



**Newsletter 2009, No.1**

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To: All member nation organisations of APLAR.

Greetings from the APLAR Executive Committee! At the start of this new year, we would like to update you on some of the exciting things that are happening in APLAR's world.

1. Newly appointed Executive Committee (Exco) 2008-2010

Following the General Assembly in September 2008, allow me to introduce the new Exco members:

President: Ho-Youn Kim, Korea

President-Elect: Rohini Handa, India

Immediate Past-President: Chak Sing Lau, United Kingdom

Secretary-General: Swan Sim Yeap, Malaysia

Treasurer: Kevin Pile, Australia

Deputy Secretary-General: Tak Hin Chan, Hong Kong, SAR

Vice-President: Kazuhiko Yamamoto, Japan

Vice-President: Zhan-Guo Li, China

Chair, Financial Committee: Kusuki Nishioka, Japan

Chair, Scientific Committee: Dae-Hyun Yoo, Korea

Chair, Educational Committee: Sandra V Navarra, Philippines

2. Appointment of a Secretariat

Since the end of last year, we have appointed Kenes International ([www.kenes.com](http://www.kenes.com)) to be our secretariat to deal with the ever increasing paperwork generated by APLAR activities. Kenes will also be in-charge of organising our APLAR conferences from 2012. They are well-known in the field of association and conference management, with their headquarters in Switzerland. They have a base in Singapore which will be the base for APLAR.

Their address is as follows:

Kenes Asia

PICO Creative Centre

20 Kallang Avenue,

Singapore 339411, Singapore

Tel: +65 6292 0723

The Kenes contact person for APLAR is Ms Arpita Bhose (email: [abhose@kenes.com](mailto:abhose@kenes.com)). She may be contacting you in the future regarding APLAR matters.

3. Contact details

With the appointment of the secretariat, we will be trying to update our membership databases, so that individual members of the all the APLAR member nations can be contacted. We hope that the individuals of the APLAR member nations will help us by keeping the secretariat updated with any address and email changes. These contact details will be used by APLAR to send your members details of APLAR activities only, they will not be published on the website and will not be used for any other purposes or given to third parties.



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4. Password details for the International Journal of Rheumatic Diseases  
Once the individual member database is completed, the secretariat will be sending out the new password for accessing the APLAR journal, the International Journal of Rheumatic Diseases.
  
5. APLAR Annual Review Course, 27 November 2009  
This is the first time that we will be having the APLAR Annual Review Course. This year, it will be held in Manila, Philippines. Please keep the date free and encourage everyone to attend.

We hope that this Newsletter will be a regular event and would be grateful for your feedback and ideas. Please email our secretariat or any of the Executive Committee.

Kind regards,  
Professor Ho-Youn Kim  
APLAR President