

Editorial



The 14th Asian Pacific Society of Periodontology (APSP) meeting will now take place in 2022

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At the conclusion of the Second Asian Pacific Periodontal Symposium held in Tokyo on October 15, 1993, the Asian Pacific Society of Periodontology (APSP) was formed. The objective of APSP is “to serve as a non-profit medium for the exchange, advancement and dissemination of scientific knowledge related to periodontal research and education in the Asian Pacific Regions.” Initially, 14 countries participated, but the membership of the APSP has now expanded to 20 countries.

Bangkok was selected as the next host city at the last 13th Meeting in Kuala Lumpur. We have been closely monitoring the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation and have decided to reschedule the 14th APSP meeting, which was planned to take place in November 2021. The event will now be held as a hybrid meeting in Bangkok in 2022.

Our top priority is to ensure that everyone stays healthy. It seems unlikely that the COVID-19 situation will be resolved sufficiently by November 2021. Therefore, the APSP committee, the APSP councilors and country representatives, and the local organizing committee (LOC) all feel strongly that postponing the event until 2022 is the best way to ensure a successful meeting, in keeping with APSP's traditions.

We understand that this postponement leaves a longer gap than usual between APSP meetings. To overcome this situation, we are now working on the schedule of events and contacting invited speakers from many countries. The APSP meeting will be a stage for discussions of research and poster presentations. More information will be available soon.

The APSP Meeting Organizing Team is very much looking forward to welcoming you to the 14th APSP meeting in Bangkok in 2022. The new date of the meeting is August 29–30, 2022. Due to pandemic-related uncertainties, the LOC continues to monitor the situation. Adjusting the meeting platform to either an on-site or hybrid event will be considered depending on the circumstances. The LOC will keep you updated via our social-media page and website that will be launched in the near future.

Thank you for your understanding. Stay healthy, and we will be in touch soon!