



ASIAN PACIFIC SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY

President's message



Sept 4, 2020

Dear all APSN Members and Supporters,

The date of the 18th APCN is approaching.

This is the first Fully Virtual APCN and is scheduled on 2-4 October. This is a conference which will serve as a role model for future APCN.

Pre-congress online registration will be closed on 25 September.

18TH ASIAN PACIFIC CONGRESS OF NEPHROLOGY
Rescheduled to 2-4 October 2020

VIRTUAL CONGRESS

Combating CKD in the Asia Pacific:
Local Strategies for a Global Problem

The program is really exciting, including the hot topics of COVID-19 and plenary lectures by the Nobel laureate and other outstanding speakers. We will also report the first recommendation of appropriate use of HIF-PH inhibitors established by the APSN committee during this APCN.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Sydney Tang, Congress

Chair, and CC Szeto and Katherine Barraclough, Program Chair, for setting up a wonderful congress under this difficult condition.

Especially because this is the COVID-19 era, it is very important to keep international communications intact. Please encourage the members of your society to join this APCN.

As described above, the APSN launched the committee to establish recommendations of appropriate use of HIF-PH inhibitors. HIF-PH inhibitor is a new drug to treat anemia in CKD, and the mechanism is completely novel and is based on the discovery of the oxygen sensing system that resulted in the Nobel prize in 2019. HIF-PH inhibitor was approved in Asia first, and as member of the APSN, we will have clinical experiences first and should lead this field.

The APSN also launched a new award, Young Investigator Award to encourage and honor outstanding young nephrologists from the Asian Pacific region. This Award is presented at each APCN, and young nephrologists can apply for either “basic” or “clinical” YIA based on their own decision at the time of abstract submission. Details will be shown at the webpage of APSN, and the call for abstracts for the YIA will be part of the 2021 APCN in Thailand. Please encourage young members of your society to get prepared for application of this award.

Once again, I would like to emphasize importance of keeping intimate international communications under this tough condition of COVID-19 pandemic. The APSN will move on to cater for the needs of the Nephrology community throughout the region, and we treasure your views on how we should further advance nephrology in the Asia Pacific region. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact me, any of the Executive and Council or through the Secretariat apsn@icc.com.hk.

Best wishes,

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President,

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