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1. Introduction to the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Toxicology (APAMT) and APAMT congress

The Asia Pacific Association of Medical Toxicology (APAMT) is an international association established by a group of medical toxicologists in 1989. Its goal is to promote chemical safety, poison control and treatment within the Asia Pacific region.

Board of members:

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- H Hassanian (Iran)

Most recent congresses:

- 8th APAMT Congress: in Beijing, China, October 20-22, 2009
- 7th APAMT Congress: in Chandigarh, India, December 7-10, 2008
- 6th APAMT Congress: in Bangkok, Thailand, December 12-14, 2007

For more information, please go to the website of the APAMT www.asiattox.org

2. Brief introduction to the host and venue of the congress

The poison control center, Bach Mai hospital, Hanoi, Vietnam is honored to be the host of the 9th APAMT congress. ***The congress is planned to take pace at Bach Mai hospital.***

Bach Mai hospital:

- Bach Mai hospital is a tertiary general hospital with approximately 2000 beds. The hospital is a public teaching hospital and one of the 2 biggest hospitals in Vietnam. Bach Mai hospital used to deal successfully with the SARS and H5N1 avian flu pandemics the past several years. The hospital will be 100 years old in 2011. Dr. Nguyen Quoc Anh is the director of the hospital.



Bach Mai hospital

The poison control center of Bach Mai hospital:

- The poison treatment center was separated from the department of emergency and intensive care of Bach Mai hospital in 1998. From this treatment center, the poison control center of Bach Mai hospital was established in 2003 and has been working as the national poison control center.
- The center has it's own clinical unit (30 patient beds), including intensive care unit for severely poisoned patients, toxicology laboratory and poison information unit. It has 40 staff (7 physicians, 2 bachelors of chemistry, 1 technician, 27 nurses, 3 medical assistants). Administrative board includes 1 director (Dr. Pham Due) and 2 vice directors.



Treatment with CVVH and cardiac pace maker for a patient severely poisoned by blister beetle (cantharidin) and lead poisoning

Toxicology laboratory unit of the poison center

Facilities for the congress:

- Bach Mai hospital has a large campus with parking space, large meeting rooms including the main meeting room and separated smaller meeting rooms for parallel or independent activities. The hospital has been organizing many national and international congresses, conferences and workshops.

Special opportunities for participants of the 9th APAMT congress:

The 9th APAMT congress at Bach Mai hospital, Hanoi Vietnam is an occasion for the participants to visit the poison control center and different professions and provisions of Bach Mai hospital. The poison center has many achievements in the diagnosis and treatment of acute poisonings in the North of Vietnam, especially in pesticide, particularly organophosphate poisoning and seizure - inducing rodenticides, nereistoxin poisoning, snakebites, hymenoptera evenomation, etc. There are always poisoned patients being treated at the center including severely poisoned patients for the participants to see.

The local organizing committee will arrange hospital tours for the participants who are interested in visiting the poison center and the hospital.

Travel between hotels and the venue of the congress:

- The organizing committee will arrange buses that are free of charge for all participants to move between hotels and the venue of the congress in the morning (before the beginning of the meeting) and afternoon (after the meeting).
- The organizing committee selected hotels for the participants to stay. This arrangement will help the picking up for the participants (see the section “**Accommodation**”).

3. Welcome message:



Dear colleagues and friends!

On behalf of all the Vietnamese colleagues working in the field of toxicology and local organizing committee, I would like to express our great honor to be the host of the 9th Congress of the Asian Pacific Association of Medical Toxicology (APAMT) and welcome all of you to Vietnam.

I hope that the content of the 9th APAMT Congress will cover the common and major issues of the region and all the current scientific works and opinions from participants will be shared and recognized.

The 9th APAMT Congress is expected to be participated by high number of delegates from many different countries including leading experts from America, Europe, Asia and Australia.

Participation at the 9th APAMT Congress in Vietnam will enable you not only to experience it's scientific program but also take part in other activities related to toxicology outside the Congress.

Vietnam is not only a safe destination but also a country with many famous natural and historical landscapes that are in Hanoi and nearby areas and worthwhile to see. The year 2010 is also a special occasion when Hanoi is 1000 years old and many important and interesting events will be organized.

I would like to invite all of you to attend the 9th APAMT Congress in Hanoi, Vietnam and will try our best to make your staying in Vietnam really helpful and enjoyable.

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4. The main themes of the congress:

- Pesticide poisoning
- Natural toxins
- Drug abuse
- Environmental and occupational toxicology
- Current issues of poison/drug control centers
- Toxicology laboratory tests for the evaluation and management of toxic exposure
- Other issues

5. Program of the congress:

(This is not the final program and may be updated as necessary)

Pre-congress workshop:

- Time: November 16, 2010
- Topic: training and education in toxicology in the Asia Pacific Region

Tentative scientific program of the congress *(please go to next page)*

Tentative scientific program of the congress (updated to September 18, 2010)

Time	16-Nov-10	17-Nov-10	18-Nov-10	19-Nov-10
8.00-8.30		Registration	Lecture: Overview of lipid in toxicology (Jason Hope, USA)	<u>Symposium 3: Drug abuse:</u> 1. The emerging health effects of ketamine abuse (FL Lau, Hongkong) 2. Opioid Withdrawal Symptoms; Randomized Control Trial (Reza Afshari,Iran)
8.30- 9.00			Lecture: Perspective of agent orange in Vietnam (Tran Duc Phan, Vietnam)	
9.00-9.30	Pre-congress workshop & Registration	Opening Ceremony & Keynote Opening Lectures	<u>Special session: ACMT sponsored:</u>	<u>Symposium: Snake bite in Asia</u>
9.30- 10.30		1. Challenges and opportunities for toxico-surveillance in Asia (Andrew Dawson , Australia) 2. Critical care and supportive care in the management of poisoned patients (Nguyen Thi Du, Vietnam)	Novel methods in the management of poisonings (Kent Olson, Gerald O'Malley, Ziad Kazzi and RJ Hoffman, USA)	1. Surjit Singh (India) 2. Jananka de Silva (Srilanka) 3. Suchai Suteparak (Thailand) 4. Le Khac Quyen (Vietnam)
10.30- 11.00		Break & view of posters	Break & view of posters	Break & view of posters
11.00- 12.00		1. Clinical and laboratory finding in patients with severe OP poisoning (Thiermann, Germany) 2. .Discovery of disease and toxicity biomarkers using high resolution metabolomics (Frank Gonzalez, USA)	<u>Symposium 2: Poison Center:</u> 1. SAICM Quickstart Programme - an opportunity for poison center (Wayne Temple, New Zealand) 2. Vietnam PCC (Nguyen Trung Nguyen, Vietnam) <u>Paralell session: Organ toxicity:</u> 1. Biomarkers of nephrotoxicity (Nick Buckley, Australia) 2. Epidemic of chronic toxic interstitial nephritis in rural SriLanka from algae (Dhammika Menike Dissanayake, Srilanka) 3. Seizure in Toxicology (George Braithberg, Australia)	Lecture: 1. Natural toxins in Asian region-Clinical problems and diagnosis of envenomations and poisonings (P.Gopalakrishnakne, Singapore)

12.00- 13.00		Lunch	Lunch	Closing ceremony
13.00- 14.30		Symposium 1: Pesticide: 1. New class of pesticide poisoning (ChenChang Yang, Taiwan) 2. Pesticide poisoning in Korea (Roh, Korea) 3. Pesticide poisoning in Vietnam (Pham Due, Vietnam)	Symposium 3: Novel Toxicological test: 1. Biological Monitoring in Toxicology Practice (Scott Phillips, USA) 2. Toxicologic tests in the limited setting condition (Indika Gawaramana, SriLanka) 3. The laboratory role in handling poisoning (JouFang Deng, Taiwan) Pararell Symposium 4: Chemical Mass casualty: 1. Mahdi Balali- Mood (Iran) 2. Kent Olson, USA 3. Winai Wananukul (Thailand)	
14.30- 15.00		Break & view of posters	Break & view of posters	
15.00- 16.30		Free paper	Free paper	
16.30-17.00		Lecture: High dose of insulin therapy in CCB and beta blocker poisoning (Chris Davis, USA)	Lecture: Cyanide poisoning which antidote to choose in 2010? (Megarbane Bruno, France)	

6. Symposium of American College of Medical Toxicology (ACMT) during the congress



This is the first time ACMT will hold a symposium at the APAMT congress. Topic of the ACMT symposium at the 9th APAMT congress this year is “Novel methods in the management of acute poisonings”. Following is the agenda of the symposium:

a. Lipid Therapy as a Novel Therapy for Poisoning: Experience in the US

Robert J. Hoffman, MD, MS

Department of Emergency Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, New York, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City/Cleveland Clinic, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, EMAIL: rjhoffman@pol.net

b. Medical Evaluation and Management of Radiation Poisoning

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c. Activated Charcoal as a Therapy for Poisonings

Kent R. Olson, MD

Medical Director, San Francisco Division, California Poison Control Center, Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, EMAIL: olson@calpoison.org

d. Octreotide as a Therapy for Sulfonylurea Poisoning: Original Research and Evidence

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7. Registration

Registration fee (US Dollar):

	Early bird Dead line: 30 th September	Late registration Dead line: 1 st November	On site
Member*	350	400	400
Non – member*	370	420	420
Member	220	270	270
Non-member	240	290	290
Accompanying person	100	100	100

- *Countries or regions paying the differential rate: Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong, North America, Europe.*
- *Registered accompanying persons are invited to the parties but will not receive the documents of the congress.*

Participants with special needs:

- ***Dietary:*** the organizing committee will try to arrange the foods and drinks for special groups of participants, i.e. vegetarian, diabetic, food allergy and others.
- ***Physical support:*** the organizing committee will also provide certain facilities to support the disable participants during the congress.

Payment:

- The registration is complete only when the payment was already made. Only payment in US dollars is accepted.
- If you pay by bank transfer, please directly transfer the registration fee to the account of APAMT Organizing Committee and then send the copy of the proof of payment together with filled registration form to us (apamt.hanoi@gmail.com AND apamtooffice@gmail.com). You can also pay on-site (at the congress) but with higher registration fee.
- Please note that all bank charges should be paid by participants.
- **The information of the bank account of the APAMT Organizing Committee:**
 - **Account name: Asian Pacific Association of Medical Toxicology**
 - **Account number: 02-0908-0221989-097**
 - **Name of bank: Bank of New Zealand**
 - **SWIFT CODE: BKNZLN22**
 - **Address: University of Otago Branch 58 Albany Street, Dunedin, New Zealand**
- Please indicate clearly the name of the participant and the meeting (9th APAMT congress, Hanoi, Vietnam).

Cancellation of registration:

- Cancellation of the confirmed registration is subject to be charged 50 USD per participant. The cancellation announcement from the participant must be received before 15th October, 2010, after this time no refund will be made.

Registration form:

- The registration form is provided on the website www.apamt2010.vn. The participants will download the form, fill in it and then send us.

8. Abstract submission

- The deadline for abstract submission for the participants who apply for scholarship grant is September 15, 2010. The deadline for abstract submission for all other participants is September 30, 2010.
- Please note that the abstract will be only valid after registration.

9. Scholarship and travel grant

APAMT is offering some partial travel and registration grants to APAMT members. The decision will be judged by their works. Eligible applicants must:

- Be under the age of 45 and from developing countries
- Submit the completed registration form
- Have successfully submitted an accepted abstract by September 15th, 2010.
- Submitted a curriculum vitae

All the above required documents for scholarship & travel grant applications should be submitted to:

apamt.hanoi@gmail.com **AND** apamtoffice@gmail.com

An applicant is only eligible for one grant but may submit more than one abstract. Grants are competitive and depend primarily on the quality of the submitted abstract.

10. Accommodation and transportation between airport and hotels

The organizing committee have worked with the third party HOABINHTOURIST (HOABINH INTERNATIONAL TOURISM AND TRADING INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED), a company that specifically provide services for meeting events in Hanoi, and selected different hotels with different room rates so that participants with different requirements can choose a suitable hotel to book. You can book these hotels from different sources of providers. There are 2 different types of room rates (as shown in following tables about each hotel), public rates and preferential rates. To get preferential rates here, we recommend you to book through HOABINHTOURIST by reading information below and the go to the section “Book your hotels and transportation service” and do as guided.

During congress days, at **7.30 am in the morning at these hotels** (before the meeting) and **in the afternoon at the venue of the congress (15 minutes after the meeting finished)** we will have **buses to pick the participants up**. The buses are free of charge for participants and provided by HOABINHTOURIST.

HOABINHTOURIST also provide transportation service for participants to move between airport and hotels. Please go to section “Book your hotels and transportation service” on the website www.apamt2010.vn.

10.1. Melia Hanoi Hotel (5 stars): 44B - Ly Thuong Kiet Street, Hanoi

(Distance: 3km to Bach Mai hospital and 3 km to the city central)

www.meliahanoi.com.vn



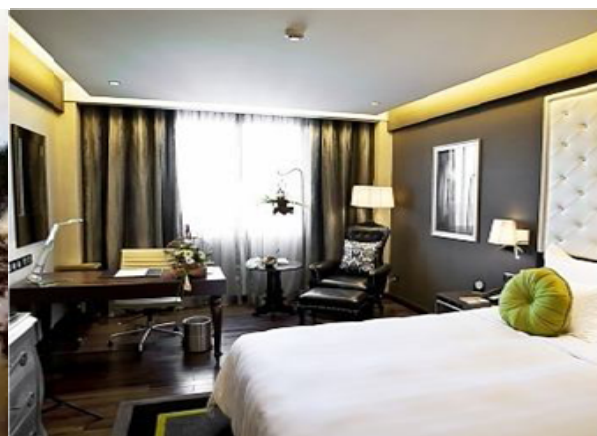
Room rate:

Type of room	Public Rate (As informed on the internet)	Preferential rate Single room	Extra bed
Deluxe King	US\$ 290.00++	US\$ 119.00++	US\$ 20.00++
Deluxe royal	US\$ 420.00++	US\$ 170.00++	US\$ 20.00++
Executive Suite	US\$ 580.00++	US\$ 220.00++	US\$ 30.00++

10.2. Movenpick hotel (4 stars): 83A Ly Thuong Kiet Street, Hanoi

(Distance to Bach Mai Hospital : 3km - 15 minutes by taxi)

www.moevenpick-hotels.com



Type of room	Public Rate (As informed on the internet)	Preferential rate Single room	Extra bed
Deluxe	US\$ 240.00++	US\$ 110.00++	
Premier	US\$ 380.00++	US\$ 155.00++	

10.3. Hoa Binh hotel (3 stars): 27 Ly Thuong Kiet street, Hanoi

(Distance: 3.3km to Bach Mai Hospital; 2,7 km to old streets in the city central)

www.hoabinhhotel.com



Room rate:

Type of room	Public Rate (As informed on the internet)	Preferential rate Single room	Extra bed
Superior	US\$ 80.00++	US\$ 54.00++	US\$ 10.00++
Deluxe	US\$ 110.00++	US\$ 64.00++	US\$ 10.00++
Junior Suite Room	US\$ 160.00++	US\$ 77.00++	US\$ 15.00++
executive Suite Room	US\$ 190.00++	US\$ 88.00++	

10.4. Trade union hotel (Khach san cong doan, in Vietnamese) - 3 stars: 14- Tran Binh Trong street, Hanoi

(Distance: 2.5km to Bach Mai Hospital and 3 km to the old streets in the city central)

www.trade-union.com.vn/en



Room rate:

Type of room	Public Rate (As informed on the internet)	Preferential rate Single room	Extra bed
Standard	US\$ 80.00++	US\$ 47.00++	US\$ 10.00++
Superior	US\$ 110.00++	US\$ 53.00++	US\$ 10.00++
Deluxe	US\$ 160.00++	US\$ 63.00++	US\$ 15.00++

10.5. Trade union guest house (Nha khach tong lien doan, in Vietnamese) – 2 stars: 95-Tran Quoc Toan street, Hanoi

(Distance: 2.5km to Bach Mai Hospital and 3,5 km to city central)



Room rate:

Type of room	Public Rate (As informed on the internet)	Preferential rate Single room	Extra bed
Standard	US\$ 68.00++	US\$ 30.00++	US\$ 10.00++
Superior	US\$ 90.00++	US\$ 45.00++	US\$ 10.00++
Deluxe	US\$ 110.00++	US\$ 66.00++	US\$ 15.00++

Note:

- All the rates above have not yet included 5% service charge of the hotel and 10% VAT
- The hotels accept cash and Visa and Master card ONLY. Additional 3% will be charged by the bank as its regulation. Cash is limited to bring into Vietnam.

For more information, please go to the website www.apamt2010.vn for more information

11. Visa procedures

Visa is mandatory for participants from almost countries. For the detailed information about this issue, we would like all the participants **contact Vietnamese embassies or consulates** in participants' countries and do as guided.

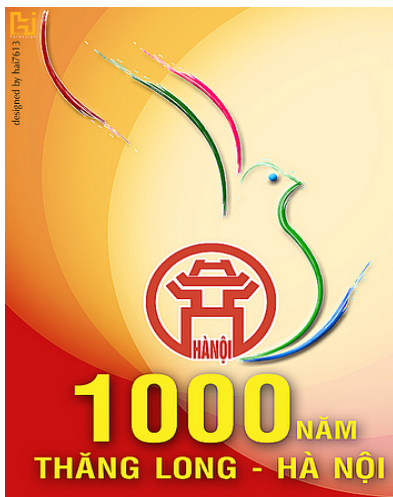
At the same time, the local organizing committee can only help participants to get VISA if you send us your following documents urgently (before September 30, 2010, we recommend all participants including who are still waiting for information about scholarship grant to do so)

- Curriculum Vitae
- Passport: copy of the first page – the page which has your photograph.
- And detail information about:
 - o Date of birth, place of birth
 - o Original nationality and current nationality
 - o The address of the nearest Vietnamese embassies or consulates in your countries where you can receive VISA.

12. Important dates

Month	Date	Activities
Feb	15	First Announcement
April	04	Second Announcement Call for abstracts
June	11	Registration Submission the abstracts Scholarship application
September	15	Due date for scholarship application
September	30	Due date of abstract submission Due date of early registration
November	17-19	Congress

13. About Hanoi and Vietnam



(From <http://www.cinet.gov.vn>)

- Hanoi is the capital of Vietnam and the political, cultural and economical center of Vietnam. Vietnam will celebrate 1000th Hanoi anniversary. Many attractive events will be organized.

- Vietnam is country with a long history of wars. However, Vietnam has been peaceful for the last 35 years and developing quickly, especially in economy in recent years. Vietnam has been also really open to the outside world and eager to be friends of all other countries. Vietnamese people are very friendly, particularly toward foreigners. Vietnam is diverse in culture and has charming national character. There are a large number of interesting places for international friends to visit.



Hoan Kiem lake: a historical and beautiful site of Hanoi

(From <http://indochinaexpedition.com>)



One pillar pagoda – the unique wooden structure symbolizing for Hanoi culture

(From <http://indochinaexpedition.com>)

About travel, food and drinks, tourism, culture and other information for daily life in Vietnam:

Travel

There is variety of means of transportation in Vietnam, however, the recommended one for foreigners is taxi for intra-provincial movement and bus for inter-provincial movement.

The distance from airport (Noi Bai international airport) to the hotels in Hanoi is about 35 kms and should be with taxi. The cost for one taxi is approximately 20 USD.

The transportation with public bus inside Hanoi is very economic (20 cents for a person) and safe but it carry high number of travellers and may go slowly during rush hours. Going with motorcycle in Vietnam is not safe and not recommended for foreigners.

Food, drinks and tobacco

There are various types of food including Vietnamese foods, Asian foods and Western foods. There are also foods for vegetarian. Vietnamese foods are tasteful and generally easy to eat. The common and basic food for local people is steamed rice. “Pho” is a proper name that is a great food of Hanoi and served with a bowl containing noodle, beef or chicken and vegetable and source. Pho is a favored fast food and well-known by the local people and foreign visitors.

Finding a drink is also easy for any visitor but carrying a small bottle of water while going outside the meeting is our suggestion.

You can find more information about food in Hanoi from many websites, e.g.

<http://www.hotels-in-vietnam.com/hotels/food.html>,

http://www.vietnamtourism.com/e_pages/service/restaurant-p.asp, ...

Smoking in enclosed public places e.g. airport, hospital is prohibited by law.

Tourism

Many places in Hanoi are historical, cultural and political and can interest visitors. Hoan Kiem lake, Ho Chi Minh mausoleum, Temple of Literature, museum of ethnic groups are

among the important places that should be visited. City tours offered by tourism companies can fulfill the visiting to these places.

There are famous landscapes in the North of Vietnam, especially Ha long bay and Sapa. Ha long bay is a very famous natural heritage recognized by UNESCO. It takes about 3-4 hours by bus from Hanoi to Ha long bay. Sapa is a famous mountainous landscape with cool weather, interesting visiting places and traditionally cultural features of the local ethnic minorities. The visit to both landscapes can be booked with the tourism companies in Hanoi.

The information about the tourism will provided at the venue of the congress. The participants can select tours here conveniently with reasonable price.

People, culture, language and religion

The population of Vietnam is about 86 millions with 54 ethnic groups. Viet is the majority. Vietnamese is the main language. The main languages used for international communication are English and French. Asking the local people on the street of Hanoi can be via English.

There are many religions in Vietnam including Buddhism, Catholicism, Islam, etc. The common religions in Vietnam are Buddhism and Catholicism. Many pagodas and temples are interesting places for visitors.

Vietnamese people are very friendly, especially with foreigners.

Buying and shopping

There are many souvenir shops in Hanoi which sell traditional handicraft items. There are also big shops and supermarkets. The buying is mainly on the street. At small shops and open market, the buyer should make a bargain because the sellers usually tell higher prices.

Money

The Vietnamese currency is Dong (Vietnamese Dong). Cash (Vietnamese Dong) is accepted at all places whereas only supermarkets and big shops accept credit card.

The travellers can change money at banks (preferable) and their hotels. Well-known banks in Vietnam are Vietcombank, Argribank, BIDV, Vietinbank, ACB, Maritime bank, Military bank (MB), Sacombank, Eximbank and foreign banks.

Weather

It is cool in November in Hanoi. The temperature ranges from 13 to 23 degree Celsius. There is no rain. You can update the weather condition on internet before going to Hanoi.

Social security

Vietnam is very safe and peaceful country. However, going late and alone at night is not recommended for foreigners. The visitors are also reminded of keeping money and valuables carefully to avoid being stolen.

Electricity

The voltage 220V is used. The plugs and sockets type A, B and C (please go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mains_power_around_the_world for details) are used.

Telephone and internet

The visitors can buy a SIM card in Vietnam to use on their own cell phones.

Internet access is easily found in Hanoi.

14. Contact address:

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