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## Message from the President



Dear Colleagues,

It is my special honor to have the opportunity to serve as the President of the International Pediatric Association. IPA aims to reach over one billion world's children in collaboration with 169 Member Societies from 149 countries representing over one million Pediatricians.

Fulfilling the Children's Rights as defined in the CRC-Convention on the Rights of the Child and realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in 2030 are key to reach all children. Every child, Every Age, Everywhere.

WHO had announced the 10 threats to global health at 2019 as the following:

- Air pollution and climate change
- Noncommunicable diseases
- Global influenza pandemic
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Fragile and vulnerable settings
- Vaccine hesitancy
- Weak primary health care
- HIV
- Ebola and other high-threat pathogens
- Dengue

Among those the global influenza pandemic could be replaced with "global covid pandemic" as the priorities for 2021.

I should also refer to Richard Horton, the Lancet Editor, defining the pandemic as the "covid syndemic". From the beginning of the pandemic the children are not affected largely from the virus and infection, but rather from the restrictions.; Children with chronic diseases, disabilities and healthy children with increasing inequalities. However, the new mutations of the virus could also cause a new pandemic mostly among children who are not vaccinated yet.

### Sustainable Development Goals

IPA advocates for SDG's; Advocates in means of health, in means of children and last but not least in means of Children's Rights. The world is already facing a great challenge in meeting the targets until 2030, COVID-19 has caused further deterioration.

In 2020, more than 72 million people were pushed into extreme poverty, and 1 in 3 children worldwide is not growing well. Food insecurity was already on rise from 22.4% in 2016 to 25.9% in 2019. This pandemic is an additional threat to food systems.

### Universal Health Coverage and Vaccination

Lack of universal health coverage is already a problem for more than half of the global population. Health care disruptions could reverse decades of improvement. Interrupted child immunization programs, unequal distribution of COVID vaccines and availability of COVID vaccines for children as well as ongoing vaccine hesitancy. Worldwide 79% agree that vaccines are safe while 7% disagree. The ratio of agreeing



## Message from the President

to vaccination is about %79 and %20 are refusing or hesitating about vaccination worldwide. Now a new vaccine COVID vaccine is also subject to both hesitancy and inequity.

Forcibly displaced children are affected much more seriously. With or without COVID we will continue dealing with the vital issue of displaced children. About 1% of the world's population is displaced. The number of displaced children is around 32 million. The majority of displaced people are from Syria, Venezuela, Afghanistan, South Sudan and Myanmar. The top 5 countries hosting these people are Turkey, Colombia, Pakistan, Uganda and Germany.

### Climate Change and our Future

Climate change is another priority topic to handle. The climate change increases not only ambient temperature but sea level and natural disasters, aeroallergens and air pollution. These lead to changes in rainfall and degradation of the ecosystem. In turn children are those most affected. Heat stress, malnutrition due to food insecurity, lack of clean water, injury related death, respiratory illnesses, increase in vector borne and diarrheal infections, conflict, displacement and disruption in education.

“Nurturing Care” to promote early childhood development has been launched in 2018 by WHO-UNICEF. The period from pregnancy to age 3 is scientifically proven to be a very sensitive period for brain development. Yet, in many settings, this period is not usually addressed in programming for early childhood development. In these earliest years, the health sector is uniquely positioned to provide support for nurturing care

Embedded in the SDGs on hunger, health, education and justice are targets on malnutrition,

child mortality, early learning and violence – targets that, together with others, outline an agenda for improving early childhood development.

The mission is Education, training of child health care workers; Advocating for Children's Rights; Planning, supporting research with whole inclusion and especially making the mostly affected children visible, and heard; Interdisciplinary collaboration starting from preconception to adolescence for better intergenerational health.

With our conferences being momentarily stalled, I certainly hope to meet you all at the 2023 IPA Congress in India.

Best,  
**Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu**  
IPA President



## From Executive Director's Desk



Dear distinguished fellow colleagues,

As the IPA Executive Director 2021-2023, it is an immense pleasure for me to present the IPA Newsletter Volume 15, Issue 2, 2021, the first IPA Newsletter of this term. From this year onwards, we are aiming to publish the IPA Newsletter three times a year. All of IPA member societies, which comprise of 147 National Pediatric Societies from 143 countries, 7 Regional Pediatric Societies, and 11 International Pediatric Specialty Societies are welcomed to contribute on sharing events, news, and articles to be featured in the IPA Newsletter and further disseminate it to more readers around the world.

At the time when this newsletter is being published, the second and the third wave of COVID-19 have been sweeping through many countries amid the vaccination rollout. The emergence of new variants and the spread of the more transmissible ones, such as the Delta variant, have been reported in many regions. Nevertheless, as the home of pediatricians, IPA continues to struggle in the frontline, to protect the health of newborns, children, and adolescents in all countries.

The COVID-19 pandemic has imposed

unprecedented challenges to our work. The high numbers of infections and deaths of health workers, the severe disruption of essential health services, including vaccination programs and health services for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) become increasingly apparent worldwide. Many countries have undertaken stringent mitigation measures to curb the transmission by implementing school closures; however, the indirect consequences to mental health, social, and emotional well-being have raised another concern that must also be addressed.

In this 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of IPA Newsletter in 2021, we share the IPA activities during the first half of the year including the IPA statements on NCD, immunization, COVID-19 response, and mental health delivered live at the virtual 74<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly. We also have reports on webinars and virtual events with diverse topics concerning child health, provided by our esteemed members from seven different geographical regions, as part of our joint efforts in promoting physical, mental, and social health for "Every Child, Every Age, Everywhere". Despite the global pandemic situation, we strive to do our best and reach out to more audiences, collaborating with all members and partners of IPA.

We hope that the IPA newsletter could be a source of valuable and trustworthy information for pediatricians across the globe and it could play a role as a medium of communication among IPA members to stay connected and engaged with each other.

**Prof. Aman B Pulungan**

IPA Executive Director



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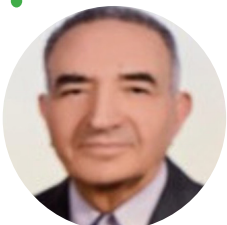
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## IPA Newsletter Editorial



Dear esteemed colleagues in IPA,

This second issue of the IPA Newsletter for 2021 is under the new executive committee and a new editorial team and secretariat. Our IPA President, Prof Enver Hassanoglu makes his debut message in this issue and the new Executive Director, Prof Aman Pulungan has also introduced the newsletter in his message.

The content for this issue focuses on various online activities organised by the main IPA committees, subspecialty and regional societies. We greatly appreciate submissions of pictorial reports of national societies notably the Turkish National Pediatric Society, the Indian Academy of Pediatrics, the Indonesian Pediatric Society and others but with so many reports, this issue would have been a voluminous one and may be impossible to send by email. Hence, we decided to accept and publish reports from the main regional societies only. Our apologies to those who have submitted.

Among the reports, an interesting one was of the Congress of Pediatricians of Russia that organised a Forum for Patients' Parents. This has been done in many other national pediatric congresses and they have proved to be widely accepted by parents. The Malaysian Paediatric Association had a forum with parents of children with disabilities a few years ago and a lot of miscommunications were resolved. Engaging with parents of our patients should be made a part of our national congresses.

### COVID collateral damage

With the world in the wake of yet another wave of COVID-19 with new variants that are more deadly and killing younger patients, we are starting to have a problem with Covid orphans.

Collateral damage especially from the delta variant that is affecting younger adults is the increasing numbers of Covid orphans, surviving children of deceased Covid positive parents. These young children have been left with no proper bereavement nor closure, and face bleak futures without the necessary social support in developing countries. Governments and relevant ministries have to be proactive in providing counseling, foster homes, financial support, continued schooling and proper follow up to these victims. These are essential to ensure the children do not end up abused or neglected, turning to crime or substance abuse, and generally failing in life. Covid orphans will be a problem that many countries will have to grapple with, and the developing and lesser



## IPA Newsletter Editorial

developed countries will inevitably be most severely affected.

COVID orphans will be an issue that will be haunting us all as Paediatricians as long as there is no adequate social net for these children. It is incumbent on us to prime and help mobilize the relevant ministries, departments, agencies and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to help before the problem gets out of hand.

This is the time too for the IPA and all national societies to awaken governments

to this impending issue that may lead to increased crime, substance abuse, child abuse and neglect, suicides and other social ills at a time when the poverty rates in most countries continue to drop.

We hope you enjoy going over this issue of our newsletter and we apologise for any errors. Stay safe and happy reading.

**Prof. Zulkifli Ismail**  
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The [International Pediatric Association](#) (IPA) expresses deep concern towards the violence in Al-Aqsa Mosque on May 7, 2021, following on the eviction of Palestinians in East Jerusalem, including Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood.

This aggression happened during a global pandemic, particularly within the holy Ramadan month. This crime is an act of violation towards children and families' right to safety during this pandemic. Furthermore, Ramadan should be a time for gathering of families and everyone should have the right to perform their religious prayers in absence of fear.

Eviction of families does not only abolish their right to own property but also hinders children from a safe environment for nourishment and growth, resulting in toxic stress within refugee families.

In alignment with IPA constitution, we should voice children's rights and protect them from violence and harm. We should voice children's rights and leave no one behind regardless of their age, race, or birthplace. By ensuring these rights, only then we can safeguard children's health, well-being, and bright future.

This letter serves as an official position statement and we urge the United Nation's call to action to avert children's detention and abuse within this long-standing conflict. We should all strive for fair, equal, and dignified treatment of children, under the [Convention on the Rights of the Child \(CRC\)](#). Our actions are imperative to prevent further incursions, state-sanctioned takeovers of Palestinian families, and escalation, as this would inflict both health and psychological trauma to the children, as well as family structure destructions.

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On behalf of  
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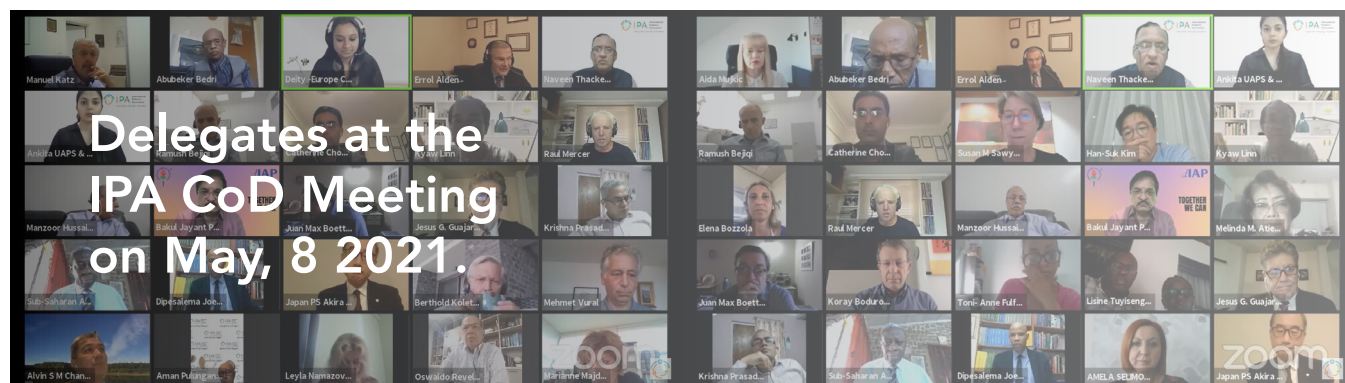
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### IPA Council of Delegates Meeting 2021



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, on the 8th of May 2021, the IPA Council of Delegates (CD) Meeting 2021 was held virtually and broadcasted live through the IPA YouTube channel. Prof. Errol Alden, The IPA President 2019-2021, started the meeting at 07:00 AM (Chicago Time) and Dr. Naveen Thacker, the IPA Executive Director 2019-2021, took a roll call of 98 officially designated delegates from each of the IPA Member Societies who represented their respective societies. During the meeting, all of the delegates reviewed, discussed, and approved the IPA Biennial Report 2019-2021, the Future Goals & Priorities of IPA, and the new IPA membership applications.

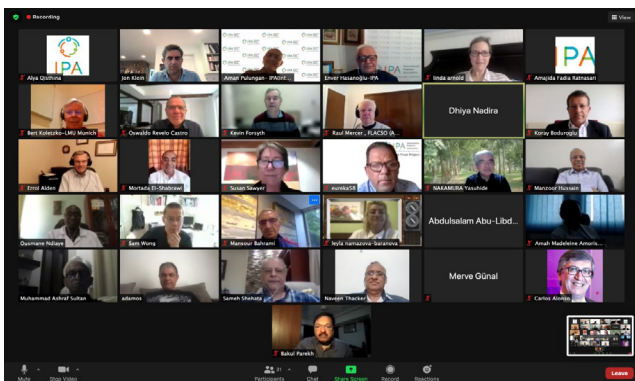
At the CD Meeting 2021, IPA had successfully conducted a democratic and transparent election using a meticulously prepared virtual election system. Dr. William Keenan, the chair of the IPA Election Committee, announced Dr. Naveen Thacker as the IPA President-Elect 2021-2023 and the 21 elected IPA Standing Committees 2021-2023. Dr. Zulfiqar Bhutta presented 'Covid-19 and Pediatricians: What Have We Learnt So Far?' and shared his suggestions to IPA on what to focus on during the pandemic. Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu, the IPA President 2021-2023, then delivered a speech and introduced the new office bearers of IPA for the term 2021-2023. Dr. Thacker adjourned the meeting at 10.30 AM (Chicago Time).



## IPA Activity Recap

### June 2021

#### The First IPA Standing Committee 2021-2023 Meeting



On 14th of June, 2021, the IPA's first Standing Committee (SC) 2021-2023 Meeting was held. The meeting was attended by 27 IPA SC 2021-2023 members. The meeting discussed IPA's plans, programs and collaborations for this term of leadership. The IPA SC 2021-2023 has committed to work together through a dynamic collaboration with IPA member societies and all partners and to advocate, educate, and create programs and projects on behalf of children.

#### Scientific Brief: "DO NO HARM – Maternal, Newborn and Infant Care during COVID-19"



IPA in collaboration with UNICEF and USAID developed a scientific brief "DO NO HARM – Maternal, Newborn and Infant Care during COVID-19" which was published in June 2021. The brief summarizes current evidence and guidance for maintaining safe and effective care across the spectrum of maternal, newborn and infant care and re-emphasizes key infection prevention and control (IPC) principles for safe oxygen delivery.

**Visit IPA website for downloading the full document:**

<https://ipa-world.org/pdf-reader.php?fid=96&title=DO-NO-HARM-Maternal-Newborn-and-Infant-Care-during-COVID-19>

## IPA Activity Recap

### July 2021

#### Workshop on "How to Monitor Conversations on Social Media + Keywords and Search Queries"



Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu, IPA President  
Opening Remarks

As a part of the IPA Vaccine Trust Program, an exclusive global virtual workshop was conducted on 9th July 2021 by IPA in collaboration with the Child Health Foundation (CHF). This session was organized with the goal of providing information on social media engagement as well as how to search for and deal with misinformation. As both of these components are part of the IPA Vaccine Trust Course and the CHF's National Platform.

In the opening remarks, Prof. Enver Hasanoğlu, the IPA President, stated that the pandemic had elevated social media and online information's importance and with social media monitoring, IPA would have the opportunity to broaden its impact on children. IPA welcomed the esteemed speakers, Prof. T Jacob John from CHF, Prof. Manisha Shelat from Mudra Institute of

Communications, Ahmedabad, India, and Prof. Anubhuti Yadav from Indian Institute of Mass Communication. Through this workshop, participants gained knowledge on how to monitor and observe social media interactions and how to use social media platforms to find information on a certain



Prof. Aman Pulungan, IPA Executive Director  
Closing Remarks

issue.

Prof. Aman Pulungan, the IPA Executive Director, concluded the workshop with closing remarks, "Our daily lives are now always connected to social media. Everyone has to be able to screen scientific-based facts from misinformation (hoax). IPA with its 150 member societies has gained valuable knowledge from IPA Vaccine Trust projects and its workshops. May this workshop be the beginning of further collaboration."

**The workshop can be watched on the IPA YouTube Channel through the link below.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQwDUf2RZ4s&t=384s>

## IPA Activity Recap

### IPA Representatives at Regional Events

#### WHO Western Pacific Region Partners' Forum 2021

IPA Representatives at the WHO Western Pacific Partner's Forum 2021



Prof. Aman Pulungan



Prof. Yasuhide Nakamura



Dr. Alvin Chang



Prof. Catherine Choong

**W**HO Western Pacific Region conducted the second partners' forum on 30th June-2nd July 2021. The forum has enabled IPA to engage with various partners from private and non-private sectors as well as collaborate on ideas for delivering better health in the Region.

At this event, IPA was represented by Prof. Aman Pulungan as the IPA Executive Director, Prof. Yasuhide Nakamura from Japan Pediatric Society, Dr. Alvin Chang from Singapore Paediatric Society, and Prof. Catherine-Choong from Royal Australian College of

Physician. IPA also had been given the honor to participate and exhibit the IPA Virtual Booth in the Partners' Expo session.

In the opening session, Dr. Takeshi Kasai, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific discussed the progress made within two years from the first Partner's

Forum in 2019, the COVID-19 situation, and how the Western Pacific Region had responded. It was emphasized that during this challenging time, partnership was a cornerstone in

combating the pandemic and had enhanced technical response interventions, such as laboratory, operational support and logistics, and essential health services.

The programs covered the topics of Working together during Covid-19, Thematic



## IPA Activity Recap

Priority in NCD and Ageing; Health Security, including Antimicrobial Resistance; Climate Change and Environment and Health; Reaching the Unreached, Health Beyond the Health Sector: Innovative Partnerships for Public Health, Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN): Deploying Partners for International Outbreak Response, Exploring Factors of Success in Public Health Partnerships, Leveraging Partnerships for Communicating on COVID-19 Vaccines, Working with Young People, for Young People, and The Future of Partnerships and the Way Forward.

Dr. Alvin Chang elaborated, "Areas that the IPA can further contribute to the partnership for the Western Pacific region include advocacy for the health of the pediatric population. This encompasses health education and needs in the areas of NCD, environmental health, health security, and others within healthcare in general. The partnership that the IPA can foster with all other stakeholders would be key to ensuring child health, not only managing diseases, an emphasis and a quality-of-life indicator for the Western Pacific region."

**Reported by:** Dr. Amajida Fadia, Dhiya Nadira, Alya Qisthina

### EAP Spring Hybrid Meeting 2021

**E**uropean Academy of Paediatrics (EAP) held the EAP Spring Hybrid Meeting 2021 took place at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Larnaca, Cyprus & virtually on 2-3 July 2021. The event had 116 virtual registrations from delegates originating from



45 different countries (Europe and abroad), and 13 attendees had the pleasure of joining the meeting in person. The meeting included discussions by seven prominent Advisory Groups and Permanent Councils within the EAP. There are two IPA SC 2021-2023 members that chaired the meeting agendas, Dr. Adamos Hadjipanayis, the president of EAP, and Prof. Berthold Koletzko. The audience was honoured to welcome Prof. Aman Pulungan, the Executive Director of IPA, who also attended the EAP Spring Meeting 2021 virtually, to the proceedings of the General Assembly. Dr. Adamos Hadjipanayis elaborated on a closer collaboration between the IPA and EAP in the General Assembly Session of the meeting.



# IPA Vaccine Trust Course

## Interim Evaluation

IPA launched the Vaccine Trust Course in seven languages – English, Spanish, Russian, French, Portuguese, Turkish and Arabic. The course aims to increase and utilize the communications and advocacy skillsets of healthcare workers providing or promoting vaccines and immunization.

In Dec'20, course was launched in 3 languages - English, Spanish, and Russian, later in Feb'21 the course was made available in 3 additional languages - French, Portuguese, and Turkish. Recently in Jun'21, the seventh language – Arabic was launched. Pediatricians, nurses, midwives, public health professionals, program managers, students, other healthcare workers and other healthcare professionals are the intended audience for the course.

A total of 3468 participants enrolled for the course from across 125 countries as of 21st Jul'21. Out of 3468, 926 participants completed the course, where remaining participants are in progress. **Table 1**

<b>Total Registrations</b>	3468
<b>Countries</b>	125
<b>Course Completed</b>	926

**Table 1.**

Table 2 to 3 show the languages, total enrollment and participants completing the course.

Language	Registrations	Course Completed
English	2406	642
Spanish	499	89
Russian	129	26
Turkish	203	67
French	161	92
Portuguese	63	8
Arabic	7	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3468</b>	<b>926</b>

**Table 2.** Breakdown by Language

Designation	Registrations	Course Completed
Pediatrician	2516	675
Nurse	143	41
Midwives	4	1
Public Health Professional	153	37
Program Manager	64	18
Assistant of Physician	8	1
Other Healthcare Professional	241	46
Other Healthcare Worker	30	9
Student (Medical, Nursing, Others)	80	7
Others	229	91
<b>Total</b>	<b>3468</b>	<b>926</b>

**Table 3.** Breakdown by Designation of Participants

# IPA Vaccine Trust Course

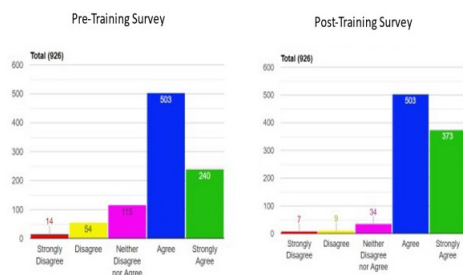
## Interim Course

## Evaluation

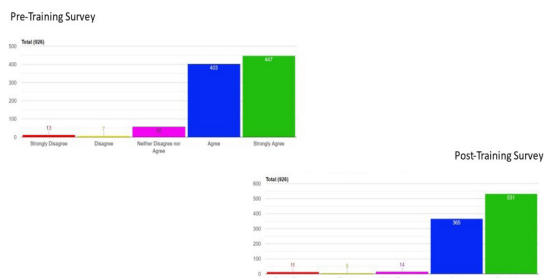
Some key findings from the interim course evaluation conducted based on the data from the launch date of course until 21st Jul'21 are as follows:

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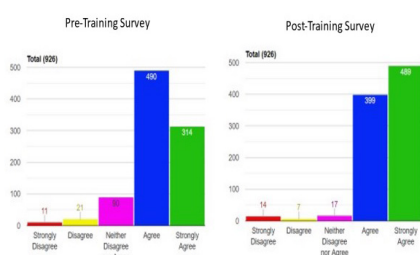
I feel competent to respond to misinformation circulated on social media with an evidence-based approach.



I feel it is important for healthcare workers to counter misinformation, by actively engaging on social media and presenting facts, as well as reliable and trustworthy information about vaccines.



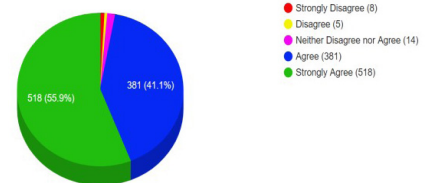
I feel competent to discuss vaccination with vaccine hesitant patients



### Course Evaluation:

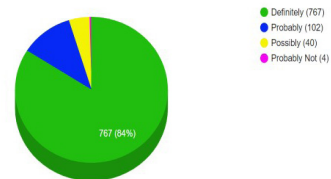
I think this training was helpful in upgrading my skills

( Total : 926 )



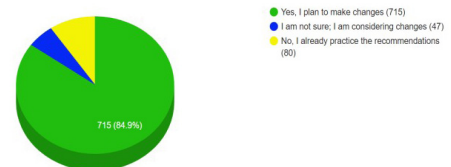
Considering your overall experience with the training, how likely are you to recommend it to your friends and colleagues?

( Total : 926 )



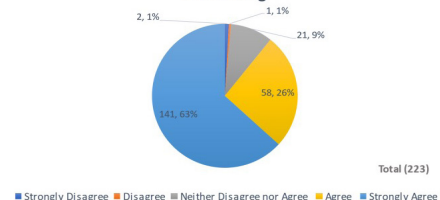
I intend to make changes or apply learnings in my approach to increasing vaccine acceptance as a result of this course

( Total : 926 )

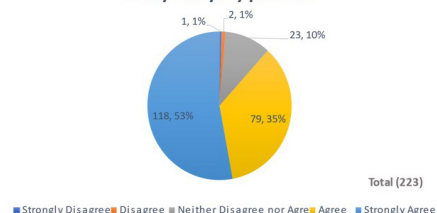


### Follow-up Survey (post three months of training):

In my practice, I often use the knowledge I gained in the training.

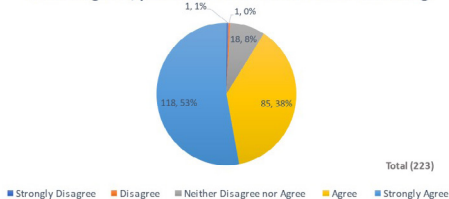


I successfully manage to apply the learned skills in my everyday practice.



# IPA Vaccine Trust Course

I have observed a positive change in my approach when dealing with caregivers, patients and others as a result of training.



**Testimonials:** Link to the participants testimonials - <https://ipa-world.org/testimonials-vtp2.php>

## Register Now for the IPA Vaccine Trust Course!



**Online IPA Vaccine Trust Course**

**Enroll Now !!!**

English | Spanish | Turkish | Russian | French | Portuguese | Arabic

**Highlights**

- No Registration Fee
- 8 Hours Online Course
- Course Completion Certificate issued by IPA
- Privilege to be Member of Global Vaccine Trust Leadership Forum



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### FAQs ON IPA VACCINE TRUST COURSE

#### What is there in Online IPA Vaccine Trust Course?

IPA Vaccine Trust Online Course consists of 7 modules:

- Module 1 - Infodemiology
- Module 2 - Behavioural science behind vaccine acceptance interventions
- Module 3 - Interpersonal communication (IPC)
- Module 4 - Social media engagement
- Module 5 - Dealing with vocal vaccine denier
- Module 6 - Interacting with Media
- Module 7 - Building vaccine value - Advocacy and messaging to effect change

#### In what languages the course is available?

The course is available in English, Spanish, Russian, French, Portuguese, Turkish and Arabic for the participants.

### FAQs ON IPA VACCINE TRUST COURSE

#### Who can apply for the course?

Pediatricians and other healthcare professionals involved in immunization, nurses, midwives, immunization program managers, health workers involved in immunization programs.

#### What is the course duration?

The participant would require 8-10 hrs of individual time to complete the course and will be given the span of 2-3 weeks for completion of the course. The participant will be able to attempt the course in multiple sittings.

### FAQs ON IPA VACCINE TRUST COURSE

#### What is Vaccine Misinformation Surveillance and Response?

Vaccine misinformation surveillance and response will be a part of Global Vaccine Trust Leadership Forum to monitor the impact of misinformation on the public trust, i.e., low impact, moderate impact, or high impact, and developing the response based upon the impact of misinformation and finally mobilizing the cadre of the HCPs to mitigate the adverse impact through evidence-based messaging with a coordinated response.

#### Where should I contact in case any queries related to the course?

Email - [ipavaccinehesitancy@gmail.com](mailto:ipavaccinehesitancy@gmail.com)  
WhatsApp - +91 91048 60461

### FAQs ON IPA VACCINE TRUST COURSE

#### Where is the course available and how can I apply for the course?

IPA Vaccine Trust Online Course will be offered for free on IPA LMS (Learning Management System) for the participants. Interested participants can enroll in the course on [ipa-world.org](https://ipa-world.org)

#### What is Global Vaccine Trust Leadership Forum?

The vaccine champions trained in online training of IPA Vaccine Trust Course will serve as a member of the Global Vaccine Trust Leadership Forum on the platform, to interact, share knowledge and best practices and discuss issues and strategies to address the problems.

IPA Vaccine Trust Course is now available in **7 languages:** English, Spanish, Russian, French, Portuguese, Turkish, and Arabic.

Click on this link to register:

<https://bit.ly/3cJzreT>



# The IPA Statements at the 74th World Health Assembly 2021



Prof. Aman Pulungan, IPA Executive Director  
at the 74th World Health Assembly



Dr. Naveen Thacker, IPA President-Elect  
at the 74th World Health Assembly

IPA advocated for the highest standards of health for every child, every age, everywhere in all countries of the world at the 74th World Health Assembly (WHA) on 24th May - 1st June 2021.

On behalf of IPA, Prof. Aman Pulungan (IPA Executive Director) and Dr. Naveen Thacker (IPA President-Elect) voiced concerns, recommendations, and plans of action from IPA to all delegates. Below is the summary of each statement of IPA on specific agendas of the 74th WHA that were delivered during the Non-State Actors statements sessions:

## Agenda 13.2 on Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Disease

IPA applauded the WHO's Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2013–2020, and the Global Coordination Mechanism on the

Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (GCM/NCD). Furthermore, IPA voiced support for continued integration of child and adolescent health into the NCD agenda, and inclusion of NCD prevention into comprehensive maternal newborn and child health, considering IPA had been working closely with NCD Child. IPA emphasized the importance of equal access to treatments, including medicines and vaccines, as well as the inclusion of youth and family voices in NCD planning and implementation in all countries and all health delivery systems at the end of the statement.

## Agenda 13.8 on Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030)

While many countries are still grappling with waves of COVID-19, IPA believes in the power of vaccines and hopes that vaccines will get us towards the end of this pandemic. In addition, disruptions in routine immunization



# The IPA Statements at the 74th World Health Assembly 2021

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services have caused 80 million children under the age of one to be at risk for vaccine-preventable illnesses. IPA fully supports the Immunization Agenda 2030 and is ready to play an active role in its implementation. As representatives of pediatricians all over the world, IPA has been leading the "IPA Vaccine Trust Course" as an effort to build public trust and reduce vaccine hesitancy. Our leaders in countries stand ready to work with their governments to achieve global immunization goals.

## **Agenda 14 on Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 16 Committing to Implementation of the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (WCAH)**

IPA urged WCAH to be prioritized as routine antenatal care, immunization, and basic health services have been severely disrupted during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Moreover, women, children, and adolescents are included in vulnerable groups deeply affected by COVID-19. Even before the pandemic, it is noticeably shown that progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) does not comply with targets initiated. Furthermore, IPA is profoundly concerned with SDG Target 4 "Quality Education". The pandemic has inflicted major threats to children's cognitive and behavioral advancement, as not only children's health and safety are at stake. We are obliged to empower schools, families, and communities

to ensure the continuity of high-quality education during the pandemic. Moving forward, we need to ensure that every child has adequate knowledge of COVID-19; therefore, they will be able to implement the COVID-19 health protocols independently.

## **Agenda 17 on WHO's work in health emergencies and strengthening preparedness for health emergencies and Agenda 18 on Mental health preparedness for and response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

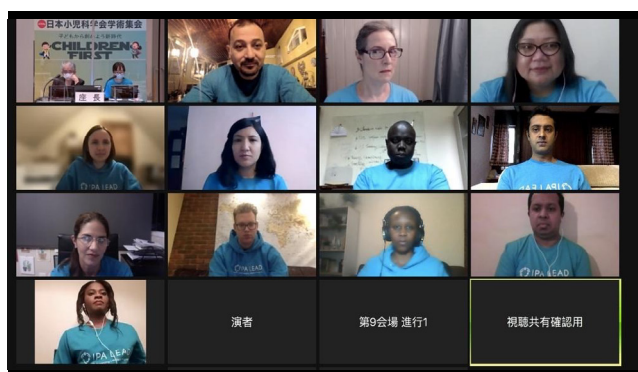
IPA urged member states to: work with WHO and child health professionals to monitor and provide technical support for post-COVID health systems; include and prioritize mental health care in governmental strategies and programs for COVID-19; and enact social protection programs and policies to support families, especially those living in poverty so that the countries can 'build back' post-pandemic health systems that are truly responsive to children's needs.

**Reported by:** Dr. Amajida Fadia, Dhiya Nadira, Alya Qisthina

## IPA LEADers Meeting

### In Conjunction with the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Japan Pediatric Society

The IPA LEAD is the Child Health Emerging Leaders Program that provides a formal mentored coaching for leadership development for early career pediatricians. IPA LEAD candidates, LEADers, were invited to the symposium at the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Japan Pediatric Society held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021.



At the poster session, LEADers introduced their own project they worked on during the IPA LEAD program.



Although the symposium was held online in response to travel restriction due to the COVID-19 outbreak, LEADers had fruitful discussion on what they learned in the IPA LEAD program and what would be needed to foster leadership among young pediatricians.



## IPA Regional Activity Recap

# Asia Pacific Region

### World Immunization Week 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021



Each year, the world commemorates World Immunization Week from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. The Indonesian Pediatric Society in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) conducted an online symposium and panel discussion entitled, "Immunization in Pandemic Era", on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2021. The event drew more than 600 participants across various nations who joined in via Zoom.



### World Autism Day: "Better Care for Better Future Autism Kids"



On the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2021, the Indonesian Pediatric Society, along with the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association and the Turkish National Pediatric Society joined forces to create an online symposium and panel discussion commemorating World Autism Day, entitled, "Better Care for Better Future Autism Kids". As the world commemorates World Autism Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, this joint discussion aims to find breakthroughs so that the management and intervention of autistic children may gain momentum to rebound towards improved outcomes.





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## IPA Regional Activity Recap

# Asia Pacific Region

## IPA President

### at 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Congress of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians

First time in the history of Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, the Annual Scientific Congress was held as a virtual meeting on 30-31 January 2021. The IPA president, Dr. Errol R. Alden, graced this event by doing a plenary lecture on "Children's Rights and the Sustainable Development Goals"



## International Webinar: "Management of Children with COVID-19"

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2021, a webinar on management of children with COVID-19 was organized by the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians in collaboration with the Family Health Bureau and World Health Organization-SEARO. The recording of this webinar is available at <https://youtu.be/93AigRjKbQM>.

## Webinar to Introduce the Sri Lankan Guidelines on Management of Children with COVID-19

On 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2021, the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians conducted a webinar to introduce the Sri Lankan Guidelines on Management of Children with COVID-19. The recording of this webinar is available at [https://youtu.be/CgToJ6\\_qvFA](https://youtu.be/CgToJ6_qvFA).

## Quick Reference Guide on the Management of Children with COVID-19

The Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians released a quick reference guide on the management of children with COVID-19 in collaboration with the Family Health Bureau and World Health Organization. The guide is available at [www.slcp.lk](http://www.slcp.lk).

## The 5th International Pediatric Summit (IPS) "Gathering the Region"

On 24-26 June 2021, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual International Pediatric Summit (IPS) "Gathering the Region" was conducted in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). This event is endorsed by the **Union of Arab Pediatric Societies (UAPS)**.



L-R: Dr. Abdulsalam Abu-Libdeh and  
Prof. Joseph Haddad

## Virtual Workshop on "Strengthening the Capacity of National Pediatric Societies in Immunization Advocacy"



The Paediatric Association of Nigeria in partnership with the **Union of National African Paediatric Societies and Associations (UNAPSA)** organized a virtual workshop on the 17th & 18th of May 2021 on "Strengthening the Capacity of National Pediatric Societies in Immunization Advocacy". Participants from the African sub-region including Nigeria, Senegal, Ghana and Zambia were impacted with communication, planning, implementation, interactive and other skills relevant to immunization advocacy, and charged to become "local immunization advocacy champions" in their communities and countries. This workshop was supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the US Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC).

## Training for Trainers (AGE AND STAGES Questionnaire)



*From left to right: Prof. Aleksandra Stojadinovic, Institute for Child and Youth Health Care, Vojvodina, Doc. Jelena Jankovic, Assistant Minister, The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Serbia, Jelena Zajeganovic, UNICEF Serbia, Prof. Georgios Konstantinidis, President of the Pediatric Association of Serbia*

At the moment when it was officially allowed to hold smaller gatherings, **the Pediatric Association of Serbia** organized the training for using tools for early development screening. This was a "training for trainers", it was attended by about thirty participants from all over Serbia, and the idea was for them to be educators to their colleagues in the environments in which they work. This training was organized in partnership with UNICEF and in cooperation with the Ministry of Health.

## The XXIII Congress of Pediatricians of Russia with International Participation "Actual Problems of Pediatrics"

The XXIII Congress of Pediatricians of Russia with international participation "Actual Problems of Pediatrics" successfully took place in hybrid format in Moscow, Russian Federation, on March 5-7, 2021, organized by the **Union of Pediatricians of Russia**. More than 21000 delegates (>2000 off-line and >19000 on-line) from various regions of Russian Federation, as well as more than 300 foreign participants from 17 countries, WHO representatives included, have participated in the Congress.





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## IPA Regional Activity Recap

# Europe

The I Conference on social pediatrics, the II Russian Conference of pediatric dermatologists, the II Summit of Medical Specialists and Health Organizers "Nutritional Components in Health Programming", the III Russian forum "Medical Volunteers to Children of Russia", the III Russian seminar "Insurance Medicine in Child Health Protection", the V National Assembly "Protected Generation", the X Eurasian Forum on Rare Diseases, the XI Forum of Pediatric Nurses (more than 80 participants), the XIV International Forum of Pediatric Surgeons and Orthopedic Traumatologists were held within the Congress, as well as the session of young scientists where almost 60 scientists, doctors, graduate students, residents, students and even schoolchildren from Russia and neighboring countries have participated via virtual hall. **The I Forum for Patients' Parents was held for the first time within the Congress of Pediatricians of Russia**, pediatric nurses and health care specialists made patients' parents familiar with the latest achievements in pediatrics.

The XXIII Congress of Pediatricians of Russia was conducted in a close collaboration with pediatric associations of Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Uzbekistan. Five joint symposia were held to discuss the provision of medical care for children, management of children with a new coronavirus infection, the use of rational antibacterial therapy, preventive vaccination and the future development of pediatrics in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The event was accredited by the Coordinating Council

for Continuous Medical and Pharmaceutical Education of the Ministry of Health of Russia and the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME).

The video of the event can be watched on the YouTube channel of the Union of Pediatricians of Russia <https://youtu.be/jwhWaZ7pjaA>.

## Interactive Educational Webinars

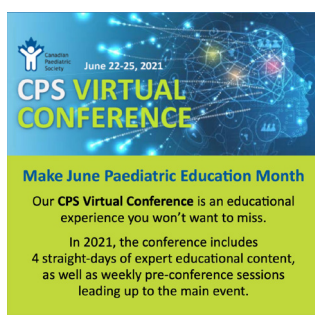


The **Romanian Society of Pediatrics** in cooperation with the **Association of Informed Parents** conducted interactive education webinar in which wide topics were addressed:

- The role of vaccination in the child's health
- How can I have a healthy relationship with my child?

The chosen topics aroused great interest. Participation was above expectations and over 1500 parents were connected to each event.

## CPS Virtual Conference on 22-25 June 2021



The Canadian Paediatric Society held its first-ever completely “virtual” conference in June 2021, with over 800 child and youth health specialists participating. We are looking forward to gathering in Montreal in May 2022, when we will mark the 100th anniversary of our Society. In the meantime, we invite paediatricians from across the globe to join us online on September 10 and 11 for the [International Meeting on](#)

[Indigenous Child Health](#). This biennial gathering is co-hosted by the **American Academy of Pediatrics** in collaboration with Indigenous organizations from the U.S. and Canada. **It is the only conference dedicated to the health of Indigenous children in North America and around the world.** [Program](#) and [registration](#) details are available online.

## Webinars and Virtual Events by Asociación Latinoamericana de Pediatria (ALAPE)

In the first half of the year 2021, ALAPE has conducted webinars and virtual events with various topics as follows:

- In February 2021, Webinar: **“The School Child in COVID-19 Times”**



- In March 2021, **Webinar: Breastfeeding Day, "Closing Gaps in Clinical Practice"**



- In April 2021, **Webinar: "Importance of Vaccination in Children and Adolescents during the COVID-19 Pandemic"**



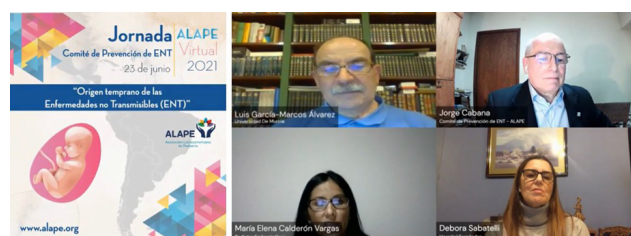
- Webinar en Vivo: "Sindemia COVID-19: Impactos y Oportunidades para la Niñez"**



- In May 2021, **Webinar: "Presentation of the EPIC LATINO Program. CLAPS-OPS Experience in the Situation of Newborns in Latin America"**



- In June 2021, **Webinar: "Early Origin of Non-Communicable Diseases"**



- Webinar en Vivo: "El Niño en Etapa Escolar en Tiempos de COVID-19"**



The webinars are conducted and supported by ALAPE. The videos of the webinar are available in this following link:  
<http://webinar.alape.org/>.



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## Announcement

# IPA Congress 2023



**IPA  
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30th International Pediatric Association Congress  
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19th Feb - 24th Feb, 2023

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## Announcement

### Congress Conjoint UNAPSA SIP-2021

### 17th Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics

**CONGRES CONJOINTS UNAPSA-SIP 2021**

XV<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Union of Societies and African National Pediatric Associations (UNAPSA)  
IX Congress of the Ivorian Pediatric Society (SIP)

**GENERAL THEME :**  
« Child survival, Pediatric Emergencies and Covid-19 Pandemic »

**Date**  
15, 16 and 17 September 2021

**LOCATION :**  
FHB Fondation (Yamoussoukro)

**SUB THEMES :**

- Neonatal Emergencies and Perinatology
- Pediatric Emergencies, offers care and Optimization of resources
- Referral versus referral in pediatric emergencies
- Vital distress and good practice
- Community and Pediatric Emergencies
- Covid-19: Realities, challenges and opportunities

Abstracts should be sent to the Email address: [sipediatrierci@yahoo.fr](mailto:sipediatrierci@yahoo.fr)

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**17<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of Pediatrics**  
Lahore, Pakistan 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

Theme: Every New Born, Every Child, Every Where

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- APCP Symposia
- Pre Congress Workshops
- Oral Presentations
- Plenary Sessions
- Meet the Expert
- Poster Viewing

**PRE CONGRESS WORKSHOPS ON**

- Vaccine Hesitancy
- Appa Workshop
- Anti-microbial Resistance

**REGISTRATION FEES**

International Delegate	USD 250/-
International Delegate Accompanying person with Registration	USD 100/-
Special Rates for SAARC Countries	USD 200/-
For Overseas participants attending Virtually	USD 50/-
Pakistan Rates for Consultant & General Physician	PKR 15,000/-
Pakistan Rates for PG's	PKR 7,000/-
Skill Building Workshop	PKR 3,000/-
Gala Dinner	PKR 4,000/-
Accompanying person with Gala Dinner	PKR 7,000/-

**CONCURRENT SYMPOSIA**

Infectious Diseases	Cardiology	Pulmonology
Neonatology	Gastroenterology	Endocrinology
Neurology	Nephrology	COVID-19
Neglected Tropical Diseases	Hematology / Oncology	Community Pediatrics
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