



## PVRI South East Asia Report 2019

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**Improving the lives of PH patients in Asia Pacific - the right decisions at the right time.**

The APAC PH Forum was held in the Marriott Marquis Queen's Park Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand, on 2-4 August 2019.

The forum was attended by a total of 181 delegates from many countries around the world and was sponsored by Actelion.

**Scientific Committee members consisted of:**

- Kritvikrom Durongpisitkul, Thailand
- Eli Gabbay, Australia
- Gu Hong, Canada
- Hsao-Hsun Hsu, Taiwan
- Decho Jakrapanichakul, Thailand
- Eli Gabbay, Australia
- Geetha Kandavello, Malaysia
- Andrea Low, Singapore
- Annette Pidoux, Australia
- Tan Ju-Le, Singapore

**The delegates and speakers attended from the following countries:**

- Australia
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- Singapore
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- The Philippines
- Vietnam
- United Kingdom

**Delegates from the following specialties were represented:**

- Cardiology
- Cardiothoracic
- Imaging
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Respiratory medicine
- Rheumatology

Malaysia

Singapore

The forum aimed to share information and best practice. It also encouraged collaboration and friendship amongst professionals in Asia to further improve the lives of our PH patients.

**Forum objectives were to:**

- Identify barriers to a timely diagnosis, reasons for missed diagnoses and misdiagnoses to enable early detection and management
- Share updates from international guidelines and WSPH 2018, and discuss pragmatic application in the APAC region setting, particularly around: routine risk stratification and follow-up risk assessments - early access to optimal treatment strategies
- Share current best practice and new innovative research in the region so that less well-developed services have a usable model to implement in their own setting
- Increase regional collaborations and foster research relationships, with a focus on establishing PH registries using contemporary tools.

