

## Report from the Asian Chapter- Neurosonology Research Group of the World Federation of Neurology

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In March 2008, during the Asia-Pacific Conference Against Stroke (APCAS) in Manila, Philippines, the Asian Chapter NSRG-WFN gave lectures and conducted a workshop on Neurosonology (Physics, Carotid duplex and TCD). The faculty consisted of Drs Vijay Sharma, Andrei Alexandrov, Prof Manfred Kaps, and several Filipino neurosonologist . Also during this time the group met and voted for the President and Vice-President for the next two years. Drs. Jose C. Navarro from Manila was voted President and N Ramani Venketasubramanian from Singapore as Secretary-Treasurer. They will hold office from March 2008 up to February 2010.

On April 1-4 2009 the Biennial Convention of the Asean Neurological Association (ASNA) was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. During this meeting the Asian Chapter conducted the **International Certification Examination** sponsored by the Neurosonology Research Group of the World Federation of Neurology. Unfortunately there were a limited number of examinees (5, all from

Indonesia) due to the short notice of announcing the examination. In order to avoid this problem in the future, the Asian Chapter proposed to the ASNA Stroke Council that this examination be offered regularly in conjunction with biennial meeting of the ASNA; this was forwarded to the Stroke Council of ASNA and their decision is still pending. The next ASNA convention is going to be held in Vietnam in 2011. Also in the forthcoming APCAS in September 2009 in Cairns, Australia the American Society of Neuroimaging will offer a certification examination for qualified neurosonologists (please see ASN website for details).

Utilizing the published Laboratory minimum requirement (Venketasubramanian N, **Bare minimal standards for neurosonology laboratories in Asia- a proposal Part I. Neurosonology Laboratory Operations**. Neurosonology 2004; 05/04:5-8, Part III **Intracranial Cerebrovascular testing**, Neurosonology 2004;12/04:4-7 and **Neurosonology Laboratory Guidelines of the NSRG-WFN**, Neurosonology 2005;11:4-5),

communication will be made to existing neurosonology laboratories in Asia to “self-declare” whether their laboratories

have met the minimum criteria. Due to lack of logistics visiting these labs is not yet feasible.