



President's message



Nov 15, 2020

Dear all APSN Members and Supporters,

After the most successful 18th APCN in Hong Kong, the team for the 19th APCN to be held on August 19-23, 2021 started preparation. This team is led by Kriengsak Vareesangthip as the congress chair, with Surasak Kantachuvesiri, Pongsathorn Gojaseni, Muh-Geot Wong and Hyeong-Cheon Park as Program Co-Chairs. At this moment, we plan to have a face-to-face meeting in Pattaya, Thailand.



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We are re-activating our CME activities. Xueqing Yu, chair of the CME committee, and Katherine Barraclough, co-chair of the CME committee, is planning to provide a new type of CME courses at the with-Corona era. We would provide the education session to the limited number of emerging nephrologists at a time, all from the same national society, aiming to focus on topics that meet the

educational needs of the young nephrologists / nephrology trainees that would be attending the session. This will ensure more personalized teaching and the opportunity for a good amount of interaction between the APSN teachers and the attendees.



Katherine Barraclough



Xueqing Yu

Kamal Sud from ANZSN kindly offered to provide their educational courses of “Kidney School” to the members of the APSN. These are the monthly virtual webinars hosted by ANZSN to support the self-directed learning needs. “Kidney School” provides us additional learning opportunities at no cost thanks to the courtesy by ANZSN.



Kamal Sud



The APSN will also endorse the 17th CAST to be held in July, 2021 in Malaysia. This will be a virtual meeting co-organized by MSN. Datuk Dr Ghazali Ahmad is Congress Chair, and Hamil Abdul Gafor, executive councilor of the APSN, serves as a member of the program committee.



Datuk Dr Ghazali Ahmad



Hamil Abdul Gafor



We will also have webcasts about CKD and anemia in December. As we know, HIF-PH inhibitor developed on the discovery of the Nobel Prize, was approved and is being used first in Asia. It is our mission and responsibility to lead this field and send our experiences out to the world. We will give you more details about the webcasts soon.

Last but not least, I want to congratulate that *Kidney Research and Clinical Practice* (Kidney Res Clin Pract; KRCP), the official journal of the Korean Society of Nephrology, has been selected for coverage in the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) on November 4, 2020. Chul-Woo Yang told me that it took 8 years to become SCI journal, and the estimate impact factor of the journal is 3.0. KRCP welcomes manuscripts from Asia Pacific region.



Chul-Woo Yang



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

