

# APAAACI perspectives

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## Message from the President editorial

**Professor Constance Katelaris**

Dear Colleagues,

As we approach mid 2012, I am reminded of the many activities undertaken by our members. A number of our members attended the recent EAACI meeting in Geneva to advertise our activities. Brochures regarding our Taiwan congress and our journal, AP Allergy, were distributed to many attendees. We congratulate our journal editor Professor Yoon-Seok Chang and his research team for winning the prize for best abstract in the poster presentations. We would ask all members to advertise both our journal and our forthcoming meeting at every opportunity but particularly at your annual meetings so we can ensure maximum participation.

In June three members of the Executive, myself, A/Professor Frank Thien and Dr. A.B. Singh travelled to Sri Lanka to represent APAAACI at the biennial Allergy and Immunology Society of Sri Lanka (AISSL) meeting. The AISSL was formed 12 years ago and has had six meetings. The opening ceremony was a gala affair; The Honorable Dr. Chris Nonis, the High Commissioner for Sri Lanka to the United Kingdom delivered the opening address and Professor Anura Weerasinghe outlined the early development of the specialty highlighting some of the research that has been done. The media were in attendance and the conference was highlighted in a news item, giving valuable publicity for the AISSL.

We were given the difficult task of judging the research presentations and the posters, all of which were of an impressive standard. The prize winners are highlighted in the photo gallery in this Newsletter. Let's hope some of these young researchers present their work at the Taiwan Congress next year!

**editorial** *(continued)*

It was a real privilege for us to spend time with members of this group to gain valuable insights into the challenges facing this society. We are very grateful for the wonderful hospitality shown to us by all, but particularly by the president, Professor Anura Weerasinghe.

After the conference, we participated in our first postgraduate course in Allergic Diseases held in conjunction with a national society member. This course was held in the historic Ceylon Medical Association building in Colombo with paediatricians, general physicians, general practitioners and medical students in attendance. Lecture topics included management of childhood asthma, difficult asthma, aeroallergens and respiratory disease and food allergy. There was a lively discussion at the end of the programme indicating the level of interest generated by these topics. We hope that this initiative will pave the way for future meetings in conjunction with other national societies.

Please enjoy the contents of this Newsletter and remember that we welcome contributions from all members.

Happy reading!

**Connie Katelaris**

*President, APAAACI*

**Save the Date...**



TAIPEI 2013

# APCAACI

Allergy in The Emerging Word

2013 Asia Pacific Congress of Allergy,  
Asthma and Clinical Immunology

Taipei, November 14-17, 2013

[www.apcaaci2013.org](http://www.apcaaci2013.org)

Host organization




## Asia-Pacific Immunology Journal Watch

Currently reporting...

### **Asia-Pacific Allergy**

The Official Journal of APAAACI

Open Access

URL: <http://apallergy.org/>

Current issue: April 2012, Volume 2(2)

On its first anniversary, this edition publishes the 2010 AADV consensus guidelines for the management of chronic urticaria in Asia, reviews the role of tiotropium in the management of asthma, asthma in the elderly, and examines the impact of helminth infection on childhood allergic diseases in an area transitioning from high to low infection burden.

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

Journal of the Thai Allergy Society

Open Access

URL: <http://apjai.digitaljournals.org/>

Current issue: March 2012, Volume 30(1)

Shellfish allergy in the Asia-Pacific is reviewed, as well as the monitoring of HIV/AIDS patients in resource-limited settings. A profile of Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome in Northern India is presented, as well as clinical & pathological features of Chürg-Strauss syndrome in a Japanese case series.

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

Journal of the Korean Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology

Open Access

URL: <http://e-aair.org/>

Current issue: May 2012, Volume 4(3)

A couple of original genomics articles are presented - one on *TXNRD1* as a potential predictor of drug-induced hepatitis, & another on *HLADRBI* associations with atopic dermatitis in Korean children.

### **Japanese Journal of Allergology**

Journal of the Japanese Society of Allergology

Subscription required (Japanese language articles only; abstracts available in English)

URL: [http://jja.jsaweb.jp/index\\_e.html](http://jja.jsaweb.jp/index_e.html)

Current issue: February 2012, Volume 61(2)

Focuses upon upper airway allergies (rhinitis & asthma), with articles on diagnostic techniques & methods.

## APAAACI News Update new treasurer



*Professor Takao Fujisawa (left),  
has succeeded Professor  
Takemasa Nakagawa (right)  
as APAAACI Treasurer*



### **Appointment of Professor Takao Fujisawa as the new APAAACI Treasurer**

From March 11, 2012, Professor Takemasa Nakagawa tendered his resignation as APAAACI Treasurer. Professor Nakagawa has provided excellent and tireless service as APAAACI Treasurer since his election at the 6<sup>th</sup> APAAACI Congress in Tokyo in October 2004. The Board and Executive are very grateful for his support for and service to APAAACI all these years. We wish him the best for his retirement, although he will continue seeing patients at an outpatient clinic located in a rural village in Wakayama Prefecture.

After consultation with Board Member and President of the Japanese Society of Allergology, Professor Kazuo Akiyama, the Executive is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Takao Fujisawa as the new APAAACI Treasurer.

Professor Fujisawa is the Director of the Institute for Clinical Research, Mie National Hospital (since 2002), and a Professor (since 2005) at the Mie University Graduate School of Medicine, which is also his Alma Mater for his MD (1980) and PhD (1989). After initial clinical and research training, he was appointed as a staff physician at the Department of Pediatrics and Allergy at the Mie National Hospital. Between 1986 and 1988, he worked as a Research Fellow at Department of Immunology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, before returning to the Mie National Hospital where he became Chief Physician at Department of Pediatrics and Allergy in 1999, prior to his current appointments. Professor Fujisawa is a member of numerous professional bodies including: Japanese Society of Allergology (Board of Trustees, Chair of International Committee); Japanese Society of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology (Board of Trustees, Guideline committee member); Societas Paediatrica Japonica; the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (International Fellow; FAAAAI); the American Thoracic Society and the Japanese Society of Immunology. Professor Fujisawa is the recipient of multiple awards for excellence in research, and has 56 publications in English language journals and 170 publications in Japanese language journals. Professor Fujisawa has been the Japanese Society of Allergology representative to the APAAACI House of Delegates since July 2011, and we welcome him to the Executive and his new role as Treasurer.

# Photo Gallery - AISSL Meeting 2012

Photos from the biennial AISSL meeting, held June 2012. Professor Katelaris, A/Professor Thien & Dr. A. B. Singh represented APAACI at the meeting.



↑ Professor A. Weerasinghe, President of the AISSL (left), & The Honorable Dr. Chris Nonis, the High Commissioner for Sri Lanka to the United Kingdom, pictured at the Opening Ceremony for AISSL 2012



↑ Abstract & Poster prize winners from the AISSL meeting



## Upcoming Asia-Pacific Allergy/Immunology Events

### **JULY 2 - 4, 2012**

British Society for Allergy & Clinical Immunology Annual Meeting 2012 (BSACI 2012)  
Nottingham, United Kingdom  
[www.bsaci.com](http://www.bsaci.com)

### **AUGUST 18 - 21, 2012**

21st World Congress of Asthma (WCA 2012)  
Quebec, Canada  
[www.wca-2012.com](http://www.wca-2012.com)

### **SEPTEMBER 3 - 4, 2012**

13th Biennial Convention of Philippine Society of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology  
Manila, Philippines  
[www.pssai.com.ph](http://www.pssai.com.ph)

### **SEPTEMBER 3 - 7, 2012**

5th European Symposium of Aerobiology  
Krakow, Poland  
[www.5esa.cm-uj.krakow.pl](http://www.5esa.cm-uj.krakow.pl)

### **SEPTEMBER 5 - 8, 2012**

Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology & Allergy (ASCIA) Annual Scientific Meeting  
Wellington, New Zealand  
[www.ascia2012.com](http://www.ascia2012.com)

### **OCTOBER, 2012**

46th Indian College of Allergy, Asthma & Applied Immunology Conference  
Varanasi, India

### **OCTOBER 8 - 9, 2012**

ICACI 2012: International Conference on Allergy & Clinical Immunology  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
[www.waset.org/conferences/2012/dubai/icaci](http://www.waset.org/conferences/2012/dubai/icaci)

### **NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 1, 2012**

6th Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ACPID 2012)  
Colombo, Sri Lanka  
[www.acpid2012.org](http://www.acpid2012.org)

### **NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 1, 2012**

The 62nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Allergology  
Osaka, Japan  
[www.jsaweb.jp/modules/en/index.php?content\\_id=10](http://www.jsaweb.jp/modules/en/index.php?content_id=10)

### **DECEMBER 2 - 6, 2012**

42nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian Society for Immunology  
Melbourne, Australia  
[www.asi2012.org](http://www.asi2012.org)

*Member societies in the Asia-Pacific are invited to promote their local upcoming meetings via this newsletter. Contact the editorial staff (see below)*

## **Future Issues** contributions welcome!

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

## **Editorial Staff**

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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.