

Plenary Speaker – 01 APAMT: where we should be?

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Asia Pacific Association of Medical Toxicology was established in 1989. Since then, the Association has promoted a number of physicians and scientists to be interested in the field of clinical toxicology. A great number of researches related to toxicology have been generated from this region. The society has since become stronger than the past and succeed nicely. However, the visibility of clinical toxicology comparing to other specialties should be more. The number of clinical toxicologists is also much smaller. As a small society, it is easier for members to know each other and become close friends.

Nowadays, there are several public health and medical problems related to poisoning. Unfortunately, the knowledge related to these issues are lacking or some of them gets less public concern. These problems are waiting for clinical toxicologists to elucidate and alleviate. These are the opportunities for the society as well as clinical toxicologists to catch.

Should APAMT be a body for clinical toxicologists to work together and plays these important roles? Though many societies' members have played their roles as specialists in this field to solve toxicological problems in their countries; collaborative work under APAMT may produce even more creditability. Any address from APAMT may cause high impact. Thus, APAMT would be a guiding light for the communities. It will make the society visible as well as reach the true success.