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evening talk in Penang on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The topics covered updates in neuromuscular blockers guidelines and the risk of residual muscle paralysis, which is a significant concern in our practice. A similar event was held in Kuala Lumpur on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

MSA would like to express its sincere appreciation to all the speakers and moderators who contributed to the success of these activities.

### Fee Schedule

There seems to be continuing confusion with anaesthesia charges for certain procedures in the currently enforced fee schedule. Members can contact us if there are doubts.

### Malaysian Journal of Anaesthesiology (MyJA)

The June 2024 edition of MyJA is published. It is freely accessible at [www.myja.pub](http://www.myja.pub).

### Membership

As of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024, our membership stands at 658 life members, with 157 ordinary members and 50 associate members in good standing.

I wish you happy reading.

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## Asia Pacific Neurocritical Care Conference 2024 A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

**T**he Asia Pacific Neurocritical Care Conference (APNCC) is a biennial conference in Malaysia and the wider Asia Pacific region, entirely dedicated to the neurocritical care sciences for adult and paediatric populations. This conference aims to improve care for adult and paediatric patients with life-threatening neurological or neurosurgical illnesses. It also seeks to improve patient outcomes through the sharing of knowledge and skills among local and global multidisciplinary teams.

Following the successful virtual Neurocritical Care Conference (NCC) in 2022, the esteemed Malaysian Society of Neuro Anaesthesiology and Critical Care (MSNACC) and Persatuan Kakitangan Anestesiologi Hospital Umum Sarawak (PEKA-HUS) once again organised APNCC 2024 at the Borneo Convention Centre, Kuching (BCKK), far in the Land of the Hornbill, from the 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

This pivotal gathering was made possible through collaborations with renowned international societies such as the Neurocritical Care Society,

the Society for Neuroscience in Anesthesiology and Critical Care, and the Paediatric Acute and Critical Care Medicine Asian Network, embodying the theme of 'Strength Through Diversity'.

This year's conference was different from the past. It was the first in-person neurocritical conference conducted since the COVID-19 pandemic, and it provided many opportunities to learn, network, and explore the latest advancements in neurocritical care.

The conference commenced with three dynamic pre-congress workshops: 'Emergency Neurological Life Support', 'Neuromonitoring - External Ventricular Drain/ Intracranial Pressure Monitoring;

Electroencephalography', and the engaging "Point of Care Ultrasonography (POCUS) in Neurocritical Care" on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024. These sessions garnered enthusiastic participation, setting the stage for a robust exchange of ideas and skills.

On 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024, APNCC 2024 welcomed 422 attendees from 21 countries, a testament to its international appeal and relevance. Under the adept leadership of Dr Peter Tan and Dr Chor Yek Kee, alongside Associate Professor Dr Lee Jan Hau leading the scientific committee, the conference progressed smoothly. The committee gathered 39 distinguished local and global experts to share their knowledge and experience at this meticulously curated conference.



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It featured 9 plenary sessions, 15 symposia, and a distinguished biomedical industry lecture, all focusing on cutting-edge advancements and future trends in neurocritical care.

The conference received impressive responses from enthusiastic young doctors worldwide, eager to showcase their research studies and case reports. Five outstanding posters were chosen for best poster presentation, and another three were contested for best oral presentation. The papers presented impressed both the international and local judges.



The conference concluded with closing remarks by Dr Peter Tan and the passing of the baton of organising the next APNCC 2026, in Penang to Dr Cheah Saw Kian from the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. The event culminated in a highly anticipated lucky draw, with the lucky winners winning Apple AirPods and Apple Watch.

Overall, the APNCC 2024 was an unequivocal success. It transcended its role as a mere academic conference to



become a pivotal platform for knowledge exchange, skills enhancement, and international networking. It not only enriched participants' clinical knowledge but also reinforced collaborative efforts to optimise patient care. Finally, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all faculties, organisers, sponsors and participants who made APNCC 2024 a success. We hope to see you all again at APNCC 2026!



*Awardees of Best Oral and Poster Presentations*



*Group photo taken after Faculty Dinner in Hilton, Kuching*



**See you in APNCC 2026, Penang!**

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