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Message from President

Dear Friends

I wish to sincerely express my gratitude to all of you for reposing faith in me for the post of President of Asia Pacific Stroke Organization (APSO) 2017-2019.

I will like to assure you that I will work very hard and with great dedication for further improvement in the working of APSO...

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Message from Secretary General

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Welcome to the first issue of Asia Pacific Stroke Organization Newsletter for the year 2018!

In this issue, we share with you the report of the Asia Pacific Stroke Conference (APSC) 2017, and also the progress of the upcoming APSC 2018 and 2019. APSC 2018 will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia. Please see page 6 of the Newsletter for further details. We look forward to greeting you in these 2 important annual conferences on stroke, to exchange ideas, share researches and clinical knowledge with international experts.

We are also pleased to announce that APSO's Funding for CME Programs in 2018 is now open for member societies' application. We would like to cordially invite interested member societies to fill in and submit the attached application form. Please refer to page 7 for further details.

Best wishes on behalf of the APSO Executive Committee to you and your family for the year of 2018.

Dr. (Professor) Man Mohan Mehndiratta
President
APSO
Dear Members and Friends,

I must say once again THANKS to all of you for the full support, voting me as Secretary-General of APSO 2017-2019, just in continuation of my previous term 2015-2017 for the same post. We all acknowledge that the burden of stroke is enormous and in many aspects, leading to body handicap or incapability for individuals, and causing tremendous familial, social and economic impacts in our societies. We, being Asians and stroke and health professionals, are obliged to face all the upcoming challenges related to stroke, since we have a large population and the rapid rising of aging societies in Asia-Pacific region, and a rapidly increasing rate of metabolic syndromes due to economic progress and lifestyle changes in these areas which may bring more and more atrial fibrillation, leading to severe and worst strokes.

Asia Pacific Stroke Organization (APSO) was established on 09.06.2009 through the merge of Asia Pacific Stroke Association and Asian Stroke Forum. The main objectives of APSO are clearly enough, such as:

1. To promote and encourage the advancement of scientific knowledge, research and practice in all aspects of stroke
2. To promote, encourage, organize the post-graduate training and participate in the continuing education process of other members of health professional organizations in the field of stroke
3. To influence the care policy for stroke practice and to improve the quality of health & stroke care services.

In the past years, the ExCo members have been working hard to achieve these goals and have built up the partnership with WSO, ESO and the national stroke societies, however, the management of APSO and the communication between our members are not easy tasks at all. The issue of APSO Newsletter is expected to bring better communication between APSO and our members. The Secretariat, in carrying out the decisions of Executive Committee and helping to make CME activities smooth, will be glad to take more responsibilities but expecting more inputs from our members.

Wish APSO steady growth.

Professor Ruey Tay Lin
Secretary General
APSO
It is estimated that currently world population is approximately 7.4 billion. Asia is the most-populated continent, with its 4.3 billion inhabitants accounting for over 60% of the world population. The world's two most-populated countries alone, China and India, constitute about 37% of the world's population. More than fifteen million people annually suffer from stroke worldwide. Almost five million subject suffering from stroke die each year. Out of the survivors almost five million remain disabled. In Asia alone around nine million suffer from stroke annually. More than 600 million people will still be trapped in poverty in 2015, most of them in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. Thus, we face a massive challenge of stroke burden in Asia.

To face this daunting task of burden of stroke in Asia Pacific region, on 6th Sept 2009, the executive committees of Asia Pacific Stroke Association and Asian Stroke Forum formally decided to merge. As a result new forum was established “ASIA PACIFIC STROKE ORGANISATION (APSO)”. One of the principle aims was united we can fight the menace of stroke much better in our region. APSO is a registered charitable business in Hong Kong and is affiliated to World Stroke Organization. The active stroke societies which are financially contributing to APSO are: Stroke Society of Australasia, Bangladesh Stroke Association, Hong Kong Stroke Society, Indian Stroke Association, Indonesian Stroke Society, Japan Stroke Society, Jiangsu Stroke Association, Korean Stroke Society, Malaysian Society of Neurosciences, Mongolia Stroke Association, Nepal Stroke Association, Pakistan Stroke Society, Stroke Society of the Philippines, Singapore National Stroke Association, National Stroke Association of Sri Lanka, Taiwan Stroke Society, Thai Stroke Society, Vietnam Stroke Association. The executive committee of APSO is strongly committed to the cause of stroke and is starving hard to uplift the standard of stroke care in Asia especially in resource limited countries in this region.

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Report on Asia Pacific Stroke Conference 2017

On behalf of the Organizing Committee and Scientific Committee, I would like to give a short report of the recent Asia Pacific Stroke Conference (ASPC) which was held in the Nanjing International Youth Cultural Centre, Nanjing, China, in October 2017 jointly by the Asia Pacific Stroke Organization, Jiangsu Stroke Association, and the Hong Kong Stroke Society, with the undertaking of Nanjing First Hospital.

This conference attracted 450 participants from 27 countries, including about 50% of attendees from China (including Hong Kong and Taiwan regions) and the rest ranging from India, Australia, Japan, Korea and others. During the conference, many hot topics were covered by invited speakers including endovascular thrombectomy for super-acute stroke, acute stroke management, stroke prevention and multimodal imaging for stroke management. The highlights included the 5 keynote speakers from United States, Australia, China and Singapore, namely, Prof. Karen L. Furie, Prof. Craig Anderson, Prof. Chen-Ya Huang, Prof. Li-ping Liu, and Prof. Narayanaswamy Venketasubramanian. I was honored that the representative from ESO (Prof. Bart Van der Worp) displayed the congratulation and academic lectures. Meanwhile, this conference was also well covered in media. It was noted that both Jiangsu TV channels and Nanjing TV channels made coverage of the new technologies and stroke treatment exhibited in the conference.

I would like to express the sincere gratitude to Professor Chen-Ya Huang and the colleagues in the Organizing and Scientific Committee for their dedication and hard work in the 12 months leading up to the realization of the Conference. I would like to offer my sincere best wishes to the organizers of the APSC 2018 that they will deliver an even more impactful conference.

With kind regards,

Prof Ying-Dong Zhang, MD. PhD.
Congress Co-Chair, APSC 2017

Asia Pacific Stroke Conference 2018

The Asia-Pacific Stroke Conference 2018 will be held in Jakarta from 6-9 September 2018, organized by Indonesian Stroke Society (INASSOC). The Asia-Pacific Stroke Conference has established itself over the years as one of the leading platforms in the Asia-Pacific region for the exchange of skills, continuing education, and new research development especially in the vascular, stroke, and endovascular areas.

The aim of APSC 2018 is to bring together participants to engage with each other during the workshops and scientific symposia, and to meet with our prominent faculty from the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. Participants are welcome to showcase their research, complex cases, as well as interact and share their learning experience with others during the informative poster and oral/platform presentations. To encourage the investigators, there will be prizes for the best poster and oral presentations. To complement the scientific aspects of the Conference, we will organize a special night for our participants to enjoy a wide variety of Indonesian traditional and international cuisine while being entertained by our artistes.

Please visit the following website for further details and registration method of APSC 2018:

www.apsc2018.org

Asia Pacific Stroke Conference 2019

The Asia Pacific Stroke Conference 2019 is likely to be held in Manila, Philippines. Further details will be announced at a nearer stage. In addition, details of the 2020 and 2021 conference will be decided in the AGM 2018.
This is to announce that APSO's Funding for CME Programs in 2018 is now open for member societies' application.

The objective of the funding is to improve educational resources and core clinical skills for the care of acute stroke patients in Asia Pacific Region. Priority will be given to under-resourced countries, using focused workshops to improve the care of stroke patients.

In this area, the organization of acute stroke units, the use of intravenous thrombolysis and the systematic organization of secondary prevention stroke strategies are priorities. There is a pressing need for improving care due to small number of stroke units and the low frequency of rt-PA usage in a large proportion of the Asia-Pacific region.

APSO would like to cordially invite member societies interested to apply for funding to fill in and submit the application form (download at www.theapso.com) to the APSO Secretariat by email apsosec@gmail.com. Applications shall arrive at least 4-6 months prior to the suggested CME workshop.