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President's Report

APPES has enjoyed 10 years of growth since the inauguration in 1999. We now have nearly 400 members from 14 countries and districts in the Asia Pacific region. As the sole international society of pediatric endocrinology in the region, APPES has made a significant contribution to the improvement of science and the clinical practice in the field through its scientific and educational activities.

In August 2008 the APPES council held the Society's first strategic planning meeting in Singapore under the leadership of Prof. Wayne Cutfield, now the immediate past president of APPES. The mission statement "To provide training and educational opportunities and to advocate in paediatric endocrinology across the Asia Pacific region in collaboration with national and international societies" and the strategic plan set a clear direction for the society.

The APPES council has gathered again in Bangkok this June for a two days face-to-face meeting. The council had extensive review on the strategic planning and implementation, and new ideas for future were being formed to ensure the development and growth of our young society. I applaud our council members who each funded their own travel and precious time to participate in this important meeting. My thanks also go to the Great Eastern Drug Company of Thailand and the Thai Pediatric Endocrine Society, for their generous support and hospitality in helping bring the arrangements together.

The APPES fellows' meeting is an important annual event which is highly sought after by fellows across the region. It is a wonderful opportunity for intensive education and interaction with colleagues and faculty from countries within region. The 11th APPES Fellows' Meeting will be held in association with the Pediatric Endocrine Society of Thailand in Ayutthaya, the old capital of Thailand from October 9th to 11th, 2009. Over the years Dr. Maria Craig, APPES fellows' meeting convenor, has refined the meeting in a multifaceted interactive style with inclusion of a teaching faculty that is very highly rated by fellows following formal evaluation. These educational tasks can only be fulfilled through the commitment of the pharmaceutical industry to support the education of our trainees. For the past 4 years Merck Serono as the sole sponsor have superbly organized and generously funded the fellows' meeting. Another fellows' school in the region organized by the Indian Society for Pediatric

and Adolescent Endocrinology (ISPAE) will be held in November in Delhi, Dr. Maria Craig and Dr. Pik To Cheung will be attending the course as faculty members representing APPES.

The future development of APPES is reliant on a strong working relationship with country societies. As an international society of the Asia Pacific region, APPES aimed to provide real added value to the activities of the member societies. Closer working relationship will be reached through our biennial international scientific meeting, up-to-date website with clinical cases forum and teaching materials, continuing education and training opportunities, collaborative research, regional consensus statements, as well as changing of council structure for better representing of member societies.

One of the APPES objectives is to establish a relationship with key strategic partners and stakeholders that will broaden the effectiveness of the society internationally. APPES are actively involved with international consensus meeting, global inequalities group and other activities. We are establishing reciprocal arrangement between APPES and other regional/international societies in providing APPES members to speak at other societies' international scientific meetings and other societies' speakers presenting at the APPES scientific meeting.

The 6th APPES Biennial Scientific Meeting will be held in November 17 to 20 in Xi'an China, along with the 12th APPES Fellows Meeting in November 15 to 17. Prof. Xuefan Gu and Prof. Louis Low, as Presidents of the Local Organizing Committee will lead the Chinese team to create another successful event. The scientific program committee, again chaired by Prof. Paul Hofman is working hard in putting together an excellent program. Xi'an was the ancient capital city of China for 13 dynasties over 1000 years. I look forward to welcoming you all!

Xiaoping Luo
APPES President



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APPES MEMBERSHIP

The Asia Pacific Paediatric Endocrine Society (APPES) is a regional society representing the interests of over 14 countries across the Asia Pacific Region.

The focus of APPES is:

- a) To be a forum for interaction between health professionals working in the disciplines of paediatric endocrinology and diabetes in the Asia Pacific Region.
- b) To promote the best standards of care for young people with endocrine disorders and diabetes.
- c) To be an advocate for the rights and quality of life of young people with endocrine disorders and diabetes.
- d) To promote education and information sharing about paediatric endocrine disorders and diabetes amongst all health providers and the community.
- e) To foster and support research.
- f) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Association or all such other thing or things that the committee may in its sole discretion deem fit or beneficial to the Association.

APPES delivers a regional Scientific Meeting every 2nd years, hosted by one of the member countries, and in addition to this, offers a respected Fellows training course each year. The Fellows School is open to all members who are training in Paediatric Endocrinology and attendance is based on an application process. Those selected for the course attend an intensive 3 day meeting with all expenses paid.

APPES membership now extends to over 400 physicians, and is expanding quickly. APPES has a special offer on membership rates, that are hard to bear.

You can join APPES for:

5 years: US\$100

10 years: US\$150

With a host of benefits, the membership is great value, especially as you can save US\$100 on conference registration fees at each APPES Conference, plus savings at other affiliated association meetings, such as the LWPES/ESPE joint meeting.

To join APPES, all you need to do its log onto the website and submit your application on line.

www.appes.org

APPES 2010 SCIENTIFIC MEETING

We are delighted to announce that the 2010 APPES Meeting will be held in Xi'an China.

The dates for the meeting are the 17—20 November 2010.

Information will be posted on the website very soon.



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Dr Fatimah Harun	Malaysia

An invitation is extended to all APPES members to submit news for the newsletter.
The newsletter will be published 4 times a year.

If you would like to submit articles or photos, please do so via email on appes@willorganise.com.au

Future Events

2009:

Sept 9-12

8th Joint ESPE/LWPES Meeting, New York, USA
www.lwpes-espe2009.org

Sept 16-19

34th Annual Meeting of ISPAD, Ljubljana, Slovenia
E-mail: tadej.battelino@mf.uni-lj.si

Nov 2-6

Chinese Society of Pediatric Endocrinology and Metabolism meeting and fellows training course
Yangzhou, China
Email: xpluo@tjh.tjmu.edu.cn

Nov 11—13

Indian Society of Paediatric & Adolescent Endocrinology
Paediatric Endocrine Training Program
New Delhi
www.ispae.org.in

Nov 13—15

1st Biennial Meeting of ISPAE
New Delhi
www.ispae.org.in

Nov 15 - 18

Australasian Paediatric Endocrine Group (APEG) ASM
Coolum, Queensland, Australia
www.apeg.org.au
Email: apegasm@willorganise.com.au

2010:

March 26—30

International Congress of Endocrinology (ICE) 2010
Kyoto, Japan
www.congre.co.jp/ice2010/

Sept 5 - 11

35th Annual Meeting of ISPAD, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Sept 22 - 25

49th ESPE Meeting
Prague, Czech Republic

Nov 17—20

APPES Scientific Meeting
Xian, China

If you have a meeting you would like to add to this listing, please email the APPES Secretariat on appes@willorganise.com.au with the following details:

- Name of Conference, City/Country where being held, Website Address and Contact Email Address

APPES WEBSITE FORUM

A website clinical forum has been established – for members to post cases, share ideas and diagnosis.

The website for the forum is: www.forum.appes.org OR you can log on from the APPES website. For full instructions, click on the link on the APPES Homepage: www.appes.org

You need to register to use this forum (this is separate to your APPES membership registration).

We encourage all members to utilise this method of easy communication throughout the region.

Please do not hesitate to contact the APPES Secretariat if you have any problems using the Forum. Your comments and feedback are invited and most welcome.