

Portfolio of the World Association of Perinatal Medicine

WAPM is a non-profit making association which brings together individuals and groups to promote the science of perinatal medicine for the benefit of maternal, fetal and neonatal patients throughout the world.

The concept of the WAPM was born during the 11th European Congress which took place in Rome (Italy) in 1988. The first congress was held under the name of the FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PERINATAL MEDICINE, from the 5th to the 8th of November 1991 in Tokyo, Japan. The World Association decided to hold the World Congress every two years, and interim congresses in between, particularly in developing countries with the collaboration of local perinatal societies. After the Tokyo Congress (1991) 7 other congresses have taken place: Rome (1993), San Francisco (1995), Buenos Aires (1999), Barcelona (2001), Osaka (2003), Zagreb (2005) and Florence (2007). Presidents of the WAPM have included Prof. SAKAMOTO (1991-1993), Prof. COSMI (1993-1997), Prof. BATTAGLIA (1997-1999), Prof. KURJAK (1999-2005), Prof. CARRAPATO (2005-2007), and Prof. CHERVENAK (2007).

The WAPM promotes research in all aspects of perinatal medicine, in order to attain a higher level of physical and mental health for women, mothers, and their fetal patients and children by improving the quality and provision of perinatal care throughout the world. Through its activities, WAPM contributes to the improvement of professional standards, proposing guidelines for auditing, evaluation, and clinical care in perinatal medicine. To achieve these main goals, WAPM fosters collaboration between the various disciplines interested in perinatal care as well as friendship between individuals from throughout the world.

The WAPM works with other societies and scientific groups promoting the maternal, fetal and neonatal care. Four of them form the "INTERNATIONAL PERINATAL MEDICINE GROUP". They are:

International Academy of Perinatal Medicine (IAPM)
International Society of The Fetus as a Patient
Ian Donald Inter - University School of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology
Matres Mundi International.

Within the WAPM there are several working bodies including: International Committee, Scientific Committee, Educational Committee, Ethics Committee, Committee for Developing Countries, Solidarity Committee, History Committee, and Patient Safety Committee. As a result of the activities of these committees, the WAPM has edited two important books: History of WAPM and Recommendations and Guidelines for Perinatal Care.

One can join the WAPM by paying 45 US \$ each year for 2 years. All the members can access to the WAPM journal, the Journal of Perinatal Medicine. For associate subscription purposes you need to make a bank transfer on the indicated account (details available at the web site <http://www.wapm.info/> CREDIT SUISSE UPIC 0835-0109-22-13030-00010558).

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