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## Message from the President AOCNA and 10th AOCCN



Yong-Seung Hwang, MD, PhD  
President, AOCNA and 10th AOCCN  
(2007-2009)

Dear members of AOCNA

It is my great honor and pleasure to write a final report for the AOCNA newsletter.

First of all, I'd like to express the most thanks to all the members of AOCNA for their enthusiastic participation to the activities of AOCNA during the past several years including the most important one, 10th Asian Oceanian Congress of Child Neurology which was held in Daegu, Korea from June 10th to 13th 2009. As you see in the report by Secretary General of the congress in this newsletter, 678 delegates from 26 countries gathered and a total of 378 abstracts including 102 invited lectures in 27 sessions of various symposia and seminars, 30 free papers in 5 scientific platforms and 246 free papers in 2 poster sessions were presented. Along with the scientific programs, we had various social events and tour programs including an opening ceremony and welcome dinner, fellowship and cultural night. The details can be found in the Report on AOCCN. We believe that it was one of the most successful congresses in terms of scientific organization and consolidation of our friendship. Business meetings were also held during the period, such as AOCNA Executive Board Meeting, AOCNA National Delegate Meeting, and AOCNA General Assembly Meeting. Several important issues were discussed and decided in the National Delegates Meeting and approved by General Assembly.

As for the election of the new AOCNA president, the nomination was undertaken following democratic principles with any of the national delegates being able to propose and only one nomination, Prof. Yoichi Sakakihara, was received by Japanese Child Neurology Society by National Delegate Meeting. In the meeting, Prof. Yoichi Sakakihara was endorsed by all the national delegates to be the new president, starting after completion of the AOCCN in Daegu, and it was approved by General Assembly.

It was also decided that the next 11th AOCCN will be held in conjunction with the 12th ICNA meeting in the year of 2012 in Brisbane Australia. The chairperson of the 11th AOCCN/12th ICNA is Dr. Geoffrey Wallace, according to the newly revised bylaws describing the separation of presidency of AOCNA and chairpersonship of AOCCN.

For the host country of 12th AOCCN in year 2013, Saudi Arabia and Bangladeshi indicated their interests and it will be decided in near future after due process by executive board meeting and national delegates voting.

It was also decided that a minimum of 20% of financial profits made from organizing the AOCCN by the host must be donated to AOCNA after 11th AOCCN in Brisbane 2012 and final losses will not be borne by the individual organizing committee alone and will not involve the AOCNA. Some of the other issues discussed in the meetings were status of AOCNA membership roster and certificate, financial status, tenure of national delegates, AOCNA home page launch, newsletter publication and revision of bylaws.

During my presidency of AOCNA and 10th AOCCN, most of my effort was deviated to organizing the congress with my colleagues in Korea and I'd like to thank all of them for their contribution for the successful meeting in Daegu.

Now the newly elected president of AOCNA, Prof Yoichi Sakakihara will lead our association with his enthusiasm, experience and expertise. And also the next congress 11th AOCCN in Brisbane conjoined with ICNA congress will be successful under the excellent organization by Dr. Geoffrey Wallace.

I'd like to thank again for all the members of AOCNA and all the national delegates for their active participation in the meetings and executive board members, Drs. Yamamoto and Ong for their devotion for AOCNA. My last but best thanks go to our honorary president Dr. Fukuyama.

# Editorial

## AOCNA : CHALLENGES AND REALITIES

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Aida M. Salonga  
President, 9th AOCCN  
President, AOCNA ( 2003-Jan.2007)

AOCNA has gone a long way. The past congresses were able to enhance commitment among the member countries as well as camaraderie among individual members. The excellent scientific meetings and the very endearing social activities serve as the testimonies. Professor Fukuyama and the past presidents and other personalities responsible for the creation of AOCNA must be very proud of what AOCNA has become. But as what has been stated in the Presidential message of Professor Hwang and the acceptance address of Professor Sakakihara, much has to be done in achieving our goals.

The AOCNA has an ultimate mission of improving the neurologic care among our children in this part of the globe. Current WHO bulletin reports that the Asia Pacific Region encompasses 21% of earth's land mass and is home to 53% of the world's population. Although the Region has seen remarkable economic progress in recent decades, benefits are unevenly distributed, with many countries and a disturbingly large part of the population left out of the development mainstream, subsisting in poverty and poor health, due to inadequate resources, lack of manpower, and a high

burden of disease, which are mostly preventable.

AOCNA has partly addressed this issue. The scientific agenda in the past congresses had equally addressed the progress in medicine as well as the common disorders affecting our children in this region. Individually, member countries have been making programs directed towards this goal. The region has become borderless whereby members are now freely communicating and sharing information with each other. This will significantly help fill the gap both in knowledge and manpower resources.

The reorganization of AOCNA with the election of an AOCNA president separate from the Congress president is a major step towards the realization of our mission. Let us continue to bind together, recruit more members, and aim for a stronger and more empowered AOCNA!

## HIGHLIGHTS of the 10th AOCCN Daegu, Korea

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Dong Wook Kim  
Secretary General, 10th AOCCN

The 10th Asian & Oceanian Congress of Child Neurology and 32nd Congress of the Korean Child Neurology Society was held last June 10 to June 13, 2009 at Interburgo-EXCO Hotel, Daegu, Korea

We would like to congratulate all of you who have been able to bring 378 abstracts in 34 sessions. In addition, we were able to organize 30 scientific platforms and displayed 246 posters: Pre-congress Teaching Seminars 12 abstracts in 2 sessions, Symposia 14 abstracts in 2 sessions, Breakfast Seminars 6 abstracts in 2 sessions, Presidential Symposia 4 abstracts in 1 session, Parallel Sessions 33 abstracts in 11 sessions, Lunch Satellite Symposia 16 abstracts in 4 sessions, Plenary Sessions 6 abstracts in 2 sessions, Special Interest Group Meetings 6 abstracts in 2 sessions, Hot Topic Symposia 5 abstracts in 1 session, Scientific Platform 30 abstracts in 5 sessions, Poster Presentation 246 abstracts in 2 sessions.

Along with scientific programs, there were various social events and

tour programs including an opening ceremony & welcome dinner, fellowship & cultural night and closing ceremony as well as meetings such as AOCNA Executive Board Meeting, AOCNA National Delegate Meeting, AOCNA and KCNS general assembly meetings and etc.

### Registration

Under the theme of "Expanding the Field of Child Neurology from the Region to the World", 678 delegates from 26 countries gathered and discussed the result of most recent research and clinical activities as well as the broad perspective for the future. The number of delegates from each country are: Australia 9, Bangladesh 4, Canada 1, China 85, Egypt 4, France 1, Hong Kong 14, India 12, Indonesia 34, Iran 7, Israel 6, Italy 1, Japan 113, Kazakhstan 2, Malaysia 26, Philippines 35, Republic of Korea 219, Saudi Arabia 4, Singapore 5, Slovenia 1, Taiwan 41, Thailand 26, Turkey 6, UK 1, USA 17 and Vietnam 4.

# HIGHLIGHTS of the 10th AOCCN Daegu, Korea

## Congratulatory Address at the Opening Ceremony

The 10th AOCCN, Daegu, Korea, June 10, 2009

Distinguished guests, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen !

Let's begin my address at the opening ceremony, today, with my sincere thanks to all attendees in this hall. Your active participation coming from east and west, north and south, really constitutes an invaluable basement for the AOCNA's activities. The Association was first established in 1983, 26 years ago, in Taipei, aiming at bringing in a better medical services for neurological children in the Region. Child neurology is a novel subspecialty which gradually emerged after the world war 2nd. In 1970s and 1980s, child neurology in the Region was still too weak to meet its role. Asia and Oceania have a huge child population, occupying around half of whole children in the world, and they live wide-spread geographically. In contrast, child neurologists in the Region were absolutely few. To break through the gap, it was mandatory for child neurologists to get together, and to collaborate hand in hand. So, the launch of AOCNA was warmly welcomed by the region from the beginning, and nine congresses held in the past had been always very successful.

Regarding the 10th Congress, excellent scientific program for 3 days ahead are fully packed with the highest standard of lectures by splendid speakers, Many original works are contributed by the members as posters, too. I am sure we will acquire a lot of home-taking messages which should be significantly improve our services for the patients, public and society, tomorrow.

By attending the Meeting, we are no more alone. We will have more many friends, collaborators, and mutual understandings. Our membership linkage thus strengthened will be solid enough hopefully to overcome international political conflicts and racism, which are plagues in many places on the globe.

Lastly, on behalf of all participants, I would like to dedicate my heartfelt appreciation and applaud to our president Prof. Hwang and all members of

his organizing committee, whose relentless hard work led to the successful opening of the 10th Congress, today. In addition, I like to share with you my admiration for their firm determination, through which they well tolerated against recent two major obstacles, i.e, deep world economic depression and an epidemic of a new type influenza virus infection.



Yukio Fukuyama  
Honorary President, AOCNA

Thank you for your attention.

## A Special Address at the Closing Ceremony

In the capacity of a honorably president of AOCNA it is my great pleasure to declare that the 4-days-long programs were now completed so smoothly, elegantly and enthusiastically that all participants enjoyed every minutes throughout the Congress period. We have learned a lot of advanced scientific knowledges and fostered a multitude of new and old friendships.

The Congress was extremely well organized. On behalf of the AOCNA members, I would like to dedicate our special appreciation and congratulation to the President Prof Hwang, the Congress organizing committee, and the co-host organization, i.e., KCNS.

I believe that the great success of the 10th AOCNA we now gained resulted in a firm establishment of a historical monument from which we can start off a brilliant progress in re-organizing a more attractive organization in future. I also wish KCNS to prosper further with a pride of hosting the Congress so successfully.

Once again, for the sake of our all participants, I would like to applaud a wonderful contribution and dedication of the Congress Organizing Committee of the 10th AOCCN.

Thank you again and goodbye until the next 11th Congress, Brisbane, Australia in 2012.

photos from the 10th AOCCN



# Minutes of the AOCNA National Delegates Meeting

AOCNA National Delegates Meeting  
Interburgo-EXCO Hotel, Daegu, Korea  
June 12, 2009



Hitoshi Yamamoto  
AOCNA Secretary

## Agenda

### A) Reports:

1. 10th AOCCN Congress Report  
atus of AOCNA Membership Roster and Certificate
3. AOCNA Financial Report

### B) Discussion & Decisions:

1. Election of New AOCNA President
2. 11th AOCCN/12th ICNA Meeting in Brisbane 2012
3. ICNA Scientific Committee – 2 persons from AOCNA
4. Host country for 12th AOCCN in year 201
5. Minimum percentage profit sharing from future AOCCN (after Brisbane)
6. Tenure of National Delegate (ND)  
revision of By-Laws  
- Honorary Members of AOCNA
8. AOCNA Home Page launch and committee
9. Newsletter Publication Committee
10. Any other business

### Present

Prof Yong-Seung Hwang (YSH)	- President
Prof Aida Salonga (AS)	- Immediate Past President
Prof Hitoshi Yamamoto (HY)	- Secretary
A/Prof Hian-Tat Ong (HTO)	- Treasurer
Prof Yukio Fukuyama (YF)	- Honorary President
Prof Robert Ouvrier (RO)	- President of ICNA
Dr Geoffrey Wallace (GW)	- Chairperson of Organizing Committee of 11th AOCCN/12thICNA
Dr Marilyn Ortiz (MO)	- Editor-in-Chief, AOCNA Newsletter Editorial Board
Dr Richard Webster (RW)	- ND of Australia
Dr Mahmood Chowdhury (MC)	- Representative from Bangladesh
Prof Jiong Qin (JQ)	- ND of China
Prof Virginia Wong (VW)	- ND of Hong Kong SAR
Prof Pratibha D Singhi (PDS)	- ND of India
Dr Hardiono D Pusponegoro (HDP)	- ND of Indonesia
Dr Parvaneh Karimzadeh (PK)	- ND of Iran
Prof Eli Lahat (EL)	- ND of Israel
Prof Shinichi Hirose (SH)	- ND of Japan
Dr Marzhan M Lepessova (MML)	- ND of Kazakhstan
Prof Dong Wook Kim (DWK)	- ND of Korea
Dr Sau Wei Wong (SWW)	- ND of Malaysia
Dr Teresta Rabanal (TR)	- ND of Philippines
Prof Suad Ali Al-Yamani (SAAY)	- ND of Saudi Arabia
A/P Hian-Tat Ong (HTO)	- ND of Singapore
Prof Ching-Shiang Chi (CSC)	- ND of Taiwan
Prof Surang Chiemchanya	- ND of Thailand
Prof Haluk Topaloglu	- ND of Turkey

### Absent with Apologies

- ND of Jordan
- ND of Kuwait
- ND of New Zealand
- ND of Oman
- ND of Pakistan
- ND of Sri Lanka
- ND of Vietnam

### Meeting

Prof YS Hwang chaired the meeting held in the Raon Room, which started at 1800 hr on June 12, 2009. He thanked all the ND who attended the meeting as many important decisions needed to be made.

### Reports:

#### 1) 10th AOCCN Congress Report

Prof YS Hwang provided a summary of the report using a slide presentation. The entire scientific programme of the 10th AOCCN included 100 invited lectures, 30 scientific platform presentations and 285 poster presentations. Nevertheless, there were some poster presentations that were not put up during the meeting. The preliminary report confirmed at least 640 participants from 29 countries, most of which were in the Asian-Oceanian region, as well as some invited speakers from Canada, France, Italy, UK and USA. The details of the congress report will be updated and provided by the organizing committee soon after the completion of the congress. ND of India, Prof Prathiba Singhi proposed a motion of thanks to Prof Hwang and the Organizing Committee of the 10th AOCCN for a very successful meeting, and this was supported by all the NDs.

#### 2) AOCNA Membership Roster and Life Membership Certificate

Prof H Yamamoto, the secretary of AOCNA, updated all the ND in the meeting that he was taking charge of revising the AOCNA membership roster so that there is a consistent manner to record the name of all the members based on their family/surname and then the first name. Their e-mail addresses will also be updated. This work is expected to be completed in 2010. Prof Y Fukuyama suggested sending the life membership certificate as soon as each country's membership list is finalized, and this could start quickly with the AOCNA members from Japan. Once the membership roster is completed, Prof H Yamamoto shall send the life membership certificate by post to each country's national delegate, who will take charge of distributing or sending them to their country's AOCNA life members. There were no objections from the NDs present on this method of delivery. However, Prof Y Fukuyama stated that a preliminary survey showed that most of the individual AOCNA members preferred to receive the printed membership certificate by airmail directly to their address.

#### 3) AOCNA Financial Report

A/Prof HT Ong provided a workflow chart on AOCNA membership application and payment instructions.

Based on the opinions and feedback from various NDs and Prof Fukuyama during the meeting, the final agreement was for the new AOCNA membership application to be submitted together with the curriculum vitae of the applicant which should include:

- a) training history and professional career
- b) list of publications if any
- c) reference letter from an existing AOCNA member, or the President of their local Child Neurological Society/ Association/ Chapter.

A/Prof HT Ong also provided a balance sheet showing the financial position of the AOCNA with the accounts containing both US Dollar and Japanese Yen. Using the accounts as at 31 March 2009, the association has a surplus of USD\$70,127.68 (assuming USD\$1 = ¥100). Further expenditures will lower the expected surplus to USD\$67,109.40 by end June 2009. He shall finalize the balance sheet soon after the closing of the financial year, on 30 June 2009. Presently, the CitiBank USD account in Singapore with USD\$31,329.99 is held in trust under HT Ong's name. The Japanese Mizuho Bank Yen account with ¥ 3,948,418 is held in trust under Prof Hitoshi Yamamoto's name.

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# Meet the New President of AOCNA

## Message from the President of AOCNA



Yoichi Sakakihara  
President  
AOCNA (2009 - \_\_\_\_\_)  
Dept of Child Care and Education  
Ochanomizu University

Name : Yoichi Sakakihara  
Date of birth : Dec 15, 1951

Education:  
1976 Graduated: Faculty of Medicine,  
The University of Tokyo

### Professional Career

1976-1977 Resident Department of Pediatrics, The University of Tokyo Hospital  
1977-1980 Pediatrician Department of Pediatrics, Enshu General Hospital  
1980-1981 Pediatric Neurologist Medical and Rehabilitation Center for Disabled  
1981-1982 Clinical Associate Department of Pediatrics, The University of Tokyo Hospital  
1982-1985 Research Associate, Pediatric Neurology Research, Washington University, St Louis, USA  
1985-1990 Clinical Associate Department of Pediatrics, The University of Tokyo Hospital  
1990-2004 Lecturer, Department of Pediatrics, The University of Tokyo Hospital  
2004-present Professor, Department of Child Care and Education, Research Center for Child and Adolescent Development and Education, Ochanomizu University

### Membership

Japan Pediatric Society (*delegate*)  
Japanese Society of Child Neurology (*director*)  
Japanese Society of Infant Study (*Vice President*)  
Japanese Society of Child Study (*steering committee member*)  
Asian and Oceanian Child Neurology Association (*President*)

### Editor

Brain & Development  
NO-TO-HATTATSU  
Pediatrics International  
Baby Science

*It is my pleasure and honor to accept the presidency of AOCNA and again to work with you for the Association.*

*As I addressed in the general assembly of the Association in Daegu, democratic management of the Association is among the top priorities in my manifesto. This means that the sound development of the Association would never be achieved without the concerted endeavor of all the members and the national delegates. In other words, the future development of the Association would only be consolidated by the equal ownership of the national delegates. As you all know, the Association's future is not at all very bright. Financial situation of the Association has been and will be very tight. We need some drastic reforms or changes in our finance in order for the procurement of future activities of the Association.*

*To secure the equal participation of the national delegates and members that is an essential part of the democratic management of the Association, we need to amend the current By-Laws so that the Association will better be served by many respectable members who are not yet officially involved in the Association.. To this end, establishment of new committees is felt mandatory. To facilitate communication among the members, preparation of the roster and publication of the newsletter have already started. We need further elaboration of our mutual communication and association through other efficient measures. As already proposed in the past national delegate meetings, setting up a website should be seriously considered as the main vehicle in the future to disseminate information among the members.*

*Although the AOCCN will remain as the main activity of AOCNA, and the great success in the past Congresses in Beijing, New Delhi, Cebu city and Daegu has clearly revealed its central role in the Association, we need to extend its activities further for the completion of our extreme goal. We should seek measures to fulfill our goal by establishing respectable committees in the Association.*

*In order to resolve the abovementioned agenda, I am currently preparing a revision plan for the By-Laws, which I will submit to the next national delegate meeting after consultation with the executive committee. Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to the President of the 10th AOCCN, Prof. Hwang, for the great success of the Congress in Daegu, and his tremendous leadership as the President of AOCNA. I would cordially hope his continuous support for the AOCNA with his wisdom, strength and genuine sincerity.*

*I would also thank Drs. Yamamoto, Ong and other national delegates who have been sacrificing their precious time for the execution of AOCNA business. AOCNA owes much of its current prosperity to their selfless contribution.*

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A/Prof HT Ong also provided a estimate of the projected income and expenditure for the new financial year from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010. The income expected from new members and bank interest is estimated to reach USD\$11,000. The expenditure that will include AOCNA temporary secretarial staff to handle the membership roster, AOCNA Home Page

(start-up and yearly maintenance) and other miscellaneous expenses is estimated to cost USD\$9,600. Thus, the yearly and life membership fee received from new members is sufficient to cover the AOCNA Home Page and other operational costs. However, the estimated yearly income is insufficient to cover additional costs such as the travel expense for the

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Ex Board, Committee Members and all the National Delegates if there are additional AOCNA meetings beyond that held biennially in conjunction with the AOCCN.

ND of Saudi Arabia, Prof SA Al-Yamani suggested having an official AOCNA bank account so that sponsors are more likely to provide monetary donation to an official organization. A/Prof HT Ong (HTO) updated the committee on the problems related to opening an official bank account in the name of AOCNA in Singapore. This is because of the need first to register the association with the Registrar of Societies in Singapore where there will be requirement to provide detailed information on the place of business, all the members particulars, employment of the members and their membership in other registered societies/organization, as well as the constitution and any other supporting documents. The banks in Singapore will only proceed to process applications for bank accounts for associations only when the association is registered in Singapore. In addition, the meeting minutes and audited financial accounts must be submitted yearly. A formal financial audit will cost approximately USD\$2000 to USD\$4000 each year. With any change of the AOCNA office bearers, they will need to provide their specimen signature at the bank office in person to be an authorized signatory. The same regulations and requirements are also in place in Japan and Australia. HTO asked if these requirements are relaxed or different in any other Asian-Oceanian countries, but there were no inputs from the other NDs to suggest otherwise. In the absence of any concrete steps that is financially viable to change this less than ideal situation, HTO suggested keeping the present arrangement but that Ex Board and he in particular, will constantly review this situation. Any ND who has a suggestion to resolve this issue can suggest to the Ex Board at any time.

Some suggestions put forward by HTO to increase revenue for AOCNA include the possibility of increasing the life membership fee for new members (which presently is USD100/=) and the possibility of getting life members to provide 10-yearly renewal subscriptions. Prof A Salonga voiced concern regarding increasing the membership fee, and she suggested that this be discussed by Long Term Planning Committee. Prof Y Fukuyama suggested to the Ex Board consider the possibility of a tiered membership fee, with that for the developing countries being lower than that for developed countries. This could be decided at the next ND meeting based on a tiered formula that HTO will look into.

## B) Discussion & Decisions:

### 1) Election of the New AOCNA President

Prof YS Hwang informed the assembly that the nomination for the new President was undertaken following democratic principles with any of the ND being able to propose any AOCNA member for consideration. Nevertheless, there was only one nomination for President that was received by the Executive Board. He is Prof Yoichi Sakakihara, who had been nominated by the Japanese Society of Child Neurology (JSCN). ND of Japan, Prof S Hirose elaborated a little on the selection process by the JSCN. Out of three possible candidates listed by the JSCN, more than 80% of the Japanese AOCNA members voted for Prof Yoichi Sakakihara to be nominated as the new President of AOCNA. In this meeting, Prof Yoichi Sakakihara was also endorsed by all the national delegates to be the new President, starting after completion of the AOCCN in Daegu.

### 2) 11th AOCCN/12th ICNA Meeting in Brisbane 2012

Prof YS Hwang informed the assembly that the 11th AOCCN meeting will be held in conjunction with the 12th ICNA meeting in Brisbane in

year 2012. AOCNA will provide USD\$15,000/= as start-up funds to begin the preparation and organization of the meeting. The amount provided is the same as that provided by ANZAN and ICNA. After completion of the congress, the amount loaned of USD\$15,000/= is to be returned to all the 3 organizations, i.e. AOCNA, ANZAN & ICNA. Any profit made after return of the loan is to be shared equally amongst the three organizations, i.e. each receiving one-third share of the profits. Based on the preliminary report by Dr Geoffrey Wallace, the chairperson of the 11th AOCCN/12th ICNA meeting, the break even point is reached when there are 550 delegates attending the meeting. If there are 1000 delegates, the total profit is estimated to be USD\$15,000. If there are 1200 delegates, the total profit is estimated to be USD\$60,000.

### 3) ICNA Scientific Committee - 2 persons from AOCNA

Dr Geoffrey Wallace, the chairperson of Organizing Committee of 11th AOCCN/12th ICNA invited AOCNA to submit 2 names to be the considered as members of the Scientific Committee of the 11th AOCCN/12th ICNA. Prof Pratibha Singhi offered her services. Dr G Wallace will liaise individually with the people nominated.

### 4) Host country for 12th AOCCN in year 2013

The countries that have indicated interest in hosting the 12th AOCCN in year 2013 includes Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh. As suggested by Prof Haluk Topaloglu the ND of Turkey, the national delegates from these countries will put up a formal proposal including estimates of the financial costing and submit them to the Ex Board within 3 months of the end of the AOCCN at Daegu. Prof H Yamamoto will obtain the guidelines used by Dr Geoffrey Wallace for bidding for the 11th AOCCN/12th ICNA, modify it and then forward it to the ND from Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh for their submission. Prof YS Hwang suggested that both the proposals be sent to all the other ND for voting, and the winner will host the 12th AOCCN in year 2013. The country that is not successful in the bid could still consider bidding for the following meeting, i.e. 13th AOCCN in year 2015.

### 5) Minimum percentage profit sharing from future AOCCN (after 11th AOCCN in 2012 Brisbane)

Based on the suggestion by A/Prof HT Ong in the Ex Board Meeting in Seoul 23-24 August 2008 to increase the income for AOCNA, all the ND unanimously agreed that a proportion/percentage of financial profits made from organizing the AOCCN by the host must be paid to AOCNA. The profits will be calculated from all the revenues obtained by the AOCCN organizing committee, including registration fees, commercial sponsorship etc. Financial losses will be borne by the individual organizing committee alone and will not involve the AOCNA.

There were different opinions on the actual percentage mandated with the possibility of 10%, 20%, 25% 33% and 50% considered. The pros and cons of the different percentages were discussed at length by the various ND. As there was no uniform consensus, the issue was put to a vote by all the attending NDs.

Those in support of a minimum of 20% of profit sharing to AOCNA totaled 8 ND (Bangladesh, Iran, Kazakhstan, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand & Turkey). Those in support of a minimum of 33% totaled 3 ND (China, India & Philippines). Those in support of a minimum of 50% totaled 4 ND (Australia, Japan, Malaysia & Taiwan). Three ND abstained (Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia & Israel). There were no votes for the percentages of 10% or 25%. As the majority of the ND in the meeting voted for 20%, this ruling will be carried out for future AOCCN after Brisbane in year 2012.

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## 6) Tenure of National Delegate (ND)

As previously passed in the by-laws, the term of the ND is defined as a period of 3 consecutive Congresses. The National Chapters, by a process of selection, nominate the delegate for one term, which is extendable for a maximum period of 2 more consecutive Congresses, depending on the National Chapter's and the AOCNA's acceptance of the extended term. The AOCNA Secretary, Prof H Yamamoto confirmed the starting year for the attending ND. Most ND started from 2007 and thus their terms as ND for the AOCNA are still valid. Prof Y Fukuyama stressed the need for the individual country's National Chapter (or Society) to provide official confirmation to allow the ND to continue representing their country and also when an extension is being considered. ND of Malaysia, Dr SW Wong instead felt that frequent changes of ND will not allow sufficient time for the delegate to understand and support the work of the AOCNA. Prof YS Hwang suggested that the decision to fix a starting time (year) for the by-law to take effect will be decided at the ND meeting after putting it up as an agenda item for decision. The discussion and decision on whether the By-Law on the tenure/term of the ND will act retroactively from the time of each ND's term or prospectively from year 2007 (when it was proposed), will take place in the ND meeting in Taipei 2010.

## 7) Revision of By-Laws - Honorary Members of AOCNA

Prof Y Fukuyama suggested starting a category of Honorary Members, for any person who had contributed significantly to AOCNA. This could include the person who had previously served as President of the AOCNA or Chairperson of previous AOCCN. The nomination must be approved at the ND meeting before the person is conferred the honorary membership. As suggested by Prof YS Hwang, this revision of by-law will be put up for decision at the next ND meeting.

## 8) AOCNA Home Page Launch and Committee

Based on the financial status projection presented by the Treasurer, the ND were all in agreement with the setting up of the AOCNA Home Page (website). However, there were differing opinions on where (which country) to launch the home page. Prof S Hirose suggested considering the developing countries where English is used widely for ease of maintenance of the Home Page as well as the advantage of lower cost. As the Philippine group is already contributing as the Publication Committee and taking charge of the newsletter, Prof A Salonga felt that they could not cope with managing the Home Page website as well. Despite many comments and suggestions, there was no one country ND who could commit to taking charge of this effort. Prof Robert Ouvrier would contact Dr Rakesh Patel, the ND of New Zealand to see if he could help as he is taking charge of the local association website. Prof Robert Ouvrier also suggested the possibility of pharmaceutical assistance to maintain and support the Home Page. Meanwhile, the Ex Board will continue to work with individual NDs to see if some progress can be made.

## 9) Newsletter Publication Committee

Prof YS Hwang thanked the Publication Committee from Philippines who agreed to continue with their excellent work in the publication of the AOCNA newsletter. They will continue to prepare 2 issues of the newsletter each year, with both the print and electronic issues available. The only change is that the last print issue will be in 2009. There will only be an electronic newsletter (without the print or hard copy version) starting in year 2010 as agreed by all the ND.

## 10) Membership Committee

Prof Y Fukuyama suggested forming a Membership Committee to look into the merits and suitability of accepting new membership application, in particular, for applicants who may not fulfill all the criteria listed, or

are non-medical doctors. ND of India, Prof P Singhi suggested creating a separate category of "Associate Membership" for non-medical personnel such as those from the allied health care, e.g. physical therapist or psychologist. She suggested that this category of "associate members" have no voting rights and cannot be elected into the Ex Board. On the other hand, Prof Haluk Topaloğlu the ND of Turkey welcomed non-medical personnel related to child neurology to join as members so as to increase the membership base of the AOCNA. No definite agreement was reached on the criteria for this separate group of applicants. Nevertheless, the ND all agreed to the formation of the Membership Committee to be led by Secretary, Prof H Yamamoto. The other members include Prof A Salonga, Prof Haluk Topaloğlu (Turkey), Prof Prathiba Singhi (India), Prof Saad Al-Yamani (Saudi Arabia) and Dr Richard Webster (Australia).

## 11) Any Other Business

Prof S Hirose asked for clarification on the timing of future ICNA and AOCCN meetings after Brisbane. Prof Robert Ouvrier clarified that ICNA meetings are organized biennially in the even years, and Prof YS Hwang clarified that AOCCN meetings will also be held biennially in the odd years. Prof YS Hwang added that there can still be opportunities for joint ICNA & AOCCN meetings, depending on the host country and their timing for hosting the meeting.

Prof Y Fukuyama asked the Treasurer and Secretary if there were new membership applications and membership fee collected during the meeting, and if this was facilitated by the country ND. He suggested the Secretary send an updated name list of life members and the restricted yearly members to the ND following the recent membership enrollment during the congress.

## End of Meeting

The meeting ended at 2130 hr on June 10, 2009.

# Minutes of the AOCNA General Assembly

## AOCNA General Assembly

Interburgo-EXCO Hotel, Daegu, Korea  
June 13, 2009

## Agenda

1. 10th AOCCN Congress Report
2. Election of New AOCNA President
3. Status of AOCNA Membership Roster and Certificate
4. AOCNA Membership Application Procedure (Revised)
5. AOCNA Financial Report
6. 11th AOCCN/12th ICNA Meeting in Brisbane 2012
7. Host country for 12th AOCCN in year 2013
8. Minimum percentage profit sharing from future AOCCN (after Brisbane)
9. AOCNA Home Page (website)
10. Newsletter Publication
11. Welcoming the New President of AOCNA

## Meeting

Prof YS Hwang opened the AOCNA General Assembly in the Grand Ballroom A at 12 noon on June 13, 2009. He reported on the progress and updates of various issues in the agenda to all the members of AOCNA with the aid of visual slide presentation.

- 1) 10th AOCCN Congress Report

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In summary, the entire scientific programme of the 10th AOCCN included 100 invited lecture, 30 scientific platform presentations and 285 poster presentations. The 678 participants came from 29 countries, most of which were in the Asian-Oceanian region, as well as some invited speakers from Canada, France, Italy, UK and USA. The details of the congress report will be updated and provided by the organizing committee.

## 2) Election of the New AOCNA President

Prof YS Hwang informed the assembly that there was only one nomination for President received by the Executive Board. He is Prof Yoichi Sakakihara who was nominated by the Japanese Society of Child Neurology. His nomination was also endorsed by all the national delegates in the AOCNA National Delegate Meeting on June 10, 2009.

## 3) AOCNA Membership Roster and Life Membership Certificate

Prof H Yamamoto, the secretary of AOCNA, updated the assembly that he was taking charge of revising the AOCNA membership roster so that there is a consistent manner to record the name of all the members based on their family/surname and then first name. Their e-mail address will also be updated. This work is expected to be completed in 2010. Once the membership roster is completed, he shall send the life membership certificate to the national delegates, who will take charge of distributing or sending them to their country's AOCNA life members.

## 4) AOCNA Membership Application Procedure (Revised)

A/Prof HT Ong provided a workflow chart on AOCNA membership application and payment instructions. The membership application is to be submitted together with the curriculum vitae of the applicant which includes:

- a) training history and professional career
- b) list of publications if any
- c) reference letter from a AOCNA member, or the President of their local Child Neurological Society/ Association/Chapter.

## 5) AOCNA Financial Report

A/Prof HT Ong provided a balance sheet showing the financial position of the AOCNA with the accounts containing both USD and Japanese Yen. Using the accounts as at 31 March 2009, the association has a surplus of USD\$70,127.68 (assuming USD\$1 = ¥100). Further expenditures will lower the expected surplus to USD\$67, 109.40 by end June 2009. He shall finalize the balance sheet soon after the closing of the financial year, on 30 June 2009.

A/Prof HT Ong also provided a estimate of the projected income and expenditure for the new financial year from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010. The income expected from new members and bank interest is estimated to reach USD\$11,000. The expenditure that will include AOCNA temporary secretarial staff to handle the membership roster, AOCNA Home Page (start-up and yearly maintenance) and other miscellaneous expenses is estimated to cost USD\$9,600. Thus in summary, the yearly membership fee received from new members is sufficient to cover the AOCNA Home Page and other operational costs.

## 6) 11th AOCCN/12th ICNA Meeting in Brisbane 2012

Prof YS Hwang informed the assembly that the 11th AOCNA meeting will be held in conjunction with the 12th ICNA meeting in Brisbane in year 2012. AOCNA will provide USD\$15,000/= as start-up funds to begin the preparation and organization of the meeting. The amount provided is the same as that provided by ANZAN and ICNA. After completion of the congress, the amount loaned of USD\$15,000/= is to be returned to all the 3 organizations, i.e. AOCNA, ANZAN & ICNA. Any

profit made after return of the loan is to be equally divided amongst the three organizations, i.e. each receiving one-third share of the profits. Based on the preliminary report by Dr Geoffrey Wallace, the chairperson of the 11th AOCCN/12th ICNA meeting, the break even point is reached when there are 550 delegates attending the meeting. If there are 1000 delegates, the total profit is estimated to be USD\$15,000. If there are 1200 delegates, the total profit is estimated to be USD\$0,000.

## 7) Host country for 12th AOCCN in year 2013

The countries that have indicated interest in hosting the 12th AOCCN in year 2013 includes Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh. The national delegates (ND) from these countries will put up a formal proposal including estimates of the financial costing and submit them to the Ex Board within 3 months of the end of the congress at Daegu. If there were more than one proposal submitted, these proposals will be sent to the ND for voting to decide on the host country for the 12th AOCCN.

## 8) Minimum percentage profit sharing from future AOCCN (after Brisbane)

In the ND meeting held on June 10, 2009 in Daegu, the ND agreed with the suggestion by AOCNA Treasurer, A/P HT Ong to impose a guaranteed minimum percentage of any profit made by the organizing country to be paid to AOCNA. The ND in the meeting voted for 20%, and this will be carried out for future AOCCN after Brisbane in year 2012. Financial losses will be borne by the individual organizing committee of the host country and will not involve the AOCNA.

## 9) AOCNA Home Page (website)

Prof YS Hwang reported that the ND meeting agreed in principle with the setting up of an AOCNA Home Page (website) and the expenses needed to carry this out. However, there were still unresolved issues such as the best country to launch/host the website in terms of cost and the convenience and ease with the use of English language. The other unresolved issue is the person (or group) that will take charge of maintaining the Home Page.

## 10) Newsletter Publication

Prof YS Hwang thanked the AOCNA Newsletter Editorial Board from Philippines who agreed to continue with their excellent work of the publication of the AOCNA newsletter. They will continue to prepare 2 issues of the newsletter each year, with both the print and electronic issues available. The only change is that the last print issue will be in 2009. There will only be an electronic newsletter (without the print or hard copy version) starting in year 2010 as agreed by all in the ND meeting.

## 11) Welcoming the New President of AOCNA

Prof YS Hwang thanked all the AOCNA members, the ND and the Ex Board for their contribution and service as he will step down as the President following the conclusion of the 10th AOCCN. He then welcomed the in-coming President, Prof Yoichi Sakakihara.

Prof Y Sakakihara thanked the AOCNA members and the ND for their support. He spoke on his prior experience working in the AOCNA Executive Board as the Secretary-Treasurer since the 6th AOCCN in Penang, Malaysia in the year 1999. He stressed the need to uphold democratic principles as an important platform of his leadership as the new President of AOCNA. He ended his speech with the adage, "ask not what AOCNA can do for you, but what you can do for AOCNA", to thunderous applause by all the members.

End of Assembly

The meeting ended at 1230 hr on June 13, 2009.

# Report on the 12th Annual Meeting Infantile Seizure Society (ISS): International Symposium on Epilepsy in Autism Spectrum Disorder and Related Conditions (ISEASD)



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Dear Colleagues of AOCNA,

The 12th Annual Meeting of the Infantile Seizure Society (ISS): International Symposium on Epilepsy in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Related Conditions (ISEASD) was held in May 9-10, 2009, in Kurume, Fukuoka, Japan (President; Professor Toyojiro Matsuishi). The main theme of this symposium was epilepsy in ASD, which is a relatively new but important field in child neurology and psychiatry. Increasing numbers of children with ASD are being diagnosed worldwide, but the related neurobiological research, especially on epilepsy, has been lacking. We had 17 distinguished invited speakers, eight of whom were from abroad. Discussion topics included epidemiology, electrophysiology, pathophysiology, genetics, related conditions (Landau-Kleffner syndrome, Rett syndrome), and treatment and follow-up of epilepsy as they each relate to person with ASD.

The current thinking is that genetic and molecular mechanisms play a major contributing role to both the pathophysiology of the autism phenotype and the epileptic disorder. Advances in our understanding of the molecular biology of autism and of epilepsy now allow us to conceptualize intervention strategies that may positively change the developmental trajectory of persons with autism and epilepsy. More than 180 attendants from 12 countries participated in ISEASD. The proceedings of the invited speakers will be published in a special issue of Brain and Development

## The 12th Annual Meeting of the Infantile Seizure Society International Symposium on Epilepsy in Autism Spectrum Disorders and Related Conditions (ISEASD)



## NEUROCON-2009

The Department of Pediatrics Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research Chandigarh organized the "International Conference on Pediatric Neurology and Epilepsy" from the 29th Oct to 1st Nov 2009 in the Department of Pediatrics, APC, PGI Chandigarh. It was attended by about 350 delegates from 10 countries. On the first day of the conference three workshops (Epilepsy and EEG, Neurodevelopment disorders, Neurogenetic and Neurometabolic Disorders) were organized to give "Hands on training" in various aspects of pediatric neurology and epilepsy. The workshop on EEG coordinated by Dr. Asuri Narayan Prasad from (Canada) and Dr. V. Murugan from (UK) and Dr. Neelu Desai from (Mumbai). Basics of EEG as well as findings of normal and abnormal EEGs were discussed. Manifestation of epilepsy in children and various childhood syndromes were demonstrated through videos and interactive case discussions. The Neurodevelopment disorders workshop was coordinated by Prof. Pratibha Singhi and Dr. Prahbjot Malhi from PGIMER, Chandigarh, with other faculty from India, various aspects of child development and developmental disorders were discussed. Hands on demonstration of various developmental tools and various therapies was organized in the post lunch session. The workshop on Neurogenetic was coordinated by Dr. Sameer Zuberi (UK), Dr. Chitra Prasad (Canada) and Dr. Madhulika Kabra (India). Various aspects of common genetic and metabolic disorders were discussed. A number of cases were also discussed.

The main conference was inaugurated by Shri HS Chahtha Speaker of Harayana Assembly alongwith Prof. BNS Walia former Director PGI and Prof K.K Talwar Director PGI. Prof Michael Johnston from USA and Prof. Brian Neville from UK (talk given by Prof. Helen Cross) discussed neuroprotection in hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy and epilepsy in autism respectively. A symposium on Pediatric Epilepsy was organized in which



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Prof. Pratibha Singhi discussed basic approach to a child with epilepsy. Difficult to control epilepsy syndromes were discussed by Dr. Ingrid Scheffer (Australia) and Dr. Helen Cross (UK). In the post lunch session, parallel sessions were organized on Neurogenetic Disorders and Practice Guidelines for Primary care pediatricians. In the symposium on neurogenetic and neurometabolic disorders basic approach to settings when a neurologist or pediatrician should think of such disorders was discussed. In the symposium on Pediatric Stroke, Dr. Vijaya Ganesan (UK) and Prof Bhuwan Garg (USA) highlighted management guidelines of children with stroke. In the evening interesting cases in pediatric neurology were discussed alongwith videos. This session was widely appreciated by delegates. On day 3, various treatment options in difficult to control epilepsies were discussed by Dr. Helen Cross (UK) and Dr. Ingrid Scheffer (Australia). This included discussion on newer antiepileptics, ketogenic diet and epilepsy surgery. In her plenary talk, Dr. Helen Cross spoke about treatment of newly diagnosed epilepsy. Genetic of epilepsy were discussed by Dr. Ingrid Scheffer who is a pioneer in the field having discovered many genes involved in epilepsy. Various tropical central nervous system infections were discussed by Dr. Sunit Singh (Chandigarh), Dr. Charles Newton (UK) and Dr. Rashmi Kumar (India). This included management strategies in central nervous system



tuberculosis, bacterial meningitis and cerebral malaria, which are major causes of childhood morbidity and mortality in developing countries. This was followed by a panel discussion on nervous system infections. Various neuro-surgical issues were deliberated upon by Dr. Carlos De'Souza (UK), and Prof. SN Mathuriya (Chandigarh). Autoimmune diseases in neurology were discussed by Dr. Vrajesh Udani (India) and Dr. Bhuwan Garg (USA). In the practice guidelines session, various topics like developmental delay, hypotonic infant, congenital myasthenia, acute flaccid paralysis, child with abnormal head shape and size, and sleep disorders were discussed by several international and national experts. Dr. N. Khandelwal (Chandigarh) discussed interesting Neuroradiology cases. This session drew a lot of interest and discussion from delegates.

On the final day of the conference, "meet the expert sessions" consisted of two important areas including neuromuscular disorders and neurocutaneous syndromes. In their plenary sessions, Prof Robert Ouvrier (Australia) outlined the recent concepts in peripheral neuropathies, and Prof P Curatolo (Italy) focused on the current concepts in neurocutaneous syndromes. The session on Neurodevelopmental disorders dealt with important issues like cerebral

palsy, a major cause of childhood neurological morbidity. Prof. Michael Johnston (USA) highlighted the capacity of brain to withstand injury and the scope of optimizing the performance of developing brain to withstand injury. Prof. Pratibha Singhi (Chandigarh) described the steps of home based management of children with cerebral palsy in resource limited situations. Dr Vrajesh Udani discussed various preventive measures to reduce morbidity related to paediatric neurological disorders. Prof Pratibha Singhi discussed management issues in neurocysticercosis, which is the commonest cause of focal seizures in many parts of the world. Issues like cysticidal therapy and steroids were discussed in great detail. Practice guidelines session included discussion on movement disorders, spasticity, headache, reflex seizures and febrile seizures by eminent speakers. The conference ended with a panel discussion on various modalities of improving training facilities in pediatric neurology in developing countries; the expert panelists included Prof. R. Ouvrier, Prof. Charles Newton, Prof G. Kumaresan, and Dr. V. Udani and it was co-ordinated by Prof Pratibha Singhi.

The conference was greatly appreciated both for its academic contents and meticulous organization with a very positive feedback from the participants.

## Reports from AOCNA National Delegates Malaysia

Members: 14 (life)

The Chapter of Child Neurology and Developmental Paediatrics of the Malaysian Society of Neurosciences (MSN) was formed in November 2002 to promote paediatric neurology in Malaysia. Membership of MSN is a prerequisite in order to be a member of the Chapter. All child neurologists currently practicing in Malaysia are members of MSN and are therefore members of the Chapter. Other MSN members who are interested in child neurology and developmental paediatrics are encouraged to join the group, and associate membership will be considered for professionals from specialties which are related to paediatric neurology and developmental paediatrics. The Chapter is affiliated to Asian-Oceanian Child Neurology Association (AOCNA). Members of the Chapter are also involved in the credentialing of paediatric neurologists in the country.

Currently there are 15 child neurologists and 3 trainees, and 3 developmental paediatricians and one trainee in Malaysia

Activities 2008-2009

Child Neurology Teach-in

This monthly one hour Teach-in sessions were held regularly in rotation at UKM Medical Centre and Paediatric Institute, Hospital Kuala Lumpur and Hospital Selayang. A number of cases with interesting neurological, metabolic / genetic or developmental problems were presented and they were generally well attended by the Chapter members and their trainees.

Paediatric Neuromuscular Case Conference

These muscle biopsy case conference sessions were held once every two months at UMMC, led by Professor Dr. Wong Kum Thong. At each session, two selected neuromuscular cases would be presented and their muscle biopsies slides were discussed followed by brief update about the disorders. The sessions were attended mainly by child and adult neurologists, pathologists and their trainees.

Epilepsy Pre-surgical Evaluation Meeting

The members of the Chapter participated actively in these monthly meetings held at UKM Medical Centre to discuss and evaluate potential patients for epilepsy surgery. One of the sessions was held at Subang Jaya Medical Center when Dr. Simon Harvey, a paediatric epileptologist from Melbourne visited Kuala Lumpur on 11/10/2008.

## Invitation to International Symposium on Epilepsies in Neurometabolic Diseases (ISENMD) 13th Annual ISS Meeting Taipei, March 2010

Epilepsies and seizures in early life (under the age 3) are the most prevalent and challenging problems posed on every child neurologist. The Infantile Seizure Society, an academic organization, was established to specifically cope with these seizure problems in infants, and has been successfully holding an International Symposium under various main themes each year since 1998.

For the next year, the target was set at epilepsies in neurometabolic disorders. As announced already, the International Symposium on Epilepsies in Neuro-metabolic Diseases (ISENMD) will be held in Taipei, Taiwan, March 26-28, 2009, under the co-sponsorship of the Taiwan Child Neurology Society and the Infantile Seizure Society.

The organizing committee elaborated attractive scientific and social programs, which are now opened at the website <http://www.isenmd2010taipei.org>.

Taking this opportunity, may we ask your attention !!

The deadline for abstract submission, October 31, 2009, is quickly approaching, leaving only one month ahead.

ISENMD is extended over the period of 2 and half days (March 26th noon to 28th evening) which allow us to include more papers in the program. The majority of the program is already occupied by 26 eminent invited lecturers which features an excellent panorama on the topics. Please don't miss to



Sau Wei Wong  
Malaysia

Practical Issues on Developmental Disorders

This was a two-day seminar on common problems and issues in Developmental Paediatrics held on 22-23, March 2008 at the Auditorium, UKM. A total of 102 participants attended this seminar: 22-23, March 2008. The main invited speaker, Associate Professor Trevor Parry from the School of Paediatrics and Child Health, University of Western Australia.

Weekend Workshop on Ketogenic Diet in the Treatment of Childhood Epilepsy. This two-day workshop, jointly organized by the Chapter and Paediatric Department of Hospital Kuala Lumpur was held on 1 - 2 November, 2008 at Paediatric Institute, Hospital Kuala Lumpur. Our invited speaker was Dr. Janak Nathan from Mumbai, India. It attracted 66 participants, including paediatric neurologists from both government and private practice, medical officers, nurses, dieticians as well as a few parents whose children were on ketogenic diet. We also had participants from Indonesia, Myanmar and Singapore.

Workshop on Learning and Behavioural Disorders Among School Children

This day workshop held in JW Marriott Hotel on 1st April 2009 was attended by 136 participants. Invited speakers were Drs Michael Shevell from Canada and Jill Sewell from Australia.

ASEAN Neurological Association (ASNA) 8th Biennial Congress, 1-4 April 2009

Under the initiative of the ICNA President, Dr Robert Ouvrier, the Chapter collaborated with ICNA and ASNA to organize the child neurology programme for the congress. Invited ICNA members were Drs Robert Ouvrier, Virginia Wong and Banu Anlar. Lectures on diverse topics in child neurology were delivered and a highly successful ICNA-ASNA teaching session (case conference) was held.

Challenges faced:

Lack of child neurologists (ratio 1: 1 600 000 population) with 8 /15 serving Kuala Lumpur (as well as all three developmental paediatricians). On the whole, paediatric subspecialty training interest is low due to long training period and poor remuneration.

attend this particular gathering.

Deadline for abstract submission : October 31, 2009  
Deadline for early registration : December 31, 2009

For updated information, please visit our website:

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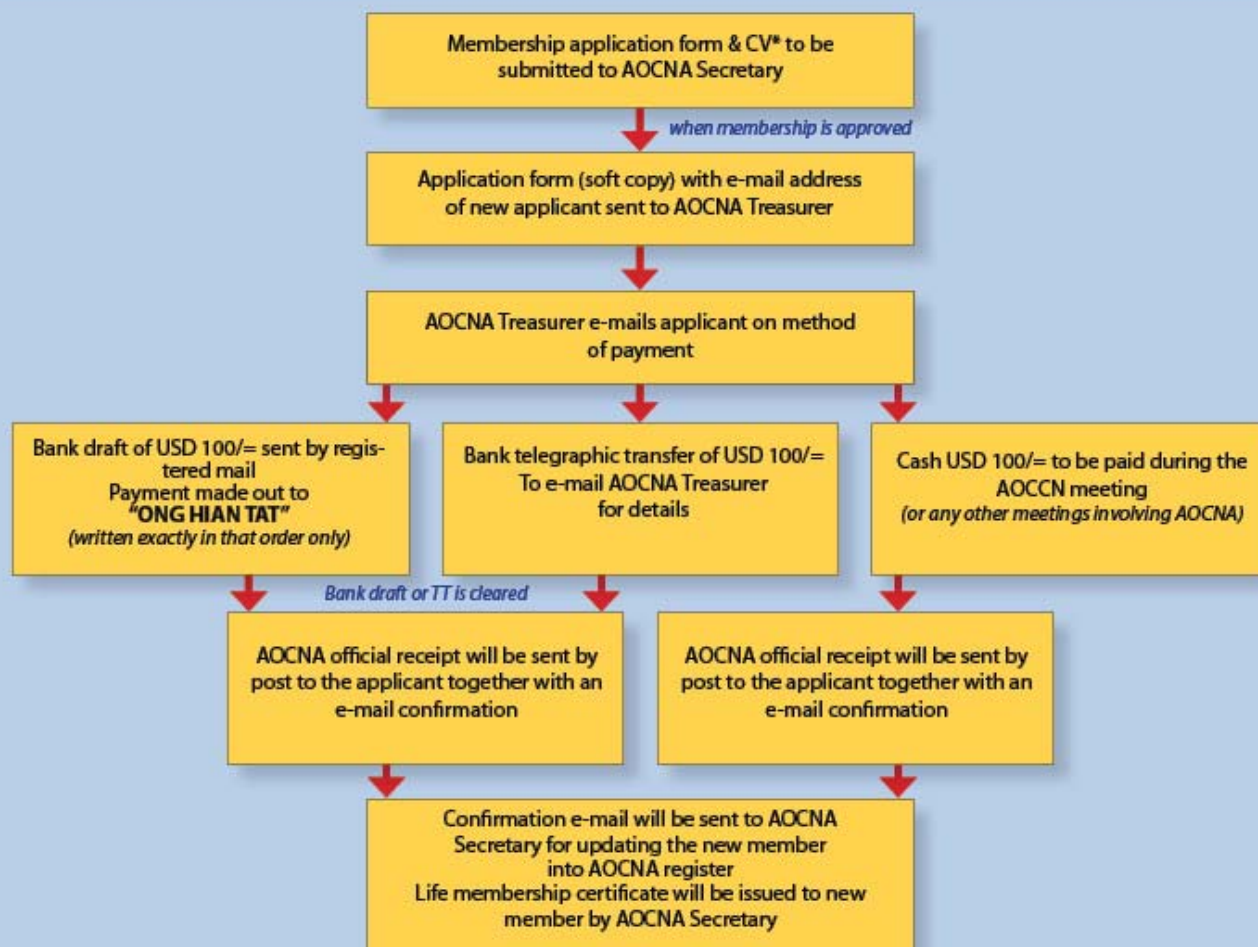
# Preliminary Programme of Activities of ISENMD

## International Symposium on Epilepsy in Neurometabolic Diseases (ISENMD) Theme: Epilepsy in Neurometabolic Diseases

Time	March 26 (Fri.)	Time	March 27 (Sat.)	Time	March 28 (Sun.)
			<b>Session III</b> General and Aminoacidopathy Chairpersons: Yong-Seung Hwang; Raman Sankar  08:15   10:00 7. <b>Clinical Perspectives of Epilepsy among Neurometabolic Diseases in Children</b> Raman Sankar 8. <b>Amino Acid Metabolic Disorders and Infantile Epilepsy</b> Wang-Tso Lee 9. <b>Non-Ketotic Hyperglycinemia</b> Shigeo Kure		<b>Session VII Mitochondrial Diseases</b> Chairpersons: Virginia Wong; Suad Al Yamani 24. <b>Epilepsy with Mitochondrial Diseases in Korea</b> Jong Hee Chae 25. <b>Epileptic Seizures in Infants &amp; Children with Mitochondrial Diseases in Taiwan</b> Hsiu-Fen Lee 26. <b>Congenital Lactic Acidosis (Pyruvate Dehydrogenase Deficiency) and Epilepsy</b> Chitra Prasad 27. <b>Spectrum of Mitochondrial Diseases in a Tertiary Referral Centre in Hong Kong</b> Cheuk-Wing Fung 28. <b>The Characteristics of Seizures in Malaysian Children and Adolescents with Melas due to A3243G Mitochondrial DNA Mutation</b> Chee-Ming Teh
			10:00   10:20 Coffee Break		10:30   11:15 Coffee Break & Poster Visit (2) AOCNA Executive Board Meeting (10:00-12:00) Rm 402
			<b>Session IV</b> Aminoacidopathy Chairpersons: Toyojiro Matsuiishi; Nan-Chang Chiu 10:20   12:05 10. <b>Methylene Tetrahydrofolate Reductase Deficiency (MTHFR) and Infantile Epilepsy</b> Asuri N. Prasad 11. <b>Maple Syrup Urine Disease and Infantile Epilepsy</b> Jia-Wei Ho 12. <b>Long-Term Treatment and Prognosis of Chinese Patients with 6-Pyruvoyl-Tetrahydropterin Synthase Deficiency</b> Dau-Ming Niu		<b>Session VIII</b> Peroxisomal Disorders Chairpersons: Shinichi Hirose; Kai-Ping Chang 11:15   12:15 29. <b>Clinical Findings and Diagnostic Flowchart of Peroxisomal Diseases</b> Nobuyuki Shimozawa 30. <b>Peroxisomal Disorders and Epileptic Seizures</b> Jao-Shwann Liang
14:20   14:30	Opening Address	12:05   13:20	Lunch Seminar (1) Sponsored by GSK Chairpersons: Kenji Sugai 13. <b>Treatable Metabolic Epilepsies: Case Studies</b> Philip Pearl	12:15   13:30	Lunch Seminar (2) Sponsored by Janssen Chairperson: Yoichi Sakakihara; Min-I Lin 31. <b>Latest findings in pediatric epilepsy treatment</b> Ki-Joong Kim 32. <b>Menkes Disease and Infantile Epilepsy</b> Asuri N. Prasad
14:30   16:00	<b>Session I</b> Clinical and Neurophysiological Diagnoses of Neurometabolic Diseases Chairpersons: Shinichi Nijima; Ein-Yao Shen Ching-Shiang Chi 1. <b>Overview of Neurometabolic Diseases</b> Ching-Shiang Chi 2. <b>The Neurological Manifestation of Inborn Errors of Metabolism in Mainland China</b> Jiong Qin 3. <b>Neurophysiological Characteristics of Neurometabolic Diseases in Children</b> Joyce Wu	13:20   15:00	<b>Session V</b> Organic Acid & Urea Cycle Disorder Chairpersons: Yoshihiro Takeuchi; Yuh-Jyh Jong 14. <b>Heat Stress and Acute Encephalopathy in Childhood Due to Inherited Organic and Fatty Acid Disorders</b> Seiji Yamaguchi 15. <b>Methylmalonic Acidemia in China</b> Yue-Hua Zhang 16. <b>Epilepsy in Urea Cycle Defects</b> Wuh-Liang Hwu	13:20   15:10	<b>Session IX</b> Vitamin and Mineral Metabolic Disorders Chairpersons: Aide Salonga; Hwei-Shyong Wang 33. <b>Pyridoxine-Dependent &amp; Responsive Seizures</b> Peter Baxter 34. <b>Clinical Evaluation of Pyridoxine Treatment of Intractable Seizures</b> Shunsuke Ohtahara 35. <b>Epilepsy in Children with Biotinidase Deficiency</b> Pratibha Singhi
16:00   16:20	Coffee Break	15:00   15:45	Coffee Break & Poster Visit (1)	15:10   15:30	Coffee Break
16:20   18:30	<b>Session II</b> Molecular Basis, Neuropathology and Neuroimaging of Neuro-metabolic Diseases Chairpersons: Takao Takahashi; Geng-Chang Yeh 4. <b>Molecular Basis of Metabolic Encephalopathy - Neurogenetic Diseases: From Molecule to Patient</b> Yoshiyuki Suzuki 5. <b>Neuropathology of Neurometabolic Diseases in Children with Epilepsy</b> Hans Goebel 6. <b>Neuroimaging Perspectives in Pediatric Neurometabolic Diseases with Epilepsy</b> Robert Zimmerman	15:45   18:10	<b>Session VI</b> Lipid Metabolism and Lysosomal Storage Diseases Chairpersons: Geoffrey Wallace; Rei-Cheng Yang 17. <b>Carnitine &amp; Fatty Acid Oxidation Defects in Infantile Epilepsy</b> Ingrid Tein 18. <b>Neurological Aspects of Lysosomal Storage Diseases</b> Hiroyuki Ida 19. <b>Infantile Epilepsy in Lysosomal Storage Diseases</b> Shyi-Jou Chen 20. <b>CNS Pathology in Lysosomal Storage Disease</b> Ralph Z. Kern	15:30   17:00	<b>Session X</b> Neurotransmitter & Miscellaneous Chairpersons: Hitoshi Yamamoto; Ching-Shiang Chi 36. <b>Succinic Semialdehyde Dehydrogenase(SSADH) Deficiency and Epilepsy</b> Philip Pearl 37. <b>Neuroimage of Monoamine Metabolic Disorders</b> Shin-Fong Peng 38. <b>Pathophysiology of Epilepsy in Neurotransmitter Disorders</b> Yoshiko Nomura
18:30   18:50	Business meeting (TCNS)	18:10   18:55	<b>Cross-Strait Session</b> Chairpersons: Jiong Qin; Chao-Ching Huang 21. <b>Effects of Ginkgo Biloba Extract and Progesterone Expression of Glucocorticoid Receptor in Cortex of the Rat after Recurrent Seizures</b> Din-An Mao 22. <b>Clinical Analysis of Niemann-Pick Disease Type C-7 Cases</b> Hui Xiong 23. <b>Intracranial Gene Delivery of AAV-GALC Vector Corrects Neuropathology in Murine Glonoid Cell Leukodystrophy</b> Dar-Shong Lin	17:00   17:30	<b>Discussion Summary</b> Chairpersons: Hian-Tat Ong; Kun-Long Hung Principal Discussers: Raman Sankar & Asuri N. Prasad
19:30   21:00	<b>Welcome Party</b> Banquet Hall I+II Howard Plaza Hotel	19:30   21:00	<b>Grand Social Party</b> Banquet Hall I+II Howard Plaza Hotel	17:30   17:50	<b>Closing Address and Best Poster Award Ceremony</b>
				18:00   19:00	<b>AOCNA National Delegate Meeting</b> (Rm406)
				19:00   21:00	<b>Farewell Party</b> Sponsored by Janssen Grand Victoria Hotel (by invitation only)

# AOCNA Life Membership Application and Payment Instructions

## AOCNA Life Membership Application & Payment Instructions



### Curriculum Vitae (CV\*): To include:

- training history and professional career
- list of publications if any
- reference letter from a AOCNA member or the President of their local Neurological Society/ Association/Chapter

*Incomplete AOCNA membership submissions without (a) – (c) will not be considered.*

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# Treasurer's Report



## BALANCE SHEET FOR AOCNA (Year End June 30, 2009)

	June 2008		June 2009	
	USD	[Yen]	USD	[Yen]
<b>BANK BALANCE</b> (carried forward from Prof Sakakihara)				
1. Singapore Citibank USD account	\$32,500.71		\$32,856.13	
2. Japanese Mizuho Bank Yen account	\$30,554.37	[¥2,863,577]	\$43,121.35	[¥4,041,364]
3. Cash in hand			\$ 90.00	
	<u>\$63,055.08</u>		<u>\$76,067.48</u>	
<b>INCOME</b>				
1. New AOCNA members				
a) (17 non-Japanese life members, one 3-year membership, one 1-year membership)			\$ 1,740.00	
b) (104 Japanese life members @ ¥12,000 each)			\$13,316.16	[¥1,248,000]
2. Bank interest				
a) CitiBank Singapore USD account			\$ 387.09	
b) Mizuho Bank Yen account			\$ 18.59	[¥ 1,743]
3. Annual Donation from JSCN			<u>\$ 1,067.00</u>	[¥ 100,000]
			Total	<u>\$16,528.84</u>
<b>Less: EXPENDITURE</b>				
1. AOCNA 2008 newsletter print edition			\$ 1,617.31	
2. AOCNA newsletter mailing expenses			\$ 362.24	[¥ 33,950]
3. AOCNA temporary secretarial staff (membership roster)			\$ 681.70	[¥ 63,890]
4. AOCNA membership logo design fee			\$ 118.76	[¥ 11,130]
5. AOCNA roster revision postal fee (Prof S Hiroshi)			\$ 127.13	[¥ 11,915]
6. Miscellaneous (envelopes, postage, AOCNA receipt chop, thumb drive) [SGD 70/=]			\$ 50.00	
7. Bank charges for TT to Child Neuro Society of Philippines (AOCNA 2008 newsletter) [SGD10/=]			\$ 6.86	
8. Bank Charges (for USD cash deposited 0.05% of USD\$1,500/=)			\$ 7.50	
			Total	<u>\$ 2,971.50</u>
		<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>		<b>\$13,557.34</b>

### Explanatory Notes

Singapore Citibank USD Account	a) Fixed time deposit (3 months)	USD 20,000.00
	b) Current account	USD 12,856.13

¥ 100 = USD \$1.067

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