



ASIAN PACIFIC SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY

President's message



Oct 13, 2020

Dear all APSN Members and Supporters,

The 18th APCN was held in Hong Kong on October 2-4 under the tough condition of COVID-19 and turned out to be a great success. We had 3,015 registrations from 54 countries and regions. This historical congress was held fully virtual for the first time in the long history of the APSN. This APCN will serve as a model for the future congresses.



I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Sydney Tang, Congress President, CC Szeto and Katherine Barraclough, Program Chairs, all the members of the steering committee, all the members of the program committee, and all the members of the APCN office for setting up this wonderful congress. I would also like to thank all the attendees and the speakers. Last but not least, I would like to thank Yuk-lun Cheng and the Hong Kong Society of Nephrology, the hosting society, for their indispensable support to this historical congress.

Especially because this is the COVID-19 era, it is very important to keep international communications intact. The next APCN will be held on August 18-22, 2021 in Pattaya, Thailand, with Kriengsak Vareesangthip as the congress chair. Surasak Kantachuvesiri, Pongsathorn Gojaseni, Muh-Geot Wong and Hyeong-Cheon Park are serving as Program Co-Chairs for the 19th APCN.



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The APSN committee established the recommendations for proper use of HIF-PH inhibitors, and Desmond Yap reported the recommendations at the APCN. Adrien Liew and his team of the APSN also established “APSN Clinical Practice Guideline on Diabetic Kidney Disease”, which was reported by Adrian Liew at the APCN in Hong Kong. They will be published in “Nephrology”, the official journal of APSN, soon.



Desmond Yap



Adrian Liew and the APSN DKD guideline team

Last but not least, I want to thank all the members of the executive council and all the members of the APSN to support the extension of my term as President. We are in the extra-ordinary times which we have never faced due to COVID, and it is really important to keep intimate international communications. I am feeling really honored and responsible to keep serving as President for the APSN until Sydney Tang takes over in 2022.

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 enquiries@apsneph.org.

Best wishes,

Masaomi Nangaku
President,

Asian Pacific Society of Nephrology

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Nangaku', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.