



Newsletter

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Message from the new President



It is a great honour and prestige for me to address you all as the new President of the Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology (APSR). Since its establishment in 1986, the APSR has made steady progress through the tremendous efforts of our senior members. The APSR has evolved into a leading society in the Asia-Pacific region, now boasting 18,000 members, including 12 en bloc societies.

Our mission remains the advancement and promotion of knowledge of the respiratory system in health and disease, striving to encourage research, improve clinical practice through teaching, increase awareness of health problems in the area, and promote the exchange of knowledge among respirologists across the Asia-Pacific region. To achieve these objectives, we must focus on several key areas:

Enhancing Education and Training:

We aim to offer educational opportunities that capture the interest of more members and facilitate their participation. We will continue, diversify, and strengthen our webinars, which have successfully addressed the unmet educational needs despite geographical challenges. We also commit to gradually increasing training opportunities for our younger members.

Boosting Research Activity:

Recognizing that funding is crucial for research, especially as some countries/regions face challenging economic situations, we hope to further develop a system that can provide research funding where it is desperately needed. Simultaneously, efforts will be made to encourage excellent clinicians and researchers in the Asia-Pacific region to actively participate in APSR activities.

Strengthening Membership Equity and Involvement:

The active involvement of younger members is vital for the Society's creative development. I am committed to providing more opportunities for younger members, recognising the limited chances they sometimes face in leadership roles. We strive for harmonious development within the APSR, acknowledging the importance of membership equity despite the diverse clinical and research environments across member countries/regions. We must continue to develop our Society, encourage the participation of younger members, and strengthen our financial base.

Global Collaboration and Addressing Challenges:

In an era of globalization, the role and status of the APSR in global lung health have grown over the years, requiring closer collaboration among members and sister societies such as the ATS and the ERS. Strategies include holding joint symposia, participating as speakers at sister societies' congresses, and contributing to the development of clinical guidelines.

We must remain vigilant in addressing the significant challenges in respiratory health across the Asia-Pacific region, such as smoking and environmental deterioration, including serious air pollution. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), respiratory infections-including pneumonia, tuberculosis, asthma, COPD, and lung cancer- remain the "big five" in respiratory diseases. The second [Big 5 Lung Diseases Workshop](#) of the APSR and The Union APR, was successfully held on 10 November 2025, during the APSR 2025 Congress in Manila. I am delighted to report that around 70 delegates from 15 countries/regions across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond participated. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all organizers, faculty members and delegates who made this workshop a success.□

Our goal is to protect the lung health of people in this region by achieving our objectives. The active participation, continued support, and cooperation of our members have been fundamental to the APSR's progress, and without you, the APSR cannot take a single step forward. I eagerly look forward to working with you all.

Yoshinori Hasegawa

Message from the new Secretary General

It is a profound honour to serve as the new Secretary General of the Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology (APSR). I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me, and I accept this responsibility with great humility.

Since its establishment in 1986, the APSR has developed into one of the world's leading respiratory societies, now comprising 18,216 members (17,240 en bloc members and 976 individual members) and 12 en bloc societies (as of 25 November 2025). This achievement reflects the strong foundation built by our predecessors and the collective dedication of colleagues across the Asia-Pacific region.

In an era of rapid globalization and swift exchange of information, respiratory medicine continues to evolve in both complexity and diversity. Variations in regional health challenges and clinical practices underscore the importance of sustained collaboration. The ability to share knowledge efficiently and work together across borders is now more essential than ever. The APSR is uniquely positioned to promote such cooperation and to enhance its visibility and influence within our region and the global respiratory community.

As Secretary General, I am committed to supporting these initiatives, broadening participation from member countries/regions, and elevating the academic and clinical impact of our Society. I sincerely ask for your continued support and guidance as we work together to advance the APSR's mission.

Thank you once again for this privilege.

Yuh-Min Chen

Message from the Editor in Chief of Respiriology

I am honoured to start my role as Co-Editor in Chief of *Respirology* and join my colleague Dr Toshiaki Kikuchi in leading the journal into its next phase. We would like to thank Dr Paul Reynolds, who has completed his term as Co-Editor in Chief, for his leadership and contributions to *Respirology*'s growth and success over the past nine years – you can read Paul's farewell [Editorial](#) in the December 2025 issue. We also thank Dr Keiko Kan-o who has completed her one-year term as Deputy Editor in Chief providing support during the Editor-in-Chief transition year.

Last November, we attended the APSR 2025 Congress in Manila, where Dr Kikuchi presented the journal's Annual Report at the APSR's Annual General Meeting (AGM). For those unable to attend, a copy of the annual report is available in the members-only section of the APSR website.

The journal had a very successful year in 2025 – its 30th year of publication. It continues to make good progress with increasing submissions, strong representation from Asia-Pacific authors, and continued strong readership and performance metrics including an impact factor of 6.3.



Dr Toshiaki Kikuchi presenting the annual report at the AGM

These positive results would not be possible without the input and support of our expert [Editorial Board](#). The recent APSR Congress in Manila was a good opportunity to reconnect with many of our editorial colleagues and welcome them to a special Editors' lunch. Since the last Newsletter, we have welcomed several new members and some existing members have changed roles: Simone Barry (Australia), Michael Keane (Ireland), Hisako Matsumoto (Japan) and Christian Osadnik (Australia) joined the Deputy Editor team; Semra Bilaceroglu (Turkey) moved to the Senior Editor team; and Rachael Evans (UK), Nicole Goh (Australia), Takashi Hirama (Japan), Sanjay Ramakrishnan (Australia), Satoshi Watanabe (Japan) and Margaret Wilsher (Australia) were appointed to the Associate Editor team. We sincerely thank Frits Franssen, Chi Chiu Leung, Stacey Peterson-Carmichael and Stavros Selemidis who have stepped down from their Editorial Board roles, and also Debra Sandford who completed her term as editorial assistant to Dr Paul Reynolds. We are making plans to further expand the Editorial Board to help review the increasing number of submissions and submissions with a specialized focus.



Dr Isabella Joubert (Editorial Office), Dr Keiko Kan-o (Editor in Chief, *Respirology Case Reports*) and Dr David Lam (Co-Editor in Chief, *Respirology*) at the *Respirology* booth, APSR Congress, Manila

The annual Congress was also an opportunity to meet prospective authors at the journal booth and present the [Fukuchi Awards](#) and [APSR Clean Air Award](#) winners with their prize at the Gala Dinner. These awards reflect the high quality of papers published in *Respirology*, as do the [Editor's Choice](#) and [Educational Article](#) selections. We also recommend the [World Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology \(WABIP\) Guidelines on Airway Stenting for Benign Central Airway Obstruction](#), the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand's [Guidance for the Management of Electronic Cigarette Use \(Vaping\) in Adolescents and Adults](#), the APSR-COPD Assembly's review of the [Management of COPD With Cardiovascular Risk in Asia](#) and the recent invited reviews on [Lung Cancer Screening](#) [here](#) and [here](#). Also of interest are the annual *Contemporary Concise Reviews* that look back at the most important advances published in the year prior –including [COPD](#) (by Sarita Thawanaphong and Parameswaran Nair), [New Techniques in Interventional Pulmonology](#) (by Phan Nguyen and Pallav Shah) and [Respiratory Infections](#) (by Naoyuki Miyashita).



Fukuchi and APSR Clean Air Award winners with outgoing Deputy Editor in Chief Dr Keiko Kan-o

If you have not already connected with the journal via LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/respirology/>) or Bluesky (@[respirology.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/respirology.bsky.social)), we encourage you to follow us on one of these platforms to stay up to date with *Respirology*'s latest publications, news and activities.

Finally, we would like to thank the APSR leadership, the Editorial Board, our readers and authors, and the Editorial Office team for their continued strong support of *Respirology*. We look forward to working together in 2026.



Co-Editor in Chief Dr David Lam, Editorial Assistant Dr Isabella Joubert and Co-Editor in Chief Dr Toshiaki Kikuchi

David CL Lam
Toshiaki Kikuchi

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

We are pleased to report on another successful year of operation. *Respirology Case Reports* submissions (377 in 2024 and 462 at the time of writing this, at the end of November 2025) and published manuscripts (269 in 2024 and 284 YTD) have significantly increased again this year. Our Clarivate 2024 Impact Factor™ remained stable at 0.8 and our 2024 Scopus CiteScore is 1.1. Other [metrics](#) for the journal are available on the journal's website.

We continue to receive manuscripts from all over the world with the majority of submissions originating from the Asia-Pacific region, particularly Japan, Australia and China.

Our readership remains global and has continued to grow, with the number of downloads reaching over 600,000 (based on Wiley's 2024 Annual Report). The list of the most read articles from Wiley Online library is available on the journal's website: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/20513380>

The acceptance rate remains high and stable at 73% and on average, the authors are informed of a first decision within 18 days of submission. The articles, once accepted, are published online within a few weeks and available on PubMed Central.

We continue to publish clinical trial protocols. Publishing a clinical trial protocol increases transparency and helps ensure that post-trial publications are consistent and is increasingly becoming common practice. Please refer to our [author guidelines](#) for more information and how to submit your manuscript.

Respirology Case Reports is strongly supported by APSR members. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support of the journal. All APSR members benefit from a 50%

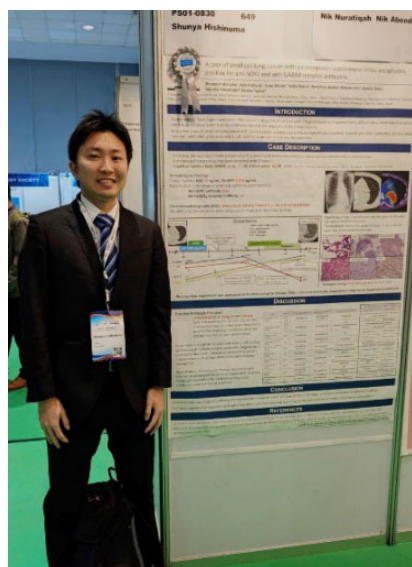
discount of the open access publication charge for case reports, case series and clinical trial protocols published in *Respirology Case Reports* and we hope to see many more members submit their work. Authors from selected countries in the region may also be eligible for a full waiver of the open access publication fee provided by our publisher, Wiley. We encourage authors from these countries to take advantage of this opportunity.

For an up-to-date list of countries benefiting from discount or waiver, please visit the journal's website: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/20513380/homepage/article_publication_charges_and_discounts.htm and <https://authorservices.wiley.com/open-research/open-access/for-authors/waivers-and-discounts.html>

At the recent APSR Congress in Manila, we awarded the *Respirology Case Reports* APSR 2025 Poster Awards. The winners were:



Gold: Sadia Sultana Resma
For the poster: Muddy Water Pneumonitis: An Emerging Occupational Lung Disease in Professional Divers



Silver: Shunya Hishinuma
For the poster: A case of small cell lung cancer with paraneoplastic autoimmune limbic encephalitis, positive for anti-SOX1 and anti-GABAB receptor antibodies



Bronze: Lucille Quisao
For the poster: Unmasking a hidden culprit: bronchial artery pseudoaneurysm masquerading as rasmussen's aneurysm in tuberculous hemoptysis



I had the pleasure to meet the awardees and present their award at the APSR journal booth during the Congress.

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

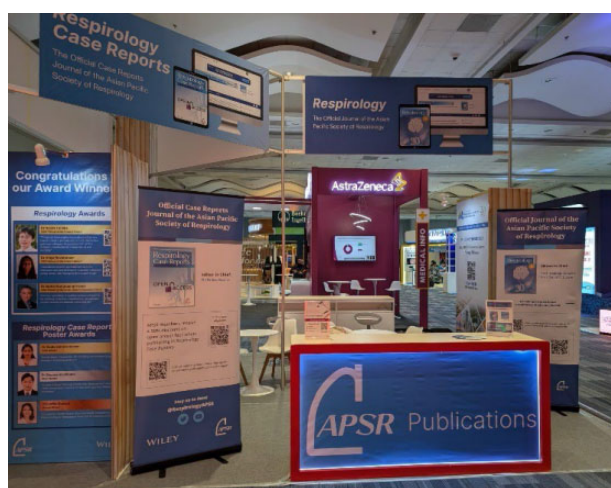
The *Respirology Case Reports* Poster Award is presented every year at the APSR Congress. Authors are selected on an opt-in basis from those presenting a case report or case series as a poster.

Previous years' winning papers published in the journal can be found here: [https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1002/\(ISSN\)2051-3380.poster-award](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1002/(ISSN)2051-3380.poster-award)

Many excellent case reports were presented at the APSR Congress in Manila. If you noticed a postcard on your poster, we encourage you to submit your work to *Respirology Case Reports* and take advantage of the 50% APSR member discount

on the open access publication charge. For more information and to submit your case report, please visit the journal's website: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/20513380/homepage/forauthors.html>

We were delighted to once again have our own journal booth with *Respirology* at the APSR Congress in Manila and thank the APSR for providing this opportunity to feature our journal during the Congress. Our Editorial Assistant, Bella Joubert, represented the Editorial Office and met several authors at the booth and addressed their questions. The journal was also promoted at the ERS 2025 and the JRS 2025 conferences at the APSR booth.



The journal continues to be widely promoted on different channels with the distribution of electronic table of content (eTOC) alerts via email and via the APSR Bulletin. We continue to advertise the journal on the *Respirology* and APSR websites, as well as those of other societies. Wiley conducted email campaigns for Top Cited, Top Downloaded, Calls for submissions from prospective and current authors as well as Wiley Open Access marketing. We send messages on Twitter/X and Blue Sky each time an article is published and have noticed that some case reports have attracted a lot of comments and activity on social media.



I was delighted to meet several Associate Editors and Advisory Board Members during our Editors' lunch held at the Congress. We host these social events at every APSR Congress, and I hope to you at future Congresses.

In 2025, we farewelled Associate Editors Young Ae Kang and Wei Shen Lim, who stepped down due to other commitments, as well as Simone Barry, Semra Bilaceroglu, Nicole Goh, and David CL Lam who left the journal to join the Editorial Board of *Respirology*. Paul Reynolds's role as Deputy Editor also ended, with the completion of his role as co-Editor in Chief of *Respirology*, and he was succeeded by David CL Lam. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Paul for his support of *Respirology Case Reports*. Paul was involved with our journal since its early beginning, helping us to recruit many of our Associate Editors. He served as interim Editor in Chief in 2016, after our inaugural Editor in Chief, Prof Norbert Berend, stepped down, and has consistently championed and supported the journal.

With the continued growth of the journal, we regularly recruit new Associate Editors and in 2025, we welcomed Golsa Adabi, Kohei Fujita, Edward Fysh, Efsun Gonca Chousein, Manuel C. Jorge II, Sze Shyang Kho, Sakhee Kotecha, Shunsuke Minagawa, Shyamala Pradeepan, Mary Qian, Aleš Rozman, Lynn Shong, Ken Tajima, and Takumi Takizawa.

We are indebted to our Associate Editors for their work in assessing submitted manuscripts. 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, Toshiaki Kikuchi and David CL Lam, who provide guidance and support to the journal. There is a hardworking team behind *Respirology Case Reports* who need to be acknowledged and thanked including Dr Christel Norman, Managing Editor, Dr Lieve Bultynck, Deputy Managing Editor and Dr Isabella Joubert, Editorial Assistant, who ensure that the journal runs smoothly, as well as the wider Editorial Office staff, the Wiley team and the APSR Secretariat.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous 2026.

Keiko Kan-o

Message from the APSR Education Committee Chairperson

Dear member

It gives me great pleasure to serve as Chairperson of the APSR Education Committee. This is the second time I am writing for the APSR Newsletter. I plan to continue with the policy we have in place.

One of the main pillars of work as an Education Committee member is the Grand Rounds Webinar series. Past webinars have been very well received. APSR members were able to listen to very instructive cases from the Asia-Pacific region, and I

learned a lot. We plan to actively hold webinars in each field in the future.

The second pillar is the *Bulletin* and *Respiratory Updates*. *Respiratory Updates* continues to be at the cutting edge of the APSR education, providing a monthly list of the top ten peer-reviewed papers published within the last 12 months on a specific topic, with direct links to the full articles. The *Bulletin* also launched a “Cappuccino Chat” section in 2022, to showcase the hobbies of prominent APSR members. Those are very interesting and inspiring articles and we will continue to include them. Please recommend APSR members who you would like to read about.

The third pillar is the Teaching Library. A large number of cases (186) have been accumulated, and there is no doubt that this resource will be useful in clinical practice.

We will continue webinars in each area and aim to enhance educational opportunities and materials. In 2025 we launched a new initiative, the En Bloc Society Collaboration Webinar in partnership with the MTS (Malaysian Thoracic Society) and the ISR (Indonesian Society of Respiriology). We will eliminate disparities among the APSR countries/regions and build a sustainable system in which any country can participate. I look forward to working with all of you in the APSR.

Education has remained a core mission of the Society since its inception in 1982. If you have any new ideas or thoughts, or are willing 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

It is my great honour to serve as Chairperson of the APSR Research Committee. This year has been marked by continued growth in collaborative science, strong engagement across our assemblies, and exciting opportunities for emerging investigators throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

The APSR Multi-Society Research Project continues to serve as a cornerstone of our research mission. This multinational collaboration reflects the APSR's strong commitment to high-impact, cooperative research across the Asia-Pacific region.

In parallel, three Assembly Fund Projects were selected in 2025. The diversity and scientific depth of these studies clearly reflect the strength of our assemblies and their leadership.

A major milestone this year was the successful launch of the APSR En Bloc Society Research

Projects and APSR Young Investigator Research Projects. Through these new initiatives, we were able to support outstanding projects led by national societies across the Asia-Pacific region. They mark an important step forward in strengthening regional research capacity and nurturing the next generation of respiratory scientists.

We also continued to support education and training through the APSR Short-Term Research/Training Scholarship, along with Young Investigator Travel Awards to major international conferences and leadership and trainee positions within global educational programmes. These initiatives remain vital for fostering global exposure and academic growth among our young members.

On behalf of the Research Committee, I extend my sincere appreciation to all principal investigators, co-investigators, Assembly leaders, and Research Committee Members for their dedication and invaluable contributions.

As we look ahead, the Research Committee remains firmly committed to advancing high-quality, collaborative, and impactful research across the Asia-Pacific region. I encourage all members, particularly early-career investigators to actively engage with APSR research initiatives and help shape the future of respiratory medicine together.

Chin Kook Rhee

Message from the APSR Membership Committee Chairperson

Happy New Year to you all.

Membership categories

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

En Bloc membership

The current number of en bloc member societies is 12 and the total number of en bloc members is 17,240 (as of 25 November 2025), which represents a decrease of 5 members compared with the previous year.

Individual membership

The number of individual members is 976 from 51 countries/regions (as of 25 November 2025). The ratio of members by category does not seem to have changed much from the previous year. The total number of individual members has increased from 907 to 976.

FAPSR members

The Membership Committee has finalized the new application criteria for FAPSR.

This was the second year since the FAPSR criteria were revised (1 May 2024). Since then, there have been 21 new FAPSR members through the regular application process, and an additional 18 new members through appointments to leadership roles.

As chairperson of the APSR Membership Committee, I hope all APSR members will enjoy the privileges of their membership.

Kazuhiro Yatera

Report from the 29th APSR Congress President

We are ONE! The 29th Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology Congress in Manila, Philippines started with a storm on 10 November 2025 and ended with sunshine and joyful camaraderie on 13 November. The theme “*Solidarity in Lung Health*” echoed throughout the three simultaneous educational session tracks of the 29th APSR Congress held at the SMX Convention Center, Manila, Philippines with a total of 2,015 delegates from 43 countries/regions around the world. There were 91 educational sessions delivered over the two-and-a-half day Congress with 119 speakers from 22 countries/regions. Three postgraduate courses on Point of Care Ultrasound, Critical Care: Non-invasive Respiratory Support, and Pulmonary Rehabilitation/CPET topics were held on 10 November simultaneously with the 2nd Big 5 Lung Disease workshop.



Innovations at this Congress were the emphasis on the collaboration among major international respiratory societies and APSR member countries/regions in the major plenary sessions. These included the *Early Career Advancement* sessions for the budding and aspiring respirologists in the region that was initiated by APSR President Dr Yoo, the *Women in Respiriology* session that highlighted gender equity in the region, and the “*Tipanan*” (Filipino term for rendezvous) lay fora that enhanced collaboration between patients, respirologists and health care practitioners.



Filipino hospitality was very much appreciated with the art exhibit by Filipino respirologist painters, the indigenous Filipino dances showcased in the opening ceremonies, and the sumptuous and elegant dinner with the APSR President at the 110-year-old Champagne Restaurant in the Manila Hotel along with the Filipino culinary journey with our very own Dr Patrick Gerard Moral. The Gala Night was celebrated par excellence in the National Museum of Natural History with the resplendent array of ballet and modern dance, operatic renditions of Broadway hits and avant-garde vaudeville presentations culminating in speakers and APSR officers dancing and singing the night away.



The Central and Local Congress Committees of the 29th APSR Congress Manila would like to thank all the speakers, participants, sponsors, patients, collaborators and major societies for making this Congress a resounding success with excellent marks from more than half of the participants. We hope that we continue to share the SAME commitment and vision of having the best lung health for all citizens in the Asia-Pacific region. Despite the diversity of cultures, languages and health milieux in our region, we remain as *ONE IN SOLIDARITY FOR LUNG HEALTH!*



You can enjoy the video highlighting events of the APSR Congress Manila at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dZkKH0twRL9G2mAE4yJhqKdlkrygVWa/view?usp=sharing>

Charles Yu, Congress President
Prepared by Lenora C. Fernandez, Chairman,
Local Congress Committee

Awards presented at the 29th APSR Congress

The following awards were presented during the APSR 2025 Congress in Manila.

These 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 across the Asia-Pacific region. Further details of all awards can be seen at [Awards](#)

APSR Medal

Chong Kin Liam (Malaysia)

Michiyoshi Harasawa Research Award

Chin Kook Rhee (Republic of Korea)

Ann Janet Woolcock Research Award

Yuanlin Song (China)

Fukuchi Award for Best Original Research Paper in Respiriology

'Computed tomography mucus plugs and airway tree structure in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: Associations with airflow limitation, health-related independence and mortality'
Naoya Tanabe, Kaoruko Shimizu, Hiroshi Shima, Nobuyasu Wakazono, Yusuke Shiraishi, Kunihiko Terada, Satoru Terada, Tsuyoshi Oguma, Ryo Sakamoto, Masaru Suzuki, Hironi Makita, Atsuyasu Sato, Susumu Sato, Masaharu Nishimura, Satoshi Konno, Toyohiro Hirai

'Association between perinatal and early life exposures and lung function in Australian Indigenous young adults: The Aboriginal Birth Cohort study'
Vidya Navaratnam, Douglas L. Forrester, Anne B. Chang, Shyamali C. Dharmage, Gurmeet R. Singh

APSR Clean Air Research Award

'Efficacy and safety of cytosine versus nortriptyline for smoking cessation: A multicentre, randomized, double-blinded and placebo-controlled trial'

Suthat Rungruanghiranya, Sirapat Tulatamakit, Kaweesak Chittawatanarat, Kanokwan

Preedapornpakorn, Thanawat Wongphan, Narueporn Sutanthavibul, Sunida Preechawong, Pichaya Petborom

APSR-ATS Young Investigator Award

Monica Y. Liu (USA)

Lauren Kearney (USA)

APSR-ERS Young Investigator Award

Cao Pham Ha Giang (Vietnam)

Nurgul Naurzvai (Turkiye)

APSR-JRS Young Investigator Award

Toshiki Morimoto (Japan)

Keisuke Kasuga (Japan)

Mirei Ka (Japan)

APSR Travel Award

Vether Fernhandho (Indonesia)

Hirsh Koyi (Sweden)

Regine Betita (Philippines)

Huong Thien Pham (Vietnam)

Dan Wang (China)

APSR Young Investigator Travel Award

Sangryul Cha (Republic of Korea)

Satoshi Irifune (Japan)

Wang Chun Kwok (Hong Kong)

ShihYu Chen (Taiwan)

Andi Sri Suryani Malik (Indonesia)

APSR / Peter Sly Paediatric Young Investigator Award

Enkhsoyol Baterdene (Mongolia)

APSR / Norbert Berend COPD Young Investigator Award

Md Shafiqul Islam (Bangladesh)

APSR / Paul Zimmerman Physiology Young Investigator Award

Filli Anjelia Safitri (Indonesia)

APSR / Malcolm Winterburn Lung Cancer Young Investigator Award

Hai Pan (China)

APSR / APTA Young Investigator Award

Elda Putik Bunga Melati (Indonesia)

APSR / KYF Young Investigator Award for Geriatric Respiriology

Cynthia Charmino (Philippines)

APSR / KF-CB Lung Cancer Research Young Investigator Award

Siti Binayu Adzani (Indonesia)

APSR / J. Patrick Barron Medical Education Young Investigator Award

Augraj Uprety (Nepal)

Lia Susanti (Indonesia)

APSR / KATRD Young Investigator Award

Sang Hyuk Kim (Republic of Korea)

APSR / PCCP Young Investigator Award

Mariane Ann Gabaon (Philippines)

APSR / VNRS Young Investigator Award

Thuy Quynh Ngo (Vietnam)

APSR / Woolcock Vietnam Young Investigator Award

Hoang Anh Nguyen Cong (Vietnam)

APSR Clean Air Congress Abstract Award

Anisya Arvant (Indonesia)

Rizki Diah Anggraeni (Indonesia)

APSR / PE Young Investigator Award for Clinical Resp Medicine Research

Gem Angeli Burgos (Philippines)

Early Career Excellence Award Sponsored by

APSR and MTS

Izzatul Nadzirah Ismail (Malaysia)

Early Career Excellence Award Sponsored by APSR and KATRD

Seoyoung Choi (Republic of Korea)

Early Career Excellence Award Sponsored by APSR and BLF

Hamza Md (Bangladesh)

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

Joanna Huang (Australia)
Tazrin Farhana (Bangladesh)
Beverly Christine Yu (Philippines)
Tomohiro Akaba (Japan)
Manal Mizanur Rahman (Bangladesh)
Harley Jane Sy (Philippines)

Cell and Molecular Biology Assembly

Raea Regine Mendoza (Philippines)
Fitriani Muchtar (Indonesia)
Li Xinyi (China)
Aprilia Katarina (Indonesia)

Clinical Allergy & Immunology Assembly

Shafira Husna (Indonesia)
Catherine Ester Zallyn Beronilla (Philippines)
Nor Safiqah Sharil (Malaysia)

Environmental and Occupation Health and Epidemiology Assembly

Christopher John Quadra (Philippines)
Dahee Han (Republic of Korea)
Imrazi Razi (Indonesia)
Sadiah Sultana Resma (Bangladesh)
Hakim Alhaady Juhana Juhana (Indonesia)
Ramon Earl Labrada (Philippines)

Respiratory Infections (non-tuberculous) Assembly

Tiarra Ng (Singapore)
Raissa Steffie Ng (Philippines)
Abhi Bhima Taruna (Indonesia)
Doan Pham (Vietnam)
Cristine Mercy Cabebe (Philippines)
Sih Yeen Crystal Chia (Singapore)

Tuberculosis Assembly

Angelica Hannah Jobo-Varona (Philippines)
Dwi Robbiardy Eksa (Indonesia)
Lucille Quisaot (Philippines)
Linh Bao Nguyen (Vietnam)
Retno Elza (Indonesia)
Albert Mitchell Yap (Philippines)

COPD Assembly

Wrick Chakraborty (India)
Yuichiro Onuki (Japan)
Sawarot Kerdthongthawee (Thailand)
Jenina Marie Caabay (Philippines)
Nowroj Ahmed Raihan (Bangladesh)
Neza May Kho Yute (Philippines)

Lung Cancer Assembly

Nengke Lin (China)
Isura Febrihartati Ruskan (Indonesia)
Joyce Camille Lay Tan (Philippines)
Shun Takao (Japan)

Cary Amiel Villanueva (Philippines)

Chandra Asti (Indonesia)

Asthma Assembly

Khoa Quy (Vietnam)
Nazim Uzzaman (Bangladesh)

Respiratory Neurobiology and Sleep Assembly

Abdur Rahim Sumon (Bangladesh)
Md. Shariful Alam Jony (Bangladesh)
Sanjna Niles Nerurkar (Singapore)

Critical Care Medicine Assembly

Maria Regina Eden Atienza (Philippines)
Jonni Fay Teves (Philippines)
Lea Dianne Ayuyao (Philippines)
Chuanjiang Wang (China)
Esty Anjany (Indonesia)

Bronchoscopy and Interventional Techniques Assembly

Luthfia Nur Aini (Indonesia)
Jia Jing Lai (Singapore)
Jaira Gimena (Philippines)
Siti Aliyah Said Utriyani Adilah (Indonesia)
Hai Cong Nguyen (Vietnam)
Aliss Tsz Ching Chang (Hong Kong)

Paediatric Lung Disease Assembly

Pratiwi Gusti Wahyu (Indonesia)
Johanna Calimlim (Philippines)

Respiratory Structure and Function Assembly

Andari Mayasari (Indonesia)
Mohd Jazman Bin Che Rahim (Singapore)
Victoria Agustha Paragaye (Indonesia)
Rovie Valiente (Philippines)
Sandy Laveda (Indonesia)
Mikah Kezia Cosue (Philippines)

Pulmonary Circulation Assembly

Mae Gianelli Boco (Philippines)
Patt Rissa Fabiculana (Philippines)
Nurgul Naurzvai (Turkiye)

Interstitial Lung Disease Assembly

Michael Hoskins (Australia)
Sayanti Karmakar (India)
Cleofe Gillesania (Philippines)
Zul Amali Che Kamaruddin (Malaysia)
Abulheir Paitao (Philippines)
King-Pui Florence Chan (Hong Kong)

Respirology Case Reports Poster Award

Gold: Sadia Sultana (Bangladesh)
Silver: Shunya Hishinuma (Japan)
Bronze: Lucille Quisaot (Philippines)

APSR Teaching Library Case Submission Award

Animesh Ray (India)
Rasheeka VP (India)
Hui Zhen Jayne Chan (Singapore)
Yi-Wen Huang (Taiwan)

Message from the 30th APSR Congress President APSR 2026 – Penang, Malaysia

It is my profound honour to welcome you to the 30th APSR Congress, to be held from 19–22 November 2026 in the magnificent island state of Penang, Malaysia.



As we gather to celebrate three decades of scientific excellence, collaboration, and shared purpose, APSR 2026 invites us to embrace our central theme: *Reimagining Respiratory Care*—a theme that calls us to look beyond current boundaries, challenge

familiar pathways, and craft new possibilities for the future of lung health. It reflects our shared commitment to innovation, compassion, and excellence, uniting science, technology, and human connection as we chart the next era of respiratory medicine.

In this milestone year, we will present one of the most exciting scientific programmes ever assembled. Delegates can look forward to inspiring plenaries, cutting-edge symposia, future-focused interdisciplinary sessions, and immersive hands-on learning experiences that reflect both the extraordinary pace of scientific advancement and the unique needs of the Asia-Pacific region.

As part of our commitment to meaningful progress, APSR 2026 will highlight the *Penang TEN: Ten Core Directions for Reimagining Respiratory Care*, including:

- AI-driven diagnostics and precision therapy
- Innovations in interventional pulmonology and robotics
- Breakthroughs in severe asthma and COPD care
- Climate, environment, and the future of lung health
- Digital and home-based respiratory technologies
- New frontiers in sleep medicine
- Integrated multidisciplinary care models
- Advances in lung cancer detection and therapeutics
- The microbiome and molecular signatures in disease
- Next-generation education and simulation for respiratory specialists

For our Early Career Members, the Congress will provide expanded platforms to present, collaborate, and grow—because the future of respiratory care depends on nurturing the next generation of leaders and innovators.

But beyond the science, APSR 2026 also offers the warm embrace of Penang, one of Southeast Asia's most captivating destinations. Fondly known as the *Pearl of the Orient*, Penang is where heritage, culture, nature, and modernity come together in perfect harmony. Delegates will be treated to the charm of UNESCO-listed George Town, the breathtaking landscapes of Penang Hill's Biosphere Reserve, and the culinary treasures that have placed Penang among the world's greatest food

capitals.

In Penang, at the 30th APSR Congress 2026, we come together as a region and as a global community to rethink, redesign, and reimagine how we deliver respiratory care—for our patients, for our societies, and for generations to come.

On behalf of the Local Congress Committee and the Malaysian Thoracic Society, I warmly invite you to Penang for APSR 2026—where science meets culture, innovation meets heritage, and together, *WE REIMAGINE A HEALTHIER FUTURE FOR ALL*.

Ahmad Izuanuddin Ismail

~ Reports from the APSR Congress award winners ~

APSR / KF-CB Lung Cancer Research Young Investigator Award



Since 2022, I have aspired to participate in the Asia Pacific Society of Respiriology (APSR) Congress, viewing it as a key platform for scientific exchange in respiratory medicine. After three years of pulmonology residency at the University of Indonesia, I was grateful to finally attend the

APSR 2025 Congress in Manila and present my mini research project. Receiving the APSR/KF-CB Lung Cancer Research Young Investigator Award was a meaningful honour that strengthened my confidence as an early-career clinician and researcher.

The Congress offered an enriching academic experience, bringing together clinicians, scientists, and trainees from across the Asia-Pacific region. The scientific programme highlighted major developments in pulmonology, including updates on lung cancer, interstitial lung diseases, respiratory infections, critical care, and emerging diagnostic technologies. These sessions emphasized how rapidly the field is advancing and underscored the importance of keeping pace with current evidence and innovation.

Participating in the oral and poster sessions allowed me to observe diverse research methods and clinical insights from various countries. Hearing the work of colleagues across the region broadened my understanding of shared challenges in respiratory health and reinforced the value of continuous learning and critical inquiry in clinical practice.

Beyond the academic sessions, the Congress facilitated meaningful networking and collaboration. Conversations with pulmonologists, researchers, and fellow residents revealed common goals and burdens faced in different healthcare settings. These interactions created a strong sense of shared purpose in improving respiratory outcomes through cooperation, innovation, and evidence-based practice.

Overall, my participation in the APSR 2025 Congress greatly expanded my perspectives on global respiratory medicine. It enhanced my knowledge, strengthened my professional connections, and reaffirmed my commitment to contributing to research and clinical excellence. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity and look forward to applying the insights gained to future work aimed at advancing respiratory health.

Siti Binayu Adzani (Indonesia)

APSR / J. Patrick Barron Medical Education Young Investigator Award



Attending the APSR 2025 Congress was an immensely enriching and transformative experience for me, both professionally and personally. As a pulmonologist and intensivist working in Nepal, the opportunity to participate in one of the largest conferences in the Asia-Pacific region

allowed me to engage with a diverse community of clinicians, educators, and researchers who are shaping the future of this discipline worldwide.

It was an honour to be selected to present my poster, “Study of Clinical Utility of Oxygen Delivery through High Flow Nasal Cannula (HFNC) in Patients Presenting with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) with Acute Hypercapnic Respiratory Failure (AHRF) in Nepal”. However, receiving the “APSR/J. Patrick Barron Medical Education Young Investigator Award” was an especially meaningful milestone in my academic journey. This recognition not only validates the clinical relevance of the work we are doing in Nepal but also highlights the growing importance of context-specific research from resource-limited settings.

The Congress offered an exceptional scientific programme with sessions on COPD and Tuberculosis management, mechanical ventilation strategies, interventional pulmonology, and innovations in pulmonary diagnostics. The workshop on “Lung and Critical Care Point of Care

Ultrasound (POCUS)” was particularly compelling. Listening to leading experts discuss global trends and regional challenges helped me contextualise our findings within the broader landscape of respiratory care.

The award has had a profound impact on my motivation to pursue further research in acute COPD exacerbations and respiratory support strategies. It has also reinforced my commitment to improving the quality of clinical education, particularly for trainees working in critical care and pulmonary medicine in Nepal. The recognition has opened doors for future collaborations, and I am already exploring potential multicentre studies with colleagues I met at the Congress.

Overall, the APSR 2025 Congress was an unforgettable experience. It broadened my scientific perspective, strengthened my research aspirations, and reaffirmed the importance of evidence-based respiratory care in under-resourced settings. I am deeply grateful to the APSR for the opportunity to participate, present, and be recognized. I look forward to contributing actively to future APSR initiatives and to continuing research that benefits patients in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

Augraj Uprety (Nepal)

APSR / J. Patrick Barron Medical Education Young Investigator Award



Attending the APSR 2025 Congress marked an important milestone in my academic career. Being surrounded by esteemed clinicians, researchers, and leaders from across the Asia-Pacific region and being selected as an award recipient was a deeply meaningful and

humbling experience. I am sincerely grateful to the APSR for this recognition, which reinforces my commitment to advancing research and clinical practice in respiratory medicine.

A significant highlight of my participation was the presentation of my poster titled “The Role of Epigallocatechin Gallate–Chlorogenic Acid (Green Tea and Green Coffee) on Interleukin-6 Level and Pulmonary Fibrosis Progression in Metabolic Syndrome Rats”. Having the opportunity to share my findings in an international scientific setting was both an honour and an invaluable learning experience. The thoughtful feedback and insightful questions offered by colleagues and senior researchers will greatly support the refinement of my future work.

The Congress delivered an exceptional scientific programme, offering comprehensive discussions on updates in pulmonary diseases and recent advances in respiratory therapeutics. Listening to distinguished experts present their work deepened my understanding of evolving evidence and illuminated important areas in need of further research.

Receiving this award carries profound professional significance. It represents not only recognition of my research efforts but also the perseverance, dedication, and continuous learning that have shaped my path as an early-career investigator. The encouragement provided through this award has strengthened my motivation to pursue meaningful and high-impact research.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Award selection team, their confidence in my work is an honour I value deeply, and I am genuinely grateful for their support in recognizing and encouraging young researchers.

In addition to the scientific programme, I would also like to acknowledge the Gala Dinner, which was a truly memorable and well-organized event. The evening offered a warm, collegial atmosphere that fostered meaningful interactions beyond academic discussion. It was a privilege to celebrate alongside fellow delegates, mentors, and new colleagues in such an elegant and thoughtfully arranged setting. The event added a special and personal touch to the overall Congress experience.

Equally valuable were the professional connections established throughout the meeting. Engaging with peers from diverse backgrounds, exchanging perspectives, and exploring potential areas for collaboration enriched my experience and broadened my academic horizons.

In many ways, the APSR 2025 Congress was not only a scientific gathering but also a formative experience that strengthened my sense of purpose as a clinician-scientist. I returned home with renewed motivation, deeper insight, and a clearer vision for the direction of my future work. I remain deeply appreciative to the APSR for providing opportunities that support the growth, collaboration, and development of young investigators.

Thank you once again for this meaningful and memorable honour.

Lia Susanti (Indonesia)

APSR / Norbert Berend COPD Young Investigator Award

Attending the APSR 2025 Congress was one of the most meaningful milestones in my career. I consider receiving the APSR / Norbert Berend



Young Investigator Award to be a great honour and a source of inspiration for my future work in respiratory medicine.

The Congress itself was an amazing experience. The atmosphere was lively with scientific curiosity, camaraderie, and the common goal

of enhancing lung health throughout the Asia-Pacific region from the opening ceremony to the closing sessions. It was humbling and inspiring to be among top pulmonologists, researchers, and young scientists from so many different nations. I am particularly grateful to the APSR scientific committee for developing such an interesting platform that allowed young researchers like myself to present our work and gain insightful knowledge.

Presenting my research to eminent professionals was an unforgettable experience. Their insightful inquiries, helpful advice, and sincere appreciation for the scientific significance of my research bolstered my self-assurance and improved my viewpoints. The warm reception of my research and the enthusiastic engagement of colleagues from other countries in discussions on potential collaboration and future research greatly inspired me.

Receiving the award gave the whole experience additional significance. I sincerely appreciate the mentors and evaluators who saw potential in my work. This award represents trust, encouragement, and the obligation to keep advancing pulmonology—it is more than just recognition. It has strengthened my resolve to seek out high-impact research, to pose more significant queries, and to stay dedicated to enhancing patient care via evidence-based practice.

My knowledge of new developments in respiratory medicine was expanded by the sessions I attended, which covered everything from advanced management techniques for COPD, asthma, ILD, tuberculosis, and lung cancer along with the interventional aspects. Each discussion helped me reflect on how I can integrate these advancements into my clinical and academic work in Bangladesh. I am particularly thankful for the dialogues with senior faculty members whose guidance will undoubtedly influence the direction of my future research.

Additionally, this Congress has strengthened my conviction about the effectiveness of global cooperation. My academic development and my contribution to global respiratory health will be enhanced by the cross-country projects and multi-centre studies that have been made possible by

meeting colleagues with similar research interests.

In conclusion, attending the APSR 2025 Congress was a rewarding and motivating experience. I am incredibly appreciative of the recognition I received, the relationships I formed, and the knowledge I acquired. My determination to advance as a clinician-researcher and make a significant contribution to the field of pulmonology in the coming years has been reinforced by this journey. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Md. Shafiqul Islam (Bangladesh)

APSR / VNRS Young Investigator Award



Returning to Vietnam in late November after the Philippines trip, I was eager to record the many memorable insights I gathered from the APSR 2025 Congress. Although this was only my second time attending a Congress, I must admit that the profound impression from my very first APSR

Congress in Hong Kong ignited my curiosity and strengthened my desire to become part of this scientific community. After that initial experience, I overcame my self-doubt and boldly submitted my modest research project on invasive pulmonary aspergillosis in COPD patients. Being honoured with the APSR–VNRS Young Investigator Award was an indescribable happiness for me. It was both a recognition of my efforts and a powerful motivation to continue pursuing clinically meaningful research in respiratory medicine.

The first aspect I would like to highlight is the richness of the scientific programme. The Congress showcased high-quality presentations delivered by leading experts worldwide, each offering new reflections on how we practice respiratory medicine in Vietnam and how we can align our future directions with international recommendations. I was particularly captivated by sessions on respiratory symptoms-including approaches to dyspnea and chronic cough-small airway diseases, interstitial lung diseases, and topics in allergy and immunology. During the APSR Young Investigator Award oral presentation session, I learned not only about research methodology and effective scientific communication but also received renewed encouragement to continue developing the research ideas that are still taking shape in my mind.

Presenting my poster, “Beyond Exacerbation: The Hidden Burden of Invasive Pulmonary Aspergillosis

in COPD Patients”, was an especially meaningful experience. The professional discussions allowed me to share practical insights from clinical practice in Vietnam, while the constructive feedback from international experts gave me a more multidimensional understanding of the limitations of my study and the future directions for larger-scale research. I was genuinely impressed by the depth of knowledge among the poster judges-their thoughtful comments, detailed analysis, and generous words of encouragement provided tremendous motivation for young clinicians like us to remain engaged in this valuable scientific arena.

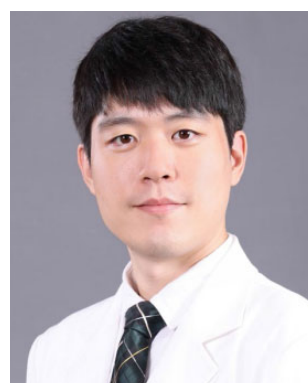
Another unforgettable aspect of the Congress was the spirit of connection. I had the opportunity to meet experts both within and beyond the region, including colleagues from the United States and Europe. These direct exchanges opened promising pathways for future collaboration in research and training.

The moment of receiving the award at the National Museum of Natural History is a memory I will cherish forever. The award serves as a strong encouragement to continue striving forward and marks the beginning of a challenging yet exciting journey in respiratory research.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the APSR, the VNRS, and the Congress Organizing Committee for granting me this invaluable opportunity. The APSR 2025 Manila Congress has truly renewed my motivation and inspiration for the years ahead in my professional career.

Thuy Quynh Ngo (Vietnam)

APSR / KATRD Young Investigator Award



I am deeply honoured to have received the APSR / KATRD Young Investigator Award and to have attended the APSR 2025 Congress. This experience was both professionally and personally meaningful, providing valuable insights that will guide my future research.

One of the most impressive aspects of the Congress was the high quality of research presented by colleagues from across the Asia-Pacific region. Their creative approaches to respiratory disease management, especially in resource-limited settings, were striking. These presentations reminded me that developing solutions tailored to our regional contexts and patient characteristics is essential. While international guidelines are important, the diversity of environmental

exposures, genetic backgrounds, and healthcare systems in the Asia-Pacific region calls for research that reflects local conditions.

Several presentations based on local studies left a strong impression. Researchers discussed issues such as air pollution patterns unique to Southeast Asian megacities and the epidemiology of respiratory diseases in Southeast Asian populations. These studies, grounded in specific sociocultural and environmental contexts, offered insights that extend beyond their regions and demonstrated how local data can meaningfully contribute to global respiratory medicine.

The enthusiasm throughout the Congress was also memorable. During oral sessions, poster presentations, and informal discussions, I sensed genuine curiosity and a collaborative atmosphere. This reaffirmed for me the importance of regional scientific meetings in fostering future collaborations.

This Congress strengthened my commitment to conducting research that addresses the respiratory health challenges faced by Asian populations, including the Korean population. The sessions on COPD etiologies, particularly those focusing on COPD-I and COPD-P, offered new perspectives that I hope to apply to my current work. In addition, the networking opportunities may lead to multi-national collaborations that enhance the evidence base for respiratory disease management in our region.

I sincerely thank the APSR for this honour and for organizing a well-structured and scientifically enriching Congress. This experience broadened my knowledge and deepened my appreciation for the vibrant respiratory research community in the Asia-Pacific region. As I return to my daily work, I feel renewed motivation to contribute to a better understanding of respiratory diseases and to develop solutions that meet the needs of our diverse patient populations.

The APSR 2025 Congress reminded me that the future of respiratory medicine in the Asia-Pacific region is promising-supported by many dedicated researchers committed to improving patient care.

Sang Hyuk Kim (Republic of Korea)

APSR / PCCP Young Investigator Award

The APSR 2025 Congress made a profound impact on my journey as a pulmonologist. It gave me the privilege of representing the hard work and dedication of my research team and of contributing meaningful knowledge to our colleagues in the pursuit of better care for patients with pulmonary diseases. This experience not



only strengthened my passion for pulmonology but also deepened my commitment to advancing clinical practice in our field.

Presenting my research to physicians from across the Asia-Pacific region was both inspiring and uplifting. It strengthened my motivation to continue contributing to the growing body of pulmonary medicine knowledge, not only in my country but on an international scale. Seeing the innovative work of colleagues from other nations broadened my perspective and deepened my understanding of the diverse approaches to patient care, yet all with the same goal of improving patient outcomes.

The APSR 2025 reminded me that scientific progress thrives in collaboration. It gave the opportunity to share knowledge and expertise with physicians, researchers, and experts from various countries through excellent speakers in different lectures. The Congress served as a powerful platform for intellectual exchange through research presentations and lectures in various fields in pulmonology, where diverse perspectives enriched discussions and sparked new ideas. Listening to lectures and presentations from colleagues across the Asia-Pacific region broadened my understanding of the innovative approaches being used in other healthcare systems. These insights helped me appreciate the many ways in which our shared challenges can be addressed through creativity, resourcefulness, and evidence-based practice. The experience inspired me to pursue further research and to continue contributing to the ever-expanding landscape of pulmonary medicine.

One of the most memorable moments of the event was the Gala Night, where I had the honour of being recognized as the APSR / PCCP Young Investigator Awardee for 2025. Receiving this award was both humbling and inspiring. It served as a beautiful reminder that dedication to patient care, research, and clinical excellence does not go unnoticed. The evening was also a celebration of culture and camaraderie. The vibrant spirit of the Philippines was on full display, and connecting with pulmonologists from different countries by sharing experiences, insights, and aspirations was truly heartwarming.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the organizers, partners, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to bring the APSR 2025 to life. Your efforts created an event that was not only scientifically enriching but also personally meaningful for many of us. May this spirit of collaboration continue to inspire progress across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

Maraming salamat po!

Mariane Ann A. Gabaon (Philippines)

APSR Clean Air Congress Abstract Award



Attending the APSR 2025 Congress was an invaluable and deeply encouraging experience, both scientifically and personally. I am sincerely honoured to have received an award at this Congress, and I am grateful to the APSR for the recognition and for the opportunity to engage so closely with colleagues from across the region and beyond.

I particularly benefited from the APSR Tuberculosis Assembly, which focused on consolidating the latest advances in TB diagnostics and treatment. The sessions provided clear, practical updates on how new tools and regimens can be translated into everyday clinical practice. I especially valued an insightful discussion on the emerging use of the BPAL regimen, including its real-world challenges and opportunities. Equally thought-provoking were the conversations around subclinical TB, specifically the dilemma of whether to overtreat or to adopt a “watch and wait” approach. These conversations have prompted me to reflect more critically on my own clinical decision-making and on how we design future research questions in TB care.

Another session that captured my interest was the discussion on young COPD. The emphasis on recognising early disease trajectories, especially in younger populations often overlooked in conventional COPD frameworks, was eye-opening. The speakers highlighted the importance of identifying risk factors early, improving screening strategies, and understanding environmental and genetic contributors to early-onset disease. The discussion has inspired me to explore potential research directions in early COPD and to consider how these insights could be integrated into local public health initiatives.

Receiving the award at the APSR 2025 has also been a powerful motivator at this early stage of my career. It has strengthened my confidence to pursue more ambitious and collaborative projects. The recognition has also drawn attention within my home institution, which I believe will help me advocate more effectively for protected research time and for the development of multicentre collaborations.

Equally impactful were the informal conversations and networking opportunities throughout the Congress. I was able to connect with senior leaders in respiratory medicine who generously shared career advice and offered possibilities for mentorship and collaboration. I also met early-career researchers facing similar challenges, and we have begun to explore joint projects and cross-country comparative studies. These new connections are likely to shape my research trajectory over the coming years far beyond the Congress itself.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the excellent organisation of the meeting and the warm hospitality in Manila. The smooth logistics, the inclusive atmosphere, and the opportunities to experience local culture all contributed to a memorable and inspiring event. The Congress reinforced my sense of belonging to a dynamic, supportive, and forward-looking community of respiratory professionals in the Asia-Pacific region. I am deeply grateful to the APSR for the award and for the opportunity to participate, and I look forward to contributing actively to future APSR activities and collaborations.

Anisya Arvant (Indonesia)

APSR Clean Air Congress Abstract Award



The APSR 2025 Congress, brought together leading experts, clinicians, and researchers from across the Asia-Pacific region to exchange scientific advances and strengthen collaboration in respiratory health. Aligned with the Congress theme, “*Solidarity in Lung Health*”, the programme highlighted cutting-edge innovations in respiratory medicine, climate-related health risks, and public health interventions for vulnerable populations.

During this prestigious event, my research abstract on clean air and environmental exposure successfully received an award, recognizing its contribution to the scientific community and its relevance to public health. This achievement reflects not only the scientific rigour of the research but also the urgency of addressing air pollution as a growing determinant of respiratory disease across the Asia-Pacific region.

The award-winning abstract focused on the relationship between environmental pollutants and respiratory biomarkers among exposed

populations, emphasizing early detection and prevention strategies. By integrating biological markers, exposure measurement, and health-risk correlation, the study provided valuable insight into how long-term exposure to poor air quality contributes to chronic inflammation and progressive lung impairment. The findings reinforce the need for strengthened surveillance, environmental regulation, and community-based preventive action.

Receiving this award represents a significant milestone in my research journey and highlights the importance of environmental health in shaping future respiratory medicine. The recognition at the APSR 2025 has encouraged broader discussion among delegates and experts regarding the integration of environmental monitoring tools, such as pollutant sensors and exhaled biomarkers, into clinical practice. These discussions emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration between clinicians, environmental scientists, and policymakers.

In addition to presenting the research, participation in the Congress provided valuable opportunities for networking and knowledge exchange. Sessions featuring global researchers and keynote speakers offered diverse perspectives on emerging respiratory threats, including climate change, wildfire exposure, occupational hazards, and increasing rates of chronic respiratory disease in developing nations. These global insights helped place my research into a broader context and strengthened its relevance to current and future health challenges.

The award also carries professional significance by enhancing visibility among the respiratory research community and motivating continued study in clean air advocacy and preventive lung health strategies. Moving forward, the findings from this work will contribute to ongoing research and publication efforts, with the goal of advancing evidence-based interventions that protect vulnerable populations from harmful environmental exposure.

In conclusion, receiving an award for my abstract at the APSR 2025 has been an honour and a meaningful academic recognition. It underscores the importance of clean air research and the collective responsibility to address environmental determinants of respiratory health. This milestone not only celebrates scientific achievement, but also strengthens motivation to continue research, advocacy, and collaboration towards healthier air and healthier lungs across the Asia-Pacific region.

Rizki Diah Anggraeni (Indonesia)

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The 66th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Respiratory Society (JRS)
17-19 April
Kobe, Japan
Email: 66jrs@jrs.or.jp
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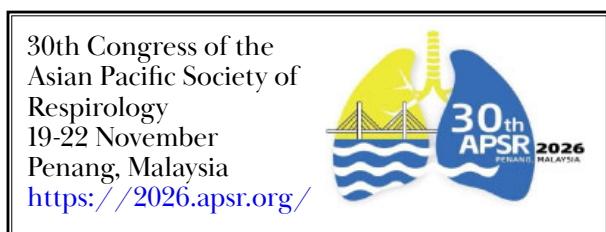
ATS 2026 (American Thoracic Society International Conference)
15-20 May
Orlando, USA

Singapore Thoracic Society (STS) Annual Scientific Meeting 2026
25-26 July
Singapore
Email: sts@thoracic.sg
Website: <https://www.thoracic.sg/>

Vietnam Respiratory Society (VNRS) Conference 2026

July
Nha Trang - Khanh Hoa province, Viet Nam
Email address: hoihohapvietnam@gmail.com
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ERS 2026 (European Respiratory Society
International Congress)
5-9 September
Barcelona, Spain



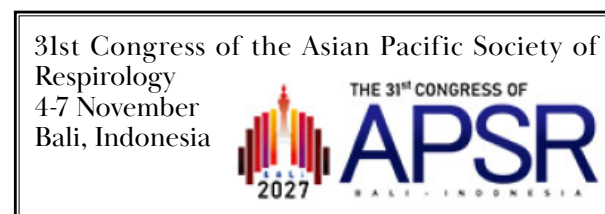
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The 67th Annual Meeting of the Japanese
Respiratory Society (JRS)
16-18 April
Tokyo, Japan

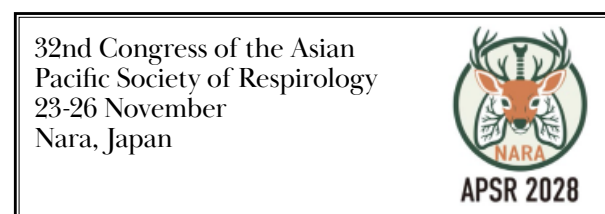
Biennial Francophone Pulmonology Congress -
VNRS 2027
9-11 July

Da Nang city, Viet Nam
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The Malaysian Thoracic Society (MTS) Congress
2027
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10th Congress	Guangzhou	2005	Nan Shan Zhong
11th Congress	Kyoto	2006	Yoshinosuke Fukuchi
12th Congress	Gold Coast	2007	Christine Jenkins
13th Congress	Bangkok	2008	Arth Nana
14th Congress	Seoul	2009	YoungSoo Shim
15th Congress	Manila	2010	Teresita de Guia
16th Congress	Shanghai	2011	Chunxue Bai
17th Congress	Hong Kong	2012	David Hui
18th Congress	Yokohama	2013	Toshihiro Nukiwa
19th Congress	Bali	2014	Faisal Yunus
20th Congress	Kuala Lumpur	2015	Roslina Abdul Manap
21st Congress	Bangkok	2016	Sumalee Kiatboonsri
22nd Congress	Sydney	2017	Jane Bourke, Mathew Peters
23rd Congress	Taipei	2018	Chong-Jen Yu
24th Congress	Hanoi	2019	Chau Ngo Quy
25th Congress	Kyoto	2021	Shu Hashimoto
26th Congress	Seoul	2022	Ki-Suck Jung
27th Congress	Singapore	2023	Albert Yick Hou Lim
28th Congress	Hong Kong	2024	Fanny Wai San Ko, James Chung Man Ho
29th Congress	Manila	2025	Charles Y Yu
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