



# Asia Pacific Association of Medical Toxicology

*Our goal is to promote chemical safety, poison control and treatment within the Asia Pacific region.*

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## Highlights & photos from the 2013 APAMT meeting in Dubai

The 12th International Scientific Congress of the APAMT in Dubai, United Arab Emirates was a scientific and social success. In conjunction with the Emirates Society of Emergency Medicine, the local hosting partner, the three day conference preceded by a daylong symposium was attended by 196 people from 26 countries. The pre-conference symposium consisted of a half-day session by MENATOX, Clinical Cases in Toxic Emergencies, as well as the APAMT half-day session Inpatient Substance Abuse and Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome. Both sessions saw a high degree of audience participation.

The main APAMT congress took place at the Zayed University Convention Center with day one opening with the APAMT session Capacity Building of Toxicology in Asia, followed by a lecture by Dr. Andrew Dawson, recipient of the APAMT Honorary Fellow Award, and then a joint symposium with the Emirates Society of Emergency Medicine reviewing the Development of Toxicology in the UAE, and a keynote lecture by Surjit Singh discussing Aluminum Phosphide Poisoning: UAE Experiences and Best Practices.

The Program includes 38 invited lectures and 36 oral presentations of original scientific research from toxicologists around the world. Day two and three included symposia by the EAPCCT, the American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT) on Substance Abuse American Academy of Clinical Toxicology (AACT) symposium on Guideline Development. Other major topics covered included clinical toxicological approaches in poorly resourced settings, dealing with methanol and lead outbreaks, pesticide poisoning, toxicovigilance, pharmacokinetics, efficacy and availability of antivenoms, epidemiology, toxic herbs, new synthetic drugs, effectiveness of dialysis, opioid drug abuse, cardiovascular toxicity, and intensive care toxicology.

An opening gala dinner at The Address Downtown Dubai gave attendees the opportunity for photos posing in front of the tallest building in the world, the Burj Khalifa and an intimate dinner cruise on the Dubai Creek completed the social program. Delegates also witnessed very heavy rain showers, a rare occurrence in Dubai.

Many thanks to John Haines for the photos; Honorary fellow and now also APAMT official photographer.

**RJ Hoffman**



**13th APAMT  
Shenyang, China**

**September 12-14, 2014**



### **Welcome to Shenyang from the 2014 APAMT organising committee**

The APAMT organizing committee looks forward to welcoming members and friends of the APAMT to Shenyang. Shengjing Hospital of China Medical University will undertake the 13th Asia-Pacific Toxicology Congress on September 12-14, 2014 in Shenyang, China. The assembly takes “Devote to the innovation and development of toxicology to better serve this harmonious society” as its theme. Famous experts from home and abroad will be invited to attend the assembly to discuss and demonstrate new theories and technology in respect of acute intoxication, and engage in discussion from both theoretical and clinical perspectives on the leading issues in toxicology. The aim of the assembly is to set up a platform through which experts of the Asia-Pacific area in toxicology and related fields can enrich their knowledge, enhance their skills, and thus promote academic exchange and collaboration within the Asia-Pacific area.

The assembly is scheduled to convene in Shenyang Royal Wanxin Hotel, which is an international five-star hotel, centrally located in Shenyang, and only 30 minutes by taxi from the airport. The congress center covers an area of 6200 square meters including an exhibit hall, a multi-function hall and a simultaneous translation hall, where database and other internationally leading technology are adopted. The hotel has more than 1500 deluxe and cozy guestrooms of different styles to meet different needs of the participant representatives. The 1000 square meter Royal Wanxin Health Club, is equipped with a very large indoor swimming pool, high quality equipment fitness area and a badminton court. This venue offers participants a five-star space for entertainment, leisure, gathering and making friends. The super banquet hall can accommodate 1200 people and the hotel also offers 24h room service catering.

Shenyang is a famous historic and cultural city only one hour by plane from Beijing. It is well known for the Palace Two Ling. The photo above is from the Imperial Palace. With more than 500 years of history, it is one of the largest and most well-preserved imperial residence in China. Two ling refers to Fuling Mausoleum and Zhaoling Mausoleum, which is the birthplace of Qing Dynasty and the location of the first two emperors' mausoleums.

Shenyang is the provincial capital of Liaoning Province, which is the biggest international metropolis of the Northeast area. Shenyang is a center of politics, economy, finance, culture, traffic, information and travel in the Northeast area of China. Shenyang also co-hosted events

at the 2008 Olympic Games. It has many beautiful natural landscapes, such as Benxi Water Cave, Red beach Scenic Spot, Mt. Guan Men Shan national forest park.

Welcome to Shenyang. Further details will be put on the website [www.APAMT2014.com](http://www.APAMT2014.com) during the year.

Ming Zhao

## **Abstracts, scholarships and registration for the Shenyang APAMT meeting**

A brief reminder that the 2014 meeting is 2-3 months earlier than normal and so all timeline will be brought forward. **Abstracts/scholarship applications will be called for in April/May and the deadline to register for the conference to confirm your presentation will be around end of July.**

## **Introducing the Global Educational Toxicology Uniting Project (GETUP)**

Are you interested in global toxicology and education?

Do you find it difficult to attend conferences or would like to learn about other toxicological experiences from around the world?

GETUP is a project aimed at connecting countries with established clinical toxicology services and countries without clinical toxicologists around the globe. The international boundaries to medical education are becoming less marked as new technologies such as multiuser videoconferencing are developed and become more accessible. Benefits of videoconferencing allow realtime interaction without the need to be in one location.



In 2013, the Austin Hospital Toxicology Service in Victoria, Australia; Fresno Toxicology Service in California, USA and Colonial War Memorial Hospital, Suva, Fiji became the pilot sites for a multinational education project. The aims are to share different views on toxicological problems, teach residents and also offer education to countries without a toxicology service. Over the last 8 months, we have conducted 8 successful video conferences discussing toxicology based cases and learning about differences in presentation and management from around the world.

With the help of the ACMT the founding members are looking to expand this project globally and connect countries through video teleconferencing by matching registered sites.

To register, go to [acmt.net/GETUP.html](http://acmt.net/GETUP.html) or visit the ACMT webpage: physicians resources > GETUP. More media content is being added as this goes to print. You can also contact us via email: [anselm.wong@austin.org.au](mailto:anselm.wong@austin.org.au)

Registration has begun and we have already had matches.

Hope to see you online.

**Anselm Wong, Shaun Greene, Zeff Koutsogiannis**

## **A message from the EXTRIP collaboration (also emailed recently)**

### International survey of costs of extracorporeal treatments

An international workgroup, partnering with the International Society of Nephrology (ISN), the CRRT association and the Acute Dialysis Quality Initiative (ADQI), is presently conducting a survey on the costs of extracorporeal treatments (ECTRs). The result of this survey will help balance the pros and cons associated with the use of ECTRs, especially in situations where the indications are marginal or unclear.

We are hoping that you could take a moment of your time to fill out this survey. It should take about 15 to 30 minutes. Feel free to consult with relevant colleagues, including unit managers, senior dialysis nurses or technicians or the finance bureau or department at your hospital to ensure the accuracy of these cost estimates.

All responses will be confidential and anonymous. It is anticipated that there will be variability between institutions within the same country, so we are surveying multiple specialists within the same region. Results will be analyzed in aggregate and at no time will individual responses be made available to anyone other than the investigators. A US\$40 paypal money transfer or voucher for an equivalent amount will be offered as appreciation of your collaboration. Furthermore, with your consent, we will be pleased to acknowledge your participation in any publications that report outcomes that you contributed data to, if you so wish.

Thank you for your participation in this survey.

**Marc Ghannoum, Darren Roberts, Valery Lavergne & Josee Bouchard**

For practical purposes, each participant needs to vote using the address relating to the country where they work.

US: [http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Survey\\_costs\\_extracorporeal\\_treatments\\_us/](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Survey_costs_extracorporeal_treatments_us/)

Canada: [http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Survey\\_costs\\_extracorporeal\\_treatments\\_ca/](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Survey_costs_extracorporeal_treatments_ca/)

Brazil: [http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Survey\\_costs\\_extracorporeal\\_treatments\\_br/](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Survey_costs_extracorporeal_treatments_br/)

Argentina: [http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Survey\\_costs\\_extracorporeal\\_treatments\\_ar/](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Survey_costs_extracorporeal_treatments_ar/)

UK: [http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Survey\\_costs\\_extracorporeal\\_treatments\\_uk/](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Survey_costs_extracorporeal_treatments_uk/)

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India: [http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Survey\\_costs\\_extracorporeal\\_treatments\\_in/](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Survey_costs_extracorporeal_treatments_in/)

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Australia: [http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Survey\\_costs\\_extracorporeal\\_treatments\\_au/](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Survey_costs_extracorporeal_treatments_au/)

Other countries: [http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Survey\\_costs\\_extracorporeal\\_treatments\\_oc/](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Survey_costs_extracorporeal_treatments_oc/)

## **Board Elections and Bids to host the APAMT meeting in 2016**

As the annual meeting and the associated APAMT Board meeting is two months earlier than usual the deadline to submit requests to host the association's **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting in 2016 will also be earlier this year. So those preparing a bid should be prepared to submit this sometime in August.**

**Nominations and elections for APAMT President Elect and replacements for retiring Board members will also be brought forward by a few months.**

## **The final word - from the newsletter editor**

Just my usual reminder that the newsletter is able to publish short news items on medical toxicology matters submitted by any APAMT members – it is nice to see a few submissions in this newsletter. People can use this forum to promote another upcoming regional meeting on toxicology, a training course within the region, a new useful website or toxicology resource, a collaborative research venture, or invite submissions for their new journal on toxicology, etc... A reminder this is definitely not a forum for scientific content, or debate, or product commercials; most news items should be no longer than one short paragraph, with a link provided for further information if necessary.

It was great catching up with you all in Dubai and I look forward to catching up with many of you again in Shenyang.

**Nick Buckley**

## **Toxicology Meeting calendar**

28-30<sup>th</sup> March 2014 – ACMT meeting, Arizona, USA

28-29<sup>th</sup> April 2014 – British Toxicology Society, London, UK

1-3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014 – TAPNA meeting, Newcastle, Australia

27-30<sup>th</sup> May 2014 – EAPCCT meeting, Brussels, Belgium

**12-14th September 2014 – APAMT Scientific meeting, Shenyang, China**

17-21 October 2014 – NACCT, New Orleans, USA

20-22 October, 2014 - the 3rd International Summit on Toxicology & Applied Pharmacology Chicago, USA.