



A Message from the President, May 2024



Dear Colleagues,

Time flies and 2024 is already almost half gone, which brings me to this last Newsletter I am writing for you as your President.

First and foremost, the Society's flagship congress, the [22nd APCN](#) to be held in Seoul is just around the corner, being less than a month away. My gratitude goes to many and in particular the Local Organizing Committee led by Jung-Pyo Lee (KSN) who despite challenges has been working tirelessly to finalize every detail of this carefully planned Congress that focuses on *Promoting Sustainable Kidney Health: The Asia Pacific and Beyond*.

Congratulations to [Vivekanand Jha for being selected the recipient of this year's Kirpal Chugh Award and Der-Cherng Tarng the Priscilla Kincaid-Smith Award](#). The 5th and final Haiyan Wang lecture will be delivered by Yong-Soo Kim on June 15. Don't miss these momentous occasions if you have planned your trip to Seoul next month. In addition to the many other educational and informative symposia lined up, the [APCN features 3 thought-stimulating high-power plenary lectures](#) to be given by Katherine R. Tuttle, Jonathan Barratt and Melissa Little.

Two APSN-led Clinical Practice Guidelines that are particularly relevant to the Asia Pacific region have been in development and they are on (1) Diabetic Kidney Disease led by Adrian Liew who is trying his best to get it published in our official journal *Nephrology* during the APCN and (2) IgA Nephropathy co-led by Muh-Geot Wong and myself. These guidelines are very timely as new therapies with proven efficacies across large populations emerge from a number of well conducted clinical trials over the last few years.

Founded in 1979, the APSN turns 45 in 2024, which will be a time for us to reflect on ourselves in preparation for the changing future. A Gala Dinner has been planned during the APCN to celebrate this important milestone and on the same occasion, my Presidency will be passed to Xueqing Yu (CSN) and a new cabinet as they take office to lead the APSN for the next two and a half years. Please also stay tuned to the announcement of the new President-elect as the ongoing election closes on June 5.

Let me close by saying that it is indeed a privilege to have been your President since 2022 and together with the [Executive Committee](#) to whom I am grateful, we thank you for your patience and support to us and for those of you who have planned to attend the APCN, we look forward to extending our warmest welcome to you in Seoul on 13 - 16 June 2024!

Yours sincerely

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