On behalf of the Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology, I would like to bid you a warm welcome to the Asian Pacific Digestive Week (APDW) 2022 in Xi’an, China which is held on a hybrid format on 17th to 20th November 2022.

We are very grateful to Professor Daiming Fan, Professor Kaichun Wu and his colleagues for their painstaking efforts and hard work. The Organizing Committee has overcome all the challenges in the COVID pandemic and has managed to plan an excellent scientific conference. APDW has always been the premier annual scientific meeting of digestive diseases in the Asia Pacific region, attracting thousands of participants from all over the world every year. Despite the online access for overseas participants, APDW 2022 remains to be a great opportunity to appreciate the frontiers in the field of digestive diseases. I sincerely hope that all delegates will benefit from APDW 2022.

One of the key goals of APAGE is to nurture our young generation of digestive disease specialists. We have newly established the Emerging Leaders Committee which provides a platform of academic development and networking for the young GI fellow community in the Asia Pacific region. We wish to organize various educational and social activities which help the growth of your future successors.

The “New Normal” in the post-COVID era has brought us both challenges and opportunities. The APAGE sees the rapid development of social media and online conferencing platforms a great opportunity to better connect our fellow members in the vast Asia Pacific region. We are looking forward to your participation and support of APAGE.

Professor Justin Che-Yuen Wu
President
APAGE
NOTE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

We are pleased to share the academic activities that have taken place across the Asian Pacific region over the past one year in this issue of APDNews. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the APAGE member societies remained steadfast to their mission and continued to organize academic activities as part of their educational outreach as well as to foster regional collaboration. Our annual signature event, Asian Pacific Digestive Week 2021, was successfully held in Kuala Lumpur from 19th to 22nd August 2021 in a virtual format. We look forward to the exciting educational programme of the Asian Pacific Digestive Week 2022 which will be held in Xi’an, China, in a hybrid format from 17th to 20th November 2022.

We thank the APAGE President, Professor Justin Wu, and the APAGE Council for their support. We acknowledge the important contributions of Ms Molly Kong, the Executive Director of APAGE, and her team, for assisting in the publication of APDNews.

Professor Tieng-Leong Ang
Chairman
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Asia Pacific Digestive Week 2021
Report by Dr Nik Razima Wan Ibrahim

After a year of postponement due to the pandemic, the Asian Pacific Digestive Week 2021 was successfully held, completely virtually in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 19th to 22nd August 2021. There were 2340 participants from more than 60 countries in attendance as they listened to a total of 453 lectures, delivered by prominent speakers worldwide.

Course on 19th August 2021. The subsequent days ran five parallel sessions on endoscopy, luminal, liver and surgical track, among others. The meeting attracted 662 abstract submissions from all over Asia, and the live sessions of both selected oral and poster presentations were done alongside on the conference days.

The live endoscopy workshops were broadcasted from five endoscopy centres of excellence namely;
1) University Malaya Medical Centre, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia
2) Showa University Koto Toyosu Hospital, Tokyo, Japan
3) King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand
4) Asian Institute of Gastroenterology, Hyderabad, India
5) Roeya Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Centre, Cairo, Egypt.

Themed ‘Vision of Excellence in Digestive Disorders and Science’, APDW 2021 kicked off with a pre-congress session (17th to 19th August) - an introduction to the APDWF-JGH Young Clinician Investigator Programme. The GIA session ran concurrently with the Postgraduate
The APDWF-JGHF Okuda Lectureship was delivered by Dr Kazuichi Okazaki, and was entitled “Current Perspectives in IgG4-related Disease in Hepato-Gastroenterology”.

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The meeting was supported by 33 industry partners who also furnished the virtual exhibition displaying advances of medicine for participants to indulge and enjoy throughout the conference.

Finally, the meeting concluded by the awards presentation and closing ceremony. The conference presented three MERIT and three APDWF-JGHF Young Investigator Awards, five APDWF Poster Distinction Awards and 24 lucky draw winners.
1st Place
Real World Experience of AI Assisted Endocytoscopy Using EndoBRAIN
Dr Goutham Reddy Katukuri
AIG Hospitals, India

2nd Place
Comparative Effectiveness of Prophylactic Interventions for Post-ERCP Pancreatitis Among Patients with Risk Factors: A Network Meta-Analysis
Dr Jin Ho Choi
Seoul National University Hospital, South Korea

3rd Place
A Prospective Study of Fully Covered Self-Expandable Metal Stents for Refractory Benign Pancreatic Duct Strictures
Dr Bhavik Shah
Apollo Gleaneagles Hospitals, Kolkata, India

Dr Minwoo Lee
Seoul National University Hospital, South Korea

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Institute of Gastrosciences, Apollo Gleneagles Hospital, India

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Royal Adelaide Hospital, Australia

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Indonesian Digestive Disease Week (IDDW) 2022
Report by Associate Professor Dadang & Dr Achmad Fauzi

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Due to the rising challenges of gastrointestinal diseases in Indonesia along with the advances in new tools and techniques in digestive endoscopy, we especially arranged this virtual meeting as a medium to exchange the latest knowledge and skills in the field of gastroenterology and digestive endoscopy.

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As for next year, the Indonesian Society of Gastroenterology will return to hold “Indonesian Digestive Disease Week (IDDW) 2023” on 9th to 13th May 2023. We are looking forward to a further successful meeting and would like to welcome participants from all the Asian Pacific countries and around the world.
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The Korean Society of Gastroenterology 30th Seoul International Digestive Disease Symposium (SIDDS 2022)

Report by Professor Jae Gyu Kim

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SIDDS 2022 consisted of nine symposia, four postgraduate courses, three satellite symposia and two SIDDS 30th Anniversary Lectures aimed to provide the opportunity for new developments and recent research results in the field of gastroenterology. All the sessions were delivered by a total of 54 invited speakers consisting of distinguished international and Korean faculties. Various topics on current gastrointestinal disease were discussed in this Symposium including NAFLD, Helicobacter pylori management, inflammatory bowel disease, biliary disease, gastric cancer, hepatocellular carcinoma, serrated polyps, big data research, functional GI disorders, chronic pancreatitis, GI oncology, basic research and gender issues in GI cancers.

The 30th Anniversary Celebration

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A total of 144 abstracts were presented as oral or poster presentations. The presentations were divided into Best Oral Presentation Awards, Young Investigation Awards, Excellent E-Poster Awards, Oral Presentations, and E-Poster Exhibition. The participation of 37 industry sponsors enabled SIDDS 2022 to be more informative including VOD archives.

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Macao Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (MSGEH) had managed the 1st Clinical GI Report Competition and 11th Anniversary Scientific Meeting on 27th and 28th November 2021. Under the impact of pandemic, we had prepared both online and onsite channels for delegates, and our experts from mainland did celebrate this meaningful academic event happily in Macau.
The Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology had organised two major events in 2022, namely Endoscopy 2022 and GUT 2022.

**Endoscopy 2022**

Endoscopy 2022 was held on 3rd and 4th June 2022 with the theme ‘AI in Endoscopy - The Future Is Here’. The two-day event, which was held fully physical, started off with the GI Assistant (GIA) course, the EUS and ERCP hands-on workshop and the Young Consultants’ Forum. This was followed by the main event on the second day, with the opening ceremony officiated by Professor Ir Dr Shaliza Ibrahim, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Universiti Malaya. The Universiti Malaya and MSGH Distinguished Lecture was delivered virtually by Professor Dr Philip Chiu Wai Yan from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Outstanding lectures and exciting live demonstrations were presented by four international faculty members assisted by local experts - Professor Dr Rajvinder Singh (Australia), Associate Professor Dr Christopher Khor Jen Lock (Singapore), Associate Professor Dr Pradermchai Kongkam (Thailand) and Dr Bhavesh Doshi (Singapore). The local speakers included Datuk Dr Jayaram Menon and Datuk Dr Raman Muthukaruppan. The whole event was made possible by the indefatigable UMMC Organising Committee headed by Associate Professor Dr Ho Shiaw Hooi as the Course Coordinator, Emeritus Professor Dato’ Dr Goh Khean Lee as senior advisor and Professor Dr Sanjiv Mahadeva, Professor Dr Ida Normiha Hilmi and Professor Dr Chan Wah Kheong as the core Organising Committee members.
GUT 2022
This Annual Scientific Meeting of the Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (MSGH) better known as ‘GUT’ was held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre on 19th to 21st August 2022. As we were at the beginning of ‘post-pandemic’ era, this was held fully physical to enable interaction and bonding of fellowship which would not be possible with a virtual event. The theme was ‘New Beginning, New Science’. GUT 2022 managed to attract more than 500 local delegates. Twenty-eight biomedical industry companies supported the event to make it a huge success.

 Throughout the three-day event, three lectures, seven symposia and five satellite lunch/tea symposia were held to cater for an array of topics related to gastroenterology and hepatology. The faculty consisted of 24 international speakers and 10 local speakers who delivered excellent lectures. One of the highlights was a joint WGO-MSGH Symposium held virtually with the participation of Professor Dr Geoffrey Metz (Australia), Professor Dr Andrew Veitch (United Kingdom), Professor Dr Desmond Leddin (Canada) and Professor Bishr Omary (USA) who discussed extensively how the global gastroenterology community could meet the challenge of Climate Change. The 22nd MSGH Oration Lecture was delivered by Professor Dr Govind K Makharia from India who expounded on Coeliac Disease - Its Opportunities and Challenges. The 19th Panir Chelvam Memorial Lecture was given by Professor Dr Justin Che-Yuen Wu from Hong Kong on Functional GI Disorders in Asia. There were also sessions for young investigators who presented the best oral and poster presentations. All in all, it was a fruitful meeting and certainly benefited all who attended.
Philippine Society of Gastroenterology

SINGLE TOPIC CONFERENCE

Sept 18, 2021
Attendees: 346
Chair: Dr. Techie Cabreira
Co-chair: Dr. Ian Cua

PSG is serious in health campaign

PSG join hands with HSP in HCC webinar

MID YEAR CONVENTION

Theme: “Unlocking Opportunities in the New Normal”
Over All Chairperson: Dr. Techie Cabreira

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Dr. Felipe Gozar Duque

2022. PHILIPPINE DIGESTIVE HEALTH WEEK
Empowering Filipinos to Care for their Digestive Health “Malusog na Tyan, Masiglang Katawan”

• President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, by his Proclamation No 930, declared the 2nd week of March of every year as the Philippine Digestive Health Week (PDHW)

• PSG continues its commitment to DOH to be the lead medical society in the preparation and celebration of the PDHW

• PSG collaborated with other organizations
2022 Joint Annual Convention
Over all Chair: Dr. Allan Policarpio

UPCOMING EVENTS
• 2022 Midyear Convention at Marriott, Clark Pampanga
  Moving Forward As ONE

SOUTH LUZON CHAPTER
POSTGRADUATE COURSE
OCTOBER 12, 2022
Attendees: 93

UPCOMING EVENTS
• 2023 Joint Annual Convention; March 8-11 at Conrad Manila
  Empowering Filipinos in the Care for Digestive Health
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  Empowering Filipinos to Care for Digestive Health
  Malusog na Tiyan Masiglang Katawan

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The NZSG Annual Scientific Meeting was held on 17th to 19th November 2021. Planning for the meeting began over a year prior. We were excited to welcome the NZSG community back to Christchurch after more than a decade and many major events in Christchurch, including the earthquakes and reboils. Our theme for the conference was “Reboot, Relaunch, Restart”. We had many special events planned for the conference, including a special Boat Race on the Avon, the first Women in Gastroenterology luncheon and, of course, the conference dinner at the Air Force Museum for a bit of Rock’n’Roll.

However, the COVID pandemic had other plans, and we had to change the conference to a hybrid/virtual event in October 2021. Despite the last minute change, we were overwhelmed with support from the NZSG community, speakers and sponsors. We had a total of 348 registrations.

Early on, we were able to secure many international guest speakers for virtual presentations and we were thankful for their time (including crossing time zones) and for sharing their knowledge and experience. We also had many enthusiastic local presenters and non-NZSG guest speakers.

In total, there were 22 oral abstracts and 90 posters presented at the conference, including 8 Young Investigator Award finalists, and 6 Posters of Excellence. Thanks to Dr Kamran Rostami, all the abstracts have been published in a supplement issue of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology from Bench to Bed (https://journals.sbm.ac.ir/ghfbb/index.php/ghfbb/article/view/2530).

Dr David Rowbotham kindly hosted a Gastro Virtual Fun Quiz Night in place of the usual conference dinner. It was a fun evening and great to see some of the old conference dinner costumes making an appearance again.

The conference concluded with the award ceremony with the following medical awards:
- Young Investigator Award Winner - Dr Akhilesh Swaminathan
- Young Investigator Award Runner Up - Dr Jessica Permain
- Young Investigator Award Runner Up - Dr Zahra Aghababaie
- NZSG Janssen Research Fellowship - Dr Akhilesh Swaminathan
- Best Gastroenterology Trainee Mentor - Dr Frank Weilert

Special thanks to Emma Prattley from Conference Innovators and Multi Media for their time and support and for ensuring a smooth virtual experience.

We would like to thank all the invited speakers, oral abstract and poster presenters, chairs, judges, attendees, and sponsors for making the conference a success. We hope to see you all in person soon!
In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic was still being unstable, thus VNAGE’s scientific activities were limited. However, VNAGE has been proactive and adaptive in all conditions and has organized a number of conferences & workshops on endoscopy.

1. The 27th National Conference on Gastroenterology on 17th - 18th December 2021 with 1238 domestic and international delegates. A total of 87 reports on six to eight.

2. The 6th Vietnamese Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Congress (VGEC 2022) held in Ho Chi Minh City on 26th - 27th August 2022. Total of 856 domestic and international delegates with a total of 67 reports.

3. Close cooperation between Vietnam Federation for Digestive Endoscopy (VFDE) and APSDE to organize training workshops for young and specialized doctors. The total number of Workshops was 12.

4. Organized seminars on gastroenterology and hepatobiliary in face-to-face and online formats. Total 21 Workshops (average 2 workshops per month).
Delegates to the VGEC 2022 (August 26th - 27th, 2022)

Live demonstration on VGEC 2022 (August 26th - 27th, 2022)

VNAGE’s leaders take pictures with foreign speakers at VGEC 2022
OTHER WORKSHOP:
10th A-PSDE and VFDE Local Train-the-Trainer Workshop on EUS & ERRCP
At 108 Central Hospital, Hanoi City (23rd - 26th June 2022)

Course Summary on ERCP & EUS
(June 23-25, 2022)
Live demonstration (Expert and Trainer)

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Trainer with ERCP