



Newsletter

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Message from the President



Dear APSR Members,

As we step into 2025, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all APSR members, en bloc societies, and leaders for your unwavering dedication and contributions over the past year. The APSR continues to thrive as a leading respiratory society, uniting 12 en bloc societies, 16 assemblies, 4 sections, and 18,307 members as of 1 December 2024. Together, we have achieved significant milestones, as highlighted in my report at the Annual General Meeting in Hong Kong last year.

This year, we will focus on successfully launching recent initiatives and advancing our plans for 2025. With your continued support, I am confident that we can build upon our successes and further strengthen the APSR's impact in the Asia-Pacific

region and beyond.

Advancing Research Opportunities

Recognizing the critical role of funding in fostering innovation, the APSR has introduced two new initiatives: the En Bloc Society Research Project Fund and the Young Investigator Research Project Fund. These programmes aim to address economic disparities among member societies by providing targeted support for research and early-career members. Beginning this year, \$60,000 will be allocated annually to these initiatives, enabling diverse member societies to enhance their research capacity. I encourage all eligible APSR members to apply for these funds.

Enhancing Digital Connectivity

The launch of the revamped APSR website in July 2024 marked a significant step forward in improving member communication and administrative efficiency. The updated platform features a user-friendly interface, advanced member management tools, and enhanced assembly communication channels. Building on this progress, we plan to introduce additional features in the coming months, including recognition of FAPSR members and revenue-generating banner advertisements.

Educational Excellence through Webinars

Starting in January 2025, we are introducing a series of monthly assembly webinars tailored to the specific needs of each assembly. These webinars will go beyond traditional reviews to incorporate presenters' original research, thereby elevating their educational value. Alongside our ongoing APSR Grand Rounds webinars, this initiative underscores our commitment to delivering high-quality, accessible education across the region.

Diversity and Inclusion as a Core Value

In 2024, the APSR solidified its commitment to diversity and inclusion by publishing the APSR Policy on Diversity and Inclusion. This landmark initiative aims to address historical and systemic inequalities while promoting health equity for all.

Empowering Young Investigators

Supporting the next generation of respiratory specialists remains a top priority. To this end, we have increased the number of short-term research training opportunities for young investigators, enabling them to gain valuable international experience. Additionally, we plan to offer more opportunities for young investigators to present at the APSR Congress and participate in the Early Career Members Programme. These efforts reflect our dedication to nurturing the leaders and innovators of tomorrow.

Guideline Development and Collaboration

The establishment of the APSR Guideline Committee marks a new chapter in our society's ability to contribute to global respiratory health standards. With the active participation of experts recommended by our en bloc

societies, we are laying the foundation for high-quality, evidence-based guidelines tailored to current practices in the Asia-Pacific region.

Collaboration within FIRS and International Societies

In 2024, the APSR reinforced its commitment to global respiratory health through active participation in the Forum of International Respiratory Societies (FIRS). As a founding member of FIRS, the APSR collaborated with global partners such as ATS, ERS, CHEST, ALAT, PATS, GOLD, and GINA, to address critical respiratory challenges worldwide.

Through FIRS, we worked closely with the World Health Organization (WHO) and its regional offices to contribute to global health initiatives, including advancing the prevention, diagnosis, and management of respiratory diseases. These collaborations underscore the APSR's vital role in shaping global health strategies and promoting equity in respiratory care.

Shared Vision for the Future

As we embark on this new year, our collective efforts remain essential to advancing the APSR's mission. By fostering collaboration, inclusivity, and excellence, we are laying the foundation for a brighter future in respiratory medicine.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. I look forward to working with you in 2025 to achieve our shared goals.

Chul-Gyu Yoo

Message from the new President-Elect

I would like to express my gratitude for the great honour of being appointed as the President-Elect of the APSR. At the same time, I feel a great sense of responsibility.

Over the past year, I have had many experiences as the Secretary General of the APSR under the presidential leadership of Prof. Chul-Gyu Yoo. These experiences were very valuable to me, and I especially appreciate getting to know many APSR members.

What particularly impressed me was that the APSR continues to develop strongly and is full of vitality. The APSR is a wonderful organization with a tradition of building strong relationships across the Asia-Pacific region, where ideas are freely exchanged and discussed, all with the goal of combating respiratory diseases. The APSR also has strong relationships with lung health organizations, pharmaceutical companies, and supporters, which is one of its strengths.

The APSR has begun working towards creating clinical practice guidelines. Given the diversity and

individuality of the en bloc societies, I believe that the guidelines created by the APSR will provide an important direction among global guidelines. I hope that all APSR members will collaborate in creating excellent guidelines that reflect the characteristics of the APSR.

Although the world political situation remains unstable and the economic situation is still uncertain, I hope that this year will be a peaceful one for all APSR members, allowing them to devote themselves to respiratory care with peace of mind.

We wish for 2025 to be a wonderful year for the APSR and all members.

Yoshinori Hasegawa

Message from the Editor in Chief of *Respirology*

My Co-Editor in Chief, Philip Bardin, has concluded his Editorship term for *Respirology* at the recent APSR Congress in Hong Kong. It has been a great pleasure and honour to share the Editor role with Phil for the past eight years, during which time the journal has reached new heights in terms of quality, standard and esteem. Since we began in the role in 2017, article downloads have more than doubled, submissions have increased by more than 50%, the Editorial Board has grown by 23%, and the impact factor has increased from 4.4 to 6.6. None of this would have been possible without Phil's unwavering commitment, hard work, initiative and leadership. My term as Co-Editor in Chief will conclude at the APSR 2025 Congress in Manila and my task over the next 12 months, with the support of the Editorial Office staff, will be to pass on our knowledge and gained experience to our successor, Dr Toshiaki Kikuchi. I warmly welcome him to the team and I look forward to working together with him and Deputy Editor in Chief Dr Keiko Kan-o who will support Dr Kikuchi during 2025.

The APSR 2024 Congress in Hong Kong was a great opportunity to catch up with many of our APSR colleagues, fellow journal editors, authors and readers. I'd like to thank the Editorial Office staff for promoting the journals at the *Respirology* booth. I'm also very grateful to the Central Congress Committee for giving us an opportunity to present a session on '*An Editor's Guide to Research Publishing for Clinicians*', which included presentations on why clinicians should do research – by Prof. Gary Lee (Deputy Editor, *Respirology Case Reports*); how open-access publishing can increase exposure for your research – by Dr Lieve Bultynck (Managing Editor, *Respirology*); and how to become a reviewer – by Prof. David Lam (Deputy Editor, *Respirology*). The presentation on *Open-Access Publishing* is now available to members via the APSR website ([Open Access Publishing Explained](#)) for anyone who would like to find out more but was unable to attend the session. The presentation highlights the

increasing number of institutions and funders that cover the cost of open-access publications for their researchers. To see whether your institution covers your open-access fees to publish in *Respirology*, please visit this webpage: [Open Access Funds – Payments Made Easy](#) We encourage anyone with questions about open-access publication to contact the Editorial Office (respirology@resphealth.uwa.edu.au) We also encourage anyone who is interested in reviewing for the journal to contact the Editorial Office.



Prof. David Lam presenting on the benefits of becoming a reviewer at the APSR Congress in Hong Kong

Phil and I also had the pleasure of meeting *Fukuchi* Awardees, Rachel Foong and Bilal Malik, and *APSR Clean Air Research* Awardee Qiang Zheng in person, and presenting them with their awards at the Gala Dinner, for their excellent publications. It was an honour to have one of our longest-standing panel members, Prof. Antonio Anzueto, joining us for the award ceremony this year. Another special moment at the Gala Dinner was the recognition given to the Editorial Office staff - Christel Norman, Anke van Eekelen and Lieve Bultynck - for their distinguished service and commitment to the APSR.



Fukuchi Award winners Dr Rachel Foong (left) and Dr Bilal Malik (right) with selection panel member Prof. Antonio Anzueto (middle).

I presented the journal's annual report at the APSR's *Annual General Meeting* (AGM). For those unable to attend the AGM, a copy of the annual report is available on the members-only pages of the APSR website. The report shows the journal's continued strong performance. The report also includes the latest impact factor of 6.6. Like most journals, *Respirology* has seen a slight drop in its impact factor due to ongoing changes to the IF

calculation and a return to pre-COVID citation patterns. *Respirology* continues to be ranked 12th out of 100 *Respiratory System Journals* in Clarivate's *Journal Citation Reports* (compared to 12/65 journals last year) and maintains its Q1 journal status.

The journal's continued progress would not be possible without the contributions of our expert Editorial Board, and I would like to thank the whole team for their ongoing commitment and expert contributions. I would like to make a particular mention of our newest members - Richard Leigh, Tracy Leong, Michael Pallin, Jodie Simpson, Min Xie, and Kuang-Yao Yang - and warmly welcome them to the team. Finally, I'd also like to thank all our authors, reviewers, APSR members and APSR leadership for their strong support. As always, a special thank you goes to our dedicated Editorial Office team – Lieve, Anke, Christel, Naomi, Clare, Debra and Rosa. Anke and Naomi are leaving the team this month for retirement and other opportunities. I'd like to thank them for the high-level support they've provided for so many years and for their dedication and loyalty to the journal. It was an absolute pleasure to work with them, and I wish them all the very best for the future.

Paul Reynolds

Message from the Editor in Chief of *Respirology Case Reports*

We are pleased to report another successful year of operation. Submissions to *Respirology Case Reports* (over 380 predicted for 2024, compared to 250 in 2023) and publications (over 250 predicted in 2024, compared to 176 in 2023) have significantly increased in 2024. Our Clarivate 2023 Impact Factor™ remained the same at 0.8, and our 2023 Scopus CiteScore increased to 1.4. Other [metrics](#) for the journal are available on the journal's website.

We received manuscripts from 51 countries (36 last year). The majority of submissions originated from Japan (31%), followed by Australia (9%), China (8%), the United States (6%), and India (5%). Seventy-six percent of submissions were from the Asia-Pacific region.

All COVID-19-related manuscripts published are accessible in special collections on our website: [Special Collection COVID-19](#)

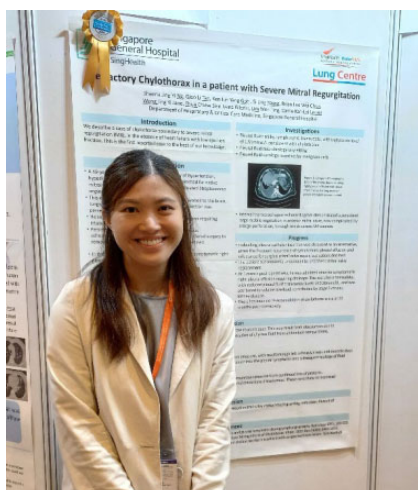
The acceptance rate remains high and stable at 76%, and on average, the authors are informed of the first decision within 18 days of submission. Once accepted, articles are published online within a few weeks and are then available on PubMed Central within a couple of weeks.

We now publish clinical trial protocols. Publishing a clinical trial protocol increases transparency and helps ensure that post-trial publications are consistent. This practice is becoming increasingly

common. Please refer to our [author guidelines](#) for more information and how to submit.

Respirology Case Reports is strongly supported by the APSR members. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued support of our journal. All APSR members continue to benefit from a 50% discount from the open-access publication charge for case reports, case series and clinical trial protocols published in *Respirology Case Reports* and we hope to see many more members submit articles to our journal. Corresponding authors from institutions in some countries, are offered a waiver of the open-access publication fee by our publisher, Wiley. We encourage authors from these countries to take advantage of this opportunity to publish in our journal. For an up-to-date list of countries benefiting from a discount or waiver, please visit the journal's website: [Publication Charges & Discounts](#) and [Waivers & Discounts for Authors](#)

At the recent APSR Congress in Hong Kong, we awarded the *Respirology Case Reports* Poster awards for the best Case Report posters presented at the Congress.



Gold winner: Dr Sheena Jing Yi Ng for the poster: “*Refractory chylothorax in a patient with severe mitral regurgitation.*”



Silver Winner: Dr Luk Ping Lam for the poster: “*Catastrophic hemoptysis in concurrent laryngeal and endobronchial tuberculosis in an immunocompetent host: survival following brief ECMO Support.*”



Bronze winner: Dr Almera Manan for the poster: “*Pulmonary hyalinizing granuloma presenting as a superior vena cava syndrome in a 35-year-old male.*”

All awardees were invited to submit their manuscript to *Respirology Case Reports*. They will receive a waiver of the open-access publication fee if their manuscript is submitted and accepted for publication in *Respirology Case Reports*, as well as editorial assistance to prepare their manuscript for publication.

The Case Report Poster Award is presented annually at the APSR Congress. Authors are selected on an opt-in basis from those presenting a case report or case series as a poster. Previous years' winning papers published in the journal, can be found here: [Respirology Case Reports Poster Award](#)

Many excellent case reports were presented at the recent APSR Congress in Hong Kong. If you were presenting a case report, you may have noticed a postcard from us on your poster, as we encourage the presenters to consider submitting their work to *Respirology Case Reports*. For more information and to submit your case report, please visit the journal's website: [Author Guidelines](#)

Our readership remains global and has continued to grow, with the number of downloads reaching over 500,000 (from Wiley's 2023 Annual Report). The list of the most-read case reports from Wiley Online Library is available on the journal website: [Respirology Case Reports](#)

We were delighted to have our own journal booth with *Respirology* at the APSR Congress and would like to take this opportunity to thank the APSR for providing us with the opportunity to feature our journal during the Congress. The Editorial Office staff met several authors at the booth and addressed their questions. The journal was also promoted at the ERS 2024 and JRS 2024 conferences, with a banner displayed at the APSR booth.



The *Respirology* booth at the APSR 2024 from left to right, Dr Christel Norman, Dr Lieve Bultynck and Dr Anke van Eckelen.

The journal continues to be widely promoted across various channels, including the distribution of electronic table of contents (eTOC) alerts via email and through the *APSR Bulletin*. We have continued to advertise the journal on the *Respirology* and APSR websites, as well as on those of other societies. Wiley ran email campaigns for Top Cited, Top Downloaded, Calls for submissions from prospective and current authors, as well as Wiley Open Access marketing. We also send a message on X (formerly Twitter) each time a case report is published and have noticed that some case reports have attracted a lot of comments and activity on this platform. Case reports published in 2023 received 713 mentions online. X was the main source of mentions (705), followed by 3 mentions in online news outlets, 1 mention on Wikipedia and 4 mentions on Facebook.

In 2024, we bade farewell to our Associate Editor, Cameron Sullivan, who stepped down due to other commitments. We were also saddened by the news of the passing of our Associate Editor, Dr John Wrightson, in May 2024.

In 2024, we welcomed the following new Associate Editors: Chia-Hung Chen (Taiwan), Timothy Dempsey (United States), Claude S. Farah (Australia), Francesca Gonnelli (Italy), Adrian Lowe (Australia), Spasoje Popević (Serbia), Kay Choong See (Singapore), Jane Shaw (South Africa), Takahiro Takazono (Japan), Lauren Troy (Australia), and Jane Winantea (Germany).

We are indebted to our Associate Editors for their work in assessing all the manuscripts submitted to the journal. We would like to thank each one of them for their commitment and support, their expert advice, and for championing the journal. We also acknowledge our Deputy Editors, Philip Bardin, Peter Eastwood, Gary Lee and Paul Reynolds, who provide guidance and support to the journal.

There is a hardworking team behind *Respirology Case Reports* who deserve recognition and thanks, including Dr Lieve Bultynck, Managing Editor, and Dr Christel Norman, Deputy Managing Editor, who ensure that the journal runs smoothly on a daily basis, as well as the rest of the Editorial Office staff, the team at Wiley, and the APSR Secretariat.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous 2025.

Keiko Kan-o

Message from the new APSR Education Committee Chairperson

Dear members of the APSR

It gives me great pleasure to serve as the Chairperson of the APSR Education Committee. This is my first time writing in the newsletter, and I look forward to continuing the work set out by my predecessor, Dr Philip Eng. I would like to express my deep admiration for his passion and hard work.

One of the main pillars of the Education Committee's work is the Grand Round webinars. All of the webinars held so far have been very well received, providing APSR members with the opportunity to hear very interesting cases from Asia-Pacific region. I have personally learned a great deal from these sessions, and we plan to continue offering webinars across various fields in the future.

The second pillar is the publication of the *APSR Bulletin* and *Respiratory Updates*. *Respiratory Updates* continues to be at the cutting edge of APSR education, with a monthly list of the top 10 peer-reviewed papers from the past 12 months on a specific topic, with direct links to the full articles. The *Bulletin* has also launched a Cappuccino Chat segment to showcase the hobbies of prominent APSR leaders. These articles have been very interesting and inspiring, and we will continue to include them. Please feel free to recommend any APSR leaders that you would like to read about.

The third pillar is the APSR Teaching Library. A large number of cases have been accumulated, and there is no doubt that this resource will be useful in clinical practice.

Building on Dr Philip Eng's contributions, we will first enhance webinars in each area and aim to enhance educational opportunities and materials. Our goal is to reduce disparities within the Asia-Pacific region and build a sustainable system in which any member can participate.

I look forward to working with all of you in the APSR. Education has been a core mission of the Society since its inception in 1982. If you have any new ideas or would like to contribute your time and expertise to the Education Committee, please feel

free to let me know.

Masaki Fujita

Message from the APSR Research Committee Chairperson

The APSR continues to drive respiratory research and training initiatives across the Asia-Pacific region. A new Multi-Society Research Project has been launched, focusing on the epidemiology and practice pattern differences of interstitial lung disease in the Asia-Pacific region. Led by Dr Li Yunkai Andrew from Singapore, the project involves experts from eight countries/regions. Four new projects funded by the APSR Assembly Fund are now underway. These include a study on diagnostic practices for tuberculous pleuritis (led by Dr Ka Pang Chan from Hong Kong), research on protective ventilation strategies (Dr Kiyoyasu Kurahashi from Japan), modelling cardiac function after pulmonary embolism (Dr Dingyi Wang from China), and studying acute lung response to excessive oxygen exposure (Dr Jung-Ki Yoon from the Republic of Korea). Each project brings together specialists from multiple countries, highlighting the collaborative spirit of the APSR.

In 2025, the APSR will introduce two new initiatives: the En Bloc Society Research Projects and the Young Investigator Research Projects. These programmes aim to further promote research activities in the region, with details to be announced soon.

The Short-Term Research/Training Scholarship programme continues to support emerging talent. Recipients for 2024–2026 include Dr Rong Lih Ho, Dr Yen Shen Wong, and Dr Kughanishah Jeyabalan (from Malaysia), who will undergo training periods ranging from three to six months. The APSR's Travel Awards have provided opportunities for young investigators and trainees to attend international conferences. At the ATS International Conference 2024 in San Diego, Dr Yeon Wook Kim (Republic of Korea) and Dr Paris Papagianis (Australia) were awarded, with Dr Tai Tran-Quoc (Vietnam) selected for the Resident Boot Camp. At the ERS Congress 2024 in Vienna, Dr Keiji Fujiwara (Japan) and Dr Renee Nicole Yun Wen Ng (Australia) received the Young Investigator Awards.

Chin Kook Rhee

Message from the new APSR Membership Committee Chairperson

Happy New Year to all members of the APSR.

Membership types

There are two types of membership in the APSR; en bloc membership and individual membership.

En Bloc membership

There are currently 12 en bloc member societies, with a total membership of 17,241 (as of 1 December 2024), a decrease of 1,328 members compared to last year.

Individual membership

There are 1,066 individual members from 56 countries/regions (as of 1 December 2024), an increase of 509 members compared to last year.

The number of Associate and Undergraduate Student members increased considerably, suggesting that these new categories are becoming more recognized.

FAPSR members

The Membership Committee has finalized the new application criteria for FAPSR, and in 2024 we welcomed 26 new FAPSR members.

As the Chairperson of the APSR Membership Committee, I hope all members of the APSR continue to enjoy the privileges of APSR membership.

Kazuhiro Yatera

Report from the 28th APSR Congress President

The 28th Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology (APSR 2024), with the theme of “*Personalized Care in Respiriology*”, was successfully held from 7 to 10 November 2024 in Hong Kong at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. On behalf of the Hong Kong Thoracic Society and the Local Congress Committee, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the APSR President, Dr Chul-Gyu Yoo, APSR Assembly leaders, speakers, chairpersons and delegates for their kind support and active participation!



APSR leaders at the opening ceremony of the APSR 2024

At the Opening Ceremony, we were honoured to have the blessing of the Guest of Honour, Mr John Lee, the Chief Executive of the Government

of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Following the formal opening of the Congress, there were two and a half days of a packed scientific programme on a great variety of topics in Respiratory Medicine, Critical Care Medicine, Paediatric Respiriology, and Molecular Medicine. Four keynote lectures were given by the Presidents of APSR and sister societies, along with two highly honoured memorial lectures, as well as the APSR-GOLD symposium. Parallel oral sessions were arranged throughout the Congress to provide ample opportunities for academic exchanges among researchers from different fields and countries/regions. In addition, there was a new session on “*Diversity and Inclusion in Respiratory Medicine*”, in line with the adoption of the APSR Policy on Diversity and Inclusion this year.



Presidential lecture at the APSR 2024

A total of 1,981 delegates from 46 countries/regions participated in APSR 2024. They were actively involved in discussions and exchanged ideas and opinions. All delegates returned to their workplaces with updated knowledge and experience.



Apart from the academic exchanges, the Gala Dinner was one of the highlights. It provided a golden opportunity to meet with friends and resonate with the theme of “*Friendship*”. We enjoyed the Chinese food, performances, and the humour of our Master of Ceremonies, Dr Joseph Pang. Together with his teammates, Dr Christopher Chan and Dr Jackson Leung, we are confident that all our guests had a delightful evening filled with camaraderie and celebration.



Local Congress Committee members at the Gala dinner of the APSR 2024

We would also like to thank the Government of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Tourism Board for supporting this event. Last but not least, we would like to express our gratitude to our Diamond sponsors (AstraZeneca, Boehringer Ingelheim, and GlaxoSmithKline), Gold sponsors (Olympus, Pfizer, and Roche), and all our industry partners for making APSR 2024 a tremendous success. Our industry partners were pleased to engage in networking and interactions with the delegates.



Handover Ceremony at the APSR 2024, from left to right, Dr Fanny Wai-San Ko, Dr James Ho, Presidents of APSR 2024, and Dr Charles Yu, Congress President of APSR 2025

We hope you all have wonderful memories of Hong Kong, a city where East meets West. As we look ahead, let us carry the momentum from this Congress into our daily practices. The connections we have forged here are invaluable. We look forward to meeting you again at the APSR 2025 Congress in Manila.



Fanny Wai-San Ko
James Chung-Man Ho

Awards presented at the 28th APSR Congress

The following awards were presented during the APSR 2024 Congress in Hong Kong.

They include awards named in honour of members with a long-standing history of teaching and mentorship in their respective fields, who have made significant contributions to respiratory medicine in the Asia-Pacific region.

Further details of all awards can be seen at [Awards](#)

The Awards and recipients at the 28th APSR Congress include:

APSR Medal

David CL Lam (Hong Kong)

Michiyoshi Harasawa Research Award

Mitsuo Sato (Japan)

Ann Janet Woolcock Research Award

Philip Bardin (Australia)

Fukuchi Award for Best Original Research Paper in Respiriology

'Longitudinal effects of prenatal exposure to plastic-derived chemicals and their metabolites on asthma and lung function from childhood into adulthood'

Authors: Rachel E. Foong, Peter Franklin, Francesca Sanna, Graham L. Hall, Peter D. Sly, Eric B. Thorstensen, Dorota A. Doherty, Jeffrey A. Keelan, Roger J. Hart

'Severe asthma ILC2s demonstrate enhanced proliferation that is modified by biologics'

Authors: Bilal Malik, Nathan W. Bartlett, John W. Upham, Kristy S. Nichol, John Harrington, Peter A. B. Wark

APSR Clean Air Research Award

'Long-term exposure to low concentrations of air pollution and decline in lung function in people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis: Evidence from Australia'

Authors: Qiang Zheng, Ingrid A. Cox, Lucy Leigh, Barbara de Graaff, Fay H. Johnston, Tamera J. Corte, Luke D. Knibbs, Petr Otahal, Vidya Navaratnam, Julie A. Campbell, Ian Glaspole, Yuben Moodley, Peter Hopkins, John A. Mackintosh, Hasnat Ahmad, E. Haydn Walters, Andrew J. Palmer

APSR-ATS Young Investigator Award

Christopher V. Cosgriff (USA)

Daniel Croft (USA)

APSR-ERS Young Investigator Award

Cally Ho-sum Wong (Hong Kong)

Charles Wong (Hong Kong)

APSR-JRS Young Investigator Award

Yoichi Tagami (Japan)

Yoshifumi Suzuki (Japan)

Natsuki Nakagawa (Japan)

APSR Travel Award

Zhou Jin (China)

Yuhui Qiang (China)

Nozomi Kawabe (Japan)

Sangryul Cha (Republic of Korea)

Lifei Lu (China)

Sean Fergie Verillo (Philippines)

Junfeng Huang (China)

Siying Ren (China)

Yifan Wu (China)

Kughanishah Jeyabalan (Malaysia)

APSR Young Investigator Travel Award

Dan Liu (China)

Jimin Jang (Republic of Korea)

Joon Young Choi (Republic of Korea)

Yue Su (China)

Lisi Luo (China)

Tianchang Wei (China)

Ming Yang (China)

Yizhong Zheng (Australia)

Liliang Yang (China)

Yan Hu (China)

Hong Kong Lung Foundation Professor Wah-kit Lam Young Investigator Award

Wang Chun Kwok (Hong Kong)

APSR / Peter Sly Paediatric Young Investigator Award

Citra Cesilia (Indonesia)

APSR / Norbert Berend COPD Young Investigator Award

Phumipat Pipattanasak (Thailand)

APSR / Paul Zimmerman Physiology Young Investigator Award

Albert Mitchell Yap (Philippines)

APSR / Malcolm Winterburn Lung Cancer Young Investigator Award

Kezreen Kaur Dhaliwal (Malaysia)

APSR / APTA Young Investigator Award

Leng Cheng Sia (Malaysia)

APSR / KYF Young Investigator Award for Geriatric Respiriology

Siyu Dai (China)

APSR / KF-CB Lung Cancer Research Young Investigator Award

Yosuke Chiba (Japan)

APSR / J Patrick Barron Medical Education Young Investigator Award

Minh Phuong Trinh (Republic of Korea)

Nobuyasu Awano (Japan)

APSR / KATRD Young Investigator Award

Sooim Sin (Republic of Korea)

APSR / PCCP Young Investigator Award

Jairus Cabajar (Philippines)

APSR / VNRS Young Investigator Award

Quoc-Khanh Tran-Le (Viet Nam)

APSR / Woolcock Vietnam Young Investigator Award

Van Duong-Thi-Thanh (Viet Nam)

APSR / VNRS Young Investigator Award for Lung Cancer Research

Luan Pham Van (Viet Nam)

APSR Clean Air Congress Abstract Award

Fadhul Huda Suardi (Indonesia)

Yogi Himawan (Indonesia)

APSR / PE Young Investigator Award for Clinical Resp Medicine Research

Yu Feng Shi (Australia)

APSR / Eric Lim Brompton Thoracic Surgery Young Investigator Award

Natthawut Chuensawad (Thailand)

APSR Assembly Education Awards

The APSR Assembly Education Awards provide opportunities for young investigators to experience presenting at an APSR Congress, and receive immediate feedback and advice from APSR experts.

Clinical Respiratory Medicine Assembly

Soo Jie Chung (Republic of Korea)

Vikram Damaraju (India)

Xicong Li (China)

Yin Ling Lee (Hong Kong)

Ho Ying Lau (Hong Kong)

Cell and Molecular Biology Assembly

Masahito Katsuda (Japan)

Kanna Umeda (Japan)

Ayano Ohashi (Japan)

Sylvia Rianissa Putri (Indonesia)

Muli Yaman (Indonesia)

Clinical Allergy & Immunology Assembly

Takayasu Nishimaki (Japan)

Respiratory Infections (non-tuberculous) Assembly

Jack Zhao (Australia)

Kyu-Min Kim (Republic of Korea)

Yan-Hua Chai (China)

Reza Rahmadinata (Indonesia)

Aura Kay Gonzales (Philippines)

Hui Ching Christy Chan (Hong Kong)

Tuberculosis Assembly

William Nigole (Australia)

Fabiola Anastasia Kartini Fau (Indonesia)

Cary Amiel Villanueva (Philippines)

Dyah Ayu Shinta Lesmanawati (Indonesia)

Luk Ping Lam (Hong Kong)

COPD Assembly

Rohan Broadhead (Australia)

Hariette Goldman (Australia)

Ilham Revan Ananda (Indonesia)

Rachata Wongchan (Thailand)

Eka Pujanta Putra Putu (Indonesia)

Lung Cancer Assembly

Joon Kim (Republic of Korea)

Yanping Yang (China)

Almera Manan (Philippines)

Asthma Assembly

Jin Hwa Song (Republic of Korea)

Sekiko Uehara (Japan)

Ryosuke Ozoe (Japan)

Izzatul Nadzirah Ismail (Malaysia)

Respiratory Neurobiology and Sleep Assembly

Xin Yue Guo (Australia)

Abirami Dharmalingam (India)

Critical Care Medicine Assembly

Sol Mara Mariano (Philippines)

Sugeesha Wickramasinghe (Sri Lanka)

Pralia Winda Sari (Indonesia)

Bronchoscopy and Interventional Techniques Assembly

Miwa Kamatani (Japan)

Amelia Tandriyadi (Indonesia)

Sharah Ananta (Indonesia)

Michael Gino Ordon (Philippines)

King-Pui Florence Chan (Hong Kong)

Paediatric Lung Disease Assembly

Sirapoom Niamsanit (Thailand)

Respiratory Structure and Function Assembly

Harry Agustio Zulhadji (Indonesia)

Dea Putri Audina (Indonesia)

Ramon Earl (Philippines)

Pulmonary Circulation Assembly

Yuichi Nagata (Japan)

Joon Yong Moon (USA)

Aila Marnelle Cruz (Philippines)

Lea Dianne Ayuyao (Philippines)

Chin Tong Kwok (Hong Kong)

Interstitial Lung Disease Assembly

Jie Qi Cheong (Singapore)

Kosumi Kumagai (Japan)

Charlotte Chen (New Zealand)

Yen Shen Wong (Malaysia)

Sumithra Appava (Malaysia)

Kevin Aristyo (Indonesia)

Respirology Case Reports Poster Award

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APSR Distinguished Service and Commitment Award

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Christel Norman (Australia)

Message from the 29th APSR Congress President



We are ONE in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond in our fight for lung health! I am delighted to welcome you to the 29th Congress of the APSR which will be held on 13-16 November 2025 in Manila, Philippines. The theme for this Congress is “*Solidarity in Lung Health*”, reflecting our shared commitment and vision to ensure that every citizen enjoys the best possible respiratory health. This includes effective disease control, when necessary, and the maintenance of optimal lung health at all times.

In preparation for the subsequent 30th APSR Congress in 2026, we will reflect, relax, mingle with colleagues, solidify our pursuit for unity and share best practices from our respective countries/regions. We will do this in the warm, cheerful and uplifting atmosphere of the Philippines this November 2025.

In addition to enjoying the beaches and diving spots, delicious Filipino cuisine, and the attractive tourist sites throughout the Philippine archipelago, we will showcase state-of-the-art practices in the different fields of pulmonary medicine. The Congress will feature SOLIDARITY plenaries, SOLID developments in the break-out and meet-

the-expert sessions and ConSOLIDation Symposia that will highlight the TEN focus topics on Technology, Education & Ethics, and Nutrition.

The topics that are uniquely best practices from the Asia-Pacific region will be the following:

The Essential TEN:

1. Point-of-care ultrasound in resource-limited Asian settings: improving respiratory diagnostics.
2. AI-assisted tuberculosis screening in high-burden Southeast Asian countries.
3. Biologics for severe asthma in Asia: addressing unique phenotypes and access challenges.
4. Nutrition strategies for COPD management in Asian populations: balancing traditional diets and modern recommendations.
5. Innovative respiratory medicine education in the Asia-Pacific region: virtual reality and telemedicine approaches.
6. Liquid biopsy for lung cancer screening in Japan: early detection in a high-risk population.
7. Home NIV implementation for COPD in urban Chinese settings: overcoming cultural and logistical barriers.
8. Gut-lung axis in Asian populations: dietary influences on respiratory microbiome and disease.
9. Digital health interventions for asthma self-management in the tech-savvy Republic of Korea.

We look forward to seeing you at the Philippine International Convention Center, Manila, Philippines on 13-16 November 2025 for the 29th APSR Congress on Solidarity in Lung Health. We pursue our goals for the region - TOGETHER. Together, we are stronger, better, and unstoppable!

Charles Yu

~ Reports from the APSR Congress Award Winners ~

APSR / Eric Lim Brompton Thoracic Surgery Young Investigator Award



I would like to express my gratitude to the committee for considering me to attend the APSR 2024 Congress and for the opportunity to present my research orally. I acquired new knowledge from professionals and gained a lot of experience. Additionally, I had the opportunity to talk with multidisciplinary colleagues, which opened my eyes to new ideas and helped me advance my profession. I believe that

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attending this Congress will help me improve my research and enhance patient care efficiency. If a Congress is held in 2025, I will certainly attend.

Natthawut Chuensawad (Thailand)

APSR / KF-CB Lung Cancer Research Young Investigator Award



My name is Yosuke Chiba, and I work at the University of Occupational and Environmental Health Hospital in Kitakyushu, Fukuoka, Japan. I am honoured to have received the APSR / KF-CB Lung Cancer Research Young Investigator Award for my research on “*Tumor intrinsic caspase-4 promotes metastasis and IFN-gamma induced pyroptosis in lung adenocarcinoma*”.

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Receiving such a prestigious award has been a great source of motivation for my future research activities. The research I presented is the culmination of work I have built over four years during my time as a graduate student. Advancing research while balancing clinical duties was by no means easy, but I was able to continue my research with the support of my advisor, Prof. Yatera, who encouraged me to “always maintain a playful spirit and be clear about what you want to elucidate”. Ultimately, being given this opportunity to present my findings has made me feel that my efforts have been rewarded. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to my supervising physicians and the APSR staff who supported this research.

I participated in the Congress to disseminate the results of my basic research on lung cancer internationally, and obtain feedback from a broader perspective. This was my first time attending an international congress in person, and I had been looking forward to it for several months.

My presentation was on the third day during the Lung Cancer (1) Oral Session. In this session, presentations were given not only from the Asia-Pacific region but also from Europe, covering a wide range of research areas including basic research, clinical research, and clinical case reports. Despite the differences in medical systems and backgrounds across countries, I strongly felt the need for global cooperation in addressing common challenges and clinical issues in lung cancer treatment and respiratory health. The Gala Dinner, to which I was invited, was bustling with many participants. I had the valuable experience of seeing Hong Kong's traditional culture through calligraphy, dance, and song, and interacting with researchers from diverse countries.

For young respiratory physicians like myself, securing time for abstract preparation and participation in an international congress amid daily clinical duties is not easy. However, I realized that participating in an international congress provides us with diverse stimuli that transcend national and racial barriers. This experience will undoubtedly contribute to improving motivation in both clinical practice and research. Leveraging this award, I hope to continue conducting research that can be shared with the world.

Yosuke Chiba (Japan)

APSR / Peter Sly Paediatric Young Investigator Award



I was honoured to receive the APSR Peter Sly Paediatric YI Award at the APSR 2024 Congress. This award not only recognizes my effort and dedication to the field of paediatric lung disease but also opens up valuable opportunities for my personal development as a lecturer and paediatric

respirologist.

As an academic, receiving this award has provided me with additional motivation in both teaching and research. It has increased my confidence in sharing my knowledge with students and peers. I am increasingly committed to mentoring the next generation of healthcare professionals so that they can better understand the importance of research in paediatric pulmonary health. Through teaching, I aim to instill the same curiosity and spirit of exploration that has driven me in my academic journey.

In addition, participating in APSR 2024 and getting to know other awardees gave me the opportunity to engage in in-depth scientific discussions with leading experts in the field of paediatric respirology. These interactions not only expanded my professional network but also enabled me to exchange ideas about the challenges and solutions in the management of paediatric pulmonary diseases. Additionally, this experience has opened doors for further collaboration in research and writing.

Furthermore, I hope this award can be a gateway to scholarships and fellowships offered by the APSR. This opportunity will give me access to further training and research programmes, which will not only enhance my competence as a paediatric respirologist but also contribute to the development of science in this field. I am committed to making the most of every opportunity to continue learning and developing, to provide the best for patients and

society.

In conclusion, receiving the APSR Peter Sly Paediatric YI Award was a very rewarding and transformative experience. The award not only recognizes my contributions, but also provides a platform for personal development, research collaboration, and broader educational opportunities. I am optimistic that with the support of the APSR and the academic community, we can collectively improve knowledge and practice in managing paediatric lung disease.

Citra Cesilia (Indonesia)

APSR / J Patrick Barron Medical Education Young Investigator Award



I am Minh Phuong Trinh, from the Department of Microbiology and Convergence of Medical Science, College of Medicine, Gyeongsang National University, Jinju, Republic of Korea.

I am deeply honoured to have received the APSR/ J Patrick Barron Medical Education Young Investigator Award. This recognition marks a significant milestone in my educational journey and is a testament to the hard work and dedication I have put into my studies.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the late Prof. J Patrick Barron, the APSR Committee for their support, Prof. Min-Kyoung Shin, and Prof. Jung-Wan Yoo, for acknowledging my achievements. Your recognition means the world to me, and I am incredibly grateful for your kind words and encouragement. Your support and acknowledgement inspire me to continue striving for excellence in all my academic endeavours. Please extend my gratitude to all the members of the committee who deemed me worthy of this distinction.

My research focuses on the pathogenesis, epidemiology, diagnosis, and treatment, to predict the direction of disease progression and develop technologies that can fundamentally control lung diseases caused by nontuberculous mycobacteria; the development of molecular epidemiology techniques and epidemiological elucidation of nontuberculous mycobacteria; the discovery of factors related to the regulation of host immune response by nontuberculous mycobacteria and study of their mechanisms and clarification of infection mechanism; and the discovery of target substances through genome and proteome analysis of nontuberculous mycobacteria.

During the Congress, I had the privilege of meeting

professors and leading experts in respiratory medicine. It was a really good opportunity for me to acquire more information about respiratory diseases caused by various factors and explore new solutions for difficult clinical cases. Thanks to the Congress, I was able to present my research and receive many comments from professors and experts. I also had the pleasure of experiencing Hong Kong's iconic dishes and famous landmarks.

I am genuinely appreciative of this accolade, and motivated to contribute more significantly to our academic community.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your encouragement inspires me to strive for even greater accomplishments, and I am truly honoured to have your support.

Minh Phuong Trinh (Republic of Korea)

APSR / PE Young Investigator Award for Clinical Resp Medicine Research



It was a privilege to receive the APSR / PE Young Investigator Award for Clinical Resp Medicine Research at the APSR 2024 Congress. I would like to thank Prof. Philip Eng and the APSR for their generous support.

My presentation at the Congress, titled "*Perioperative respiratory complications requiring pressure support therapy for patients undergoing bariatric surgery – a retrospective analysis over 5 years*" represents the culmination of a two-year research journey.

The APSR Congress provided a unique opportunity, not only to present my research on an international platform but also to share clinical and research experiences across the Asia-Pacific region. My interest in respiratory failure has been particularly stimulated by the various symposia and the practical exhibitions during the Congress. It was also a pleasure to share and compare the various approaches in respiratory and sleep medicine, as well as respiratory failure, with international colleagues. I also enjoyed the novel presentations and the showcasing of new technologies such as the robotic bronchoscopic techniques.

I hope my research in respiratory failure and complications in bariatric surgery has contributed to this growing field and highlighted the importance of optimising perioperative care for this patient cohort.

Being recognised with this award has encouraged

my research ambitions and opened new opportunities for further pursuit of clinical investigation and academia in respiratory and sleep medicine. It has also assisted in forging new friendships and fostered chances for future collaborations, potentially on a global platform.

I would like to thank my supervisors, Dr Mohan Nagarajah and Dr Shakti Dabholkar for their unwavering support and guidance as well as to the MIMO research group for their assistance with my project. Lastly, it has been an honour to receive this award. I would like to thank the APSR once again and look forward to both participating in and contributing to future Congresses.

Yu Feng Shi (Australia)

APSR / Paul Zimmerman Physiology Young Investigator Award



Attending this year's Congress was such an amazing and insightful experience -- from the interactive booths, the plenary and breakout sessions, and even the oral and poster research presentations. I always look forward to the updates in current practices and the

research presentations, as these give us an idea and inspiration of what other research we can do in our own country.

Congratulations to the organizing committee for a job well done! The venue was easily accessible by public transport, and the strict adherence to the allotted time was commendable. Attending the annual Congress is now part of my yearly calendar, and I am looking forward to the future Congresses. More power to the APSR!

Albert Mitchell Yap (Philippines)

APSR / KYF Young Investigator Award for Geriatric Respiriology



Attending the APSR 2024 Congress was an enriching and transformative experience that profoundly impacted my research and professional development. The Congress provided an exceptional platform to engage with leading

experts, explore cutting-edge advancements in respiratory medicine, and foster meaningful collaborations.

This year's Congress was particularly special as it was held in Hong Kong, a city I hold dear. Not only is Hong Kong one of my favourite cities, but it is also where I received significant research training that laid the foundation of my academic career. Returning here for the APSR Congress felt like a full-circle moment, making the experience even more fulfilling on both professional and personal levels! My first experience at an APSR Congress was in 2017 in Sydney during my PhD journey, and it was also my first international academic congress. That event left a lasting impression on me, and since then, the APSR Congress has remained a highlight of my academic career, consistently enriching my knowledge in evidence-based medicine. This year's Congress stood out for its outstanding sessions and workshops covering diverse and relevant topics. The presentations on environmental and occupational respiratory medicine, as well as sleep-disordered breathing, were particularly aligned with my research interests. These sessions expanded my understanding of recent advancements and inspired me to explore innovative methodologies in my work. I was also deeply honoured to receive the APSR/KYF Young Investigator Award for Geriatric Respiriology this year, which has been a tremendous source of encouragement.

Equally rewarding were the opportunities for scholarly exchange. I reconnected with old friends and engaged with researchers at all stages of their careers, from early-career peers to senior leaders in the field. Conversations with peers were inspiring as we shared challenges and aspirations, while discussions with senior experts offered invaluable advice on navigating the complexities of academic and clinical careers. These interactions broadened my perspective and laid the groundwork for potential future collaborations aimed at advancing scientific progress. The exchange of ideas underscored the importance of collective efforts in addressing complex research challenges and highlighted the critical role of collaboration in driving innovation. The Congress has already influenced my current projects. For example, discussions on the interplay between tobacco smoke exposure and physical activity, were particularly thought-provoking, inspiring me to incorporate these concepts into my research. Exposure to diverse methodologies and cutting-edge ideas, has also refined my approach to advancing respiratory medicine. Beyond research insights, sessions on career development and leadership provided practical strategies for navigating academia and clinical practice, reinforcing my commitment to continuous learning, adaptability, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Overall, the APSR 2024 Congress highlighted the importance of innovation, collaboration, and scholarly exchange in advancing respiratory

health. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to participate and for the recognition I received, which has further motivated me to pursue excellence in my field. A heartfelt thank you to the organizers for hosting such a successful and inspiring event. I eagerly look forward to the next APSR Congress and the continued exchange of ideas and knowledge that drive progress in our field!

Siyu Dai (China)

APSR / VNRS Young Investigator Award



My name is Quoc-Khanh, a pulmonologist from Viet Nam. I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude to the APSR for hosting such a phenomenal event. As a clinician who is just beginning my journey into scientific research, having the opportunity to meet experts in respiratory medicine

was a great honour. Their speeches were eye-opening, and beyond my own research field, I was able to gain exposure to other areas of respiratory medicine.

The colleagues I met from the Asia-Pacific region shared valuable experiences and practices, and it was enlightening to learn about their work. In addition to the academic exchange, I had the privilege of learning about the diverse cultures represented at the Congress, which was truly enriching. Throughout the event, I felt proud to be part of a cohesive community of researchers working together to push the boundaries of respiratory medicine forward.



I was also captivated by the beauty of Hong Kong, with its unique culture, people, and atmosphere. The hustle and bustle of the streets, surrounded by skyscrapers and vast apartment buildings, along with the autumn sky, made for an unforgettable

experience. Tasting the local delicacies added to the joy of my visit.



The memories of Hong Kong and the Congress have left a lasting impression on my heart. I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to the APSR Committees for awarding me the APSR-VNRS Young Investigator Award. This recognition serves as a significant encouragement for my scientific career and strengthens my resolve to continue pursuing my goals. It motivates me to work harder towards becoming a competent, independent scientist. Thank you once again for this wonderful opportunity.

Quoc-Khanh Tran-Le (Viet Nam)

APSR / Woolcock Vietnam Young Investigator Award

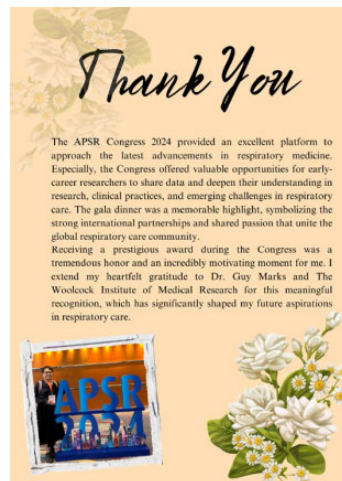


The APSR 2024 Congress provided an excellent platform to approach the latest advancements in respiratory medicine. In particular, the Congress offered valuable opportunities for early-career researchers to share data and deepen their understanding of research, clinical practices, and emerging challenges in respiratory care.

The Gala Dinner was a memorable highlight, symbolizing the strong international partnerships and shared passion that unite the global respiratory care community.

Receiving a prestigious award during the Congress was a tremendous honour and an incredibly motivating moment for me. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Dr Guy Marks and The Woolcock Institute of Medical Research, for this meaningful recognition, which has significantly shaped my future aspirations in respiratory care.

Van Duong-Thi-Thanh (Viet Nam)



APSR / Norbert Berend COPD Young Investigator Award



Attending the APSR 2024 Congress was an incredibly meaningful experience and a significant milestone in my career. Not only did the Congress provide me with the opportunity to present my research to an inspiring and highly distinguished audience, but it also allowed me to immerse myself in

the most recent advancements and breakthrough discoveries in the field of pulmonology. Despite this being my first time to attend the Congress, I found the experience immensely rewarding and influential to my career.

One of the most impactful aspects of the Congress was the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions with researchers and pulmonologists from diverse backgrounds. Whether during lecture sessions, poster presentations, or informal conversations at the Gala Dinner, each exchange served as an important stepping stone in my professional growth. These discussions provided invaluable insights into pulmonology, highlighting both the challenges and opportunities within it. Being able to learn firsthand from experts in various areas of pulmonology helped to refine my understanding of multiple subjects and deepened my aspiration to pursue a career in this specialty.

Receiving the APSR Norbert Berend COPD Young Investigator Award at the Congress was a deeply humbling and motivating experience. It validated the hard work and dedication that my colleagues and I had invested in our research, and served as a platform to raise awareness about the latest advancements in COPD, a disease that continues to be a significant global health challenge. The award has not only strengthened my determination to continue pursuing research in this area but has

also inspired me to contribute more broadly to medical science. Additionally, this award has served as a powerful reminder that individuals can make meaningful contributions to the field of medical science, regardless of their age or background.

At 23 years of age, I recognize that I am at the beginning of what I hope will be a long and fulfilling journey in the field of pulmonology. This award has reinforced my belief in the importance of hard work and continuous learning. It has also motivated me to seize future opportunities to advance my research, improve my clinical skills, and collaborate with others who share a similar passion.

In summary, the APSR 2024 Congress was an unforgettable experience that has significantly shaped my career and research outlook. The award and the knowledge gained during the event have strongly motivated me to strive for excellence and to continue contributing to the field of pulmonology. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues and supervisor for their unwavering support and invaluable contributions to our research. I also extend my gratitude to the organizers of this event for providing such a valuable experience, and to all the attendees for making this year's Congress truly meaningful and memorable.

Phumipat Pipattanasak (Thailand)

APSR / APTA Young Investigator Award



I am deeply honoured to have received the APSR/ATPA Young Investigator Award at the APSR 2024 Congress. This recognition has inspired me to further pursue excellence in research, particularly in the field of interstitial lung disease (ILD), which remains my primary area of interest. Indeed, it was my first international oral presentation on my research work, making this achievement even more meaningful.

The Congress was an outstanding event, highlighting the breadth and depth of respiratory medicine across various subfields. I particularly enjoyed the ILD session, which featured not only cutting-edge scientific updates but also practical strategies that I can incorporate into my clinical practice and ongoing research.

I also had the opportunity to participate in a pre-Congress event, where I attended a bronchoscopy workshop. During this session, I was introduced to various interventional bronchoscopy technologies such as robotic bronchoscopy, endobronchial valve,

bronchial thermoplasty, transbronchial cryobiopsy, and so on. We shared ideas and exchanged our experiences during the session. The experience was invaluable, and I believe it will significantly enhance my daily practice.

Throughout the Congress, I connected with other researchers and clinicians from diverse backgrounds and regions. Those interactions will certainly expand my networking and aid in future potential collaboration.

Beyond the academic and professional experience, I truly enjoyed the warm hospitality of Hong Kong. The city's vibrant culture and delicious local cuisine made my time there unforgettable.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to my mentors, Prof. Pang YK, Dr Wong CK, Dr Soo CI, and the dedicated respiratory team at the University of Malaya Medical Centre, for their unwavering support and guidance. I am equally grateful to the APSR for this prestigious award, which has further motivated me to make meaningful contributions to respiratory medicine.

Lastly, kudos to the organizing committee for delivering a world-class Congress. It was a privilege to be part of such a remarkable event, and I look forward to contributing to the respiratory community in the years to come.

Leng Cheng Sia (Malaysia)

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- user-friendly design
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Email: pulmonologychest@gmail.com
Website: www.copsl.lk/

8th International Conference on Lung Health, PULMOCON 2025 (BLF)
18-20 February
Dhaka, Bangladesh
Website: bdlungfoundation.com/

Sleep and Breathing Course cum Annual Scientific Meeting 2025 (HKTS)
21-23 March
Hong Kong
Website: hkts.hk/

The 139th Annual Meeting of Korean Academy of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases (KATRD)
11-12 April
Gyeongju, Republic of Korea
Email: katrd@lungkorea.org
Website: lungkorea.org

The 65th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Respiratory Society (JRS)


11-13 April
Tokyo, Japan
Email: 65jrs@jrs.or.jp
Website: jrs.or.jp/jrs65/en/

ATS 2025 (American Thoracic Society International Conference)
17-21 May
San Francisco, USA

ERS 2025 (European Respiratory Society International Congress)
27 September - 1 October
Amsterdam, Netherlands

The 140th Congress of the Korean Academy of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases (KATRDIC 2025)
29-31 October
Seoul, Republic of Korea
Email: info@katrdic.org
Website: katrdic.org

29th Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respirology
13-16 November
Manila, Philippines



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The 66th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Respiratory Society (JRS)
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