President’s message

July 22, 2021

Dear all APSN Members and Supporters,

The Asian Pacific Congress of Nephrology is approaching, and under the tough situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, the local organizing committee led by Kriengsak Vareesangthip has done a great job and the scientific program committee led by Surasak Kantachuvesiri, Pongsathorn Gojaseni, Muh Geot Wong, and Hyeong Cheon Park established an outstanding program. Please encourage the members of your societies to register and join this APCN.
At the APCN, the APSN recognizes individuals who have made substantial contributions to nephrology in the Asian Pacific region. This year the Priscilla Kincaid Smith award recognizes David Johnson from Australia, the Kirpal Chugh Award recognizes Ghazali Ahmad from Malaysia, and the Haiyan Wang Lecture recognizes Carol Pollock. At the APCN, awardees of Best reviewer for Nephrology and Most cited paper for the last 10 years will be announced. Please join us to celebrate their achievements during the APCN 2021.

The APSN is still active in CME activities even though the COVID-19 pandemic disturbs international flights and meetings. Under the leadership by Xueqing Yu and Muh Geot Wong, the APSN held the virtual CME course at the annual meeting of the Japanese Society of Nephrology thanks to the courtesy by Naoki Kashihara. Chul Woo Yang and Shang-Jyh Hwang served as the APSN CME speakers, and the virtual networking for young nephrologists was performed after the CME course.
Nephrology is the official journal of the APSN, and the journal’s impact factor has improved substantially under the leadership by Sydney Tang. Impact factor of the journal is now 2.506. We thank his uncanny leadership as Editor-in-Chief and encourage you to submit your works to our official journal of the APSN.
Especially because this is the COVID-19 era, it is very important to keep international communications intact and exchange information among different countries. 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,

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