In this issue, we have updates from Professor Masahiko Kawaguchi, Organizing Chairperson of the recent successfully concluded 6th Congress of ASNACC held in Nara (Japan) and a welcome message from Professor Kwek Tong Kiat, President of ASNACC.

Dr Sungsik Park (immediate past Secretary General) contributes an summary on the recent EXCO meeting while Drs Geraldine Jose, Phuping Akavipat and Peter Tan exhort us to make plans to attend the upcoming Congress of ASNACC to be held in Cebu (Philippines), Bangkok (Thailand) and Kuching (Malaysia) respectively. There is also exciting information on the upcoming SNACC Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona (USA).

Here’s our invitation for more contributions, news and information from members and countries representatives on your neuroanaesthesia and neurocritical activities across Asia. We hope to keep ASNACC members informed of upcoming events. Please do not hesitate to send your news and articles to me at Chin_Ted_Chong@ttsh.com.sg
Inaugural Message from ASNACC President (2019-2021), Professor Kwek Tong Kiat

Since its inception in 2006, our ASNACC society has been growing from strength to strength. We recently concluded our 6th Biennial Congress in Nara, Japan from 14-16 March 2019 and I would like to thank Professor Kawaguchi and the Japanese Society of Neuroanaesthesia and Critical Care for their hard work and excellent organisation of the meeting. The warm hospitality of our Japanese colleagues and friends were very much on display at the meeting. The scientific content was relevant and well delivered by the speakers who were clearly leaders in their fields.

I would like to thank Professor Kwon from South Korea for his leadership of the society the past two years. Building on this good work, I would like to foster greater communication and cooperation within our society. Thanks to Professor Girija Rath, from India, our society’s website is up and running. I encourage all member countries to make full use of this website and to share events and developments on neuroanaesthesia and neurocritical care from their countries as a means for us to keep in touch. Please also give us your suggestions on how the website can be further improved to meet our needs.

I would also like to grow our engagements with other sister organisations such as SNACC in the USA. Professor Deepak Sharma made a brief presentation to the ASNACC Executive Committee members in Nara and proposed a number of potential areas for greater collaboration. I would like to follow up on some of these suggestions to see how they can be further developed. Continue to watch this space for more information.

Our 7th Biennial Congress will be organised by Philippines and held in the beautiful resort city of Cebu in 2021. I hope that you will make plans to be there in Cebu to participate in what I am sure will be an excellent meeting.

As I take on the Presidency of ASNACC for the next two years, I am mindful of the ”extra-large” sized shoes left for me by my predecessors. I will certainly do my best and seek your support and partnership for the work ahead. Thank you and best regards!

A/Prof Kwek Tong Kiat
President, ASNACC
We would like to express our sincere appreciation for your generous support for the 6th Congress of ASNACC /the 23rd Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Neuroscience in Anesthesiology and Critical Care (JSNACC), which was held in Nara, Japan from March 14th to 16th, 2019.

The meeting produced many fruitful outcomes on the various challenges and issues we currently face in the fields of neuroanesthesia and critical care and other related subjects. It was nice to share the experiences in this fields and to achieve a harmonious relationship among the members of ASNACC and Society for Neuroscience in Anesthesiology and Critical Care (SNACC).

The meeting could not have been as successful without your commitment and support. Again, we would like to thank you for making this a successful meeting. We look forward to seeing you again in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,

Masahiko Kawaguchi, M.D

Organizing Chairperson
6th Congress of Asian Society for Neuroanesthesia and Critical Care
23rd Annual Meeting of Japanese Society for Neuroscience in Anesthesiology and Critical Care

Professor and Chairman
Department of Anesthesiology, Nara Medical University, Japan
**Report on 6th Congress of ASNACC**
Nara, Japan
14-16 March 2019

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**Statistics Overview**

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**6th ASNACC Congress Program**

- Invited lecture  3
- SNACC panel      1
- Lecture           5
- Symposium         11
- Lunch seminar     4
- Evening seminar   1
- Hands-on seminar  4
- Excellent presentation session  4
- Poster session    4

**Poster Submissions**

- ASNACC 69
- JSNACC 36
- Total 105

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**Excellent Poster Presentation Awards**

**ASNACC Basic Science**

1st prize
Pretreatment with dexmedetomidine improved the long-term neurological function induced sevoflurane exposure in neonatal rats.
Toru Goyagi (Department of Anesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine, Akita University Graduate School of Medicine, Akita, Japan)

2nd prize
Protective effect of magnesium on cognitive function in hypoxic zebrafish model. Young Sung Kim (Department of Anesthesiology and pain medicine, Korea University Guro Hospital, Republic of Korea)

**ASNACC Clinical Science**

1st prize
O-C1-C2 Dynamics During Flexible Fiberoptic Bronchoscopy and Video Laryngoscopy in Patients With Atlanto-axial Dislocation: A Cinefluoroscopic Comparison. Sanket Agrawal (Department of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care PGIMER Chandigarh, India)

2nd prize
Effect of Low-dose Ketamine on Postoperative Depressive symptoms in Patients Undergoing Intracranial Tumor Resection (PAION): a randomized controlled trial. Yang Zhou (Department of Anesthesiology, Beijing Tiantan Hospital, Capital Medical University, Beijing, PR China)

**ASNACC Clinical Report**

Anesthetic management of spine surgery in a patient with congenital insensitivity to pain with anhidrosis
Jun Suzuki (Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine, Tohoku University School of Medicine, Japan)

Anabolic steroids and Respiratory Weaning in the Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit (ICU): A Case Report
Liow Ee-Leen (Anaesthesia Residency Program, National Healthcare Group, Singapore)
Photo Gallery

Professor Masahiko Kawaguchi (Japan)

Professor Kwek Tong Kiat (Singapore)

Professor Tatang Bisri and contingent from Indonesia

Professor Kwon Jae-young (South Korea)
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Photo Gallery

IRAKA venue for 6th ASNACC, Nara, Japan

Professor Patel Piyush (San Diego, USA)

Professor Antoun Koht (Chicago, USA)

Professor Thomas Lew (Singapore) at Poster Judging

Beautiful bento lunch

Board members at the gala dinner ceremony of breaking open the wooden sake barrel
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Professor Geraldine Jose and contingent from the Philippines

Professor Hari Dash and contingent from India, and friends

Professor Deepak Sharma (Seattle, USA) and friends

Poster presentation by Singapore contingent
Photo Gallery

Traditional Japanese Noh Stage

Nara Deer Park
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Over 400 delegates across diverse Asian, North American and European countries at ASNACC Congress, Nara 2019
The EXCO Meeting took place at 0700am on 16th March 2019 (Saturday) at Hagoromo Room in Hotel Nikko Nara and discussions on the following agenda were conducted:

1. Opening Remark (President Jae-Young Kwon)
2. Welcome Remark Review of ASNACC Meeting in Nara (Congress Chairman Masahiko Kawaguchi)
3. Introducing EXCO members (President Jae-Young Kwon)
4. Summary of Accounts (Treasurer Hae-Kyu Kim)
5. Report from Organizing Committee (7th & 8th ASNACC)
   - Update from Philippines (2021) (Geraldine Jose)
   - Update from Thailand (2023) (Manee Raksakietisak)
6. Proposal for 9th ASNACC
   - Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia (2025) (Peter Tan Chee Seong)
7. Update on ASNACC society website (Girija Prasad Rath)
8. Presentation on whether to register ASNACC – pros, and cons (President-elect Kwek Tong Kiat)
9. Cooperation with SNACC (SNACC President Deepak Sharma)
10. Appointment of new EXCO members
11. ASNACC Congress interval

The next EXCO Meeting will be convened in Manila, Philippines in 2020.
Upcoming ASNACC Congress
Block your Calendars!

7th ASNACC, Cebu City, Philippines (November 2021)

The Philippines is composed of 7641 islands which are divided into 3 major regions, which are Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. Luzon represents the brain and Mindanao represents the heart and its great vessels. As we move the sun towards the Visayan region focusing on Cebu in 2021 for the Joint Congress of ASNACC and ASCA, the long warm rays of the sun will emanate from Cebu reaching Luzon - the brain interconnecting it to the south, Mindanao representing the heart....of the Filipino People...... We welcome you to the Philippines for the First Joint Congress of ASNACC and ASCA in Cebu City, Philippines in 2021 For this meeting. We will give emphasis to the undeniable relationship between the heart and the brain.

Mabuhay!!!

Professor Geraldine Jose
Organizing Chairperson
7th Congress of ASNACC
Future ASNACC Congress
Block your Calendars!

8th ASNACC, Bangkok (Thailand) 2023

On behalf of the Thai Society of Neuroanesthesia and the Royal College of Anesthesiologists of Thailand, we cordially invite all of you to Bangkok for the 8th ASNACC in 2023. The wonderful experience is waiting for you. Nowhere else offers more for your conference.....

Dr Phuping Akivipat
Organizing Chairperson
8th ASNACC

9th ASNACC, Kuching (Malaysia) 2025

When you think of mystery, exotic culture and history, and wonderful hospitality, think of KUCHING CITY, capital of SARAWAK on the island of BORNEO. Once famous hundreds of years ago for its fierce tribal warriors, Sarawak is now known as a place where business meets adventure. It is home to among the world’s most biodiverse rainforests which are set on the fringes of a modern cityscape that offers world class accommodation and conference facilities. Join us for the 9th Congress of ASNACC 2025 for a great conference experience!

Dr Peter Tan
Organizing Chairperson
9th ASNACC
Invitational Message from Professor Deepak Sharma

Dear ASNACC Colleagues,

WELCOME TO 47TH ANNUAL MEETING OF SNACC (SEPT 12-14, 2019), PHOENIX, AZ, USA

On behalf of the entire leadership team of SNACC, I invite you to attend our 47th Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, USA (Sept 12-14, 2019). This meeting is very special in the sense that it is the first standalone meeting of SNACC. Having a meeting separate from the ASA allows SNACC to have a longer, much relaxed meeting without rushing through the events and creating more opportunities for networking and socializing with colleagues.

Dr. Chanannait Paisansathan has organized a fantastic scientific program that covers the most important updates in clinical Neuroanesthesia and Neurocritical Care as well as basic and translational neuroscience. There is something for everyone – clinicians, researchers as well as educators. Some key sessions this year include a Patient Safety Symposium focusing on complex spine surgery, another symposium on evidence-based medicine training for academicians and a “Neuroanesthesia Essential Skills Boot Camp” (workshop incorporating scalp blocks, airway blocks, evoked potential monitoring, raw and processed EEG monitoring, transcranial Doppler and cerebral oximetry). The basic science session will discuss inflammation and outcome after traumatic brain injury. We are proud to have the current President of National Neurotrauma Society, Dr. Amy Wagner giving the Maurice Albin Keynote lecture. Other interesting sessions will address brain/heart crosstalk, future of neuromonitoring and the latest evidence around implications of burst suppression. There will be problem based learning discussions on important Neuroanesthesia topics as well as the very popular pro-con debates between experts on current topics. The best publications in Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesiology will be presented.......

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As always, there will be poster sessions but this year, we have substantially increased the time for posters to allow greater opportunity for discussion.

There will be numerous opportunities to network and collaborate. The “Women in Neuroanesthesiology and Neuroscience Education and Research (WINNER) session will address opportunities and barriers for career advancement for women in perioperative neuroscience. There will be a fun Neuroanesthesia Quiz like every year! In addition, there will be William Young Fundraiser Dinner and multiple other opportunities to sit down with friends from across the world. The meeting location is family friendly and there are many things for families to entertain themselves with while you are at the meeting. There are seven pools, golf field and many other things. You can find more detailed information about the meeting at https://www.snacc.org/annual-meeting/ and you can access the entire scientific program through our mobile meeting guide at https://www2.snacc.org/meetings/2019annual/guide/. Visit the conference hotel website at https://www.arizonagrandresort.com. Here is the link to register for the meeting https://www2.snacc.org/forms/registration/2019annual_register.iphtml

On behalf of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee and the SNACC Board of Directors, I look forward to welcoming you to Phoenix! Do not hesitate to contact me directly if I can assist you in any way.

Best wishes,

Deepak Sharma MD, DM
President-elect, Society for Neuroscience in Anesthesiology and Critical Care (SNACC)

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A Contemplative Walk....Down Memory Lane...

EXCO Meeting at 3rd ASNACC (Bali) 2013
Photo credit: Professor Tatang Bisri

For the next issue of ASNACC Friends, the official newsletter of the Asian Society of Neuroanaesthesia and Critical Care, we invite all contributions of past photos of ASNACC...

More contributions, news and information from members and countries representatives on your neuroanaesthesia and neurocritical activities also welcomed...

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