

# NEWSLETTER

## 6th Asian Pacific Society of Periodontology Meeting - Chennai 4 November 2005

The 6th International meeting of the Asian Pacific Society of Periodontology was held in Chennai, India on 4 November immediately preceding the 30th annual conference of the Indian Society of Periodontology. Over 350 delegates attended the APSP meeting making it the largest meeting held to date and indicating the growing interest in this group in the region.

At the Inauguration Ceremony the chief guest Professor CV Bhirmanandham, Vice Chancellor of the Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University in Chennai opened the meeting. Of note was that Professor Bhirmanandham is a cardiologist and expressed his clear interest in the developing relations between periodontics and cardiology. Following this the President of the APSP Dr Nanette Vergel de Dios declared the meeting open. The one-day program was very full, with 12 presentations from speakers from 9 countries in the region. In addition 43 posters had been selected for presentation from over 200 submissions!

A brief overview of the presentations follows:

### **Dr Nanette Vergel de Dios (Manilla, Philippines)**

Laboratory research and clinical periodontics: Bridging the gap in the Asian region

### **Professor Isao Ishikawam (Tokyo, Japan)**

Directions in periodontal research in the Asian Pacific Region

### **Professor Tara Taiyeb Ali (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)**

Future potential directions in periodontal research in the Asian Pacific region

### **Dr LJ Jin (Hong Kong)**

Research advances in periodontal etiopathology

### **Dr Jincal Jang (Guangzhou, China)**

Research Advances in periodontal diagnosis

*By Professor P. Mark Bartold, Australia  
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### **Dr D Aranachulam (Chennai, India)**

Research advances in establishing a contemporary clinical protocol in periodontics

### **Dr Poch Sophearith (Cambodia)**

Clinical applications of current research in periodontal disease prediction and recognition

### **Dr Narongsak Laorisin (Thailand)**

Clinical applications of current research in periodontal pharmacotherapeutics

### **Dr Nitish Surathu (India)**

Clinical applications of current research in periodontal wound healing and regeneration

### **Dr KM Chung (Singapore)**

Contemporary clinical techniques for enhanced periodontal prognosis

### **Dr Regina Santos-Morales (Makati City, Philippines)**

Contemporary clinical directions in regenerative periodontics

### **Professor Mark Bartold (Adelaide, Australia)**

Future potential directions in clinical periodontics in the Asian Pacific region

A number of important issues were raised and discussed from these presentations. Professor Ishikawa highlighted how publication of research from the region has grown in the last 10 years, with many countries making significant contributions to the international literature. The clinical and research papers presented at the meeting highlighted how these two fields are inextricably intertwined.

Major areas of discussion between speakers and delegates were periodontal diagnosis, etiopathology and molecular pathogenesis, antimicrobial therapy (including the use of natural products), periodontal regeneration, implants and epidemiology. There was at times some very good vigorous debate from the audience on these topics.

The poster sessions were very successful and in keeping with tradition from previous meetings three prizes were awarded for the poster judged to be the best on the day. The winners of the poster competition (which included a cash award) were:

**First place**

**Shashi Bala (Govt Dental College, Rohtak, Haryana, India)**

Preterm low birth weight and dental intervention – is there any risk?

**Second Place**

**Mara Gomez Flores (Tokyo Medical Dental College, Tokyo, Japan)**

Periodontal regeneration based on multi-layered cell sheet engineering

**Third Place**

**Yiwen Chen (Tokyo Medical Dental College, Tokyo, Japan)**

Serological analysis of the implication of periodontitis in vascular diseases.

**General Meeting of the APSP Council**

At the conclusion of the day's presentations a business meeting was held and the following officers were elected:

<b>President</b>	Dr D Arunachalam (India)
<b>President Elect</b>	Dr Jincai Zhang (China)
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Dr N Vergel De Dios (Philippines)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dr T Arai (Japan)
<b>Secretary General</b>	Professor I Ishikawa (Japan)
<b>Editor of Publications</b>	Professor M Bartold (Australia)
<b>Councillors</b>	KM Chung (Singapore) LJ Jin (Hong Kong) L Naraongsak (Thailand) N Surathu (India) T Taiyeb Ali (Malaysia) XH Meng (China)

The following retiring members' significant contribution to the APSP was acknowledged and the APSP is very grateful for their service over many years:

Dr J Zhang	(China)
Dr Y Syafril	(Indonesia)

**Country Representatives**

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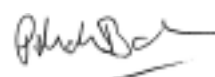
**Next Meeting of the APSP**

The 7th meeting of the Asian Pacific Society of Periodontology will be held on 21 September 2007 in Beijing, PR China together with the 8th National Conference of Chinese Society of Periodontology from 18-20 September 2007. A tentative schedule to meet in Singapore in 2009 has been made.

Further details can be obtained in due course from our web site:

<http://www.dentistry.adelaide.edu.au/bartold/apsp.html>

With very kindest regards and warm wishes to all of our members



Mark Bartold  
Editor



*The APSP Meeting featured speakers from 9 countries. L to R: Dr Nitish Surathu (India), Dr Jincai Zhang (China), Dr KM Chung (Singapore), Dr Nanette Vergel de Dios (Philippines), Prof LJ Jin (Hong Kong), Dr Poch Sophearoth (Cambodia), Dr Regina Santos-Morales (Philippines), Prof Tara Taiyeb Ali (Malaysia), Prof Mark Bartold (Australia), Prof Isao Ishikawa (Japan) and Dr D Arunachalam (India).*