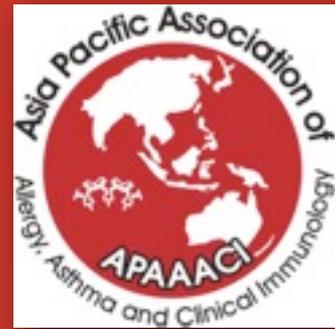


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Message from the President editorial

Professor Constance Katelaris

Dear Colleagues,

We are approaching the end of 2012 and with this comes the realisation that our next APAAACI Congress is a mere 12 months away. Your executive and Board have met in Taipei, Taiwan, this month, in order to meet with the local organising committee and conference organiser for our next conference. There is much that must be done and we seek the input and co-operation of all our members in order to make our next congress a showcase for the region.

We ask that you advertise the APAAACI congress in Taiwan widely, particularly at your annual meetings and newsletters. We ask you to encourage your researchers and younger colleagues to consider submitting abstracts. Please place the dates in your diaries now and plan to come and participate in your congress - **November 14 - 17, 2013**.

Our journal, *AP Allergy* continues to grow and develop and we encourage each of you to consider sending your scientific papers and review articles for consideration for publication in our regional journal.

editorial *(continued)*

At our recent Taiwan meeting your executive had the opportunity to meet with the incoming president of APAPARI, Professor Gary Wong. We have great hopes for future collaborations between our two regional associations and we look forward to planning collaborative projects and meetings in the future.

As this year draws to a close, on behalf of the editorial board of the APAAACI newsletter, I wish you a peaceful, happy and restful Christmas and New Year period. There is much to do next year!

Connie Katelaris
President, APAAACI

Save the Date...



TAIPEI 2013

APCAACI

Allergy in The Emerging World

2013 Asia Pacific Congress of Allergy,
Asthma and Clinical Immunology

Taipei, November 14-17, 2013

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: October 2012, Volume 2(4)

There is a descriptive study of immediate hypersensitivity to CT contrast agent in an Australian tertiary centre. An animal model of asthma is used to investigate interferon as a possible immunomodulatory agent in airway inflammation. Ridolo and colleagues from Italy review the role of inhaled and ingested allergens in eosinophilic oesophagitis, an often under-diagnosed condition.

Asian Pacific Journal of Allergy & Immunology

Journal of the Thai Allergy Society

Open Access

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

Current issue: September 2012, Volume 30(3)

The role of *Staphylococcus aureus* super-antigens in the pathogenesis of eosinophilic nasal polyp disease is reviewed. Labcharoenwongs and colleagues in Bangkok report a double-blind randomised controlled trial of topical tacrolimus and cyclosporine for vernal keratoconjunctivitis in children. An internal audit of inpatient mortality at a Thai tertiary centre due to asthma is presented. A group in China describes the effects of desloratadine on the results of positive dermal patch testing for delayed-type hypersensitivity, a practical issue that can impact diagnostic approach in the clinic.

Allergy, Asthma & Immunology Research

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

Open Access

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

Current issue: November 2012, Volume 4(6)

A review of the treatment of chronic spontaneous idiopathic urticaria is presented - a common presenting condition in all allergy clinics. Jeong and colleagues undertake a quality study to assess the allergenicity of standardised house dust mite extracts. Elevated levels of IL-21 are described in patients with Kawasaki disease, a novel finding that may lead to insights into pathogenesis.

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

Current issue: August 2012, Volume 61(8)

This month's issue begins with an exposition on the multi-disciplinary management of allergy and covers the latest developments in diagnostic approach to drug and latex allergies. The role of mast cells in allergic reactions is reviewed.

ASCIA Annual Scientific Meeting Wellington 2012

conference report

ASCIA 2012, the 23rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) was held at the magnificent Wellington Town Hall from September 5 to 8, 2012.

Congratulations to the organising committee of ASCIA 2012; Dr. Shannon Brothers, Dr. Marianne Empson and Pauline Brown, led the ASCIA 2012 Chair, Dr. Miriam Hurst.

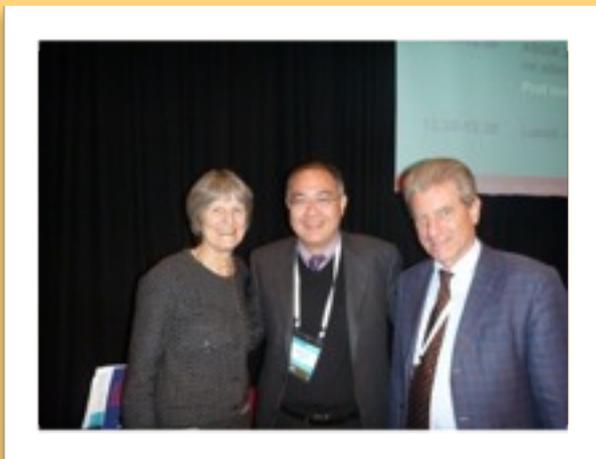
The keynote international speakers, Professor Andrew Cant, Professor Ulrich Wahn, Dr. Jorg Kleine-Tebbe and Professor Carlos Camargo gave highly informative and entertaining presentations.

This year's conference was highlighted by a number of well-received changes to the program structure:

- more opportunities for delegates to give oral presentations - 31 poster presentations and 13 clinical grand rounds presentations were made
- a record total of \$15,000 worth of awards and scholarships (\$500 each) were provided to 30 recipients. Congratulations to all the winners, listed on the ASCIA website (<http://www.allergy.org.au/health-professionals/awards-grants/ascia-award-grant-scholarship-recipients/>)
- more plenary sessions with more time per presenter
- a primary immunodeficiency workshop was held as an interactive breakfast session

The social functions proved very popular with delegates, including a traditional 'Powhiri' welcome. The Gala Dinner was held at the spectacular Te Papa Museum, a Wellington highlight.

*Adapted from a piece by Ms. Jill Smith, ASCIA 2012 Secretariat
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From L to R: Professor Innes Asher (New Zealand), incoming ASCIA President Dr. Richard Loh (Australia), and guest speaker Professor Dr. med. Ulrich Wahn (Germany)

Photo Gallery

Members of the APAAACI Executive and Board at the recent APAPARI meeting, held in Taiwan in October, 2012



Attendees at the symposium on Climate Change and Aeroallergens (from the 13th International Palynological Congress, held at Tokyo's Chuo University, Japan, August 23-30, 2012). Symposium organiser Dr. A. B. Singh (India) is pictured at the far right.

Upcoming Asia-Pacific Allergy/Immunology Events

NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 1, 2012

6th Asian Congress of Pediatric Infectious Diseases (ACPID 2012)
Colombo, Sri Lanka
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

The organising committee for the JSA will support travel grants of \$500 for presenters and \$100 for co-presenters (max. 4 persons). Presenters and Co-presenters from APAAACI member societies will be eligible

DECEMBER 2 - 6, 2012

42nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian Society for Immunology
Melbourne, Australia
www.asi2012.org

DECEMBER 6 - 9, 2012

WAO International Scientific Conference 2012
Hyderabad, India
www.worldallergy.org/wisc2012/

DECEMBER 14 - 17, 2012

17th Congress of Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology
Organised by the Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology
www.apresp.org/congress.html/

FEBRUARY 22 - 26, 2013

69th American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Congress
San Antonio, USA
annualmeeting.aaai.org

MAY 11 - 12, 2013

The 25th Spring Meeting of the Japanese Society of Allergology
www.jsaweb.jp/modules/en/index.php?content_id=10

JUNE 22 - 26, 2013

EAACI-WAO World Allergy and Asthma Congress
Milan, Italy
www.eaaci-wao2013.com

SEPTEMBER 10 - 14, 2013

Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) Annual Scientific Meeting
Perth Convention Centre, Australia
www.allergy.org.au

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

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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.