

DAY 4 – 29th July 2026

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07:30 – 08:15	REGISTRATION			
08:15 – 08:45	<p>Guest Lecture 9</p> <p>Tubulopathy meets Sherlock Holmes: Biochemical fingerprinting of tubular disorders</p> <p>Prof. Detlef Bockenhauer <i>Professor in Renal Medicine - University of Leuven, Belgium</i></p>	<p>Guest Lecture 10</p> <p>Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis in Dengue</p> <p>Dr LakKumar Fernando <i>Consultant Paediatrician, Sri Lanka</i></p>	<p>Guest Lecture 11</p> <p>Abnormalities in Cardiac Rhythm: How Not to Miss Them</p> <p>Dr. Zulkifli Ismail <i>Secretary General – Asia Pacific Paediatric Association, Malaysia</i></p>	<p>Guest Lecture 12</p> <p>High Reliability in the Care of the Paediatric Population</p> <p>Dr. Alvin S M Chang <i>President – Singapore Paediatric Society, Singapore</i></p>
08:45 – 10:00	<p>Symposium 17 – Cardiology</p> <p>The Construction of an Intrauterine Diagnosis and Treatment System and Comprehensive Life Cycle Health Service of Congenital Heart Disease: A Sample of in utero Paediatrics</p> <p>Prof. Sun Kun <i>President – Chinese Paediatric Society, China</i></p> <p>The Care Continuum for Congenital Heart Disease</p> <p>Prof. R Krishnakumar <i>Professor and Head of Paediatric Cardiology – Amrita Hospital, Kochi, India</i></p>	<p>Symposium 18 – Social Paediatrics</p> <p>Adolescent Mental Health: A Neglected Area</p> <p>Prof. Vitharon Boon Yasidhi <i>Professor – Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand</i></p> <p>The Double Burden of Malnutrition in the APPA Region</p> <p>Prof. Yogesh N Parikh <i>Secretary General – Indian Academy of Paediatrics, India</i></p>	<p>Symposium 19 – Vaccines</p> <p>Impact of Vaccination for Improving Childhood Mortality and Morbidity in the Asia Pacific Region</p> <p>Dr. Smriti Mathema <i>Treasurer – Nepal Paediatric Society, Nepal</i></p> <p>Difficulties in Achieving the Targets in Vaccination Programs</p> <p>Dr. Sudhir Khanal <i>Regional Adviser Accelerated Disease Control, World Health Organisation – Regional Office, India</i></p>	<p>Symposium 20 – Genetics</p> <p>Genomics and Personalised Medicine for the 21st century</p> <p>Prof. Mark Kristiansen <i>Head of UCL Genomics, University College, London, UK</i></p> <p>The Genetic Landscape of Kidney Failure in Israel</p> <p>Prof. Asaf Vivante <i>Head of Department of Paediatrics – Edmond and Lily Safra Children’s Hospital, Israel</i></p>

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08:45 – 10:00	<p>Symposium 17 – Cardiology</p> <p>Management of Hypertension in Children</p> <p>Dr. Masood Sadiq President - Pakistan Paediatric Association, Pakistan</p>	<p>Symposium 18 – Social Paediatrics</p> <p>At Risk, In Care, Often Invisible: Paediatricians as Advocates for Vulnerable Children</p> <p>Dr. Nirosini Kennedy President - Paediatrics and Child Health Division of Royal Australian College of Physicians, Australia</p>	<p>Symposium 19 – Vaccines</p> <p>Key Principles for Introducing a New Vaccine into A National Immunisation Program</p> <p>Prof. Sujeewa Amarasena Professor in Paediatrics - University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka</p>	<p>Symposium 20 – Genetics</p> <p>The Role of Genetic Diagnostics in Paediatric Neurology: Experience from Low Resource Setting</p> <p>Dr. Vindya Subasinghe Consultant Paediatric Clinical Genetist - Lady Ridgeway Children's Hospital, Sri Lanka</p>
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Plenary 3</p> <p>Health Communication in the Age of Misinformation: Empowering Professionals to Build Trust</p> <p>Prof. Naveen Thacker, Executive Director - International Paediatric Association, India</p>			
10:30 – 11:15	<p>Dr BJC Perera Research Prize Oration</p>			
11:15 – 11:45	<p>Guest Lecture 13</p> <p>Missed Diagnosis of Childhood Hypertension: The Role of the General Paediatrician</p> <p>Prof. Manish Sinha Professor in Paediatric Nephrology – Evelina London Children's Hospital, UK</p>	<p>Guest Lecture 14</p> <p>New Frontiers in Growth Hormone and Growth Promoting Therapy for Short Stature</p> <p>Professor Xiaoping Luo President Elect - Chinese Paediatric Society President - Tongji Children's Hospital, China</p>	<p>Guest Lecture 15</p> <p>TBD</p>	<p>Guest Lecture 16</p> <p>TBD</p>

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11:45 – 12:45	<p>Special Symposium 3 (In collaboration with the APPA TAG on Child Rights, Environment and Child Health)</p> <p>Upholding child rights and equity in the Asia Pacific Region: Role of Paediatricians and Child Health Specialists</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Shanti Raman <i>Co-Director, Community Paediatrics, South Western Sydney Local Health District, Australia</i></p> <p>Unique challenges related to child rights and protection in South Asia</p> <p>Dr. Tufail Muhammad <i>Convenor, Technical Advisory Group on Child Rights, Environment and Child Health, Asia Pacific Pediatric Association, Pakistan</i></p> <p>Providing health and support services to street children and children on the move- the role of mobile health vans and other innovative solutions</p> <p>Dr. Rajeev Seth <i>Member, Technical Advisory Group on Child Rights, Environment and Child Health, Asia Pacific Pediatric Association, India</i></p>	<p>Rapid Fire Symposium 5</p> <p>Complementary Feeding: a Challenge or an Art?</p> <p>Prof. Heshan Jayaweera <i>Professor in Paediatrics - University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka</i></p> <p>Addressing the Primary Challenge of Under-Five Death and Disability in the Asia-Pacific Region Through Kangaroo Mother Care</p> <p>Dr. Socorro De Leon-Mendoza <i>Consultant Neonatologist, Philippines</i></p> <p>Physician burnout and wellbeing of healthcare workers</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Daniel YT Goh <i>Consultant Paediatrician - National University Hospital, Singapore</i></p>	<p>Rapid Fire Symposium 6</p> <p>A Floppy Infant: Evaluating a Child with a Neuromuscular Problem</p> <p>Prof. Jithangi Wanigasinghe <i>Professor in Paediatric Neurology - University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</i></p> <p>Inborn Errors of Metabolism: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Challenges in Resource-Limited Settings</p> <p>Dr. Khanh Ngoc Nguyen <i>Consultant Paediatrician, Vietnam</i></p>	<p>Special Symposium 4 Healthy Futures: Advancing Efforts to Prevent Adolescent Obesity (In collaboration with the WHO)</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>Dr Yasara Samarakoon <i>NPO - WHO Country Office, Sri Lanka</i></p> <p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Dr Rajesh Pandev WHO Representative to Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka</p> <p>Addressing Obesity via Adolescent-Responsive Health Systems</p> <p>Dr Chiranthika Vithana <i>National Program Manager, Adolescent Health - Family Health Bureau, Sri Lanka</i></p> <p>Healthy Environments to Support Adolescent Growth</p> <p>Dr Angela de Silva <i>Regional Adviser Nutrition and Physical activity - WHO SEARO, Sri Lanka</i></p>

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12:45 – 13:00	CLOSING CEREMONY			