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Message from the President editorial

Professor Constance Katelaris

Dear Colleagues,

I hope most of you have received the good news regarding our APAAACI Journal, ***Asia Pacific Allergy***. In just one year the managing editor and editorial board have achieved listing in PubMed. This is indeed a wonderful achievement and is a reflection of the high quality already established in the three issues of the Journal. On behalf of all APAAACI members I congratulate our managing editor, Professor Yoon-Seok Chang and Professor Sang-Il Lee and the many people involved who have been responsible for this remarkable success. For those of you who have not yet seen the Journal please visit www.apallergy.org for present and past issues as well as general journal information. This is our regional journal so I ask you all to support it by sending in articles for publication. There are many categories so there will be something suitable for most of you by way of contribution.

It is timely to acknowledge the major support given for this initiative of APAAACI by our past president Sang-Il Lee. He has been a driving force for the establishment of a journal for APAAACI and has supported it in many ways but today I wish to acknowledge his magnificent personal financial support for the set up costs and publication of the journal. We in APAAACI owe him a great debt of gratitude for being active in launching this initiative.

There are various notices of interest in this newsletter so please take time to browse the contents. You will learn more about one of our national societies in Mongolia, and you can keep yourselves up to date with the various happenings in the world of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

Professor Madeleine Sumpaico, left, and colleague, APAAACI members from the Philippines at EAACI 2011, Istanbul, Turkey



editorial *(continued)*

We welcome contributions by any of our members so please email our editors if you would like to contribute an article to this newsletter.

On a sadder note we inform you of the passing of Prof Chua Kaw Yan. She played a significant role in allergy research and teaching in Singapore and contributed to the teaching faculty at Allergy and Clinical Immunology Society meetings in Singapore including APCAACI 2010. A formal obituary will follow in our next edition of the newsletter. I join with my co-editors, Prof Frank Thien and Dr Frederick Lee in wishing you a happy and peaceful time of reflection and rejuvenation over the Christmas and New Year period.

Professor Connie Katelaris

President, APAAACI



Professor Connie Katelaris, President of APAAACI (fourth from the left), with delegates at the 2011 Chinese Society of Allergy Annual Congress, held in Chengdu, Sichuan, PRC

Allergy Journals of the Asia-Pacific

Journal watch

Here follows a listing of the main Clinical Immunology & Allergy journals based in the Asia-Pacific region.

Congratulations to the editorial team at *Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Research* (KOR), for their recent listing on the SCIE Web of Science (from July 2011)

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

Chinese Journal of Allergy & Immunology

Journal of the Chinese Society of Allergology

Paid access only

URL: N/A

Mongolian Society of Allergology (MSA) featured society



Монголын Харшил судлалын Нийгэмлэг

The Mongolian Society of Allergology (MSA) was founded on April 15, 2002, the impetus for its creation having been initiated by a group of young researchers, university professors and academics and clinical allergologists. The inaugural meeting was held just a couple of months later in June 2002.

The mission statement of the MSA is to be the peak body in the field of allergy and clinical immunology in the nation of Mongolia - to educate and communicate with our members.

Since the founding of the MSA, annual meetings have been held for the membership. At these gatherings, data and conclusions from the year's research are compiled and published as the *Mongolian Journal of Allergology*.

Another important area of activity for the MSA is continuing post-graduate training and education for our members.

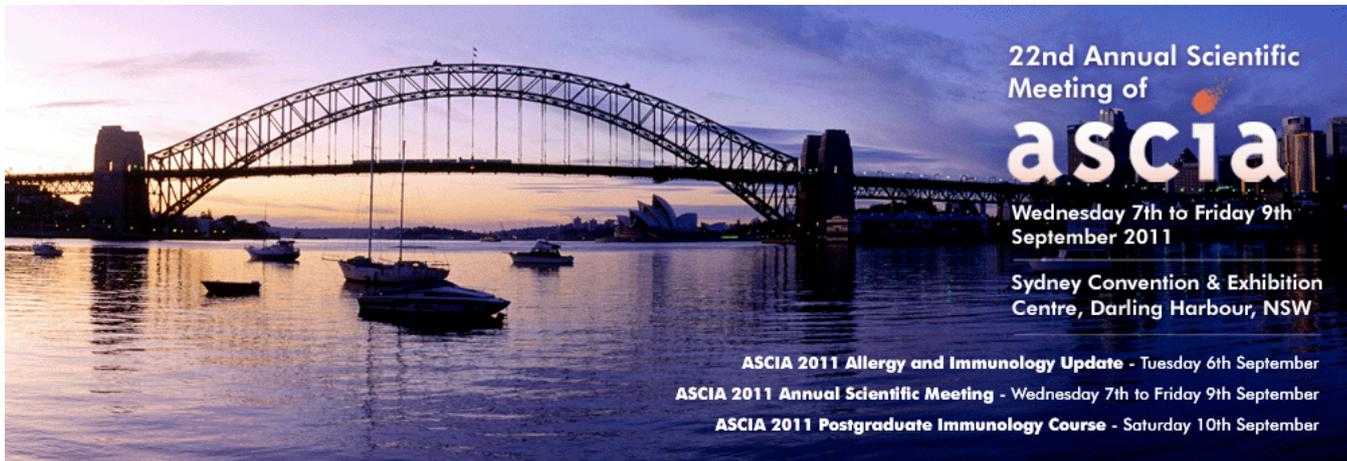
The convention coinciding with the 10th anniversary of the MSA's founding will be held from June 22 to 23, 2012 in Ulaanbaatar. Creative activities and functions will be held for the attendees as well as the general public.

Dr. Munkhbayarlakh Sonomjamts, MD PhD, of the Health Sciences University of Mongolia and Head of the Allergy and Asthma Clinic is the current serving President of the MSA and is responsible for upholding the Society's constitution.

The Mongolian Society of Allergology homepage is located at:

<http://allergy.org.mn/news/>

(English language site under construction)



The ASCIA 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting ran from September 7 to 9, 2011 in Sydney, Australia. It was preceded by the annual Allergy Update, held on September 6, and followed by the inaugural Postgraduate Immunology Course on September 10.

The entire event was a great success and very well received by the delegates. The invited international speakers gave illuminating and frequently entertaining talks updating the state-of-the-art on a range of clinically important topics, including:

- immunotherapy (particularly via the sublingual route)
- molecular and component-resolved diagnosis in food allergy
- newly identified acquired defects in immunity
- emerging syndromes of autoimmunity and the environment

Prof. A. Abbas deserves special mention for single-handedly running the entire Postgraduate Immunology Course, and giving no less than seven consecutive lectures on basic immunology, the contents of which were eagerly taken up by the attendees, both trainees and specialists alike!

The Program Committee, chaired by Prof. C. Katelaris, would like to thank the generosity of the sponsors, all those who chaired the many sessions, and congratulate the prize winners for oral presentations and posters.

A particular thanks to Ms. Jill Smith and her party of able assistants, who put in many, many hours of preparatory work for this meeting, and many more in ensuring that the meeting ran smoothly. Jill's work will continue as preparations are underway for the 23rd ASCIA Annual Scientific Meeting, to be held in New Zealand in Wellington from September 2 to 4, 2012. Save those dates, and hope to see you there!

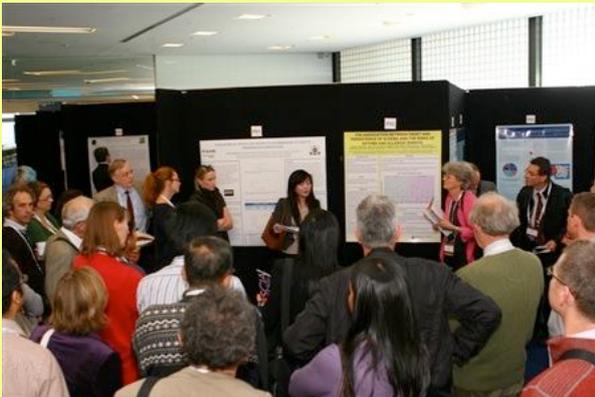


Members of the ASCIA 2011 Program Committee at the convention centre in Darling Harbour, Sydney. Dr. Preeti Joshi, left, Dr. Brynn Wainstein, Prof. Brad Frankum, Dr. Frederick Lee, Prof. Connie Katelaris (Chair), Dr. Karuna Keat and Sr. Pamela Burton

Frederick J. Lee

Associate Editor and ASCIA Program Committee

Photo Gallery: ASCIA 2011



Photographs taken by Dr. John Tan (right), a Paediatric Immunology Fellow based in Sydney, Australia, and winner of the prize for best oral presentation at the ASCIA 2011 Clinical Grand Rounds



Upcoming Asia-Pacific Allergy/Immunology Events

DECEMBER 16 - 18, 2011

ICAAICON 2011

45th National Conference of the Indian College of Allergy, Asthma and Applied Immunology
Aurangabad, India

Please visit the conference website: www.icaaicon2011.com

(Thanks to Prof. A. B. Singh for updating this information)

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!

This is the final issue for 2011.

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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.