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2021 has passed quickly. There is a perception that for every second spent virtually and on-line, more time seems to pass in reality. On that note, I write to remind members that this year is the 10th Anniversary of the Asia Pacific Stroke Organization. This is an accomplishment to be celebrated and at the same time, an opportunity for reflection.

This 10th anniversary has also coincided with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the greatest healthcare disruption in the last one hundred years. Unfortunately, its impact has affected many aspects of stroke care delivery locally and globally. The tenth anniversary in another time and place would have meant in-person gathering, lots of handshakes, photography, dinners, drinks and speeches. In this respect, webcasting technology can re-capture at least part of this spirit in the coming months.

Briefly, APSO was established with the amalgamation of the Asian Stroke Forum (ASF) which was founded in Japan and the Asia Pacific Conference against Stroke (APCAS). APSO was registered as a charity in Hong Kong by Dr Chen-Ya Huang. The first President of APSO was Dr Lu Chuanzhen (China). From its inception, the banking and secretariat services were based in Hong Kong while the first website was registered in India before its transfer to Hong Kong in 2019.

One important objective of the APSO is the delivery of a high standard of stroke care to stroke patients by enhancing stroke knowledge and practices among healthcare professionals in the Asia Pacific region by providing a platform for communication, cooperation and engagement among stroke professionals and neurologists through annual conferences, interactive workshops and continued medical education (CME) activities.

We have several activities to look forward to this year. Please join the Asia Pacific Stroke Conference 2021 in Chennai, India on Dec 9-11 2021. Registration link and further details at www.apscindia2021.com

Please also join us for our series of webinars on specially selected and practical topics to keep you professionally updated. The next one is on Clinical Issues in Secondary Stroke Prevention. Please PRESS HERE to register.

Do contact me directly via the APSO secretariat (apsosec@gmail.com) if there are any comments or suggestions.

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Message from the Secretary-General

Since the start of Covid-19 pandemic some 18 months ago, the catastrophe has caused tremendous death of human around the world. Besides the life loss, there are also unmeasurable damages and loss in so many aspects of economies, industries and social systems, the impact on stroke care as well, which inversely offer an opportunity for reflection and the action taking as an adaptation amid the slowdown of earth spinning by the pandemic.

The Exco members of APSO are particularly grateful for all the efforts of Korean Stroke Society (KSS) during the period hosting APSC 2020. The success of virtual conference in 2020 in Seoul may serve as good model for future internet meetings, although additional benefits in physical conference far more surpass those as in virtual format, i.e., scientific discussion, educational programs, clinical trial progress, poster presentation and congress banquet, social activities ... etc.

The secretariat of APSO has expanded its service contents as Pandemic hits, i.e., the online Exco meetings keep going, the meetings between Exco and members (especially the host member of APSC) are added, and CME mailbags sent in association with the webinar arrangement. The educational webinars are good for the maintenance of our energy when we are treating stroke patients in daily practice during this difficult period. The APSO members are advised to encourage their society members to register to the webinar CME activities, and to send out the abstracts for coming APSC2021Chennai just to keep preserve our momentum in stroke care.

Covid-19 will be gone somehow, one day; if winter comes, can Spring be far behind? Register to APSO webinar, save our Momentum.

Wish APSO steady growth.

Professor Ruey Tay Lin
Secretary General
APSO
I am delighted to welcome all of you to the 11th Asia Pacific Stroke Conference (APSC) which will be held on 9 – 11th December 2021 in Chennai, India in a full virtual format. For the 2nd year, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in many challenges with the organization of large-scale scientific and educational programs. The website is www.apscindia2021.com.

For APSC 2021, the theme this year is ‘Stroke Care in Challenging Times’. The scientific committee have assembled an interesting programme including but not limited to intracranial occlusive disease, organized stroke care in Asia, small vessel disease, secondary prevention in stroke, neurosonology as well as Covid-19 related cerebrovascular complications.

I am very grateful for the hard work of the local organizing committee of the Indian Stroke Association led by Professor Jeyarat Pandian and for bringing this meeting to fruition. Last but not least, I cordially invite your participation by submitting abstracts and clinical cases to the conference. Although we cannot meet in person, I strongly believe that the scientific content as well as academic interactions will be retained and all participants will have a rewarding learning experience during this conference!

Please visit
www.apscindia2021.com
During the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, the educational activities of APSO had to be altered drastically. The 10th Asia Pacific Stroke Conference 2020 was hosted by Korean Stroke Society (KSS). The scientific program was reformatted for the first time into a virtual edition with the use of internet streaming technology. The meeting was financially and academically successful despite initial challenges. The record of the organizational efforts of this inaugural meeting is a useful starting point for future meetings. The APSO is appreciative of efforts of KSS.

Asia Pacific Stroke Conference 2022 will be held in Kaohsiung, Taiwan from 25-27 Nov 2022. Further details will be announced closer to the conference dates.
1st Webinar (Completed):

**APSO 1st Webinar - Revascularisation in extended time windows**

29 May 2021 (Saturday)  
6:00 pm - 7:00pm (GMT + 8)

**Objectives:**
1. To review the indications and evidence for IV thrombolysis and IA thrombectomy beyond the guidelines recommended windows.
2. To critically evaluate pitfalls in advanced neuroimaging used to guide patient selection in these extended time windows.

**Moderators:**
- Prof BW Yoon (Korea)  
  President Elect, Asia Pacific Stroke Organisation
- Dr NV Ramani (Singapore)  
  CME Chair, Asia Pacific Stroke Organisation

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Recordings will be available in the future. Please contact secretariat for details or visit website; [http://www.theapso.com](http://www.theapso.com)

2nd Webinar

**APSO 2nd Webinar - Clinical issues in secondary stroke prevention**

10 July 2021 (Saturday)  
5:00 pm – 6:00pm (GMT + 8)

**Moderators:**
- Prof Kay Sin Tan (Malaysia)  
  President, Asia Pacific Stroke Organisation
- Prof Nijasri Suwanwela (Thailand)  
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PRESS HERE for online Registration.

3rd Webinar: August 2021, details will be announced soon.
APSO's Funding for CME Program 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 by submitting the application form. Please PRESS HERE to download.

Please send to the APSO Secretariat by email apssec@gmail.com. Applications should arrive at least 4-6 months prior to the suggested CME workshop.

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