

Dear Colleagues,

It is our privilege and pleasure to announce the Second Asia-Pacific Society for Alcohol and Addiction Research and Seventh Thailand Substance Abuse Research Joint Scientific Meeting (APSAAR-Thailand Meeting).

The APSAAR-Thailand Scientific Meeting will be the major international meeting of researchers, clinicians and public health practitioners from both public and private sectors in the field of addiction and alcohol studies in Thailand and Asia-Pacific region in 2011. The theme is **'ALCOHOL AND ADDICTION RESEARCH: PAST AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS'** and some 500 participants are expected to attend this meeting to be held in Bangkok on 9-11 November 2011. This Meeting will be hosted by the Administrative Committee for Substance Abuse Academic Network (ACSAN) of Thailand and Chulalongkorn University.

After the big accomplishment of the First APSAAR meeting in Seoul, Korea in 2009, Bangkok is the ultimate venue to discuss the current, past and future directions in addiction and alcohol research. The meeting aims to present the research outcomes and exchange the experience in alcohol and drug addiction situation in Asia and Pacific Region which will contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of those involved in substance and alcohol abuse and other addiction activities. The major issues covered in the meeting include:

1. Drug and alcohol epidemic situations in Asia-Pacific Countries
2. Current advances in addiction neuroscience
3. Treatment updates and harm reduction
4. Prevention and monitoring system
5. Community network
6. National and International policies on alcohol and substance abuse

High scientific level sessions, including plenary lectures, workshops and symposia will be organized with well known experts in the field. Young scientists are especially encouraged to present their recent findings through Free Communications and posters.

We would like to invite you to submit symposia proposals, free communication and poster abstract for the APSAAR-Thailand Meeting. To further increase the quality of the scientific programme we would very much appreciate if you also encourage your colleagues and students to submit a proposal/abstract and be part of the APSAAR-Thailand Meeting.

Thank you in advance for your contribution! We look forward to welcoming you in Bangkok.

If you have general questions regarding APSAAR, please contact Sungwon Roh, M.D., PhD. the APSAAR Office at info@apsaar.org. If you have specific questions regarding the Second APSAAR-Thailand Joint Meeting, please contact:

Apinun Aramrattana, M.D., Ph.D.

apinun@mail.med.cmu.ac.th

President, Administrative Committee for Substance Abuse Academic Network (ACSAN), Thailand

Usaneyya Perngpam, Ph.D.

pusaneyya@chula.ac.th

Congress General Secretariat

Savitree Assanangkornchai, M.D., Ph.D.

savitree.a@psu.ac.th

International Scientific Committee Secretariat

**THE SECOND ASIA-PACIFIC SOCIETY FOR ALCOHOL AND ADDICTION RESEARCH
& THE SEVENTH THAILAND SUBSTANCE ABUSE RESEARCH
JOINT SCIENTIFIC MEETING**

Date: 9-11 November 2011
Venue: Bangkok, Thailand
(Meeting hotel will be confirmed by early October 2010)
Theme: ALCOHOL, DRUG AND ADDICTION RESEARCH: PAST AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS
Website: www.AAR2011.chula.ac.th -opening 15 Sep 2010
Contact email: AAR2011@chula.ac.th

Major issues: Drug and alcohol epidemic situations in Asia-Pacific Countries
Current advances in addiction neuroscience
Treatment updates and harm reduction
Prevention and monitoring system
Community network
National and International policies on alcohol and substance abuse

Local Organizing Committee:

- College of Health Science and Institute of Social Research, Chulalongkorn University
- Administrative Committee of Substance Abuse Academic and Research Network (**ACSAN**)

International Scientific Committee:

Australia: Peter Dodd, John Saunders, Alfreda Stadlin
P.R. China: Wei Hao, Dong Xie
Japan: Susumu Higuchi, Toshikazu Saito,
Korea: Ihn-Geun Choi
Taiwan: Shih-Jiun Yin
Thailand: Apinun Aramrattana, Sawitri Assanangkornchai
USA: Linda Cottler, Victor Hesselbrock

Timeline for registration and abstracts:

Symposia:

Proposal Submission Opening: 15 September 2010
Proposal Submission Closing: 15 January 2011
(This includes all Symposia Abstracts)
Proposal Acceptance Notification: 15 March 2011

Oral/Poster:

Abstract Submission Opening: 15 February 2011
Abstract Submission Closing: 15 July 2011
Abstract Acceptance Notification: 15 August 2011

Registration:

Registration Opening: 15 February 2011
Early Registration Deadline: 24 July 2011

Registration Fee: (USD)

| Registration type | Prior to 24 July 2011 | From 25 Jul 2011 to 4 Nov 2011 | On site |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| member | 130 | 180 | 230 |
| Non-member | 180 | 230 | 280 |
| Student | 90 | 120 | 180 |

Symposium Proposal Instructions:

Go to www.AARr2011.chula.ac.th. Symposia will be scheduled for 1.45 hours, which should allow for up to 4 speakers. The Chair of the symposium should provide an overall summary of the proposed symposium, including background and rationale, and a brief description of each presentation, including the name and affiliation of each presenter. The Chair is then responsible for instructing each speaker to submit an individual detailed abstract of her/his presentation by the symposia proposal deadline. An international representation of speakers is desirable. All submissions must be in English. Please follow the instructions on the website carefully.

Suggested Categories for Symposium:

- Health Services
- Prevention
- Screening
- Treatment / Recovery
- Harm Reduction
- Community network
- Policy and planning
- Training / Education Methods
- Epidemiology
- Anthropology and Sociology
- Determinants of substance use in humans
- Genetics
- Pathology: Human / Animal
- Consequences of substance use in humans
- Psychiatric Comorbidity
- Brain Imaging
- Animal Behavior
- Molecular / Cell Biology
- Physiology
- Pharmacology, Pharmacokinetics & Metabolism

Programme at a glance

| Wednesday 9 Nov | Thursday 10 Nov | Friday 12 Nov |
|--|--|--|
| 8.30-10.00 Welcome/Opening ceremony Keynote lecture (1 speaker) | 8.30-10.00 Keynote lectures (2 speakers) | 8.30-10.00 Keynote lectures (2 speakers) |
| 10.00-10.30 Morning break | | |
| 10.30-12.15 Symposium 1 (3-5 rooms) | 10.30-12.15 Poster/Oral Presentation (3-5 rooms) | 10.30-12.15 Symposium 4 (3-5 rooms) |
| 12.15-13.15 Lunch | | |
| 13.15-15.00 Symposium 2 (3-5 rooms) | 13.15-14.00 APSAAR General Assembly | 13.15-15.00 Symposium 5 (3-5 rooms) |
| 15.00-15.15 Afternoon break | 14.00-16.00 Workshop/Meet the experts/Community session/young investigator session (3-5 rooms) | 15.00-15.30 Summary/Closing Remark |
| 15.15-17.00 Symposium 3 (3-5 rooms) | (Loy Krathong Night) | |
| | | |
| 18.30-21.00 Congress Dinner | | |