



ASIA-PACIFIC FEDERATION FOR CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE

Annual Report 2017

1 APFCB members

Ordinary members

The following National Societies are members of the APFCB:

1. Australasian Association of Clinical Biochemists (AACB)
2. Chinese Society of Laboratory Medicine (CSLM)
3. Hong Kong Society of Clinical Chemistry (HKSCC)
4. Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBI)
5. Indonesian Association of Clinical Chemistry (IACC)
6. Iranian Association of Clinical Laboratory Doctors (IACLD)
7. Japan Society of Clinical Chemistry (JSCC)
8. Korean Society of Clinical Chemistry (KSCC)
9. Malaysian Association of Clinical Biochemists (MACB)
10. Mongolian Association of Health Laboratorians (MAHL)
11. Nepal Association for Medical Laboratory Sciences (NAMLS)
12. Pakistan Society of Chemical Pathologists (PSCP)
13. Philippine Association of Medical Technologists (PAMET)
14. Singapore Association of Clinical Biochemists (SACB)
15. Association for Clinical Biochemistry, Sri Lanka (ACBSL)
16. Chinese Association for Clinical Biochemistry, Taiwan (CACB)
17. Thailand Association of Clinical Biochemists (TACB)
18. Vietnamese Association of Clinical Biochemistry (VACB)

Affiliate Members

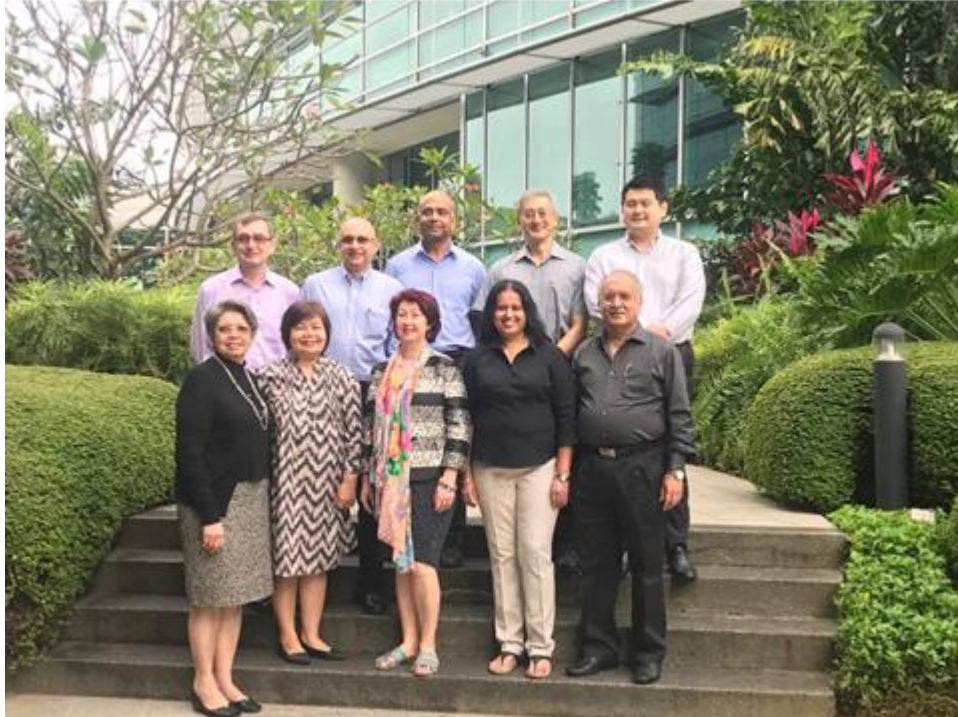
1. Association of Medical Biochemists of India (AMBI)
2. Chinese Association of Clinical Laboratory Management (CACLM)
3. College of Pathologists of Sri Lanka (CCPSL)
4. Philippine Council for Quality Assurance in Clinical Laboratories (PCQACL)
5. Macao Laboratory Medicine Association (MLMA)
6. Nepalese Association for Clinical Chemistry (NACC)

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1. Abbott Diagnostics
2. Beckman Coulter
3. Becton Dickinson
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10. Randox Laboratories

11. Roche Diagnostics
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14. Siemens Healthineers
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2 Office Bearers and Chairs of Standing Committees



1) Executive Board

President	Sunil Sethi (Singapore)
Immediate Past President	Leslie Lai (Malaysia)
Vice-President	Endang Hoyaranda (Indonesia)
Secretary	Helen Martin (Australia)
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Corporate Representative	Alexander Wong (Siemens)

2) Chairs of Standing Committees

Communications (C-Comm)	Praveen Sharma (India)
Congress and Conferences (C-CC)	Elizabeth Frank (India)
Education and Laboratory Management (C-ELM)	Tony Badrick (Australia)
Scientific (C-Sci)	Sam Vasikaran(Australia)

3 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IFCC and APFCB

A renewed MoU was signed in March 2017 between the Presidents and Secretaries of both organisations. A new clause in the MoU included the election of an APFCB official within the Executive Board of the IFCC. At the APFCB Council Meeting in Taipei, Taiwan in November 2016, it was resolved that the best suited person for this role was the elected APFCB President. The inaugural APFCB representative in the IFCC EB is Sunil Sethi and his term is for three years from Jan 2018- Dec 2020.

4 Annual IFCC grant

The IFCC continued to support the APFCB with CHF 10,000 in 2017. Funds were disbursed into the APFCB Philanthropic Fund. These funds are used exclusively for support of travel awards for young scientists to attend conferences to present their research and for support of educational activity to the less developed countries within the APFCB.

5 WASPaLM-APFCB MoU

A renewed MoU was signed in November 2017 between the Presidents of both organisations. The MoU sealed the close relationship between the organisations and underscored the importance of supporting each other during scientific and educational events. An APFCB scientific symposium entitled Informatics and Laboratory Results, was part of the WASPaLM programme and was conducted immediately after the MoU signing ceremony.

6 Education and Laboratory Management Committee (C-ELM)

Chair: Dr Tony Badrick (Australia)

Committee

The Committee has been restructured in 2017/18 with each member given a responsibility for a component of the broad range of activities undertaken by the C-ELM. The Committee comprises the following: Environmental – Lia Gardenia Partakusuma (Indonesia); Website development/Interpretative Comments – Tze Ping Loh (Singapore); Vietnam Course – Ronda Greaves (Australia); MACB Course – Elina Raja (Malaysia); Needs Survey of members – July Kumalawati (Indonesia); Phlebotomy audit – Endang Hoyaranda (Indonesia); Lean Vietnam – Jozi Habijanic (Roche Corporate); Quality Control/Sigma training - Amit Manjure (Siemens Corporate)

A. APFCB Travelling Lecturer for 2017 and 2018

Dr Elina Raja, President of the Malaysian Association of Clinical Biochemists (MACB) was appointed APFCB TL for 2017. Her first engagement will be at the 3rd Annual Scientific Conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 15-17 March 2018. The title of her presentation is Drugs of Abuse Testing – Past, Present and Future.

B. MACB-APFCB Chemical Pathology Course, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 7-8 September 2017

This was the second in the series of the Malaysian Association of Clinical Biochemists (MACB) – APFCB course. There were about 90 participants at the APFCB-MACB Chemical Pathology Course held in KL over two days in September. There were more people who wished to attend but were unable to be accommodated in the allocated room. There were approximately 60 attendees at the inaugural course. The program follows a curriculum based on the AACB- MAACB qualification and aims to cover all the material over three years. The course is aimed at a section head in a major teaching hospital in terms of content and covers both clinical and technical aspects of clinical chemistry. The program consists of a series of lectures and case studies with significant notes given to the attendees.

There were 2 external speakers but the majority of the presenters were local pathologists and scientists which is in keeping with the aim of making this an MACB activity eventually. The course is linked to a Malaysian government Scientist career pathway and certification project and will be the basis of a postgraduate course which will run next year.

MACB-APFCB Chemical Pathology Course Program 2017

Time	Session – Thursday 7/09/2017	Speaker
08.45 - 09.00	Welcome and overview	MACB President
09.00 - 09.30	Statistics (method evaluation, reference intervals, MU)	Dr. Tony Badrick
09.30 - 10.00	Sodium and water	Dr. Tze Ping Loh
10.00 - 10.15	Tea Break	
10.15 - 11.00	Calcium, Magnesium	Prof. Pavai Sthaneswar
11.00 - 11.45	Potassium and acid base	Dr. Tze Ping Loh
11.45 - 12.30	Investigation of Adrenal disease	Prof. Pavai Sthaneswar
12.30 - 13.00	Tumour markers	Dr. Tengku Norita T. Yazid
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 - 14.30	Automation	Dr. Tony Badrick
14.30 - 15.00	Lipids and CVD risk	Dr. Tze Ping Loh
15.00 - 16.00	Case studies: Cases 1, 2, 3	Dr. Tony Badrick / Dr. Tze Ping
16.00 - 16.15	Tea Break	
16.15 - 17.00	Management of PoCT	Chris Lam
Time	Session – Friday 8/09/17	Speaker
09.00 - 09.45	Haemoglobin, Iron and	Dr. Tony Badrick

	Porphyryns (TB)	
09.45 - 10.30	Hematopoietic malignancies and case discussion	Dr. Mimi Azura
10.30 - 11.00	Tea Break	
11.00 - 11.45	Newborn Screening	Chen Bee Chin
11.45 - 12.30	Molecular methods in diagnosis and monitoring	Yusnita Yakob
12.30 - 14.30	Lunch	
14.30 - 15.15	Biochemical Alteration in Diabetic Ketoacidosis	Dr. Siti Balkhis Budin
15.15 - 16.15	Case studies: Cases 4, 5, 6	Dr. Tony Badrick
16.15 - 16.45	Discussion	
16.45 - 17.00	Tea Break and End of course	

C. Pre-Analytical Working subgroup to develop a phlebotomy process Auditor training program

The BD phlebotomy audit program has been successful at reducing pre-analytical error in a number of APAC countries. The aim of this project is to produce an APFCB training course for phlebotomy auditors that could be used throughout the Region, develop a guideline for pre-analytical processes, and organise speciality meetings. An MoU with BD who will assist in the development and delivery of this program was signed in Singapore in late January 2018.

D. Interpretative comments programme

The purpose of these cases and suggested responses is to provide some clinical cases for continuing education. There was wide range of responses with between 15 and 45 participants. The Interpretative Comments program will continue in 2018. Dr Loh Tze Ping, Singapore, will take over the management of this program with an emphasis on basic result interpretation.

E. Development of Material for self-directed learning for QA/QC

The C-ELM will continue to populate the website with suitable material for laboratory staff to learn basic aspects of QA and QC.

F. Roche pre-analytical workshops

The Roche Lean training program will continue for year 2 in Vietnam. There have been 3 courses with over 40 local staff trained. The expectation is that there will be further courses this year. The role of the APFCB is to monitor progress and ensure that projects continue to be completed.

G. Green Practices Survey

To continue to promote green laboratories, a survey of suppliers will be undertaken to gauge green policies with production, distribution and use of environmentally friendly material.

H. Vietnam PoCT and Clinical Biochemistry Courses

The work of Ronda Greaves in Vietnam will continue with further workshops in Hanoi and HCMC.

I. APFCB Workshop held at the IFCC WorldLab Congress, Durban, South Africa

The APFCB was invited in 2016 to conduct a symposium/workshop at the IFCC WorldLab in Durban, 22-25th October 2017.

The APFCB workshop, entitled Clinical Endocrinology, was held on 23rd October 2017 from 1630 till 1730 h. It covered aspects of clinical endocrinology, including vitamin D and osteoporosis, parathyroid disorders and their investigation, and clinical cases on thyroid and adrenal disorders.

Scientific Programme:

Chair: Leslie Lai

Laboratory investigation in the diagnosis and management of parathyroid disorders

Samuel Vasikaran (Australia)

Endocrine cases and data interpretation

Leslie Lai (Malaysia)

Vitamin D to prevent osteoporosis: Critical Levels and mechanisms of action

Howard Morris (Australia)

Although the workshop was the last session of the day and there were four parallel sessions, with 700 registered participants at the congress, the APFCB workshop attracted around 100 participants.

The feedback received from participants was that the APFCB workshop was useful and interesting. The clinical cases were interactive and engaged the participation of the audience. To quote two participants who attended the workshop, the session was a "great event".

The APFCB is honoured to have participated in the 23rd IFCC WorldLab Congress in Durban, South Africa.

J. APFCB Symposium at WASPaLM, Kyoto, Japan, 20th October 2017

The APFCB conducted an invited Symposium entitled Informatics and Laboratory Results at the WASPaLM Kyoto meeting. There were three speakers:

Sunil Sethi who spoke on Laboratory middleware, process control and result auto-verification;

Tony Badrick (co-chair) with the topic Using External Quality Assurance Information and Communications Technology to drive improved Reporting; and,

Helen Martin who addressed Critical Risk Result Reporting.

The audience was small but this was true for many of the symposia during the meeting. The audience were enthusiastic. The material presented linked together well and was pertinent and informative. The speakers gave good presentations and the session flowed well and was on time. The venue was very good though some distance from Kyoto where the hotel was located. The activity underscored the importance of the APFCB-WASPaLM relationship.

K. APFCB-AACC Quality Workshops

There is a new collaborative project between APFCB and the AACC. Planning has begun for the Global Laboratory Quality Workshop series, "Adding Value to Patient Care Using Quality Control" in the Asia-Pacific region from August 2018. Workshops in Nepal, Sri Lanka and Philippines are being planned, with a similar pre-congress workshop at APFCB Congress in Jaipur in November 2019.

7 Scientific Committee (C-Sc)

Chair: Sam Vasikaran (Australia)

Committee:

Kiyoshi Ichihara, Chair of Reference Intervals WG,
Graham Jones, Chair of APFCB / WASPaLM Task Force on CKD,
Leslie Lai, Vice Chair and WASPaLM Rep-APFCB / WASPaLM TF CKD,
Ronda Greaves, Chair of Mass Spectrometry Harmonisation WG
Tester Ashavaid (TD) Chair of Pharmacogenetics WG

- A.** Kiyoshi Ichihara has analysed reference interval data from participating countries in the APFCB region (India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Malaysia etc.). Measurements were harmonised by the distribution of a panel of sera. The IFCC Committee on Reference Intervals and Decision Limits (C-RIDL) will publish a guidance document for the direct and indirect methods for deriving reference intervals. Clinical decision limits will also be addressed. Available tools: DGKL-Germany [http://www.dgkl.de/PA106975_EN_VAR100?sid=u425284C4lo121].

- B.** APFCB-WASPaLM TF-CKD. A meeting of the IFCC-WASPaLM Task Force on CKD was held in Athens during EuroMedLab. Several national representatives from the AP region attended. The National Societies are encouraged to liaise with the local clinical Nephrology professional societies. K-DIGO 2013 blueprint should be used for implementation of action plans.
http://kdigo.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/KDIGO_2012_CKD_GL.pdf

National representation encouraged on both the APFCB-WASPaLM TF-CKD and the IFCC-WASPaLM TF-CKD by applying for corresponding membership.

APFCB will support regional countries which can apply to the IFCC VLP program to invite GJ to visit and speak at local forums/workshops.

There is currently an epidemic of CKD in Sri Lanka. GJ has been invited by the College of Chemical Pathologists of Sri Lanka to speak, hold workshops and meet with nephrologists, at their annual meeting in March 2018.

C. Mass Spectrometry Harmonization Working Group

A survey for 17OHP for serum and plasma was carried out via several national, regional societies/ bodies. Next steps include – technical survey/ recommendations – on minimum volumes, dynamic range of assays, consideration of QC levels, internal standards, EQA and accreditation. Work is in conjunction with the IFCC and AACB. Two abstracts presented (one at ESPE, one at ICPLM 2017).

Publication: Greaves RF, Ho CS, Loh TP, Chai JH, Jolly L, Graham P, Hartmann MF, de Rijke YB, Wudy SA; Working Group 3 “Harmonisation of Laboratory Assessment” European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) Action BM1303 “DSDnet” . Current state and recommendations for harmonization of serum/plasma 17-hydroxyprogesterone mass spectrometry methods. Clin Chem Lab Med 1998 Feb 3. Epub ahead of print

Plans are afoot for initiating and international external quality assessment program for LC-MSMS based analysis of steroid panels starting with 17-OHP, to be done in collaboration with European and Australian external QA programs.

Ronda Greaves is a member of the new IFCC-ETD and may be an avenue for collaboration with wider laboratory medicine community.

D. Focus on Diabetes Mellitus

Decision made at the APFCB EB meeting in January 2018 to focus the efforts of C-Sc improving the quality of laboratory services in the region for the tests related to diabetes mellitus in order to improve diagnosis, monitoring and management of the disease – with activities involving a survey on HbA1C diagnostic cut offs, PoC versus mainframe testing, and possible APFCB region-wide accuracy-based A1C PT programme.

8 Communications Committee (C-Comm)

Chair: Praveen Sharma (India)

The Chair of the Communications Committee is also the Chief Editor of the APFCB e-News. The official communication newsletter for APFCB, APFCB e-news is being published online since 2010. The publication team includes:

Leslie Lai	General and Case Studies Editor
Tester Ashavaid	General and Case Studies Editor
Aysha Habib	General and Case Studies Editor
Dr Purvi Purohit	Web Editor
Dr Purvi Purohit	Assistant Editor

A. APFCB e-News

The APFCB e-news is available free online for all and this has ensured wide reach of the APFCB e-News to all members at no additional cost. It covers:

APFCB activities

Activities of member societies

Features (including special mention of any outstanding work)

Scientific articles by members

Scientific articles by corporate members

The APFCB e-News was published annually from 2013 to 2015. In 2015 it was decided that the APFCB e-News shall be published twice a year as Issue -1 and 2 in an effort to cover more regional activities. Since 2016 there is regular publication of the 2 issues of APFCB News. For the current year APFCB News 2017 (Issue-1) is already online covering the activities of member societies in the first half of this year. The second issue is under preparation and covers major activities of the member societies of the second half of the year 2017.

B. APFCB Website

The Chair of the Communications Committee was charged with the responsibility of launching the APFCB website and its coordination, maintenance and improvement (www.apfcb.org). The site was successfully launched on 1 Nov 2011. Dr MVR Reddy (India) had been assigned the responsibility of being the web editor. In the year 2016 Dr Purvi Purohit succeeded Dr MVR Reddy as the web editor.

The website is regularly updated with comprehensive information on the organisation and activities of APFCB and its member societies and latest announcements of conferences and workshops of member societies. Access is made available through the website to the ongoing Scientific, Education and Laboratory Management Committee programs of APFCB as well as the activities of the Communications and Congress Committee.

With the renewal of the website maintenance contract, there have been

progressive updates in the website. There is automatic data archival of all the website pages. Further, all the issues of the APFCB News are now available in two formats, PDF and E book format.

APFCB also has a YouTube channel with informative videos available. This was made in collaboration with Roche and is now successfully launched in December 2017. The channel can be searched on YouTube Asia-Pacific Federation for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine.

There is also a photo gallery of relevant events. The website is also a source of information on the APFCB Congress and regional meetings as well as the APFCB Travelling Lecturer program as well as future events. The APFCB e-News and annual reports are conveniently published online on this platform, making them readily available to all members. It also gives access to the APFCB webinars.

C. Public Relations

A power point presentation on the APFCB, its members and its activities is updated regularly by the corporate representative at the Executive Board, Dr Alexander Wong, from Siemens. This PowerPoint presentation is ready for use at member society conferences and at regional and international meetings to promote the APFCB.

9 Congress and Conferences Committee (C-CC) **Chair: Elizabeth Frank (India)**

A. Auspices

One of the functions of the APFCB C-CC is the award of auspices of the APFCB for scientific meetings. The provision of auspices is mutually beneficial: the APFCB lends its prestige to a meeting which should help it attract greater participation and in return the APFCB benefits from greater name recognition among the participating laboratory scientists.

In 2017, APFCB auspices was provided for the following meetings:

- 1) College of Chemical Pathologists, Sri Lanka, Annual Academic Session, 24-25 February 2017.
- 2) The Iranian Association of Clinical Laboratory Doctors (IACLD), 10th International & 15th National Congress on Quality Improvement in Clinical Laboratories, 20-23 April 2017, Tehran, Iran.
- 3) The 9th Scientific meeting and Chemical Pathology Course, July 2017, Vietnam.
- 4) 2nd APFCB-SACB-Siemens Specialty Meeting on Laboratory Excellence, 29 September 2017, Singapore
- 5) Korean Society of Laboratory Medicine, 58TH Annual Meeting, LMCE 2017, 18-20 October, Seoul, South Korea
- 6) Association of Medical Biochemists of India, 25TH Anniversary

- Silver Jubilee AMBICON, 15-19 November, Mysuru, India
- 7) 44th National Conference of Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBICON 2017), 3-6 December 2017, Lucknow, India
- 8) Roche Efficiency Days (RED), 30 Nov-1 Dec, Taipei, Taiwan

10 Corporate Member's Report by Dr Alexander Wong (Siemens Healthineers)

A. Corporate Membership Update

Year	New Corporate Members Added	Corporate Members Rescinded
2014	Nil	Nil
2015	Wondfo Biotech SNIBE Diagnostics	Nil
2016	Nil	PM Separations
2017	Nil	Nil

B. Promoting APFCB Membership

Corporate Representative will continue to promote the benefits of APFCB Corporate Membership to other companies.

C. Receivables Reconciliation from Corporate Members

Efforts have been made to reduce the amount receivables from Corporate Members. Corporate members such as BD, Bio-Rad have paid their overdues, and Randox has recently responded favourably to settle their outstanding payments. Corporate Representative to follow-up with treasurer on the amounts receivables overdue that is payable to APFCB.

D. Corporate Member Activities

Appointment of Corporate Representatives to APFCB Committees

The following Corporate Representatives have been nominated to the respective Committees –

C-ELM – Ms Jozica Habijanac (Roche)

C-ELM – Mr Amit Manjure (Siemens)

C-SC – Mr Tan Swee Jin (Sysmex)

E. APFCB-Corporate Memorandums & Agreements

More Corporate Members are amenable to sign non-binding agreements with APFCB in order to better define the scope and activities for which each Corporate Member would like to collaborate with APFCB over a medium term. This is a very encouraging trend, and can be an effective mechanism to promote more to Corporate Members in order to facilitate closer collaboration.

APFCB-Abbott Event Partnership Agreement

APFCB-Roche Collaboration Agreements

APFCB-BD MOU on Pre-analytical

APFCB-Siemens MOU on QC/Sigma training program (in discussions)

F. APFCB Auspices for Corporate Events

Auspices were granted to 2 meetings held in the second-half of 2017. Both meetings were well-attended and post-event reports have been submitted to the APFCB for records.

2nd APFCB-SACB-Siemens Specialty Meeting, held in Singapore

Roche Efficiency Days (RED) 2017, held in Taipei.

G. Launch of APFCB YouTube Channel

Roche Diagnostics have offered support and assistance to launch an official APFCB YouTube Channel in order to manage our scientific online contents. The following members are tasked to work on the project, with a progress update expected on 26 Jan 2018 –

APFCB – Praveen Sharma, Alex Wong

Roche – Jozica Habijanac, Shruti Bose

H. Update on APACMed Code of Ethics

Corporate Representative highlighted the recent changes made to APACMed code, with effect from 1 Jan 2018. These changes will mainly affect Corporate Members who are under APACMed (<http://www.apacmed.org/join/current-members/>)

APACMed Corporate Members will NOT be allowed to –
Invite HCPs directly as speakers or as participants for all future APFCB Congresses and Events, but will need to go through the Congress organizers for nominations, for which the Congress organizers will cover all travel arrangements and expenses.

These costs may be recovered through an educational grant that can be paid on an agreed lump sum or through reimbursement of receipts.

Corporate Members are still allowed to –
Propose speakers for 3rd party educational event if approached by event organizers but cannot influence their selection/decision, nor make any direct travel and logistical arrangements.

Invite Corporate employees to speak at 3rd party educational event where speaker's slot is offered as part of the sponsoring package.

Purchase satellite symposia* (e.g. lunch symposia) packages and to determine the content of these satellite symposia including selection of speaker and payment of speaker's honorarium, travel, accommodation.

Free tickets obtained from event organizers as part of the educational grant can be offered to HCOs (but not to HCPs).

Organize their own Corporate Workshops/symposia independent of any other event organizers.

I. Corporate Members Briefing on APFCB Congress 2019, Jaipur

A Corporate Members Briefing session was organized on 26 Jan 2018 in Singapore, to Congress Organizing Committee Chair Prof Praveen Sharma gave an update on the preparations for the APFCB Congress 2019 to Corporate Members. Corporate Members were impressed by the venue, facilities, and flight connectivity options.

J. 2nd APFCB-SACB-Siemens Specialty Meeting on Laboratory Excellence

Date: 29 September 2017

Venue: Carlton Hotel, Singapore

APFCB, SACB, and Siemens continued their joint collaboration to organize the second series of Specialty Meetings in Singapore, with the topic on “Laboratory Excellence”. The event saw a total of 202 participants from restructured hospitals, commercial laboratories, polyclinics, and clinical trial organizations across Singapore, as well as participants from neighbouring countries Malaysia and Indonesia. Consistent with the first series, the organizers capitalized on speakers from various organizations – Health Sciences Authority Singapore, as well as College of American Pathologists (CAP faculty, to share their valuable knowledge and experience to the audience.

One interesting aspect of the event was also the use of a real-time Q&A mobile app for better interactivity with the audience. Over 40 questions were posed by the participants across the 2 Q&A panels, and the faculty answered questions that had garnered the most up-votes. Participants thoroughly enjoyed the use of the digital media platform (Pigeon Hole Live) to liven up the Q&A sessions, as did the speakers themselves.



11 Special Event

Association of Medical Biochemists of India, 25TH Anniversary Silver Jubilee
AMBICON, 15-19 November, Mysuru, India

Report of attendance by Endang Hoyaranda, Vice-President, APFCB

The AMBI annual conference 2017, which commemorates the Silver Jubilee of AMBI was chosen to be held in Mysore, Karnataka State, South India. AMBI was established in 1992, and was held in the beautiful facilities of the Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel, which was built in 1921 during the Kingdom of Mysore.

The conference was attended by more than 200 participants, mainly Biomedical doctors from all over the country. Unfolding new facets of Medical Biochemistry: The bridging of Academia and Clinics, was chosen as the theme of the conference this year. This theme was well represented by the lectures addressed during the conference.

A memento from APFCB congratulating AMBI for their Silver Jubilee, was presented to the President of AMBI, and an address from APFCB was delivered, as follows:

On behalf of the Asia-Pacific Federation for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine, I congratulate the Association of Medical Biochemists of India on this historical 25th anniversary.

The need for professional and scientific societies to be heard in public is increasing these days. This is especially important in the field of medicine, in this era of the P4 principles, where health is regarded not only as mitigating disease, but also preventing and predicting disease, personalizing of actions and participation of all stakeholders. It is the era of disruption, where changes are happening at a very high pace, where it may destroy when men are not aware of the consequences brought by changes. Professional and scientific societies are at a very strategic position to make the necessary changes, even to be in the disruptive process for the enhancement of healthcare.

It is therefore also very strategic and timely to have the theme for this year "Unfolding new facets of Medical Biochemistry: The bridging of Academia and Clinics" .

This anniversary will mark a very important milestone reached, and also creates an optimism to go for another silver jubilee to reach your golden jubilee. All members, especially you who have served to make AMBI become the best what it may possibly reach, will then look back and say that all of you must have done something good in your life, for your community, for the patients, for your country, and for mankind.

Congratulations from all of us at the APFCB board and committees, may you have a successful conference and a bright path ahead.

As invited speaker, I delivered a lecture in a symposium dedicated to Risk management in laboratory medicine, the topic of my lecture being Medical Laboratory Risk Management in Action. This topic covered risk management not only from the quality control/assessment point of view but also from other various aspects in the endeavor to obtain the highest patient safety as well as sustainability of the laboratory viewed from various other aspects. The first speaker of the symposium was Dr. Elizabeth Frank who presented the broad spectrum of risk management in laboratory medicine, the topic being: Risk Management & its Utility in Clinical Laboratory.

AMBI President, Shanti Naidu, and the whole board as well as other attendees, showed wonderful hospitality during the conference.



12 The 15th APFCB Congress 2019

The 15th APFCB Congress 2019 is being hosted at Jaipur (India) in the winters of November 2019 under the dynamic leadership of Prof Praveen Sharma. The event is already having an active website hoisted and a mobile app since 2016. The congress committees have been finalised and registration shall be open shortly for the mega event. The corporate meeting for sponsorship is scheduled on 26th January 2018 followed by Executive board meeting at Singapore. The announcement of the congress is hoisted on the APFCB Website and is linked to its brochure, helping disseminate important information about this mega event.

Laboratory Medicine-Innovation and Integration

15th Asia-Pacific Federation For
Clinical Biochemistry and
Laboratory Medicine Congress

17th - 20th November, 2019
JECC, Jaipur, India

Congress Website



Congress website is live with the details of the venue, city & organizing committee, online registration module is also integrated on the same.



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Report compiled by Sunil Sethi (President), with inputs from Leslie Lai (Immediate Past-President), Endang Hoyaranda (Vice President), Helen Martin (Secretary), Alexander Wong (Corporate Representative), Tony Badrick (Chair C-ELM), Sam Vasikaran (Chair C-Sci), Praveen Sharma (Chair C-Comm), Elizabeth Frank (Chair C-CC),

24 February 2018