

IUIS President's Message

Although the immunologists increasingly complain nowadays about the increasing abundance of information which they do not have time to digest and of new immunological journals which they do not have time to read, it is indeed a great pleasure to welcome a new Asian Pacific Journal of Allergy and Immunology within the big family of immunological journals. Indeed, this appears to be a special case, emphasising on the one hand the emergence of modern immunology in Southeast Asia and opening on the other hand, through links with immunological communities going from Japan to Australia, increasing possibilities of communication and

cooperation.

Such an endeavour is warmly supported by the international community of immunologists, organised within the International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS). The development of basic and applied immunology in countries where this increasingly important discipline of natural science and medicine is not yet fully established will remain one of the principal aims of IUIS during the coming decade. In this respect, the foundation of solid regional journals represents a great encouragement for us all and we shall do our best to support the courageous and dedicated editors in this new

venture.

As exemplified by the contribution of our own group to a next issue, based in several aspects on the work of immunologists from South and Far East Asia, the cooperation of scientists from various parts of the world has become an essential feature of modern science and it is to be hoped that these uniting and peaceful ideals will ultimately prevail over dividing forces which so much affect mankind and the pursuit of science.

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