



# *Asia Pacific Association of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology*

## **APAAACI Asthma Committee**

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With rapid changes in the environment including industry and housing, the prevalence of asthma has been rising steadily over the decades in many Asian-Pacific countries. Furthermore, climate changes seem to affect the incidence of asthma and atopic diseases in this region. Since Asia-Pacific is the biggest region and the most populated area in the world, addressing the current issues in the optimal management of asthma would be the challenges to our community. Recent advances in science and technology allow us to deal with these problems in the management of asthma.

We, the members of the APAAACI Asthma Committee, aim to collaborate in asthma research both in clinical and translational research among the researchers from participating local societies and develop better strategies to manage asthma in the Asia Pacific region. For this purpose, we are going to convene a regular meeting of the Committee to discuss the various issues regarding asthma management. At this meeting, the priorities of the agenda would be discussed and the following steps will be planned accordingly. In specific, we are going to assess the current problems in asthma management from the Member Societies and draw common agenda to be covered in Asthma Committee. By doing this, we will publish the position paper on asthma management in the Asia Pacific region and facilitate collaborator research in the following 2-3 years.