sure you join me in expressing sincerest appreciation to our Congress President Professor Nanshan Zhong in attracting over 2,300 delegates. We are extremely grateful for his outstanding leadership, unifying his team with such dedication and motivation, to carry out this difficult task of making an excellent and rich program both in science and regional diversity.

It is gratifying to see that the final report on the 9th APSR Congress held in Hong Kong last year indicated a highly successful result with over 1,400 attendees and a well-received scientific accomplishment. We all appreciate the kind and thoughtful decision by the congress president, Professor Wah Kit Lam, to double the pledged donation to the APSR.

I would like to express heartiest congratulations to Professor Phil Thompson and his editorial team for obtaining the first impact factor for Respirology. The factor is 0.927, a much better result than any of us expected. I had an opportunity to visit his editorial office in Perth in March of last year and was very impressed by the highly organized system there.

Another big step forward is that we signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the TSANZ on June 22, 2005, which helps both Societies to push forward toward bigger and better things in future. In the summer I also heard from Professor Pan-Chyr Yang that the Taiwan Society of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine (TSPCCM) have decided to join the APSR en bloc. Professor Norbert Berend, Chair of the SPLC, is in charge of finalizing that MOU as he did with TSANZ.

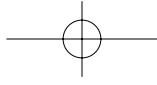
Our application as a Non Profit Organization (NPO) status of the APSR has been approved after a fair amount of negotiation. It came into effect in March 2005.

Distinguished respirologists in India have been approached to consider joining the APSR and promoting membership in their country. Professors S.K. Jindal and D. Ganguly have responded positively. We hope this is a beginning of closer relationship with Indian colleagues in coming years.

Reflecting the international nature of the APSR, more and more time was demanded of the presidency; for example, mandatory attendance at numerous international meetings. These included Forum of International Respiratory Societies (FIRS) meetings, leadership meetings during the ATS, ERS, ACCP meetings, ALAT meeting, World Asthma Meeting (WAM), Global Alliance against chronic Respiratory Diseases (GARD) meeting, and an International Coalition of COPD patients (ICC) meeting.

Thus, we have had numerous activities and changes in 2005, and prospects for 2006 are also promising. A proposal for unrestricted educational grants has been accepted, and I am hoping that educational seminars or workshops will be explored. There will be additional en bloc membership from other national societies, and we may consider a quasi en bloc membership if approved by the Executive members.

To help realize some of these ambitions, I would like to strengthen the secretariat function with



more active initiatives in educational ventures.

I would like to thank our Secretary General and President-elect, Professor Norbert Berend, and our treasurer, Professor Takashi Horie for their continuing support, dedication and hard work without which my presidency would not have been effective.

Yoshinosuke Fukuchi, M.D.
President/APSR

Report on the 10th Congress of the APSR and 1st Joint Congress of APSR/ACCP

The 10th Congress of the APSR and 1st Joint Congress of the APSR/ACCP was held from 11 to 14 November 2005 at the International Convention and Exhibition Centre, Dong Fang Hotel, Guangzhou China, and was coorganized by the Chinese Medical Association, Chinese Society of Respiratory Diseases, Guangdong Medical Association, Guangzhou Association for Science and Technology, and Guangzhou Medical College. The Congress was a great success with nearly 2400 delegates from more than 30 countries including Mainland China (1185), Hong Kong (140), Malaysia (130), Thailand (129), Taiwan (102), Philippines (60), Australia (53), Japan (53), Indonesia (51), US (30), Vietnam (30), Sri Lanka (22), Saudi Arabia (19), Singapore (19), Korea (11), Europe (10), and Africa (4).

The Faculty included 86 distinguished respirologists and scientists from the Asian Pacific region, the US, Europe and S Africa, and included the Presidents/Past Presidents of APSR, ACCP, ATS and ERS. The scientific programs were packed into 3 Workshops, 28 parallel sessions, 6 free paper sessions, 2 poster presentation sessions, 2 Memorial Lectures (Ann Woolcock Memorial Lecture by



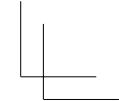
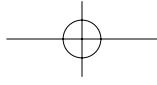
Dr Cheryl Salome and Michiyoshi Harasawa Memorial Lecture by Prof Shoji Kudoh), and Presidential Symposia (ACCP, APSR, ATS and ERS). There were 45 exhibition booths, including booths for the APSR, ACCP, ERS, ATS and JRS. To encourage young respirologists and scientists, we (1) conducted structured Poster Discussion sessions on 302 posters presentations from 21 countries (the top 5 countries submitting abstracts being Mainland China, Japan, Hong Kong, Indian Subcontinent, US and S Korea), and prizes were awarded for the best presentations, (2) held 6 Free Paper oral presentations in which senior members of the profession asked questions and made constructive comments, providing professional and linguistic opportunities for younger doctors in international communication.

The Opening Ceremony was graced by Mr. Guang-ning Zhang, Mayor of Guangzhou, who in his opening speech emphasized the importance of respirology with the threat of the highly pathogenic avian flu, and the need for international collaboration as China increases urbanization and industrialization. The Gala Dinner was very well attended, and everybody was happy with the multinational performances.

Apart from scientific programs, several business meetings were held, including the APSR Committee Meeting, Editorial Board Meeting, Council Meeting, Executive Committee Meeting, and Leadership Meetings with ACCP, ERS, ATS, FIRS and JRS. Decisions were made and action plans were set. Overall, the Congress turned out to be rewarding scientifically, socially and business-wise.

I would like to thank the Organizing Committee for their hard work. Special thanks also to the APSR Secretariat and Prof





Yoshinosuke Fukuchi from Tokyo, Prof Paul Kvale from the ACCP, and Prof Young-soo Shim from Korea, for their tremendous help in communicating with the invited speakers. We are grateful to the pharmaceutical companies for their strong support.

Nanshan Zhong, M.D./Congress President,
10th Congress of APSR and 1st Joint
Congress of APSR/ACCP, Guangzhou China

assembly membership, strengthen committees)

- Increase activity and communication with members
- Further broaden en bloc membership and engage new members to become actively involved in the APSR

Norbert Berend, M.D.
Secretary General/APSR

Message from the Secretary General

Charter and Bylaws

Changes were made to the Charter & Bylaws of the Society in line with suggestions made at the Executive Committee Meeting in Hong Kong in 2004 (for details see Strategic Planning Committee report). Further changes are needed to incorporate a Board of Directors for the APSR to have NPO status in Japan.

MOUs

The MOU with the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ) was signed in April 2005 offering APSR membership to all TSANZ members (except those who wished to opt out) for an annual fee of \$US42. The TSANZ will have the right to a separate print run of the journal with the ability to raise revenue from advertisers. If this revenue exceeds the cost of membership, there will be a 50/50 split of the excess profit. The MOU terminates at the end of 2006.

Discussions have been held with the Taiwan Society of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine (TSPCCM) who have agreed to join under similar conditions to those pertaining to the TSANZ. The President has been exploring en bloc membership with a number of other national respiratory societies.

Priorities for the APSR

The APSR has achieved recognition by international sister Societies but needs internal reform to improve its effectiveness in delivering educational and other services to its members. This can be achieved by greater participation and involvement by members through the Assembly structure. The Assemblies will be the engine room of the Society and it is hoped that Assembly membership will appeal to younger doctors.

Actions Required

- Work on our strengths (Respirology, work with ATS, ERS, ACCP, FIRS)
- Improve internal organization (encourage

Councillor's Report

Australia – The Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand

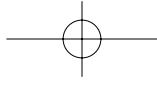
The TSANZ at its annual scientific meeting in Perth in March 2005 agreed to the TSANZ becoming a national member of the APSR. The TSANZ also agreed to continue the program of providing the Woolcock Young Investigator Fellowship to the best young investigator presenting at TSANZ and sending this person to the next APSR meeting. In 2005 this award was given to Kylie Mills who gave a presentation at the 10th Congress of the APSR. It is intended that the TSANZ would also give an annual award to the best poster presentation at the APSR Congress and the winner to then come to the subsequent ASM of the TSANZ. An award will be made from the Guangzhou conference to an investigator to present at the TSANZ meeting in Canberra in 2006.

The TSANZ Executive led by its President Dr Rima Staugas said it would be appropriate for the TSANZ to make a bid for the 2007 congress to be held in the Gold Coast, Queensland. The TSANZ were eager to advance the association with the APSR and also showcase the TSANZ expertise in organisation and in the science available in Australasia for the Asia Pacific Region. The TSANZ looks forward to a fruitful collaboration with the APSR and is intent on increasing the respect of the Journal Respirology and in collaborating within the Asia Pacific Region in research and education.

Richard Ruffin, M.D.

Japan – The Japanese Respiratory Society

The international activities of the JRS this year are twofold; one is the international session in the annual meeting of the JRS, the other is the preparation for the next APSR meeting which will be held in Kyoto during November 19th to 22nd, in 2006. The international session in the JRS started 5



years ago with the initiative of Dr. Fukuchi. Since then, it has been successfully expanding year by year. The aims of this session are to encourage young Japanese researchers to make presentations in English, to let them have interaction with world-famous overseas scientists, to give an opportunity of enjoying excellent talks in English to the members who cannot attend the overseas meetings, and finally to attract as many participants as possible from neighboring countries. Through such activities, we wish to internationally contribute to respiratory medicine more and more in the future, practically and scientifically.

Masaharu Nishimura, M.D.

Malaysia – The Malaysian Thoracic Society

1. CME activities organized under the auspices of the Malaysian Thoracic Society

In line with the policy of the society to promote continuing medical education, several update lectures on respiratory tract infections, bronchial asthma, COPD, etc by local respiratory physicians and visiting international lecturers have been held since the beginning of the year.

2. Workshops

A hands-on workshop on medical thoracoscopy using the flexi-rigid pleuroscope was held on 14 July 2005.

3. Congress/conferences

The 8th Annual Congress of the Malaysian Thoracic Society with the theme "Practical Respiratory Medicine" and the annual general meeting were held from 15-17 July 2005. The scientific programme included pre-conference workshops on diagnostic and interventional respiratory procedures and respiratory physiotherapy. Topics on asthma and COPD were covered in the plenary lectures while respiratory infections, paediatric airway diseases, lung cancer, respiratory radiology, and respiratory emergencies were covered in several symposia over the 3 days.

The Malaysian Thoracic Society together with the Vietnam Association of Asthma, Allergy and Clinical Immunology and the Singapore Paediatric Society organized a one-day meeting "Asthma Management – Towards a Control-centric Era" which was held in Ho Chi Minh City on 27 August 2005 and attended by 300 delegates from the Southeast Asian region.

4. Publications

A bumper (4th) issue of Breathe, the official newsletter of the MTS, was published and circulated in July 2005.

During a severe episode of haze affecting the country in mid-August 2005, a write-up on haze advisories by the MTS was posted at the society website: www.my-mts.org

The Malaysian Thoracic Society together with the Ministry of Health, Malaysia and the Academy of Medicine, Malaysia, has developed "Clinical practice guidelines on community acquired pneumonia" for Malaysia which is awaiting publication. "Clinical practice guidelines for the management of adult asthma (revised in 2002)" and "Guidelines for the management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease" have also been published.

5. Asthma Council of Malaysia

The Asthma Council of Malaysia with members comprising respiratory physicians, primary care physicians, pharmacists (and in future, other interested parties) was launched at the 8th MTS Annual Congress on 17 July 2005. A media launch of the council was held on 7 December 2005.

6. Public education and programmes

A number of activities were held in conjunction with World Asthma Day 2005, including press releases and radio advertisements on asthma. A jogathon, jointly organized by MTS and Asthma Council of Malaysia, was held at Lake Gardens, Kuala Lumpur. A record number of 900 participants took part.

Public forums on "Influenza pandemic preparedness" were held in October and November 2005.

Chong-Kin Liam, M.D.

Singapore – Singapore Thoracic Society

The Singapore Thoracic Society holds three clinical meetings each year where cases of interest are discussed.

The major activities included setting up a website (www.sts.org.sg) and production and dissemination of a booklet on "The Pathophysiologic Rationale of Smoking Cessation" for primary health care practitioners. This latter was generously sponsored by several pharmaceutical companies and very well-received. The STS also supported public education activities on World COPD Day.

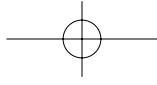
Cynthia Chee, M.D.

Message from the Editorial Office

-November 2005

Impact Factor

Respirology has been listed with the ISI for



over two years, and we were very pleased to be informed in June that our initial Impact Factor is 0.927. It is unusual for a journal to achieve a debut impact factor greater than 0.5, so this is an excellent result. I would like to thank all of those involved in producing our Journal, together with the staff at Blackwell Publishing Asia for their assistance in gaining the listing with ISI.

Manuscript Submissions

The number of manuscripts being submitted in the first half of the year was similar to 2004. In July there was a sudden increase in the submission rate, from an average of just over 20 per month to over 30 per month. This coincides with the announcement of our first Impact Factor. As of 31 October we had received 256 manuscripts in 2005. If the trend of recent months continues we anticipate receiving around 316 manuscripts in 2005, and 380 in 2006.

On-line submissions

Over 80% of submissions are received via e-mail, and we have now moved to on-line processing using ScholarOne, the system used by other Blackwell journals, the European Respiratory Journal and a number of US journals including the ATS journals. We began accepting manuscripts through this system on 1 November and it will become mandatory on 1 January 2006. Training has been undertaken by Editorial Office staff and Associate Editors. The per-manuscript cost of US\$16 is largely offset by reduced postage expenses for the Editorial Office and Associate Editors, and reduced processing time for staff.

Number of issues

We published five issues in 2005, and will publish 6 issues per year from 2006, when the publication months will be January, March, May, July, September and November.

Supplements

Abstracts from the APSR Congress and TSANZ Annual Meeting have been published as a Supplement to Respirology for a number of years, and we are very pleased this is continuing. As this is to be the normal in future, we will develop a standard template and ensure strict deadlines are met for abstract submission as well as advertising. The Abstracts book is distributed to Congress attendees, and the electronic version is available to all APSR members and Respirology subscribers via Blackwell's on-line service Synergy.

A special Supplement initiated by the TSANZ "Respiratory Function Tests and their application" will be published in November 2005. The paper version will be distributed to TSANZ members, and the electronic version is available to all APSR members and Respirology subscribers via Blackwell's on-line service Synergy. A Supplement on the International Surfactant Symposium will be published in early 2006. The paper version will be distributed to all subscribers, probably with the March issue.

Manuscripts in Process

The Editorial Office currently holds 110 manuscripts under review, and 41 awaiting publication. The acceptance rate up to 2004 was 50%, and following a recommendation to Associate Editors to raise standard required for acceptance, the current acceptance rate is 41%. While this has disappointed some authors, I believe it is the correct decision in presenting Respirology as a competitive high quality international journal representing regional interests.

Blackwell on-line use and subscriptions

Blackwell Publishing Asia report continued growth in the usage of the Synergy website and the number of institutional subscribers to Respirology.

Funding

Funds provided by APSR to run Respirology were increased in 2005 and have covered costs. Using ScholarOne forestalls the need to increase staff to operate the Editorial Office, even though the number of manuscripts being processed is expected to continue to rise.

Phil Thompson, M.D.
Editor-in-Chief/APSR

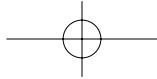
Report from the Strategic Planning Committee

Membership

Professors N Berend (Chair), W C Tan, Y S Shim, J P Barron, J P Seale and ex officio, Professors W K Lam, Y Fukuchi.

Activities

The main objective has been to make substantial revisions of the Society's Charter and Bylaws (C&BLs) and assist in formulating the Memorandum of Understanding with the TSANZ.



APSR Charter and Bylaws

Incorporating an Assembly structure into the APSR was discussed at the Executive meeting in 2004, which would require substantial revisions of the C&BLs. These revisions were developed by the Strategic Planning Committee and approved by the Executive. Article 6 deals with the introduction of Scientific and Clinical Assemblies which constitutes a major alteration to the structure of the APSR. A questionnaire was sent to the membership to determine which fields of respiratory medicine would be of interest. This resulted in the extensive list of topics in Article 6. In the light of the (lack of) subsequent response this list may need to be revised.

The Committee also wishes to highlight Article 7 which is in reference to the Annual Congress. These changes were also foreshadowed in the 2004 report of the Strategic Planning Committee but have now been incorporated in the C&BLs and ratified by the Executive. The changes become effective in 2007. Alterations to sections 5.3 (Executive Committee) and 5.5 (Other Committees) should also be noted, as these arise directly from the changes to Articles 6 and 7.

Appendix to the Charter and Bylaws

The Appendix of the C&BLs has been extended to include an organizational timeline for the Congress. This was developed to ensure the efficient organisation of the Congresses, the planning of which is becoming more complex with increasing involvement by other international respiratory societies.

The MOU with the TSANZ

Lengthy discussions with the TSANZ by members of the Committee, the President, the Secretary General and the Editor-in-Chief resulted in a satisfactory and mutually agreeable MOU which was approved by the Executive of the APSR and subsequently ratified at the AGM of the TSANZ. This represents an excellent win-win outcome for both Societies.

Recommendation for the Future

It will be important to continually update the C&BLs to reflect the Society's changing circumstances and environment. The Strategic Planning Committee is best placed to oversee these changes as the members know the corporate history of the Society. The Committee therefore recommends that any perceived necessity to change the C&BLs by members of the Executive be referred to

the Committee for action. Changes will then be submitted to the Executive for ratification.

Norbert Berend, M.D.
Chairperson

Call for Members to join Scientific and Clinical Assemblies

Changes to the APSR Charter and Bylaws have been approved to allow for an assembly structure. This will engage a greater number of members, allowing them to contribute meaningfully to the Society and the annual congresses. The assemblies will develop clinical guidelines and position statements, and assist in fostering and improving clinical practice. With a number of unrestricted educational grants there will be opportunities to develop educational activities in the region outside of the congresses. The increasing interaction with other societies will require nomination of APSR members to serve on mutual committees and taskforces. Such nominations should logically come from the assemblies.

How to join an Assembly

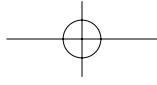
So far over a hundred members have indicated their preference to join one or more assemblies. If you wish to join, please send an email to the secretariat (kyu00671@nifty.com) stating your choice of up to 3 assemblies from the following fields of respiratory medicine :

- Clinical Respiratory Medicine
- Cell and Molecular Biology
- Clinical Allergy and Immunology
- Environmental & Occupational Health and Epidemiology
- Respiratory Infections (non-tuberculosis)
- Tuberculosis
- COPD
- Asthma
- Lung Cancer
- Respiratory Neurobiology and Sleep
- Critical Care Medicine
- Bronchoscopy and Interventional Techniques
- Paediatric lung disease
- Respiratory Structure and Function
- Pulmonary Circulation
- Interstitial Lung Disease

In the new year we will be asking for nominations for assembly heads. This is your chance to be actively involved in one of the world's major regional respiratory societies and we urge you to participate in its activities. For more details, see the APSR website (www.apsresp.org).

Scholarships offered for the 2006 APSR Congress

1. APSR: APSR Young Investigator Travelling



Fellowships—100,000~200,000 yen depending on the distance to Kyoto from the applicant's residence
Educational grants for up to 40 young investigators (under 40 years old)
2. JRS: Harasawa Fellowship Award for Young Investigators from overseas- up to 200,000 yen each to 30 investigators (under 40 years old)
3. TSANZ: Travel award to Young Investigators who have graduated within the last 15 years.
Please apply when you register for the 11th APSR Congress in Kyoto, 2006.

2006 APSR Educational Seminar in Tokyo

An Educational Seminar of APSR (ESAP) is to be launched for the first time in the history of the APSR. This innovative venture was made possible by the generous donation to the "Unrestricted Educational Grants of the APSR" by Boehringer Ingelheim Co., Kyorin Seiyaku Co. and AstraZeneca Co.

The ESAP 2006 TOKYO will be held on November 18, 2006 at Sankei Plaza in Tokyo. The main theme is "Physiology in Respirology – Classics, Updates and Frontiers –".

The faculty of this ESAP includes Drs PT Macklem, J Milic-Emili, PT Wagner, N Berend, I Honma, M IP and JC Hogg.

Full registration to the 11th APSR enables free entry to this ESAP. Capacity is limited up to 200 and entry will be on a first come first served principle. This ESAP presents a truly historical overview and perspective of what respiratory physiology can offer to clinicians. The APSR is very happy to launch this ESAP which should hopefully be followed by series of them in 2006/2007 in various membership countries.

Yoshinosuke Fukuchi
President/APSR

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

2006

ERS Lung Science Conference
24-26 March 2006, Taromia, Italy
Website: www.ersnet.org

TSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting
24-29 March 2006, Canberra, Australia
Website: www.thoracic.org.au

ATS 2006 International Conference
19-24 May 2006, San Diego, California,
USA
Website: www.thoracic.org

Annual Meeting of the Japanese Respiratory Society (JRS)
1-3 June 2006, Tokyo, Japan
Website: www.jrs.or.jp

European Respiratory Society Congress (ERS)
2-6 September 2006, Munich, Germany
Website: www.ersnet.org

CHEST 2006
Annual International Scientific Assembly of the American College of Chest Physicians
21-26 October 2006, Salt Lake City, UT, USA
Website: www.chestnet.org

Notice from the Secretariat

After careful consideration at the Executive Meeting in Guangzhou, the Gold Coast, Australia was selected to host the 12th APSR Congress in 2007. Proposals are now invited to host the APSR Congress in 2008. Bids will be considered at the next Executive Meeting where you can present your thoracic society's ideas. Please contact the Secretariat in Tokyo for more information.

11th Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respirology (APSR)
New Horizons in Respirology -Harmonization beyond Diversity-

Venue: Kyoto International Conference Hall
Date: 19-22 November 2006
President Yoshinosuke Fukuchi, MD

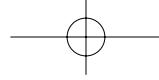
Main Topics

- COPD
- Bronchial Asthma
- Interstitial Lung Disease
- Pulmonary Infection
- Lung Cancer
- Allied Health Professional Issues
- Pulmonary Tuberculosis and its Sequela
- Sleep Disordered Breathing
- Pulmonary Circulation
- Respiratory Care
- Herbal Medicine
- Bronchology
- Lung Imaging

Important Deadlines

Abstracts Submission: May 1st, 2006
Early Bird Registration: August 1st, 2006
Hotel Reservation: October 31st, 2006

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1st Congress	Tokyo	1988	Michiyoshi Harasawa
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