

**REPORT OF THE ASPNA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OCTOBER 30th 2005
1330-1430 HRS
HALL B, BEIJING INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, BEIJING, CHINA**

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1. Welcome

- 1.1 Dr CA Alfiler opened the General Assembly meeting by welcoming participants from the 13 member countries, as well as those from non-member countries, including Vietnam, Vladivostock, and Sri Lanka.
- 1.2 Sri Lanka has joined the AsPNA, and will be represented on the next AsPNA Council.
- 1.3 The AsPNA also congratulated Professor JY Yang, and Professor J Ding and the Organising Committee of the 9th Asian Congress of Pediatric Nephrology for the excellent Scientific and Social Program.

2. Report of the Secretary-General, Dr CA Alfiler

- 2.1 New Honorary Members nominated at the recently concluded AsPNA Council meeting were introduced to the General Assembly: Professor Matthias Brandis, IPNA Secretary-General, for his continued support and outstanding contributions to the development of Pediatric Nephrology in Asia, since he took over the helm of IPNA in 2001; Prof. Pyung-Kil Kim, one of the pioneers of the Asian Pediatric Nephrology Association, who has also contributed immensely to the development of pediatric nephrology in Korea; and Prof. Jiyun Yang, China, for her contributions to the development of Pediatric Nephrology on the international arena and China.

- 2.2 The AsPNA Website is up and running, and the website address is www.aspna.org. The focus of the website will be on education.
- 2.3 Dr Alfiler introduced the AsPNA B Braun Research Prize, which will be awarded at this Congress. It is envisaged that this Prize will grow into a major Research Award of the AsPNA.
- 2.4 The General Assembly was informed of the ongoing work to amend the Constitution & Bye-Laws of the AsPNA which were written in 1997.
- 2.5 As the term of the current Office Bearers of the AsPNA will end in 2007, the General Assembly was informed that elections for Secretary General, Assistant Secretary General and Treasurer, as well as one AsPNA post on the IPNA Council will take place in September 2006. The new Office Bearers will take office in September 2007.

3. Report of the Treasurer (noted by Arvind Bagga, seconded by KD Phadke and YN Lim)

- 3.1 Dr MC Chiu reported that 13 countries have paid their country membership dues till 2007. In addition there were a few individual memberships.
- 3.2 The current AsPNA funds stand at USD 3189.08.
- 3.3 Councilors were reminded to inform their members that they were entitled to the discounted registration fees for future congresses of the AsPNA.

4. Report from the Assistant Secretary-General

- 4.1 IPNA has been supporting regional training programs in Asia. This includes centers in India, and Singapore (joint venture with Baxter). IPNA Training Fellowships in India include two 6-month fellowships fully supported by IPNA, are awarded yearly for the training of pediatricians at St John's hospital, Bangalore, as well as 2 fellowships at the All India Institute in New Delhi. The IPNA-Baxter Training Fellowship in Pediatric Nephrology has been established at the Shaw-NKF Children's Kidney Centre at the Children's Medical Institute, National University Hospital, and National University of Singapore, for the training of young doctors in Asia for young doctors who are working in institutions caring for children with kidney diseases.
- 4.2 The IPNA Fellowship Program is also open for applications and priority is given to individuals who are from areas where there is a lack of training facilities, to go to areas either within a country or to a regional center for training. The principal goal of training should be for basic pediatric nephrology training which is lacking in the area where the fellow is from. This may evolve later to include specialized

areas of training eg dialysis or transplantation. Training in general is for a period of 6-12 months.

- 4.3 IPNA has been hosting training courses in various parts of the world, and sponsors 2-3 speakers to each training course. Organizers of National Meetings could consider this option as a source of speakers for their meetings.
- 4.4 The General Assembly was also informed of the free subscriptions of Pediatric Nephrology offered by IPNA to doctors from developing countries. In addition, the Japanese Society of Pediatric Nephrology had kindly agreed to sponsor 30 journal subscriptions for Asia for 2005. There were a total of 31 applicants from 10 countries, Burma, Indonesia, Vietnam, China, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Mongolia. Out of these, 16 are not IPNA members, while 4 are members but have not yet renewed their 2005 memberships. 11 were already supported by IPNA, hence full sponsorship for 2005 journal subscription was awarded to the remaining 20 applicants under this program.
- 4.5 The AsPNA Council recorded its thanks to IPNA and the Japanese Society of Pediatric Nephrology for its sponsorship of the journal. The Japanese Society of Pediatric Nephrology has confirmed that it will continue this sponsorship in 2006.
- 4.6 The next IPNA Congress will be held from August 31st to September 4th 2007, in Budapest, Hungary, and subsequently in New York in 2010.

5.0 Future AsPNA Meetings and Congresses

- 5.1 The AsPNA Council approved the organization of a smaller regional focused meeting on an annual basis, other than years when there is an IPNA Congress. The objective is to increase the educational programs of AsPNA on a regional basis. Dr KD Phadke informed the General Assembly of plans to organize such a meeting in Bangalore at the end of 2006.
- 5.2 The 10th Asian Congress of Pediatric Nephrology 2008 will be held in Bangkok, Thailand.

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 The next AsPNA General Assembly will be held at the IPNA Congress in Budapest, Hungary in 2007.