



# 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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## 13th APAMT September 12-14, 2014 Shenyang, China



### 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 Sofitel Shenyang Lido, an international five-star hotel located by the beautiful Hun River, in close proximity to the international commercial area and Shenyang International Exhibition Center. It takes only a ten-minute drive to the airport and North Shenyang Railway Station. The congress center includes various customized meeting rooms and provides cutting-edge technology. The hotel has 590 deluxe and cozy guestrooms, including 193 suites, to meet different needs of the participants of 2014 APAMT. This venue offers participants a five-star space for entertainment, leisure, gathering and making friends. It also enchants your taste buds by providing local culinary tradition that is imaginatively combined with French gastronomy. You can also discover the nuances of grand cru wines in the hotel.

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 about the congress, including the list of 20-plus confirmed speakers and the draft scientific program, are now available on the official website of 2014 APAMT at [www.APAMT2014.com](http://www.APAMT2014.com).

**Ming Zhao/Chen-Chang Yang**

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

The details for scholarship, abstract and registration is available on the website at [www.apamt.org](http://www.apamt.org)

The dates for final submission are:

- **General abstract:** 1st August 2014 [abstractsgeneral@gmail.com](mailto:abstractsgeneral@gmail.com)
- **Early Bird Registration :** 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014

## **Call for bids to host the APAMT meeting in 2016**

APAMT would like to invite interested parties to submit their requests to host the association's **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting in 2016**. A written proposal for the purpose will be required and must include the following information.

1. Proposed dates for the conference (preferably in the **last two weeks of November 2016**)
2. Proposed conference venue
3. Proposed conference theme and sub-themes
4. Financial feasibility: budget estimates; potential institutional funding and/or sponsorships
5. Description of proposed conference facilities
6. Importance of the meeting to a local toxicology or clinical toxicology society
7. Proposed social/cultural program, if any
8. Brief summary of previous experience in hosting an international conference(s)
9. Was there a previous application (bid) to host an APAMT annual scientific meeting?
10. Introduction to the hosting institution(s)
11. Letter of approval and commitment from the head of host institution(s)
12. Proposed timetable of the meeting
13. Autonomy of the meeting

### **All proposals will be evaluated based on a number of selection criteria:**

1. Experience of local organizing team
2. Adequate conference facilities for meeting and exhibition
3. Accessibility of proposed site and other facilities (e.g. food and accommodation)
4. Appropriateness of proposed dates
5. Budget projection, sponsorship and financial viability
6. Geographical and national balance with regard to locations of previous conferences

You may send your submission or request for more information to the APAMT Secretariat at [apamt.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:apamt.newsletter@gmail.com) or [lucyc@usm.my](mailto:lucyc@usm.my). **All proposals must be received by 31 July 2014**. The top selected applicants will be requested to make an oral presentation of their bid to the APAMT Board at the Shenyang meeting this September.

## **Elections for President Elect (to serve as president 2017-8) and APAMT Board membership (to serve from 2015-2018)**

The APAMT will shortly be conducting elections for the next President Elect and some board member positions. The President Elect will spend 6 years on the APAMT board, 2015-16 as the President Elect, 2017-18 as the President, and 2019-20 as the Past president. The APAMT board members elected will serve a 4 year term (2015-18).

Elections will take place via email in July so that the successful nominees will be able to attend the board meeting in an observational capacity at the Shenyang meeting. Only 'active' APAMT members are eligible to vote. To be 'active', members must have attended an APAMT meeting in at least one of the previous three years (2011-13) or be registered to attend this year's meeting. (We encourage those who intend to attend this year's meeting but who have not attended for some years to register within the next few weeks so they will be eligible to vote in this important election.)

## **Report on the 1st International Congress of Alcohol Abuse in Iran**

The 1st International Congress of Alcohol Abuse (<http://www.mums.ac.ir/cong-alcoholabuse>) was held from 21 to 23 May 2014 in Mashhad, Iran. In this congress, over 240 articles were presented, and 600 scientists received CME certificates. Oral presentations are being published in Asia Pacific Journal of Medical Toxicology, Volume 3, Supplement 1 (Abstracts of the First International Congress of Alcohol Abuse), May 2014 (<http://apjmt.mums.ac.ir>).

The epidemiology of ethanol and methanol poisonings and abuse were the main focus. Physical complications including overdose and cardiovascular & hepatic disorders as well as psychological, forensic, familial and legal issues were discussed.

This congress was scientifically supported by members of the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Toxicology, Iranian society of Toxicology and Bangladesh Society of Toxicology.

**Reza Afshari**

## **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 to help bridge the gaps. Benefits of videoconferencing allow realtime interaction without the need to be in one location.



Since official launch of the project in February 2014, we now have 20+ sites with the majority matched and started conferencing. Don't see this as something "extra" but an opportunity for outreach education. Integrate it into your teaching program/case discussions. A great way to help further education of fellows/registrars/residents and form international links and even research collaboration opportunities.

To register, go to [acmt.net/GETUP.html](http://acmt.net/GETUP.html) or can be accessed through the ACMT webpage under physicians resources > GETUP. Case conference and case examples are available on the website. Hope to see you online.

**Anselm Wong. Rais Vohra**

### **3rd Bangladesh National Conference on Tropical Medicine & Toxicology 4-5th December, 2014, Sylhet, Bangladesh**

We are pleased to announce the date of the third National conference on Tropical medicine and Toxicology (BanTropTox, 2014) which will be held from 4-5, December, 2014 at La Rose Convention Center, Sylhet, Bangladesh. Nearly 400 participants from home and abroad including Medicine specialists, Clinical toxicologists, Zoologists, Forensic medicine experts and post graduate trainees will attend the congress. Deadline for abstract submission is 30th October, 2014. Foreign participants can register on spot (registration fee 200 USD only). Save the date, plan to join, share your work and explore this holy & scenic city of Bangladesh. For further information and inquiry please mail to [mastershakil@hotmail.com](mailto:mastershakil@hotmail.com).

**Dr. Fazle Rabbi Chowdhury**

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of the 3rd BanTropTox, 2014

### **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**

7-10<sup>th</sup> September, Eurotox meeting, Edinburgh, Scotland

**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.

4-5, December, 2014 - BanTropTox, 2014 at La Rose Convention Center, Sylhet, Bangladesh

27-29 March, 2015 - ACMT Annual Scientific Meeting, Florida USA

26–29 May, 2015 - European Association of Poisons Centres and Clinical Toxicologists  
35th International Congress, Malta.

7-10 November 2015 - 9th Congress on Toxicology in Developing Countries (CTDC)  
[sponsored by IUTOX]. Natal, Brazil.