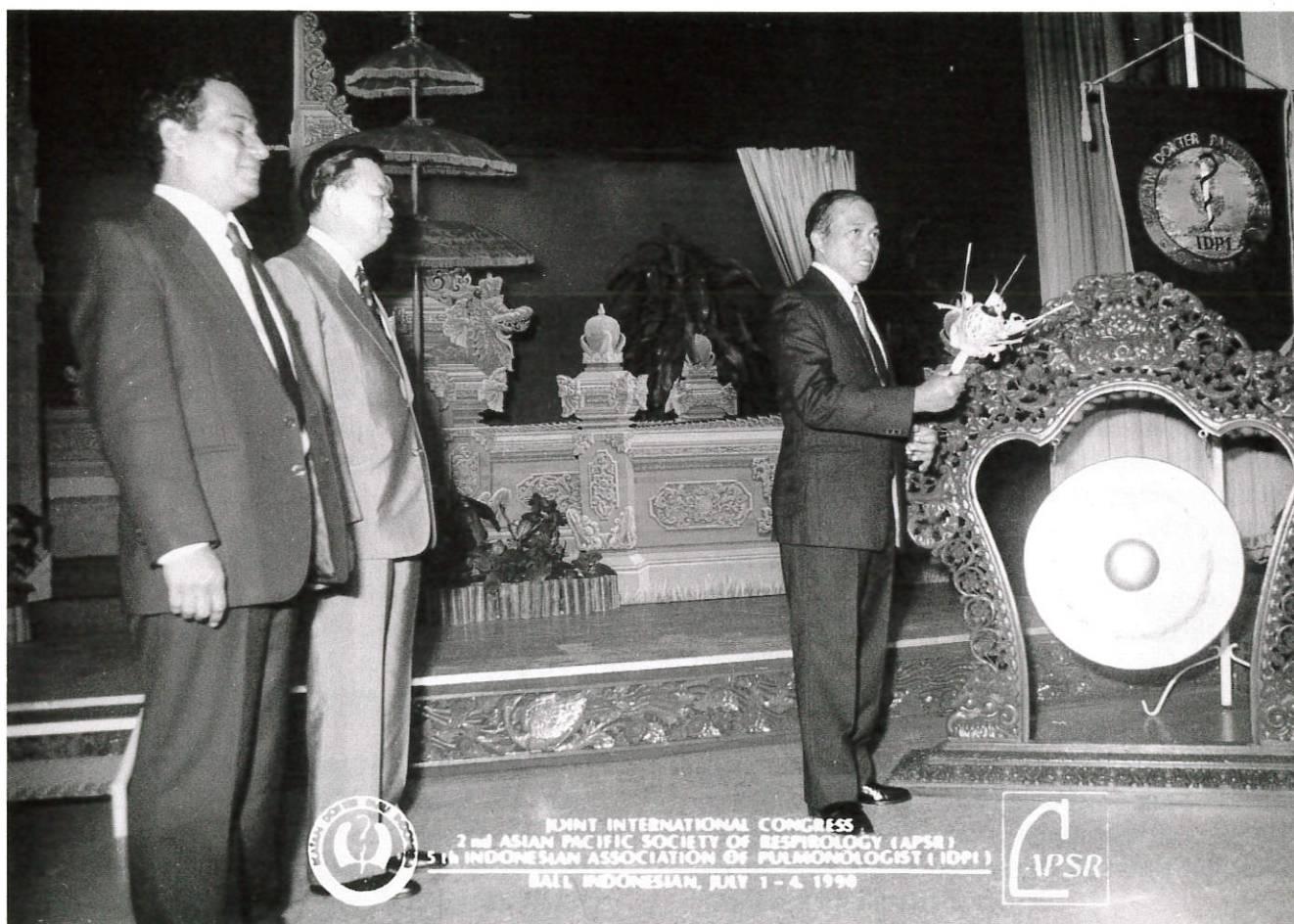


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Newsletter

The Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology

SECOND CONGRESS OF ASIAN PACIFIC SOCIETY OF RESPIROLOGY



Official opening of the Congress by the minister of Health, Republic of Indonesia (from left to right) Dr. H. Alsagaff, Dr. M. Harasawa and the Minister of health.

The second congress of Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology was held in Bali during July 1-4, 1990 as a joint international congress with 5th Indonesian Association of Pulmonologist. The congress was a great success. The numbers speak for themselves; over 550 individuals attended the meeting; 20 countries were represented; and 250 abstracts were submitted.

The Organizing Committee made exceptional exertions to make this international meeting into a truly worthwhile one for the attendants. Dr. Hood Alsagaff, President and chairman together with Dr. Benjamin Margono, the secretary general organized this meeting excellently. They should be very proud of what has been achieved.

The scientific program consisted to plenary lectures and symposia. There were oral presentations and posters were displayed. Participants also enjoyed a variety of well thought-out social programs highlighted by the dinner party hosted by his Excellency the Governor of Bali on the last day of the meeting.

The APSR would like to thank Dr. Benjamin Margono for editing a daily Congress News In addition to his work as Secretary General of the Organizing Committee.

The following is a sample form the Congress News.

Dear colleagues,

We have to come last day of the congress. A congress of smiles, anger and (almost) tears, but above all congress of camaraderie of respirologist of Asia-Pacific region.

Let me assure you that none of the mishaps, whether big or small were done with malicious aforethought, including the accommodation at the Pesona Hotel, which was deemed as being too far away form the congress venue, but which was inevitable given the high occupancy rate of hotels in Kuta at time of the year.

My congratulations to Prof. Michiyoshi Harasawa, Shiro Kira and Takao Takizawa who will be at the helm of the APSR for at least another 3 years and also to Hood Alasgaff who was reelected to the presidency of the IDPI for another term.

Many papers have been presented, debated on, challenged, or applauded but above all, they opened a window on the activities of respirology in the respective member countries of the APSR.

So after all is said and done, an apt song for this occasion brings us to that wonderful of never land, Dysneyworld, with:

“It’s a small world.”

It’s a world of laughter, a world of tears,
It’s a world of hope and a world of tears
There’s so much to be shared
That it’s time were aware,
It’s a small world after all.

Selamat bertpisah, sampai jumpa lagi.

Sayonara, Auf wiedersehn, Till we meet again at the 3rd congress of the APSR in Singapore, 1993 and/or the 6th congress of the IDPI in Solo, 1993.

Best regard,

Benjamin Margono
Editor Congress News
Secretary General, Organizing Committee

Interview With Dr. A. Syakur Gani The Indonesian Association Of Pulmonologists

The Indonesian Association Of Pulmonologists (Ikatana Dokter Paru Indonesia) was established in September 8, 1973 at Jakarta. As a professional organization IDPI has the major objective to improve the quality of pulmonary health of the community through:

1. Exchanges in knowledge, experience, and ideas among pulmonologists and also with other branches of medical science.
2. Unification of the various perceptions of pulmonary problems in community.
3. Provide suggestions to the Government and the Indonesian Medical Association on pulmonary health problems.
4. Organize regular meetings for Indonesian pulmonologists.
5. Create up-to-date education concepts for the training of pulmonology specialists in Indonesia.

According to Dr. A. Syakur Gani IDPI members number 230 doctors consisting of 170 specialists and 60 doctors in training.

They have three training centers in Indonesia: USU (University of Northsity Sumatra), UI (University of Indonesia), and Unair (University of Airlangga).

The secretariat of IDPI is located at the Department of Pulmonology, University of Indonesia, Faculty of Medicine, Jalan Persahabatan, Jakarta.

This organization is at present presided by Hood Alasgaff with Dr. Syakur Gani himself as secretary General.

The 3rd Congress of the APSR to be held in Singapore; 1993

The executive meeting in Bali held in July 1990 agreed unanimously to ask the Singapore Thoracic Society to host the 3rd Congress in Singapore.

Dr. W. C. J Tang, the president of the Singapore Thoracic Society provisionally accepted this invitation on be half of the society. She wrote recently to Dr. Shiro Kira, Secretary General of APSR confirming that the Society had confirmed the acceptance. We hope all who can will aid and assist Dr. Tan in making the meeting a successful one.

**Dr. M. Harasawa, the president of APSR
addressed at the opening ceremony:**

The following is his speech on the occasion.

Address of the president of APSR

Minister of Health, Governor of Bali, President of Indonesia Medical Association, President of Congress, distinguished Guest, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is my privilege and great honor to have the opportunity to address on the opening of the Joint International Congress on the 2nd meeting of the Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology and 5th Indonesian Association of Pulmonologist.

The APSR was established in 1986 to promote advances in knowledge of the respiratory system in health and disease and to promote the exchange of knowledge among respirologist in the Asian and Pacific region. The first Congress was held in Tokyo in 1988 with successful results.

The steering committee held during the first congress recommended the 2nd congress of the APSR to be held in Indonesia in 1990. Indonesian Association of Pulmonologist accepted this decision and local Organizing Committee was immediately formed. They made tremendous efforts for the preparation of this Congress.

It is fortunate for the 2nd congress to have 20 countries represented with more than 500 participants and more than 250 scientific papers. Those presentations as well as the discussion at the meeting should further promote the development of respirology in this part of the world by facilitating mutual understanding and friendship, among members of APSR. It is my heartfelt wish that activities will help the society to develop further.

Finally, I would like to express sincere appreciation for the work of President Alsagaff and all of his colleagues for their efforts in organizing this meeting.

Thank you.

Prof. M. Harasawa

Amendment to the Bylaws approved

It was decided at the Executive Committee Meeting held on July 3, 1990 in Bali that **Article 5-3: Executive Committe Members** should be altered as follows.

Present:

The Executive Committee shall be representative of the membership. Initially, the members of the International Steering Committee shall be members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the immediate past president, and president elect, plus the president of the next congress of the Society, the Secretary General and the Treasurer, in addition to national representatives. **The representatives of individual countries/regions shall be active members who are selected by the members from those countries. Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, the Philippines and Thailand shall always be represented by at least one member. The executive Committee shall meet annually.**

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This was confirmed by a mail vote among 129 members (Total numbers of votes received within 60 days after mailing out. 57: votes for 57, against 0).

Summary of Survey Sheet

Country	Japan	Korea	Hong Kong
Name of academic organization	Japan Society of Chest Diseases	Korean Academy of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases	Hong Kong Thoracic Society
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Composition of the organization			
President	Dr. Susumu Kishimoto	Dr. Young Pyo Hong	Dr. W.K. Lam
Membership numbers	7210	609	163
General Meeting	1 time/year	2 time/year	1 time/year
Official Journal	Yes	Yes	No

The above data were derived from all survey forms received by the secretariat by November 30, 1990.

The APSR hopes that increasing numbers of national societies will include sessions in English at their domestic meetings and encourage participation by those from other countries in the Asian pacific region.

CALL FOR INPUT TO MAKE THE NEWS LETTER INFORMATIVE

The News letter of APSR will be issued twice a year starting in 1991. It aims at being more informative, useful and instrumental for the realization of what is proposed in Bylaws.

We invite you to write all sorts of opinions, news and comments to the secretariat.

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