After a great success of APDW2009, this is the second time APDW is being held in Taiwan. I am very grateful to Professor Jaw-Town Lin, the President of APDW2015, and all the colleagues of the Gastroenterological Society of Taiwan, the Taiwan Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, the Taiwan Surgical Society of Gastroenterology, and the Taiwan Association for the Study of the Liver, for their relentless efforts to hold the meeting. The theme of this APDW2015 is entitled “Advances in Digestive Medicine”, and we owe our colleagues of Taiwan very much, for coming up with very appropriate and attractive topics under the theme. Indeed, we are all aware that a number of papers with profound impacts on global scale are published from Taiwan in top-ranking journals such as Gastroenterology and Gut. Such a remarkable international contribution can only be achieved by highly-motivated gastroenterologists in Taiwan. Indeed, all the papers were presented and discussed in English during the annual Taiwanese Digestive Disease Week (TDDW) for several years. This time, the TDDW will be merged with the APDW and, thus, I am quite confident that the standard and quality of the presentations in the APDW will be further enhanced.

Taiwan is well-known for the warm hospitality, excellent food and beautiful landscape. I do hope all of you visiting Taiwan for APDW2015, will be stimulated by the novel findings, encouraged by intellectual interactions and overwhelmed by their impeccable camaraderie. I can also assure you that you will enjoy fascinating charm of Taiwan which was named as “Ilha Formosa”, meaning the beautiful island.
MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

PROFESSOR VAROCHA MAHACHAI

Dear Colleagues,

It is my privilege to serve a second term as an Editor of the APDNews under the presidency of Professor K L Goh last year and now under Professor Kentaro Sugano. Since the start of the year 2015, there have been endless activities in the Asia-Pacific region. The APAGE single topic on inflammatory bowel disease was held in Islamabad, Pakistan, along with the National Congress of the Pakistan Society, in April 2015. The joint meeting of WGO and Gastroenterological Society of Australia was held in Brisbane, Queensland, at the end of September 2015. With the anticipated opening of the AEC, the APAGE also endorses an important meeting ‘ASEAN Consensus on H.pylori Management in the Limited Resource Setting’, under the guidance of Professor Kentaro Sugano, which will be held in Thailand, in November 2015; this activity has received partial support from JGHF. The upcoming APDW2015 conference under the leadership of Professor Jaw-Town Lin, will be held in Taiwan, from 3rd to 6th December 2015. May I bid you a warm welcome.

As the Editor of APDNews, I have been given the opportunity to be aware of the activities in the Asia-Pacific region, and to realise the importance of how we all can progress further by collaborating to strengthen our network. In spite of the global economic downturn, the scientific activities need to go on and be enhanced to maintain our academic excellence. The APDNews will continue to serve a bridge of communication and a platform for the exchange of new ideas and information among our APAGE members, to further cement our relationship. Last but not least, my word of appreciation goes to Ms Molly Kong and Ms Michele Theng for their continuous secretarial support.

Editor-in-Chief, APDNews &
President, Gastroenterological Association of Thailand
The Asian Pacific Digestive Week 2014 was held at the Nusa Dua Convention Centre in Bali, Indonesia, from 22nd to 25th November 2014. With the theme “Harmony of Advanced Medical Sciences, Technology and Best Practices in Gastroenterology and Hepatology”, the APDW2014 attracted an unprecedented 2,900 delegates from 57 countries and received 900 abstracts from 38 countries. This cemented its place as the region’s premiere Gastroenterology and Hepatology congress, and confirming its vital role for the exchange of ideas and insights in the Asia-Pacific region. The trade support, with 49 companies participating in the event, further enforced its relevance in this region.

OPENING CEREMONY

The other six concurrent tracks with more than 90 sessions of high octane presentations and discussions also presented the most up-to-date medical advances of 2014, covering the various aspects of the liver, surgery, endoscopy, pancreas and nursing.

This record attendance resulted in the lecture halls being cramped to the rafters as delegates gathered to learn from our 196 faculty who shared their insights and experiences on the latest in research, development, as well as clinical practices. Among them are the JGHF Named Lecturers, the Tjipto Mangoenkosomo Named Lecturer established in honour of Professor Abdul Aziz Rani, the Congress President and the JGHF Emerging Leaders.

The most popular recurrent programme is the Endoscopy Live Demonstrations. Filmed live from Hyderabad and Jakarta, and chaired by a panel of international experts, the sessions featured a series of difficult operations, demonstrating the latest in surgical techniques, as well as recent innovations in endoscopic technology to over 1,000 delegates in a densely packed meeting room.
Our congratulations goes to Dr Huatuo Zhu (in the picture on the left), who clinched the JGHF Young Investigator’s Award amidst stiff competition from 35 other young doctors, with her excellent presentation on “BAHD1: Gatekeeper to Protect Us from Ulcerative Colitis?” This award aims to spur young scientists and clinicians to greater achievements and more in-depth research in the development of Gastroenterology and Hepatology in Asia-Pacific and beyond.

The faculty were hosted to a dinner Under the Stars, on 23rd November 2014, at the Coconut Garden of the Grand Hyatt, Nusa Dua, Bali. They enjoyed a sumptuous Balinese themed buffet under a clear November sky, the lovely performances showcasing the culture of wonderful Bali and the hands-on performance using the traditional Indonesian instrument, the Anklung, as they were led through a series of golden oldies to create beautiful music of the night.

The Multi-national Alliant Gastro-Intestinal Cancer Symposium (MAGICS) 2015, the 2nd International Symposium of the Korean Society of Gastrointestinal Cancer (KSGC), was held in Seoul, Korea, from 24th to 25th January 2015. The meeting brought together a wide group of healthcare professionals from around the world, including gastroenterologists, medical physicists, radiation therapists and surgeons. The theme of the 2015 meeting was “A Road to Understand Issues of Cutting-Edge in Gastrointestinal Cancers,” focusing on advances in both biology and technology for the treatments of patients with gastrointestinal cancer. The two-day scientific meeting included three plenary sessions, five clinical symposia, papers, and two translational symposia. The meeting also welcomed two keynote speakers; John Michael Carethers of University of Michigan, USA, who delivered a lecture on the biomarker-directed targeted therapy in colorectal cancer; and Heike Grabsch of Maastricht University Medical Center, The Netherlands, who delivered a lecture on endoscopic biopsies from the gastrointestinal tract and their suitability for molecular analyses. In addition, the Meeting Awards Ceremony honoured 27 members of the international standing.
On National Day of Pakistan, 23rd March 2015, Professor Muhammad Umar received the highest Civilian Award of Pakistan – “Sitara-i-Imtiaz” – from the President of Pakistan, Mr Mamnoon Hussain, at the National Investiture Ceremony, in acknowledgment of his contributions in research and development in the field of gastrointestinal and liver disease in Pakistan.

Professor Muhammad Umar graduated from Rawalpindi Medical College with distinction in 1981. He was awarded the “President College Crest” in 1979, by the President of Pakistan, “President Gold Medal” in 1981, for his position in University Examination and “Best Rawalian Award” in 1985. Now, he is the Dean of Rawalpindi Medical College and Chief of Allied Hospitals and Nursing Schools of Rawalpindi. He is the author of many valuable books including national and international guidelines on hepatitis C. He also established a state-of-the-art Center for Liver and GI Diseases in Holy Family Hospital, Multi Organ Failure Centre (MOF), Department of Emergency and Critical Care (DEC) and Department of Infectious Diseases (DID) in Rawalpindi Medical College.

The 1st Storz Professional Image Enhanced Endoscopy (SPIES) Workshop was held on 28th February 2015, at the Covidien Center of Innovation (CCI-K), Osong, Korea, in partnership with the Korean Clinical Digestive Medicine (KCDM). In attendance were key opinion leaders including Dr Young Un Jang (Kyunghee University Hospital, Seoul), Dr Joo Young Cho, Dr Ki Baik Hahm, Dr Won Jin Ko (CHA University Bundang Cha Hospital, Seongnam), and Dr Dong Kyung Jang (Seongkyunkwan University, Samsung Medical Center, Seoul) as course trainers, and more than 20 trainees from hospitals around the country.

Following the introduction of new Silver Scope® series and IMAGE1 SPIES™ endoscopic system, wet lab hands-on training with pig models was performed. ESD, POEM and EMR procedures on top of the basic GI endoscopy techniques were effectively demonstrated and taught. SPIES endoscopy system with five different image conversion modes were also well highlighted during the procedures. The workshop culminated in Dr Hahm’s presentation with regard to the potential clinical use of SPIES system for the future development of “newer gastritis/colitis classification through optical biopsy” which was supported with documented proof of excellence.

All the participants agreed to continue efforts to develop the potential application of SPIES newer endoscopy system to advanced enhanced imaging through onward professional education workshop, and were eager to share the SPIES advantage to gastroenterologists worldwide.

The Macao Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology held the Annual Scientific Meeting on 18th & 19th July 2015, in the Grand Lapa Hotel and Kiang Wu Hospital, Macau.

This year, we have more than a dozen specialists from Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, joining us as keynote speakers and sharing their experience and expertise. The theme of the conference is about the modern management of treatment gastrointestinal diseases and new technology in endoscopic treatment. Altogether 500 local medical providers actively joined these two-day event, and the feedback is very positive.

Thanks again for the support from the Macao Foundation, the Kiang Wu Hospital, medical experts and the generous pharmaceutical firms.
The 31st Annual International Conference of the Pakistan Society of Gastroenterology and GI Endoscopy (PSG 2015) was held from 1st to 5th April 2015, at the Serena Hotel, Islamabad, Pakistan. It was organised by Professor Aamir Ghafoor Khan, President of the Pakistan Gastroenterology & Endoscopy Society. The Conference encompassed the expanded range of issues including new trends, novel tools and modern techniques for GI diseases. The scientific programme included lectures, symposia and endoscopic workshops. World experts presented state-of-the-art lectures and shared their expertise.

The Conference collaborated with the Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology (APAGE) and also the Japanese Society of Gastroenterology (JSGE) with a single topic on IBD. The topics ranged from IBD diagnosis criteria in Japan, colorectal cancer screening for IBD patients and management of IBD.

This was the first time that a single topic meeting of APAGE/JSGE was held in this part of the world. The meeting was also endorsed by the World Gastroenterology Organization (WGO) and the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh (RCPEd), with messages of support from respective Presidents.

The local host chapter was Khyber Puktoonkhawa College of Physicians of Edinburgh (RCPEd), with Emeritus Professor Bakht Biland, Vice-President of APAGE, as the Chairman of the Organising Committee.

The programme began with a two-day endoscopy workshop held in Quaid-e-Azam International Hospital. On day one, 1st April 2015, Basic Endoscopy Workshop was held, in which a hands-on training in various basic procedures was imparted to postgraduate trainees in small groups of ten doctors by senior faculty members and international faculty. Concurrently, an endoscopy technicains’ workshop was held for the first time where technicians were imparted training in Basic Life Support (BLS).

This workshop was held in collaboration with the Infectious Diseases Society/ MMISDP where the roles of healthcare workers in infection control and prevention (Healthcare – Associated Infection), cleaning and disinfection of scopes/instruments handling and care of instruments, pre and post endoscopy patient care, and BLS demonstration on mannequins were imparted. It was very well attended and oversubscribed with delegates from throughout Pakistan.

The international faculty from Japan, USA, United Kingdom, Thailand, Philippines, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Canada, Turkey, China and India, took part and conducted the Advance Endoscopy Workshop, in collaboration with local faculty on day two. 2nd April 2015. Various procedures including POEM, ESD, EUS, Stenting ERCP, Argon Plasma Laser (APC), etc., were carried out by the faculty.

An esophageal high resolution motility ambulatory and pH-impedance lab was also set up with practical demonstration carried out.

The core meeting then moved to Serena Hotel, Islamabad, Pakistan. The scientific sessions were very well thought out and organised. All the common topics were covered on day three, 3rd April 2015. Most of the speakers on that day were the international faculty, the most up-to-date knowledge were imparted to delegates. For the first time in Pakistan, a hands-on animal skill laboratory was set up in collaboration with Boston Scientific, ERBE, Pentax, Fuji and Olympus. It was very well attended.

On day four, 4th April 2015, the single topic on IBD by APAGE/JSGE was held. It was a great hit with the delegates as the Japanese speakers, led by Professor Kentaro Sugano, President of APAGE, presented the most up-to-date data and management plans.

The fifth day was dedicated to liver and liver transplantation, with world leaders in the field presenting their experience and data. It was not all work and no fun. On the inaugural night, the Health Minister of KPK, Mr Shahram Khan, was the chief guest. He distributed shields and souvenirs to the entire foreign faculty. The ambassadors of the foreign faculty were also invited to attend the dinner. A cultural show depicting various regions and cultures of Pakistan was held after dinner.

The Gala dinner and musical night was on Saturday night which was attended by families of delegates. Mr Shaukat Yousafzai, Parliamentary Leader of KPK Assembly, was chief guest on this occasion. Lifetime achievement awards were presented to senior Gastroenterologists from KPK that night.

At the Closing Ceremony, Dr Sania Nishtar, Ex-Federal Health Minister and Chairperson of the Heart File, was the chief guest.

The meeting ended successfully and the delegates were awarded ten CME points for attendance.
The World Digestive Health Day (WDHD) 2015 was jointly organised by the World Gastroenterology Organization (WGO) and the Gastroenterological Association of Thailand (GAT) with a theme on “Heartburn: A Global Perspective”. Professor Varocha Mahachai, President of GAT and Steering Committee of WDHD2015, under the leadership of Professor David Armstrong, had brought leading hospitals and companies together to raise awareness of GERD to Thai medical and public communities.

Gastroesophageal Reflux Diseases (GERD) has become increasingly common in this part of the world and the number of patients has increased two fold in the past five to ten years, and approximately 10% to 15% of patients who seek medical attention with symptoms of dyspepsia, have GERD. However, it is hard to say that the disease and the medical treatment are well-understood by health care providers and the public, and many patients perceive GERD as the simple symptoms and treat themselves based on their own judgment without any awareness of recurrent nature and possible outcomes and complications which could be more serious and difficult to treat. Hence, this is a great opportunity to deliver a global event in Thailand. A series of both public awareness and scientific activities have boosted the GERD awareness during the month of May 2015, as follows:

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

1. An academic symposium at Vibhavadi Hospital, Bangkok, on 26th May 2015. The topic is “GERD Pathophysiology and Management: What do we know and where should we go?”

2. An academic symposium with teleconference (TC) to CME networks at Bangkok Hospital, on 27th May 2015. The topic is “From Theory to Practice: Managing GERD and Reflux Disease in 2015”.

There are more than 200 physicians, 100 nurses and pharmacists joined in these academic programmes with good feedback from the audience and hospital management team.

GENERAL PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITY

1. A seminar at Siriraj Hospital, on 11th May 2015, with a meet-the-expert session, health check and healthy food workshop by nutritionist.

2. A public awareness week at Vibhavadi Hospital, from 22nd to 29th May 2015, with a seminar on GERD by doctors, food for GERD, and healthy living booths and activities.

3. A seminar on ‘Food for GERD Market’ at Bangkok Hospital, from 29th to 30th May 2015, with a GERD seminar by various specialist doctors, GERD check, GERD cooking show and healthy food market.

4. A seminar at Bumrungrad Hospital, on 30th May 2015, with a seminar and food for GERD workshop.

5. A seminar at Phayathai 1 Hospital, on 7th June 2015, with a two-hour meet-the-expert session and food for GERD workshop.

There were more than 1,000 Thai people participating in these public events with a lot of knowledge sharing, fun and friendly atmosphere. More than 90% of participants rated the events very good and will come back again.
The Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology held its Annual Scientific Congress on 21st to 23rd August 2015, at the Persada Convention Centre, Johor Bahru, Johor, Malaysia. It was very well attended by delegates from around the country. Sixteen experts and speakers from around the world gathered here to share their knowledge and expertise.

Our two distinguished speakers were Professor Kentaro Sugano from Jichi Medical University, Japan, and Professor Yogesh Chawla from Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, India.

Professor Ken Sugano delivered the MSGH Oration entitled “Helicobacter Pylori and Gastric Cancer – A Balanced View”.

Professor Yogesh Chawla delivered the Panir Chelvam Memorial Lecture, on “Non Cirrhotic Portal Hypertension”. In addition, he also gave a lecture on “The Role of Transient Elastography in Portal Hypertension”.

Professor Simon Travis, a leading expert in IBD, spoke on “Mucosal Healing as the New Target in IBD Management” and “Modulating the Gut Microbiota in IBD”.

Professor K Rajender Reddy shared his knowledge on “Management of HCV Related Cirrhosis”. He also talked on “AGA Guidelines on Treatment and Prevention of HBV Reactivation During Immunosuppressive Therapy” at the Meet-The-Expert Breakfast session.

Professor Francis Chan spoke on “Preventing Peptic Ulcer Disease Related Bleeding” in the GI Bleed Symposium.

Professor Khay-Guan Yeoh, the Dean of the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, chairs the National Colorectal Cancer Screening Committee of the Health Promotion Board, Ministry of Health, which recommends guidelines for the national colorectal screening programme in Singapore. Based on his experience in Singapore, he came to share his knowledge on “Colorectal Cancer Screening – The Challenges and Pitfalls” in the Colorectal Symposium.

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The 15th Congress of Gastroenterology China (CGC 2015) and Chinese Congress of Digestive Diseases 2015 (CCDD 2015) were successfully held from 4th to 6th September 2015, in Tianjin, China. The Congress was jointly organised by Chinese Medical Association, Chinese Society of Gastroenterology (CSG), Chinese Society of Digestive Endoscopy (CSDE) and Chinese Society of Hepatology. 5,805 delegates from all parts of the country participated in this magnificent gathering, which was believed to be the broadest scientific event in scale, with the highest academic level in Chinese gastroenterology.

A total of 3,035 abstracts were submitted. 478 were received as posters and 143 as free paper presentations. The best abstracts were published on supplements of Chinese Journal of Digestion and Journal of Digestive Diseases. 15 plenary lectures, 8 CME reports and 6 essence reports were given. The session of “Youth Oral Presentation in English” was set up by the Youth Committee of the CSG. In the “International Session”, essence studies from DDW 2015 and UEG Week were reported by international experts. Nearly 200 domestic senior experts and 18 international experts were specially invited. The Congress provided a unique opportunity to gain access to the latest and best scientific information and education in gastroenterology, hepatology and endoscopy.

In the international session, best studies from DDW, Gut and Gastroenterology, attracted considerable attention. In the session of CSDE, Prof Shutian Zhang, President-Elect of CSDE, introduced the development of endoscopic diagnosis in GI early neoplasms. Live endoscopy demonstration on advanced procedures, received great attention from the audience. In the session of hepatology, hotspot issues, such as multiple targets in anti-HBV therapy, occult hepatitis B, reversal of hepatitis B fibrosis and application of the new generation sequencing in HBV infection, were widely discussed.

CGC 2015

President of CSG, Prof Yunsheng Yang, presented his lecture of “Gut Science” with the 2nd edition for CGC 2015, in which he inspired the origination of precision medicine from the precise Chinese herbs, addressed the modern concept and research domains of precision medicine, and raised precision gastroenterology, hepatology and GI endoscopy. He also put forward the concept of Chinese gut, which focused on characteristics of Chinese gut and difference of intestinal microbiota between Chinese and Westerners. Chairman of British Society of Gastroenterology, Prof Ian Foragcas and former Chairman of ASGE, Prof Kenneth Wang, also launched wonderful speeches on prevention and early detect of GI cancer and endoscopy in the 21st century.

CSG also celebrated its 35th Anniversary during the Congress. Several commemorative activities were arranged. Memorial awards were presented to the outstanding Chinese gastroenterologists.
The Maastricht V consensus meeting was recently held in Florence, Italy, on 7th and 8th October 2015, gathering a total of 49 experts from around the world including four from Asian countries, to revise and update the consensus on H. pylori.

Statements have been developed on the important issues:

1. Indications / Associations
2. Diagnosis
3. Treatment – How to Treat
4. Prevention / Public Health
5. H. pylori and other Helicobacter, Relationship with Microbiota

The meeting was organised by EHMSG, chaired by Professor Peter Malfertheiner.
Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organising Committee, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the Asian Pacific Digestive Week (APDW), to be held in Taipei, Taiwan, from 3rd to 6th December 2015.

APDW2015 will be centered on the theme “Advances in Digestive Medicine”. Recent progress in both gastrointestinal and liver research will be highlighted in the scientific programme. A large panel of experts from within and outside the Asia-Pacific region will share their experience and present their best in this Congress. It will offer a remarkable atmosphere for discussing groundbreaking research and progress in the field of digestive medicine, including Okuda Lectureship (by Professor Ed Gane), Marshall & Warren Lectureship (by Professor Jaw-Town Lin), “How to Achieve Global Control of HBV Infection” by Professor Mei-Hwei Chang, WGO Distinguished Global Lecture (by Professor Khean-Lee Goh), etc. At the same time, a live demonstration of therapeutic endoscopy will be conducted during the meeting, in order to encourage the development of these techniques in the Asia-Pacific region.

This Congress will undoubtedly be an excellent opportunity to provide all participants with knowledge of the most current developments in gastroenterology, hepatology, gastroenterological surgery, and endoscopy, and to provide fertile ground for sharing clinical experiences and basic research.

Again, we sincerely welcome all of you to take part in this important event and hope that all participants can benefit from this occasion to exchange views, visions and experiences with each other. Your participation will be a valuable contribution to the APDW2015.

We hope you will enjoy your stay in Taipei!

Sincerely yours,

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The World Endoscopy Organization (WEO) has announced that it will hold the first World Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Congress, in spring 2017, in Hyderabad, India. “Technological advances in endoscopy over the past years have been spectacular” states Dr Nageshwar D Reddy, Congress President. “WEO’s congress will recognise these achievements and in parallel, address the increasing complexity faced by endoscopists today”.

Many emerging nations have few endoscopy training facilities and qualified healthcare professionals. Even so, there is a growing body of local endoscopic expertise. Sadly, the pioneers in these areas are often isolated by language or geographic barriers.

Dr Jean-Francois Rey, WEO President-Elect, has been appointed Scientific Chair of enDo 2017. When asked what he personally felt about the congress, he enthused “A global platform for dialogue is essential and India is the perfect location. It is time to bring together the endoscopy community, to stimulate international exchange and to establish best practices. That is why enDo 2017 is so important”.

Dr Rey said that the scientific committee’s goal was to disseminate the use of advanced endoscopy techniques across emerging regions and underserved areas and to support the development of practical guidelines adapted to local needs. Another key aspect they hope to achieve through an interactive programme is to provide participants with the tools needed to further their endoscopic practice and create an engaging atmosphere in which delegates can network and learn from one another.

Societies from all parts of the world, partner with WEO to work on multiple projects. To date, several associations have pledged their support: the Asian-Pacific Society of Digestive Endoscopy (APSDE), the Indian Society of Gastroenterology (ISG) and the Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy of India (SGEI), will be deeply involved in the development of the programme.

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Hyderabad, capital of the newly-appointed state of Telangana, is home to the world-renowned Asian Institute of Gastroenterology (AIG), which will act as co-partner in this endeavour and head the local Organising Committee. AIG organises bi-annual international symposia, and participants from previous events can attest to the quality of the events held there.

Furthermore, Hyderabad is the ideal location in view of its proximity and direct connectivity to many Asia-Pacific cities, with a well-established network of hotels and a top-quality airport.

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