



Newsletter

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Message from the President



A Happy New Year!

Taking advantage of this opportunity at the beginning of 2016, I would like to extend my best wishes for 2016 to you all and your families. I would also like to extend my gratitude to Dr Roslina Manap, Dr Lai Ngoh Hooi, Dr Yong-Kek Pang and the very capable team of the Local Congress Committee for their great success in organizing the 20th Congress of the APSR in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during 3–6 December 2015. Year by year the scientific and social programmes have been superb and well praised by all participants as well as APSR's Sister Societies and delegates from around the world.

Time has passed so quickly that I cannot believe that it is already one year since my assumption of the APSR Presidency. I am honoured to state here the rapid progress of APSR projects through the great support of our APSR member colleagues.

Looking back on our activities in 2015, we have expanded platforms to get valued advice from the talented Assembly Heads to power the Society as one of its core engines. In order to strengthen the function of the assemblies, we have established a “troika structure” consisting of an Assembly Head, an Assembly Head-Elect and a Deputy Assembly Head, for each of the 16 assemblies. A virtual library of case reports, which we have been collecting from Assembly Heads, is a compilation of clinical studies/experiences by excellent scientists. We will examine if we can preserve these as the intellectual property of the Society. The creation of guidelines is also in the process of being made by Assembly Heads as well as their integration with other international respiratory societies. To help the assemblies achieve these tasks, we have decided to provide up to US\$2,000 per year for each assembly to support those activities. Dr Kwun Fong, Secretary General/President-Elect, refers to other updates in his message below, including FAPSR membership which I consider one of the most important successes to have been achieved this year.

Increasing the number of en bloc member societies in developing countries has been another way to strengthen more regional activities of the Society. Based on the reciprocal relationships established by past APSR leaders, we have reached amicable agreements with very active national societies in the Asia-Pacific region, namely the Kyrgyz Thoracic Society, the Vietnam Respiratory Society and the Sri Lanka College of Pulmonologists. Now we have ten en bloc member societies which I am sure will reflect further growth of the Society through the exchange of valuable scientific information among all APSR members in the near future.

Interaction with Sister Societies has become very active, particularly with the American Thoracic Society, through the dispatch of APSR facilitators to the ATS International Conference for the past two years in addition to APSR Sessions mainly focusing on APSR Young Investigators. A fuller session at the ATS conference in San Francisco this year is now being prepared. We are also working on an education plan with the European Respiratory Society. Needless to say, interaction between the APSR and local societies in the Asia-Pacific region is also very important to implement our long-term plans. Following a request by the Kyrgyz Thoracic Society, I was invited to be a speaker in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan in October. Dr Chunxue Bai was also invited to Sri Lanka's annual session in the same month. Furthermore, the Society dispatched two APSR speakers to Vietnam's annual congress in November. I am sure there will be more contact with local societies in the region for joint education opportunities in 2016.

Internal communication between the members of the APSR Executive Committee, Central Congress Committee, Local Congress Committee and Assembly Heads, has been rapidly improving with frequent and cost-effective face-to-face teleconferences throughout the year. The time differences across our region are only 3 hours at most, so this method facilitates effective and real-time communication. Social media by way of Twitter has also been introduced this year, with easy access for all. The APSR website is also being renovated to make it more sophisticated to attract APSR members and potential members. Sometime soon we will have a more attractive and informative home page.

Here I want to refer to the activities of the Forum of International Respiratory Societies (FIRS), which consists of the APSR, ERS, ATS, CHEST, ALAT, PATS and UNION (IUATLD). As you may know, the FIRS activities have become more vigorous year by year. After the ERS Annual Congress in Amsterdam, I had the great honour to represent the APSR at last October's FIRS CRD Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, together with colleagues representing their respective international societies. There we made our presentation to the World

Health Organization, emphasizing the important roles and activities of the FIRS. The 2016 FIRS Annual meeting, chaired by myself, will be on 4-5 February in Kyoto, Japan.

The Society is delighted to welcome the Thoracic Society of Thailand under Royal Patronage to host the 21st Congress of the APSR on 12-15 November 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand. The 2016 Local Congress Committee led by Dr Sumalee Kiatboonsri, and the Central Congress Committee, have been preparing a high quality scientific programme for attendees from around the world. I can guarantee that the APSR 2016 Bangkok congress will give you a very exciting programme.

Finally, I thank you very much for your great contribution to drive the Society in the right direction. I look forward to meeting all of you in Bangkok and wish you a fruitful 2016.

Michiaki Mishima

Message from the Secretary General

It is hard to believe that another year is starting with the promise of continued APSR efforts to enhance lung health in our region. During last year, it has been a great privilege for us to have worked with many APSR members, and in particular APSR members from the Malaysian Thoracic Society including the Drs Manap, Hooi, Pang and the incredibly talented LCC for the outstanding and most enjoyable APSR 2015 Congress in Kuala Lumpur.

We look forward now to working closely with Thai colleagues to achieve yet another superb and memorable Congress in 2016.

The KL Congress allowed us to meet in small groups to promote many new initiatives for the APSR, including the following:-

FAPSR

The FAPSR card was launched to recognise members who have successfully achieved this acclaimed status. As you know, the FAPSR is a special supplementary category of membership for any APSR member, whether they have individual or en bloc membership, and is a distinction available exclusively to current APSR members who meet certain requirements. These include having more than five years' experience in healthcare or research in respiratory medicine or related disciplines. There is a one-time joining fee, thereafter the Fellow will be entitled to use the "FAPSR" post-nominal for as long as they remain an APSR member. The list of FAPSR members continues to grow and last year, we have been joined by ATS President-Elect Dr David Gozal, ALAT President Dr A Casas Herrera, ERS President-Elect Dr Giovanni B Migliori, Union Executive member Dr Dean Schraufnagel, and PATS president Dr Heather Zar. *Please join these esteemed individuals and apply at www.apsrsp.org/pdf/fapsr-application.pdf*

Assembly Activities

Thanks to the hard work from many APSR members and assemblies who contribute time and effort to the workhorse of the APSR, the assemblies are

undergoing a wonderful upgrade in activities, led by each Assembly Head. We look forward to soon seeing an expanded membership and leadership team for the assemblies including the Head, Head-Elect and Deputy Head roles. We have also been invited to nominate Assembly Liaisons to equivalent ATS and ERS assemblies to improve collaboration. It will be a historic opportunity for our members to partner more closely with our Sister Societies.

The assemblies will also be given the opportunity to apply for financial support in 2016 to further expand their activities.

To allow people to plan to attend the Bangkok assembly meetings, the assemblies will all hold their meetings at a fixed time so delegates and members can plan early to attend and enjoy the congress also. To become involved, kindly WATCH THIS SPACE and please remember to sign up to the assemblies that you are most interested in.

APSR Teaching Library

This electronic resource continues to build momentum and we are now in the process of formalising rules and regulations which will allow appropriate governance and management of this resource. Thanks are given to those people who have already kindly submitted cases and these will be processed in due course. For further information on this work in progress, or should you wish to become involved, please contact us at APSRinfo@theapsr.org,

Website update

You may have noticed many exciting changes to the APSR website, and how we communicate with each other. More improvements and enhancements are coming, with increased use of Twitter and social media. The APSR Bulletin will soon announce a members-only section of the website for you to make use of special members-only entitlements. To the younger members of the APSR (at least in social media terms) who wish to become involved, please let us know of your interest and willingness to help.

ATS

The ATS promises to be a special event for the APSR and it is expected that a new Award will be given to a meritorious APSR presentation, as judged by the ATS. In addition, we will be holding an APSR-ISRD symposium where top-ranked young investigators will be invited to present and meet senior APSR and ISRD office bearers for networking and mentorship opportunities. More news to follow.

So in summary, for me it has been a busy and rewarding year, and I hope that you all have enjoyed 2015. Thank you for all your support and hope that you will volunteer and help the APSR grow and develop. Wishing you all a fantastic, happy, healthy and safe 2016!

Kwun Fong

Message from Editor-in-Chief of *Respirology*

I have only recently returned from the fantastic 2015 APSR Congress in Kuala Lumpur, where I presented *Respirology's* 2015 Annual Report.

Since *Respirology*'s Impact Factor exceeded the '3' threshold in July 2014, the number of submitted manuscripts has increased significantly - from 710 manuscripts in 2013 to 871 in 2014, and the number is expected to exceed 1,000 submissions in 2015. Due to a very efficient Editorial Office the increased workload has not negatively affected turnaround time, which continues to improve. I am very grateful to my highly professional and dedicated Editorial Team for their continued hard work. I am also pleased to welcome several new members to the journal's Editorial Board: Senior Editor Christopher Grainge (Australia); and Associate Editors Maarten van den Berge (The Netherlands), Helen Whitford (Australia) and Lonny Yarmus (USA). I would also like to thank Senior Editor Toby Maher and Associate Editor David Feller-Kopman, who recently resigned from their positions, for their invaluable contributions to the journal in past years.

Since the publication of the last APSR Newsletter, *Respirology*'s latest impact factor was announced and it decreased slightly to 3.345 (from 3.495 the previous year). However with the impact factor still well above '3' and a ranking close to the top quartile in its subject category, we expect submissions and readership to continue to rise. *Respirology* also continues to be the "go-to" journal for Asia-Pacific respiratory medicine, with the majority of submissions (62%) and accepted papers (55%) originating from the region.

Respirology published eight issues in 2015 containing 102 original articles, 28 editorials, 25 invited reviews (embedded in the review series on 'Respiratory Disease: Using Lung Function Measurements to Greater Advantage', 'Challenges in Drug Development for Chronic Lung Diseases', 'Lung Cancer Practice, Implementing Evidence from Around the World' and 'Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonia'), 3 year-in-review papers, 16 unsolicited reviews, 1 clinical practice guideline, 15 scientific letters and 13 correspondences. *Respirology* also published three supplements including the Abstracts of the 2015 Airway Vista Meeting (Seoul, Korea), the Thoracic Society of Australia & New Zealand and the Australian & New Zealand Society of Respiratory Science 2015 Annual Scientific Meetings (Gold Coast, Australia) and the 20th Congress of the APSR (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia).

In the last few months, *Respirology* has expanded its video content with several authors accepting the opportunity to promote their published work by way of a video abstract posted on the journal's YouTube channel. We anticipate that the videos will become an active feature that will help expand the journal's online audience and reach. This feature will integrate well with the journal app when it becomes available in early 2016.

Finally, I would like to thank all of those people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make the journal a success, in particular the Editorial Office team, the staff at Wiley and the APSR Secretariat. The journal continues to receive strong support from the APSR Executive Committee, for which I am very grateful. I look forward to continuing to produce a high-quality research publication that represents respiratory medicine in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

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

We are delighted to report another year of growth for *Respirology Case Reports*. Last year it received 91 submissions from 25 different countries, with the top countries of origin being Japan (37%), Australia (12%), Malaysia (5.5%), and China (4.4%). Approximately 59% of the case reports are accepted for publication. On average, the authors are informed of a first decision within 25 days of submission. Last year, we published 4 issues and a total of 48 case reports.

According to Wiley's 2014 Annual Report, the number of full text downloads for *Respirology Case Reports* increased more than four times compared to the previous year reaching almost 18,000. Interestingly 25% of the readership came from the USA. The top 10 downloaded case reports in 2014 from the Wiley Online library are available on the journal's website.

The journal continues to be widely marketed by Wiley. It has an electronic table of contents (eTOC) and content alerts. We have continued to advertise the journal on the *Respirology* and APSR websites, as well as the websites of other societies. There have been advertisements in the WABIP Newsletters and flyers at the APSR, ATS and ERS conferences. We send a message on Twitter each time a case report is published and have noticed that some case reports have attracted a lot of comments and activity on this social media. A leaflet with a selection of recent case reports was also inserted in last year's APSR congress bags.

The joint venture with *Respirology* as part of the Invited Review Series, continues to be very successful with several case reports being published. Some analysis from Wiley revealed that this led to significant traffic between the linked publications. We believe that this initiative helps further raise awareness of *Respirology Case Reports* as invited review series in *Respirology* are always well accessed, read and cited. We continue to offer this venture for the upcoming review series in *Respirology*.

There are many people to thank for supporting this new publication. We are indebted to our Editorial Board members for their work in reviewing all the case reports submitted and would like to thank each one of them for their expert advice and support and for championing the journal. Earlier this year we made some further changes by appointing three Deputy Editors who have strengthened the journal and who have provided links to *Respirology* and we are also now using external referees who have provided expert reviews in a timely fashion. Our thanks go to all of them.

There is a hardworking team behind *Respirology Case Reports* who need to be acknowledged and thanked including, Dr Lieve Bultynck, Managing Editor, Dr Christel Norman, Deputy Managing Editor, and the rest of the Editorial Office staff, as well as the team at Wiley-Blackwell and the APSR Secretariat.

Norbert Berend

Postscript

As you can see above, *Respirology Case Reports* continues from strength to strength, largely because of the hard work of the Editorial Office staff and the strong support from the Editorial Board members. It also indicates a need for and interest in such a journal. I am particularly pleased that the majority of submissions are coming from the Asia-Pacific region suggesting that the APSR through its journals is providing a useful service to its members. It is therefore with great regret that I need to announce my resignation as Editor-in-Chief. I have recently taken up a position as GSK Global Medical Expert and this represents a potential conflict of interest. In my experience as Editor-in-Chief, such a conflict has not actually arisen but a perceived COI would certainly exist and needs to be avoided. I will continue to follow the progress of the journal with great interest. My successor will have the pleasure of working with a great team!

Message from the APSR Education Committee

Educational Seminar of APSR (ESAP)
Happy New Year!

To accomplish our educational mission in 2015, the APSR Education Committee has focused on working with colleagues from the TSANZ for APSR endorsement on their new guidelines on oxygen therapy, and also the production of *APSR Respiratory Updates*.

Participation in Practice Guideline Development or relevant review

The APSR has endorsed the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ) Guideline on Oxygen Therapy, which was published in *Respirology* 2015; 20: 1182 – 1191.

APSR Respiratory Updates

The schedule of monthly release of *APSR Respiratory Updates* was implemented smoothly in 2015. We are glad to have invited expert reviewers to select updated articles for comment and discussion. The topics reviewed in 2015 were.

We would like to thank all the authors for their contributions. These new and archived issues are

all available on the APSR website: www.apresp.org/publications/resp-updates.html. We continue to invite expert authors to share their views on updated literature in their expert areas.

Future Plans:

Application for ESAPs in 2016 is open. We have just received an ESAP application from our PCCP colleagues in the Philippines. We are looking forward for further suggestions for topics from APSR members and potential hosts are most welcome.

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

Message from the 20th Congress President

Dear APSR members

A Happy New Year!

With your great support, we are very glad to announce a most successful 20th Congress of the APSR, 3-6 December 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. There were 1,719 delegates including 268 from Malaysia. This tells us just how much so many of the delegates had joined from overseas, looking for a scientific programme with excellent qualities. (This number of delegates excludes event crew, exhibitors and sponsors.)

Of the 578 abstracts submitted, registrations for the presentation of 412 abstracts were made before the deadline. These abstracts were presented as 280 poster presentations and 132 oral presentations. There were eight workshops on the first day and the China / Malaysia Friendship Scientific Symposium was also held that morning.

The Opening Ceremony was graced by the Minister of Health, Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr S Subramaniam.

The next two and a half days were packed with the following sessions:

2015	Topic	Reviewers
Jul	Bronchiectasis	John Kolbe <i>Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, University of Auckland, Auckland City Hospital Auckland, New Zealand</i>
Aug	Mesothelioma	Shigehiro Yagishita, Kazuhisa Takahashi. <i>Department of Respiratory Medicine, Juntendo University, Graduate School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan</i>
Sept	Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis trials and sarcoidosis	Tomohiro Handa, Kiminobu Tanizawa, Arata Azuma <i>Department of Respiratory Medicine, and Department of Respiratory Care and Sleep Control Medicine, Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Department of Pulmonary Medicine and Oncology, Graduate School of Medicine, Nippon Medical School, Tokyo, Japan.</i>
Oct	Pulmonary Circulation	Nobuhiro Tanabe <i>Department of Advanced Medicine in Pulmonary Hypertension, Graduate School of Medicine, Chiba University, Japan</i>
Nov	Tobacco/Smoking cessation	V K Vijayan <i>Former Director, Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, University of Delhi, India & Advisor to Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research</i>
Dec	Interventional Pulmonology	Trilok Rao, Jamsak Tscheikuna <i>Division of Respiratory Diseases and Tuberculosis, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand</i>

3	Plenary lectures	1	Debate
5	Sunrise Symposia	8	Sponsored Lunch Symposia
27	Congress symposia	4	Sponsored Evening Symposia
132	Oral presentations		

The following awards were presented during the Congress:

APSR Medal

Takashi Horie

Michiyoshi Harasawa Research Award

Hiroshi Kimura

Ann Jane Woolcock Research Award

Ian Yang

Fukuchi Award for the Best Original Paper in Respiriology

Guo Chen and Tao Yang

ATS Young Investigator Awards

Laura E Crotty Alexander

Isaac Almendros

ERS Young Investigator Awards

Caroline Bernadette Olanka King Kay

Fatim Tahirah Mirza Mohd Tahir Beg

TSANZ Young Investigator Award

Rebecca L Harper

25 APSR Travel Awards

Abdulaziz Aljohani, Akihisa Mitani,

Andre Awaloei,

Avril Soh,

Bingdi Yan,

Gooch Yeon Hong

Ho Jung Jeong

Ji Young Park,

Jing Liu,

Jiunn-Liang Tan,

Ken-ichiro Tanaka,

Lily Diana Zainudin,

Motoyasu Kato,

Nurhuda Ismail,

Rie Kinoshita,

Saleela Ruwanpura,

Sukhwinder S. Sohal,

Takashi Niwa,

Tomohiko Mio,

Toshiya Inui,

Wenhua Jian,

Yasuhiro Kawai,

Yoshinori Fuseya,

You Zhou,

Yuji Matsumoto

10 APSR-IASLC Book Prizes

Daniel Cheng Lee Pang

Hye Seon Kang

Jiaoli Wang

Jiunn-Liang Tan

Jun-Pyo Myong

Midori Ura

Peng Chen

Tina Phan

Tomotaka Kitamura

Yuto Yasuda

During the week, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed for collaboration between the APSR and the

Chinese Society of e-Health, to develop platforms for e-health.

Various APSR business meetings were held during the Congress, including:

- Executive Committee
- Councillors / Leaders of en bloc society membership
- Assembly Heads
- Assemblies
- Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the APSR
- *Respirology* and *Respirology Case Reports* Editorial Boards

An inaugural meeting between the Central Congress Committee and sponsors was also held on 4 December 2015 to keep them informed of the APSR's future plans.

The Local Congress Committee wishes to record its gratitude to the Central Congress Committee and the APSR Secretariat for their kind support and cooperation accorded during the organisation of APSR2015. We all look forward to the 21st APSR Congress which will be held on 12–15 November 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand.

For photos from the event, please see the congress album at: www.flickr.com/photos/129315571@N06/sets/72157662125934770



The Opening Ceremony



The Closing Ceremony

Roslina Abdul Manap

Message from the 21st Congress President

Dear friends and colleagues,

It's my great pleasure to start 2016 with a fresh and energetic chapter for respirology in Asia Pacific, through the upcoming APSR 2016 congress which will be held at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (QSNCC) during 12-15 November 2016.

First, I would like to congratulate The Malaysia Thoracic Society for the wonderful success of APSR 2015 in Malaysia. We gained valuable findings and experiences, together with reconnecting our friendship and creating new ones.

This year, we promise you our dedication and hard work to create a great platform for experts, key players and stakeholders in respirology to share their knowledge, expertise and studies.

The website: www.apsr2016.com is now live and further information will be posted there. Please sign up for the monthly newsletter so we can keep you updated on developments.

We look forward to welcoming you to APSR 2016 and Bangkok, Thailand!

Sumalee Kiatboonsri



Councillor Reports

Councillor reports from Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Philippines, Australia and New Zealand have been uploaded to www.apsresp.org/about/councils.html for review by members only. The access password is APSR2015.

Report from the award winners to attend the APSR Congress

It was a great honour and privilege to present my recent research as recipient of the ATS Young Investigator Award at the APSR congress in Malaysia. Participation in the congress has been a great opportunity to interact with internationally well-recognized researchers and specialists. This award encourages young scientists to continue with their research helping to understand respiratory diseases for the benefit of patients.

I enjoyed presenting my research focused on the possible link between sleep apnea and cancer. During the session I got feedback from other researchers, being always positive, for the design of further experiments. Also, these interactions were strengthened by the social events organized by the APSR such as the Presidential and Gala Dinner.

The hosting city, Kuala Lumpur, is a beautiful and a friendly place with plenty of people of different cultures. I enjoyed the city which also has been my first visit to Malaysia. Finally, I want to thank to the ATS and APSR to bring me such a wonderful opportunity.



Isaac Almendros
Universitat de Barcelona (Spain)

It was an honour and privilege to be selected as a recipient of the ATS Young Investigator Award. I greatly enjoyed presenting my work at the APSR

congress. It was a wonderful opportunity to interact with and learn from such a dedicated group of pulmonologists from a wide variety of backgrounds. I enjoyed learning about the varied critical care experience and research ongoing around the globe. The pro-con debate on inhaled corticosteroids in COPD was particularly enlightening and enjoyable. The opening ceremonies and evening events were lovely cultural experiences. It is not often you get to hammer out a bowl as part of a conference. I am always excited to talk about my research – e-cigarette vapour effects on lung health and bacterial virulence – and enjoyed hearing from the audience and the other Young Investigator Award recipients from around the world. Malaysia is a beautiful country and I am glad I had the opportunity to learn so much about the history and culture of this amazing country. I am so thankful to the ATS and APSR for giving me such a wonderful opportunity.



Laura E. Crotty Alexander

It was a great honour to be selected as the ERS Young Investigator Awardee at the 2015 congress. I was privileged to be able to present my research on tuberculosis, which is a topic very close to my country's heart. It was a sheer delight to discuss a unique way of clinically diagnosing tuberculosis, in a country with such a high burden of the disease. I also appreciated the questions, comments and recommendations brought forth by the dynamic audience. This kind of wonderful opportunity created a venue for young researchers like me, to pursue their interests and share it with the medical community.

Kuala Lumpur is truly an amazing city, combining stunning skyscrapers and rich cultural sites with hospitable people. It was the perfect location for similar minds from all over the world to exchange ideas, scientific discoveries and clinical experiences.



I am thankful to the ERS, APSR and the organizing committee for such an unforgettable experience, and I look forward to attending even more successful congresses in the future.

Dr Jørgen Vestbo (left) and Dr Caroline Bernadette O. King Kay (right)



Caroline Bernadette O. King Kay

I would like to thank the European Respiratory Society (ERS) for the Young Investigator Award bestowed on me at the 20th Congress of the APSR. I feel incredibly honoured to have won this award. My gratitude goes to both of my PhD supervisors A/Prof Kylie Hill and A/Prof Sue Jenkins. I consider myself to be very lucky that my PhD journey has been in good hands under their supervision. Attending the congress was truly a wonderful opportunity to interact with and learn from other researchers from a wide variety of backgrounds. I enjoyed learning about the ongoing research and sharing the findings of my research with others. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience at the congress. I would also like to take this opportunity to urge young researchers to come forward, grab every opportunity that arises and contribute to our community. Lastly, I would like to thank the ERS for supporting my travel expenses to Kuala Lumpur for the 20th Congress of the APSR.



Fatim Tahirah
School of Physiotherapy and Exercise Science,
Curtin University

It was a great pleasure and honour to attend the APSR 2015 congress in Kuala Lumpur as the TSANZ Ann Woolcock YIA recipient. This was my first opportunity to attend an APSR congress and the experience was fantastic. I presented on my topic looking at BMPR2 gene and cell therapy in PAH, and how we have successfully ameliorated the disease using these approaches. I was impressed with the wide variety of the research areas presented by the other YIA recipients and overall found the session to be very interesting. I'm grateful for the experience and opportunity to give my presentation and to be challenged with insightful questions. I thoroughly enjoyed my first trip to Kuala Lumpur, and particularly enjoyed the privilege to attend the organised social events which gave me a unique opportunity to meet other researchers. I would like to thank the APSR and TSANZ for this wonderful opportunity.



Rebecca Harper
Royal Adelaide Hospital

Forthcoming Meetings

2016

14th ERS Lung Science Conference
10-13 March
Venue: Estoril, Portugal
Website: www.ersnet.org/lung-science-conference-2016.html

PulmoConnect: Bridging Gaps in Pulmonary Medicine
8-11 March
Venue: Manila, Philippines
Email: secretariat@philchest.org
Website: www.philchest.org

56th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Respiratory Society
8-10 April
Venue: Kyoto, Japan
Email: 56jrs@jrs.or.jp
Website: www.jrs.or.jp/jrs56

TSANZSRS ASM 2016
1- 6 April
Venue: Perth, Australia.
Email: tsanzsrs@tcc.co.nz
Website: www.tsanzsrs2016.com/

ATS 2016 International Conference
13-18 May
Venue: San Francisco, USA
Website: conference.thoracic.org/

ERS 2016 International Congress
3-7 September
Venue: London, U.K.
Website: erscongress.org/

L.A.V. A. LUNG: Learning Advocacies, Views & Analyses in Lung Diseases
30 September -1 October
Venue: Albay, Philippines
Email: secretariat@philchest.org
Website: www.philchest.org

21st Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of
Respirology
12-15 November,
Bangkok, Thailand
Website: www.apsr2016.com

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TSANZSRS Annual Scientific Meeting 2017
3-8 April
Venue: Canberra, Australia
Email: tsanzsrs@tcc.co.nz

57th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Respiratory Society
21-23 April
Venues: Tokyo, Japan

ATS 2017 International Conference
19-24 May
Venues: Washington, D.C., USA
Website: conference.thoracic.org/

ERS 2017 International Congress
9-13 September
Venues: Milan, Italy

22nd Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of
Respirology
24-26 November, Sydney, Australia
Email: apsr@tcc.co.nz
Website: www.apsr2017.com/

Organization of the APSR

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Research Committee: Chunxue Bai

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Presidents of the Congresses:

1988 Tokyo	Michiyoshi Harasawa	2007 Gold Coast	Christine Jenkins
1990 Bali	Hood Alsagaff	2008 Bangkok	Arth Nana
1993 Singapore	Wan-Cheng Tan	2009 Seoul	YoungSoo Shim
1996 Beijing	Wei-Ci Luo	2010 Manila	Teresita de Guia
1998 Sydney	J Paul Seale	2011 Shanghai	Chunxue Bai
2000 Florence	Ann J Woolcock	2012 Hong Kong	David Hui
2002 Taiwan	Kwen-Tay Luh	2013 Yokohama	Toshihiro Nukiwa
2003 Selangor	Chong-Kin Liam	2014 Bali	Faisal Yunus
2004 Hong Kong	Wah Kit Lam	2015 Kuala Lumpur	Roslina Abdul Manap
2005 Guangzhou	Nan Shan Zhong	2016 Bangkok	Sumalee Kiatboonsri
2006 Kyoto	Yoshinosuke Fukuchi	2017 Sydney	Jane Bourke (Scientific) Matthew Peters (Clinical)

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