

Editorial

XII APCC In Lahore

The Asian Pacific Congress of Cardiology is the most prestigious cardiology meeting of this region which in fact is no less an affair than the World Congress of Cardiology. For Pakistan to host this event in Lahore October 17-20, 1999, is indeed a great honour and a great opportunity. This forum brings together the brightest and most influential minds working in cardiology and allows local physicians and cardiologists a chance to interact directly with them and to provide an opportunity to cardiologists from all over the world in general, and, the Asian Pacific region in particular, to see a new regional country, its people, its health care system and its cardiological services in particular. This interaction and this forum has over the years established its utility and impact.

Elaborate preparations are in full swing with state of the art lectures, workshops and seminars planned. As is the tradition, entertaining local hospitality and cultural programmes will allow the delegates to sample the flavour of Pakistani traditions and culture and the warmth of the local population. For those with time, pre and post Congress practically oriented workshops and country tours will be there. All in all, the 12th APCC promises to be a very special occasion for all delegates.

Occasions like the APCC do not happen without years of planning and hardwork. The Convenor and his team deserve all laurels and good wishes and hopes that their meeting in Lahore will be remembered as a landmark meeting in the development of Pakistan's cardiovascular medical community.

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Age Group (Years)	No. of Cases (n = 66)	III (n = 39)
41 - 50	22	13
51 - 55	16	03
56 - 60	14	03
61 - 65	10	00
66 - 70	04	00