



A Message from the President, Dec 2022



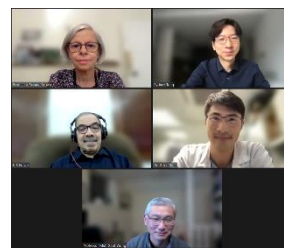
Dear Colleagues,

As 2022 marches into 2023 in a matter of weeks, I would like to report to you several important progresses we have made this year.

First, we have updated the terms of reference of the following committees to suit ongoing needs:

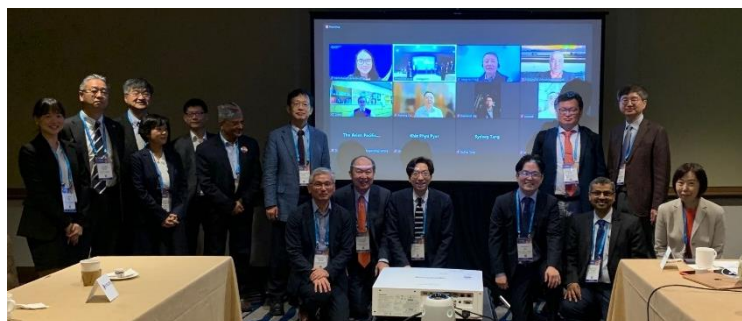
- CME Committee (Chaired by Muh Geot Wong, ANZSN)
- Young Nephrologists Committee (Chaired by Kornchanok Vareesangthip, NST)
- Diversity and Equity Committee (Chaired by Motoko Yanagita, JSN)
- Awards & Nominating Committee (Chaired by Rob Walker, ANZSN)

Second, APSN has launched our educational webinar. To suit members across the region, we have chosen Saturday afternoons and the first Webinar on 24 Sep 2022 focused on [Peritoneal Dialysis Practices](#) and we have been honoured to have the ISPD President Edwina Brown (Imperial College London) among the speakers from outside the Asia Pacific region.



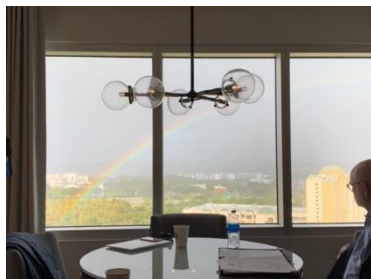
The second Webinar was held on 3 Dec 2022 and focused on [Kidney Supportive Care in Asia](#). Stay tuned for more webinars that will be organized quarterly in 2023 by the CME Chair Muh Geot Wong and his team.

Third, after almost 3 years of online meetings, a hybrid EXCO Meeting was finally held in Orlando during the ASN Kidney Week on 4 Nov 2022 when 13 EXCO/Council members attended in person and 18 were present online. It had been an exciting experience particularly for those of us who were traveling again for the first time in years.



Vote for APCN 2024	
Society	No. of Vote
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Korean Society of Nephrology (KSN)	11
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Among the various agenda items, the EXCO Meeting saw the conclusion of the bidding exercise for the APCN 2024, and I wish to congratulate the Korean Society of Nephrology for being selected, and I thank all Societies for having submitted their bids. Please make plans to be in Seoul in June of 2024.



Meeting with KDIGO. Picture shows CEO John Davies appreciating a rainbow that abruptly appeared during our meeting.

Another exciting development that took place in Orlando was the meetings of the Office bearers with the ISPD President and key staff of KDIGO to strike a Memorandum of Understanding between APSN and these 2 organizations such that we will become partners in promoting nephrology internationally. Importantly, there will be the reciprocal presence of dedicated symposia from the APSN and ISPD in each other's future congresses, and likewise, a KDIGO session will be featured in the APCN, and KDIGO will seek to



Meeting with ISPD President Edwina Brown

involve its activities more with the Asia-Pacific region. These initiatives will boost APSN's prominence in the international arena in the years ahead, and strengthen our ties with partner organizations across the globe.

Last but not least, WCN 2023 co-organised by the APSN and ISN with NST as the host will take place in Bangkok on 30 March – 2 April 2023. A record number of abstracts have been received and the following awards will also be featured:

- Kenzo Oshima Award
- Excellence in Basic Science Award

As the Jingle hop has begun in the air of December, the APSN EXCO wishes everyone Merry Christmas and a Successful and Healthy 2023!

Yours sincerely,

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