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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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Forthcoming Events

coming soon....

APSC 2019

Oct 2019, Manila, The Philippines
Official website will be launched soon

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Welcome to the 2nd issue of Asia Pacific Stroke Organization Newsletter!

In this issue, we share with you the report of the Asia Pacific Stroke Conference (APSC) 2018, and also the progress of the upcoming APSC 2019, 2020 and 2021. APSC 2019 will be held on 3 – 6 October 2019 in Manila, the Philippines. Please see page 6 of the Newsletter for further details. We look forward to greeting you in these important annual conferences on stroke, to exchange ideas, share research and clinical knowledge with international experts.

We are also pleased to announce that APSO's Funding for CME Programs in 2019 will be opening for member societies' application. Details will be announced soon.

Best wishes on behalf of the APSO Executive Committee to you and your family for the year of 2019.

Dr. (Professor) Man Mohan Mehndiratta
President
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Message from the Secretary-General

Dear Members and Friends,

May I THANK YOU all once again 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.

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.

In the coming year, APSO will strive to engage more Asia Pacific countries and invite them to become our members, and also to maintain our collaborations with other international medical organizations including ESO and WSO. The next APSO conference will be held in Manila, the Philippines in October 2019 and we are sure that this will be another impactful and fruitful conference.

I look forward to greeting you all in Manila.

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, Myanmar Neurological Society, 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.

**The main objectives of APSO are:**

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 policy for stroke practice and improve the health service**
Asia Pacific Stroke Conference (APSC) 2018 was held on 6 – 9 September 2018 at the Sultan Hotel Residence in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Chair of this Conference was Professor Man Mohan Mehndiratta, President of APSO. Dr Mursyid Bustami was the Chair of APSO 2018 Organizing Committee.

During the 4 days conferences, 10 workshop sessions, 10 parallel symposiums, 4 plenary sessions, 1 debate session, 5 oral presentation sessions and poster view sessions were held. A total of 119 abstracts received. There were 67 speakers, and the major topics included new research developments especially in the vascular, stroke, and endovascular areas.

The total number of APSC 2018 participants was 442. Participants were from the following countries: Australia, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Philippines, Qatar, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, USA, Vietnam.

Asia Pacific Stroke Conference 2019

The Asia-Pacific Stroke Conference 2019 will be held in Manila, the Philippines from 3 – 6 October 2019, organized by Stroke Society of the Philippines (SSP). 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 2019 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 complement the scientific aspects of the Conference, social functions will be organized for the participants.

The website of APSC 2019 will be ready soon and further information will be released to members.

Asia Pacific Stroke Conference 2020 and 2021

The APSC 2020 will be held in Seoul, Korea, and APSC 2021 will be held in Melbourne, Australia. Further details will be announced closer to the conference dates.