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## APSR News

### Year of the Lung 2010 activities

Details of local and regional activities to commemorate this Year of the Lung 2010 have been updated and are available on our website: [www.apsresp.org/archive/yotl2010/yotl2010.html](http://www.apsresp.org/archive/yotl2010/yotl2010.html)

### The 15th Congress of the APSR 2010, Manila, the Philippines

#### Online Registration Now Open

The Organizing Committee of the 2010 Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology has announced that registration for the Congress may now be accessed online. This was the announcement made in April 2010 by Dr. Teresita de Guia, President of the 2010 APSR Congress. Participants may sign up at [www.apsr2010.org](http://www.apsr2010.org) where they may submit abstracts, register for the Congress, and book their hotel accommodation and tours. Delegates are encouraged to register early to avail themselves of discounted registration fees and hotel rates.

The Philippines, through its local chest society, the Philippine College of Chest Physicians (PCCP), will be the host for this year's APSR Congress, which will be held at the Philippine International Convention on November 22 - 25, 2010. Details of the event have been updated on the Congress website: [www.apsr2010.org](http://www.apsr2010.org)

### APSR Short term Research / Training Fellowship 2010

The closing date for the next round of applications for the APSR Short term Research/Training Fellowship 2010 is July 31, 2010. Rules and application form are available on the APSR website: [www.apsresp.org/scholarships/2010/apsr01.html](http://www.apsresp.org/scholarships/2010/apsr01.html)

### ESAP Pleura and Pleuroscopy Workshop, Singapore, 2010

This ESAP Workshop was recently held at the Singapore General Hospital, sponsored by the APSR as an Educational Seminar of the APSR (ESAP) activity and organized by the Singapore Thoracic Society as the local host.

The symposium consisted of lectures on pleural disease management conducted in a lively pro-con debate style by overseas and local faculty. International faculty included Dr. Henri Colt, Dr. James Jett and Dr. Gary Lee. Local faculty consisted of Dr. Pyng Lee, Dr. Lim Tow Keang, Dr. Agasthian, Dr.

2010 is a special year as it marks a hundred years since the inception of thoracoscopy by Jacobaeus, and a full day was dedicated to flex-rigid pleuroscopy, rigid thoracoscopy and video-assisted thoracic surgery that culminated in a hands-on workshop on dogs.

The symposium was oversubscribed and registration was limited to 60 participants due to the hands-on session. Participants came from Dubai, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Philippines, Korea and Australia.

Feedback about the symposium and hands-on workshop was excellent, and we saw a lively exchange of questions between faculty and participants after each pro-con debate. In addition, we had special segments on staging classification, early detection and targeted therapy of lung cancer, which were well-received.

Overall, most participants have expressed interest in attending another ESAP symposium in Singapore and we, as organizers of the 2nd ESAP (the first being on lung cancer and bronchoscopy in 2009), are extremely encouraged by the response.

*(Pyng Lee, Course Director, April 14, 2010)*

## Respiratory Updates

The latest APSR Respiratory Updates (Vol 2:4) features **Asthma**:

- ATS/ERS statement: asthma control and exacerbations
- Consistently very poorly controlled asthma increases risk for future severe asthma exacerbations
- The FDA and safe use of long-acting beta-agonists in the treatment of asthma
- Thirteen-year follow-up of early intervention with an inhaled corticosteroid in patients with asthma
- Oral prednisolone for preschool children with acute virus-induced wheezing
- Preemptive use of high-dose fluticasone for virus-induced wheezing in young children
- Efficacy of esomeprazole for treatment of poorly controlled asthma
- Effectiveness and safety of bronchial thermoplasty in the treatment of severe asthma
- Mepolizumab and exacerbations of refractory eosinophilic asthma
- Mepolizumab for prednisone-dependent asthma with sputum eosinophilia

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## Inside Respirology

Volume 15 Issue 4 (May 2010):

- Asthma susceptibility: The role of transforming growth factor  $\beta$ 1 ([Abstract](#))
- Non-invasive ventilation-status quo for status asthmaticus? ([Abstract](#))
- Obstructive Sleep Apnoea: From pathogenesis to treatment: Current controversies and future directions ([Abstract](#))
- Does the current stepwise approach to asthma pharmacotherapy encourage over-treatment? ([Abstract](#))
- Treatment of latent tuberculosis infection: An update ([Abstract](#))
- Tuberculosis, bronchiectasis and chronic airflow obstruction ([Abstract](#))
- Gender differences in transcriptional regulation of IL-5 expression by bronchial lymph node cells in a mouse model of asthma ([Abstract](#))
- CysA2: A candidate serodiagnostic marker for Mycobacterium tuberculosis infection ([Abstract](#))
- Polymorphisms in the transforming growth factor- $\beta$ 1 gene and the risk of asthma: A meta-analysis ([Abstract](#))
- Probable role of  $\beta$ 2-adrenergic receptor gene haplotype in high-altitude pulmonary oedema ([Abstract](#))
- Rosiglitazone attenuates hypoxia-induced pulmonary arterial hypertension in rats ([Abstract](#))
- Lipopolysaccharide induced connective tissue growth factor gene expression in human bronchial epithelial cells ([Abstract](#))
- High diagnostic yield from transbronchial biopsy of solitary pulmonary nodules using low-dose CT-guidance ([Abstract](#))
- Exercise-induced wheeze: Fraction of exhaled nitric oxide-directed management ([Abstract](#))
- The Tennessee Children's Respiratory Initiative: Objectives, design and recruitment results of a

prospective cohort study investigating infant viral respiratory illness and the development of asthma and allergic diseases ([Abstract](#))

- Chromosomal imbalances in lung adenocarcinomas with or without mutations in the epidermal growth factor receptor gene ([Abstract](#))
- Peak power estimated from 6-minute walk distance in Asian patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease ([Abstract](#))
- The use of non-invasive ventilation for life-threatening asthma attacks: Changes in the need for intubation ([Abstract](#))
- Elevated alveolar nitric oxide concentration after environmental challenge in hypersensitivity pneumonitis ([Abstract](#))
- Primary pulmonary coccidioidomycosis in China ([Abstract](#))
- How far could we go with a minimally invasive approach in patients with empyema? ([Abstract](#))
- Recurrent respiratory papillomatosis with malignant transformation ([Abstract](#))

Early view of next Issue (Articles online in advance of print):

- Early bronchiectasis in cystic fibrosis detected by surveillance CT ([Abstract](#))
- Indoor exposure to environmental cigarette smoke, but not other inhaled particulates associates with respiratory symptoms and diminished lung function in adults ([Abstract](#))
- Thoracic ultrasound prior to medical thoracoscopy improves pleural access and predicts fibrous septation ([Abstract](#))
- Asthma and insulin resistance in children ([Abstract](#))
- Lung metastasectomy in colorectal cancer: Is this surgery effective in prolonging life? ([Abstract](#))
- The future in paediatric respirology ([Abstract](#))



## Local respiratory society news

### China

The 11th Annual Respiratory Congress, Chinese Society of Respiratory Diseases, Changchun, August 19 - 22, 2010, and hot topics and updates on adult and pediatric respiratory medicine are included in the scientific programme. Deadline of abstract submission is on June 30, 2010. All abstracts should be submitted by email to [csrd2008@126.com](mailto:csrd2008@126.com) or online at [www.csrd.org.cn](http://www.csrd.org.cn).

### The Philippines

The Philippine College of Chest Physicians (PCCP) announced the following new Officers and Board Members who will serve from March 2010 to February 2011:

<i>President:</i>	Abundio A Balgos, MD, FPCCP
<i>Vice President:</i>	MA. Encarnita B Limpin, MD, FPCCP
<i>Secretary:</i>	Benilda Galvez, MD, FPCCP
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Celeste Mae L Campomanes, MD, FPCCP
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<i>Immediate past President:</i>	Sylvia Banal-yang, MD, FPCCP



## Regional health news

### Hong Kong

**Improving air-quality and banning idling vehicle engines**

Vehicles are the second largest source of emission of particulates and nitrogen dioxide in Hong Kong and they accounted for 25% of the total emission of these pollutants. The high road traffic density and the tall buildings in urban areas prevent the effective dispersion of pollutants emitted from motor engines. The trapped pollutants give rise to a high street-side pollution index, especially during the summer times. Idling engines emit excessive pollutants and heat, lead to unnecessary energy waste, accelerate deterioration of engines and oil components, and cause nuisance to pedestrians and shops nearby. The Hong Kong government had launched a series of public educations on stopping idling engines in the past years. A consultation paper was launched in November 2007 to consult the public's opinion on banning idling engines. The proposed bill will be submitted to the Legislative Council at the end of April 2010. A fixed fine of HK\$ 320 will be imposed on those drivers violating the ban but a 3-minute grace period will be offered to certain commercial vehicles.

*(Chun-kong NG, Hong Kong April 14, 2010)*



## APSR Membership Status

The APSR membership currently consists of qualified professionals presently working in research or health care related to the field of respirology mainly from the Asia-Pacific Region. The present membership includes individual members and en bloc members. APSR members are also entitled to join the various Clinical Assemblies with the APSR.

APSR Members enjoy the benefits of receiving either online access or a print copy of RESPIROLOGY, being the official publication of the APSR, as well as regular dissemination of membership Bulletin, APSR Newsletter and Respiratory Updates.

APSR Members can also register for the APSR Congress and various ESAP activities at a discounted rate, tentative to organization of each activity. APSR Members will also enjoy discount membership fees for dual or even triple memberships with the American Thoracic Society (ATS) and the European Respiratory Society (ERS).

To stay connected with your colleagues in the region and globally, keep your APSR membership active and help build up the strength of APSR by recommending colleagues to join the APSR today.

Further details on membership category and application are available at [www.apsresp.org/membership.html](http://www.apsresp.org/membership.html)



## Future Pulmonology Events

Here are the main respiratory events in Asia Pacific for the next few months. You can see our full listing on the APSR [Calendar](#).

- YOTL: Clair Month, Asthma Awareness Month & Better Sleep Month  
*May 2010* ([Details](#))
- PCCP: Asthma World Asthma Day activities  
*4 May 2010, Philippines* ([Details](#))
- PCCP: World No Tobacco Day activities  
*31 May 2010, Philippines* ([Details](#))
- PCCP: Anti-Smoking activities  
*1st week June 2010, Philippines* ([Details](#))
- YOTL: Cancer Survivor Day  
*6 June 2010* ([Details](#))
- TBNA/EBUS/Rigid Bronchoscopy Workshop  
*24 June 2010, Sabah, Malaysia* ([Details](#))
- PCCP: Occupational and Interstitial Lung Diseases activities  
*July 2010, Philippines* ([Details](#))
- PCCP: Lung Infection activities

*August 2010, Philippines* ([Details](#))

- YOTL: Immunization Awareness Month  
*August 2010* ([Details](#))
- 11th Annual Respiratory Congress, Chinese Society of Respiratory Diseases  
*19-22 August 2010, Changchun, China* ([Details](#))
- 10th International Conference of the International Mesothelioma Interest Group  
*31 August - 3 September 2010, Kyoto, Japan* ([Details](#))
- PCCP: Critical Care & Sleep-Related Disorders activities  
*September 2010, Philippines* ([Details](#))
- PCCP: World Pneumonia Day activities  
*October 2010, Philippines* ([Details](#))
- YOTL: Healthy Lung Month  
*October 2010* ([Details](#))
- YOTL: Child Health Day  
*4 October 2010* ([Details](#))
- Asia Pacific Conference on Tobacco or Health (APACT)  
*6-9 October 2010, Sydney, Australia* ([Details](#))
- 3rd Australian Lung Cancer Conference  
*7-9 October 2010, Melbourne, Australia* ([Details](#))
- 2nd International Conference on Lung Health - PULMOCON 2010  
*13-14 October 2010, Dhaka, Bangladesh* ([Details](#))
- PCCP: World Spirometry Day - Diagnostics and Therapeutics activities  
*14 October 2010, Philippines* ([Details](#))
- YOTL: Respiratory Care Week  
*24-30 October 2010* ([Details](#))
- YOTL: Lung Health Day  
*27 October 2010* ([Details](#))

For more pulmonology events, see [www.apsresp.org/calendar](http://www.apsresp.org/calendar)  
(These events are for information only and APSR endorsement should not be assumed.)



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