



# 7<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatric Nursing organized by The Asia Pacific Paediatric Nurses Association REPORT ON THE 7<sup>th</sup> ASIA PACIFIC CONGRESS OF PAEDIATRIC NURSING (Webinar) 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 2022

The 17<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatrics (17<sup>th</sup> APCP) and 7<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatric Nursing (7<sup>th</sup> APCPN) co-organized by The Asia Pacific Paediatric Association (APPA) and Pakistan Paediatric Association (PPA) and The Asia Pacific Paediatric Nurses Association (APPNA) were held from 10<sup>th</sup> Mar 2022 to 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 2022. The 17<sup>th</sup> APCP was held in hybrid mode from 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 2022 at Lahore Pakistan, whereas the 7<sup>th</sup> APCPN was held mainly in virtual mode (webinar). The Opening Ceremony of the 7<sup>th</sup> APCPN and Paediatric nursing hand-on workshops were held locally at Lahore, Pakistan, organized and supported by Prof. Masood Sadiq, Vice Chancellor of University of Child Health Sciences and The Children's Hospital, Lahore and coordinated by Ms. Farah Batool, nurse coordinator with The APPNA.

Due to Omicron outbreaks in Hong Kong SAR China, Singapore, Indonesia and others in mid-March, the APPNA faced the travel restrictions which hindered APPNA Council

members and participants to attend the conference in person at such a beautiful place in Pakistan.

We were honored to have prestigious Prof. Memon, Dr. Naveen Thacker, Dr. Zulkifli Ismail, Prof. Masood Sadiq and Ms Rehana Elahi to officiate the Opening Ceremony of the 7<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Paediatric Nursing on 12<sup>th</sup> Mar 2022. The welcome and opening remarks by Prof. Memon and Prof. Masood Sadiq were encouraging and supportive to nursing. The APPNA thanked Prof. Memon, President Elect, the APPA; Chairman of the organizing committee of the 17<sup>th</sup> APCP, President of PPA and Dr. Zulkifli Ismail, Secretary General, APPA for the strong support in the collaboration and the use of the same web portal for the 17<sup>th</sup> APCP and 7<sup>th</sup> APCPN. We also thank Prof. Masood Sadiq; Dr. Naveen Thacker, President Elect, IPA; and Dr. Chan Chok Wan, Honorary Adviser of The APPNA for the guidance so that the conference could be successfully held.

## The Opening Ceremony



Welcome remarks by Prof. Chen Jianjun, President, the APPNA



Welcome Remarks by Prof. Iqbal Ahmad Memon, Chairman, Organizing Committee, 17<sup>th</sup> APCP; President Elect, APPA



Address by Prof. Masood Sadiq, Guest of Honor, Vice Chancellor, University of Child Health Sciences and The Children's Hospital Lahore, Pakistan



Year 2022 is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The APPNA. In the opening ceremony, video showed the history of its establishment, vision and mission and the dedicated efforts of the Steering Committee and the unfailing guidance from Dr. Chan Chok Wan, Honorary President, APPA till its inauguration at 14<sup>th</sup> APCP at Sarawak, Malaysia in Sept 2012, officiated by Dr. Zulkifli Ismail, President of APPA and Susanna Lee was the President of APPNA.



Honorable guests with Prof. Memon in the Opening Ceremony



Paediatric Nurses in Pakistan

### A. Total nos. of Scientific Sessions

There were 6 Keynote Sessions, 5 Plenary Sessions and Round Table discussion online and 3 local workshops in Pakistan.

6 prominent keynote speakers from IPA, UK, and China; and 23 plenary speakers from Pakistan, Australia, Hong Kong SAR, China, Japan, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Singapore were invited. Updated evidence based knowledge and experiences on management of COVID-19 in children; recent updates in advanced paediatric nursing, recent advances in nursing informatics in paediatrics, community paediatric nursing and quality and safety in paediatric care were well shared and exchanged.

### B. Total nos. of Abstract Submissions for Free Oral and Poster Papers

A total of 204 abstracts from different countries were received. 34 papers and 129 posters were selected for oral and poster presentation respectively by the abstract reviewers.

### C. Total nos. of Registrants

**Total Registrations: 497 (257 APPNA nurses + 240 Pakistan nurses)**

- **APPNA:** 257 (36 students + 221 (full payment registrants))
- **Nurses from Pakistan:** 240 (Free registration, no registration fee charged by APPNA as a token of friendship/partnership)

(The peak of Omicron Outbreaks happened in March affected the nos. of nurse registration. Many nursing staff or their families contracted COVID-19 Omicron and needed to take sick leaves. There were severe manpower shortage and nurses needed to work overtime).

### D. Feedbacks of the congress by registrants

The conference was viewed as fabulous and fruitful, the content of the conference was insightful and informative particularly the keynote on Omicron and Covid-19 Vaccination by Dr. Naveen Thacker and Nursing Informatics by Mr. Sharon Levy, Dr. Lisa Reid and Ms Zhuang Yiyu. Their presentations were informative, rigorous, enlightening and excellent. Nurses thanked the encouragement, accommodation and support from Prof. Memon, President Elect, APPA.

### Comment

- IT interruptions in the virtual platform were experienced by members in some countries particularly during free oral presentation sessions.
- No speakers' names and topic titles displayed in the virtual platform.

### E. 7<sup>th</sup> APCPN e-program book

E-program book of the 7<sup>th</sup> APCPN has been prepared and disseminated to each registrant through their email addresses.