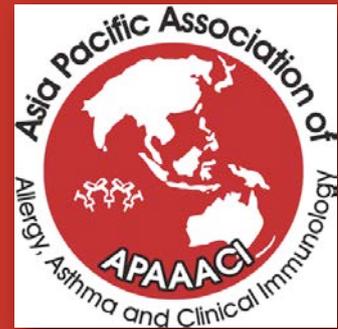


# APAAACI perspectives

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## A Message from the President editorial



### Professor Constance Katelaris

Dear Colleagues,

There has been much activity in our Organisation since our last newsletter. I hope each member has seen our inaugural edition of AP allergy, the new APAAACI Journal serving the needs of the region. If you have not you may access it via the APAAACI website. Our congratulations go to Professor Sang Il Lee and his team of devoted associates who have made this dream a reality. The Journal's success depends on contributions from our members. Please look at the Journal and decide today to make a contribution to one of the various sections. Remember to encourage your colleagues, students and junior doctors to consider the Journal for publications. This is an exciting project that Professor Lee has brought to fruition and we wish him and the editorial team every success as we endeavour to meet our publishing deadlines.

From this year we have established a number of APAAACI committees; the Education Committee chaired by Professor Fukuda (Japan); the Aerobiology Committee chaired by Professor A B Singh (India); the Conferences Committee chaired by Professor Hee Bom Moon (President Elect, APAAACI, South Korea) and the publications committee chaired by Professor Sung Il Lee (South Korea). The members of these committees have commenced working on their various tasks and hopefully you will see the results of this over the coming year.

APAAACI, as an important regional organisation, participates in various aspects of the work of the World Allergy Organisation. A number of our members sit on various committees producing working papers and position statements reflecting the particular needs and unique positions of our region of the world. This work is achieved by surveys, usually

**editorial** *(continued)*

Your Newsletter editors welcome contributions from our members. These may be reports of national meetings or other educational activities. We will also welcome photographs of significant events involving APAAACI members and organisations. If you have material for the next newsletter please send it through to the editorial team.

Happy reading!

*Professor Connie Katelaris*  
President, APAAACI

## Allergy Journals of the Asia-Pacific

### Journal watch

In future issues, we aim to provide highlights on interesting & emerging literature published within the region, starting with a listing of the various Allergy and Immunology journals/publications focussing on the Asia-Pacific region.

If there is a local publication that you would like to see mentioned in this section, please forward a submission to the editorial staff.

#### **Asia-Pacific Allergy**

The Official Journal of APAAACI  
Open Access  
URL: <http://apallergy.org/>

#### **Indian Journal of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology**

Journal of the Indian College of Allergy & Clinical Immunology  
Open Access  
URL: <http://medind.nic.in/iac/iacm.shtml>

#### **Asian Pacific Journal of Allergy & Immunology**

Journal of the Thai Allergy Society  
Open Access  
URL: <http://apjai.digitaljournals.org/>

#### **Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Research**

Journal of the Korean Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology  
Open Access  
URL: <http://e-aair.org/>

#### **Japanese Journal of Allergology**

Journal of the Japanese Society of Allergology  
Subscription required  
URL: [http://jja.jsaweb.jp/index\\_e.html](http://jja.jsaweb.jp/index_e.html)

#### **Chinese Journal of Allergy & Immunology**

Journal of the Chinese Society of Allergology  
Paid access only  
URL: N/A

# Malaysian Society of Immunology & Allergy (MSAI) featured society



The humble beginnings of the Malaysian Society of Allergy and Immunology (MSAI) can be traced back to a small but dedicated group of doctors and healthcare personnel. The group shared the view that whilst Malaysia had undergone rapid and remarkable economic development and advances in the medical field, we remained lacking in a conjoint inter-disciplinary fraternity dealing with Allergy and Immunology.

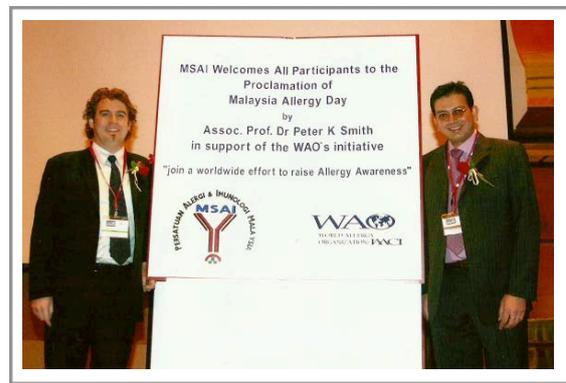
On December 13, 1998, MSAI had the pleasure of inviting the President of EAACI, Prof S. G. O. Johansson, to officially launch the Society. The highlight of MSAI's activities is their annual congress and exhibition on Allergy and Immunology, which is of a high international standard. MSAI also conducts regular roadshows around the nation, and also hold many public forums and talks to disseminate awareness and knowledge on Allergy. The society has published its newsletter since 2003, and in recent years, has begun to highlight other immunological diseases, in particular primary immunodeficiencies.

Dr. S. Harnam is the Founding President of MSAI. He held the office of President for the first six years, and through his diligence and hard work brought the society to international standing. Dr. Ranbir Kaulsay has continued this good work for further 5 years. As of 2009, Dr. Amir HA Latiff has held the presidency.

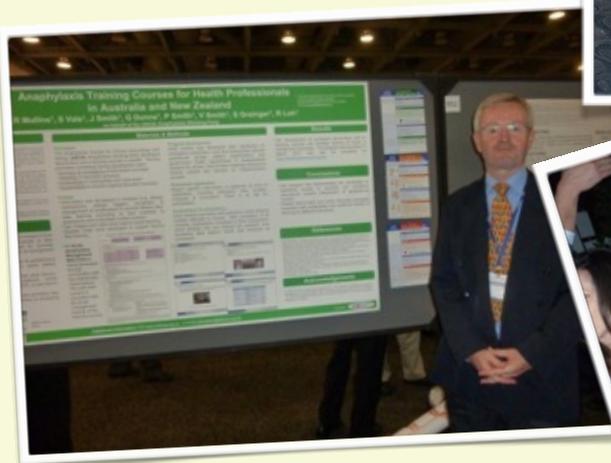
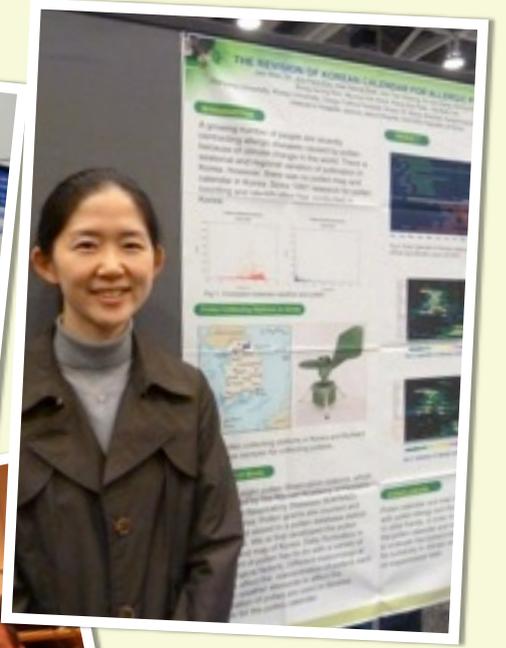
MSAI is now a distinguished society member of the World Allergy Organization (WAO) and APAAACI, and was honoured by the latter in 2010, by being selected to host the 10<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, 2016, in Kuala Lumpur.

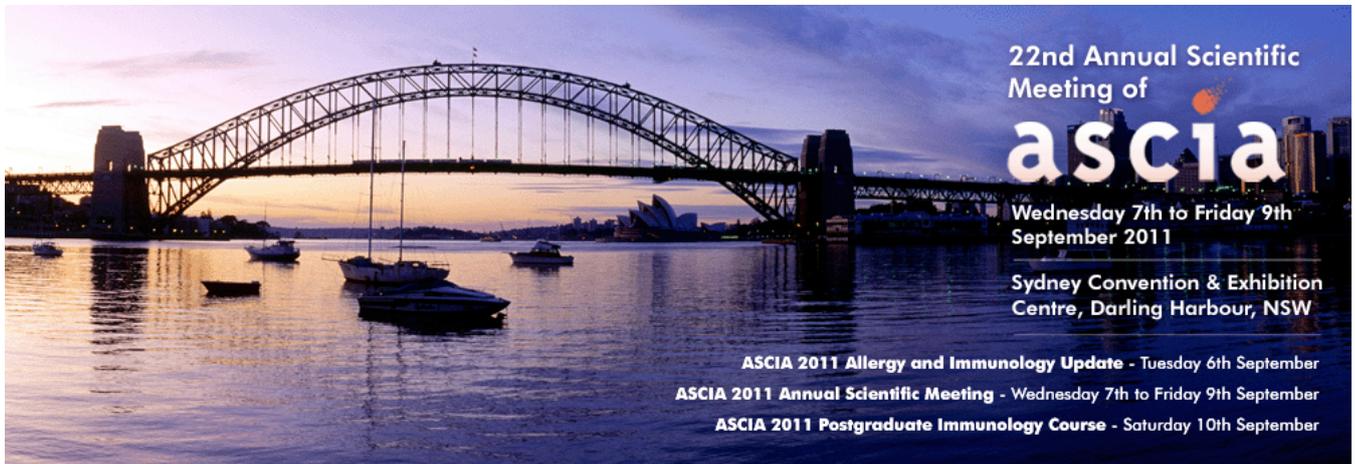
More information can be found at the MSAI webpage:

<http://www.allergymyai.org/>



# Photo Gallery: Feb-Jun 2011





The ASCIA 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting will be held over 3 days, from Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th September, 2011, in Sydney, Australia.

As in previous years, the 2011 Meeting will be held in conjunction with an Allergy & Immunology Update for health professionals on Tuesday 6th September, one day before the main conference opens. This will include an update for nursing staff specialising in the field of Allergy & Clinical Immunology.

New to ASCIA 2011, is a Postgraduate Immunology Course on Saturday 10th September. This will be directed by Professor Abul Abbas, and will cover both basic concepts in immunological science as well as translational research. The course will be based on those held annually by the Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies (FOCIS) - also run by Professor Abbas - and which have proved so popular with FOCIS delegates. *Places for this course will be limited, & will be restricted to those registering for the Annual Scientific Meeting.*

More than 40 speakers will feature at ASCIA 2011, including the following international keynote speakers, whom we are very proud to host this year:



**Professor Abul Abbas, MBBS**

Professor & Chair, Department of Pathology, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), USA



**Professor Pascal Demoly, MD PhD**

Chest Physician & Allergologist, University Hospital of Montpellier, France



**Dr. George Du Toit, MBBCh FCP DCH MMed**

Consultant Paediatric Allergist, Guy's & St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, King's College, London, UK



**Dr. Montserrat Fernández-Rivas, MD PhD**

Allergy Service, Hospital Clinico San Carlos, Madrid, Spain



**Dr. Stephen Holland, MD**

Chief, Laboratory of Clinical Infectious Diseases (LCID) & LCID Immunopathogenesis Section, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institute of Health (NIH), Bethesda, Maryland, USA



**Professor Yehuda Shoenfeld, MD FRCP**

Professor, Tel-Aviv University & Head, Department of Medicine 'B' & Center for Autoimmune Diseases, Sheba Medical Center, Israel

The Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre at Darling Harbour has been selected as the venue for ASCIA 2011, with its picturesque harbourside locale, as well as its large capacity.

The Program Committee for ASCIA 2011, chaired by Professor Connie Katelaris, would like to highlight the following key dates:

- Monday 4th July, 2011 - Deadline for online abstract submissions
- Monday 4th July, 2011 - Closing date for early-bird registration
- Monday 29th August, 2011 - Closing date for standard registration (on-site registration will be available after this date)

More information, including the entire program (downloadable as a PDF file) can be found on the conference website:

<http://www.ascia2011.com/>

*Other societies in the Asia-Pacific are invited to promote their local upcoming meetings via this newsletter (see next page)*

## Upcoming Asia-Pacific Allergy/Immunology Events

### **JUNE 24 - 25, 2011**

Mongolian Society of Allergology Meeting  
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

### **DECEMBER 16 - 18, 2011**

Indian College of Allergy, Asthma and Applied Immunology Meeting  
Aurangabad, India

### **SEPTEMBER 6 - 10, 2011**

Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology & Allergy (ASCIA) Annual Scientific Meeting  
Sydney, Australia

## Future Issues contributions welcome!

Another three issues are planned for this year...

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where they will be considered by the editorial staff

Want to contact your local APAAACI representative? A list of member organisations and incumbent representatives can be found at:

<http://www.apaaaci.org/members.htm>

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## Seeking Research Collaborators?

The editorial staff would like to invite researchers in Allergy & Clinical Immunology within the Asia-Pacific region to seek collaborators by advertising their areas of interest in this newsletter.

It's an ideal opportunity to foster multi-centre collaborations across our region; contact the editors (*see next page*), and provide appropriate contact details (e-mail/telephone/facsimile) as well as a description of the area of your research interest.