

CME: Join in AAP-IPA relationship with international networking at 2016 congress

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If you're interested in getting more involved in global pediatrics, 2016 is your opportunity. The International Pediatric Association's (IPA's) International Congress of Pediatrics Aug. 17-22 will be close to home at the Vancouver Convention Centre in Vancouver, Canada.

Considered the umbrella to the world's pediatric organizations, the IPA maintains relations with the World Health Assembly, World Health Organization, and United Nations and NCD Child. The Academy is IPA secretariat.

The IPA has connections to 145 national pediatric societies in 140 countries, 10 regional pediatric societies representing all areas of the world and 13 international pediatric specialty societies.

When a global disaster or humanitarian crisis affects children, the network helps the Academy offer resources to countries in need. For example, the Academy offered support to help the Turkish Pediatric Association coordinate response and care of displaced Syrian refugees in Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon.

The Academy encourages pediatricians from all backgrounds to become involved in the IPA — medical students, young physicians, general practitioners and top advisers to world leaders. AAP members participate in environmental, infectious diseases and non-communicable diseases technical advisory groups and serve in leadership roles on the IPA foundation and board.

Several AAP members will be speaking alongside pediatricians and leaders in global child health at the August meeting, which offers nine plenaries, 57 concurrent sessions, 25 meet-the-expert sessions as well as abstract presentations. Featured sessions and speakers include:

- "Mental Health in Children and Youth" and "Autism Spectrum Diagnosis and Treatment," with James M. Perrin, M.D., FAAP, AAP past president;
- "How Environment Shapes Future Health of Children," with Capt. Ruth A. Etzel, M.D., Ph.D., FAAP, director, Office of Children's Health Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency;
- "Mental Health: Bridging the Gaps in Developing Countries," with Olayinka Omigbodun, M.P.H., FMCPsych, FWACP, past president, International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions;
- "Climate Changes and the Health of Children" and "Global Health Curriculum," with Dr. Anthony Costello, WHO director, Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health;
- "Violence in Childhood — A Focus on Solutions in the New SDG Era," with Susan Bissell, global chief of Child Protection, UNICEF;
- "Equity and Health — Reaching the Unreached," with Dr. Mickey Chopra, of the World Bank and former UNICEF chief of health; and
- "Non-Communicable Diseases: WHO's initiatives," with Dr. Douglas Bettcher, director, WHO Prevention of Non-communicable Diseases.

Continuing medical education credit is offered to scientific program attendees. View program and registration details at <http://www.ipa2016.com/programataglance>. Register by April 30 for early bird rates.

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