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PAROS-Related Events at the EMS Asia 2012 conference (8-11 September 2012)

- 8-9 Sep 2012: EMS Leaders & Medical Directors' Workshop
- 10 Sep 2012 (430-630pm): Asian EMS Council Meeting
- 11 Sep 2012 (430-630pm): PAROS EXCO Meeting

Please visit the conference website for more details:
www.emsasia.org, or email the PAROS secretariat at
paros.secretariat@yahoo.com



UPCOMING EVENTS



- **13 November 2012:** PAROS mini conference in Osaka/Kyoto, Japan, held in conjunction with the 40th Annual Meeting of The Japanese Association for Acute Medicine

The Pan-Asian Resuscitation Outcomes Study (PAROS) clinical network invites authors to submit abstracts for consideration and presentation (oral or poster) at the first PAROS mini conference!

A copy of the abstract template can be downloaded from:

<http://www.scri.edu.sg/index.php/source-documents>

Abstracts can be submitted via email to the PAROS secretariat at paros.secretariat@yahoo.com.

- **Closing date for abstract submission: 15 September 2012**
- **Notification of acceptance results: 13 October 2012**

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PAST PAROS MEETINGS – 2011/2012

DUBAI, APRIL 2012



Left: PAROS EXCO meeting in Dubai, 17 April 2012.

[Photo from <http://www.ipcc2012.ae>]

Right: Trip to Desert Safari, Dubai, 17 April 2012

[Photo taken by the PAROS secretariat team]



Top: (from left) Dr Kyoung Jun Song, Dr Ng Yih Yng, A/Prof Marcus Ong, Dr Tatsuya Nishiuchi, Dr Ali Haedar, Dr Yadgir Tanveer

[Photo taken by the PAROS secretariat team]

Right: PAROS Dinner, Dubai, 16 April 2012

[Photo from <http://www.ipcc2012.ae>]



TAIPEI, NOVEMBER 2011



Left: PAROS chair, A/Prof Marcus Ong, giving a welcome address at the PAROS EXCO meeting in Taipei, 30 November 2011.

[Photo taken by the PAROS secretariat team]



Top: Photo session at the EMS Leader and Medical Directors' Workshop in Taipei, 29-30 November 2011

[Photo taken by the PAROS secretariat team]

Right: PAROS cultural night dinner- a night of folk dancing, singing, drumming, and most importantly, fun!

[Photo taken by the PAROS secretariat team]



BANGKOK, JULY 2011



Left: Dr Ali Haedar giving an introduction of the EMS system in Malang, Indonesia at the PAROS Open meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, 4 July 2011.

[Photo taken by the PAROS secretariat team]



Right: PAROS EXCO meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, 4 July 2011.

[Photo taken by the PAROS secretariat team]



Left: Mass karaoke session during the PAROS dinner in Bangkok, Thailand, 4 July 2011.

[Photo taken by the PAROS secretariat team]



What's brewing



Manuscript Accepted

-“Comparison of EMS Systems across Pan-Asian Countries: A Web-Based Survey”

PAROS' manuscript entitled -“**Comparison of EMS Systems across Pan-Asian Countries: A Web-Based Survey**” has been successfully accepted by Prehospital Emergency Care in April 2012. The author and co-authors would like to thank all those who have contributed to the manuscript. In this article, we feature the key points mentioned in the paper.

Introduction

There are great variations in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) survival outcomes among different countries and different emergency medical services (EMS) systems. The paper compares the EMS systems of several Pan-Asian Resuscitation Outcomes Study (PAROS) network participating countries.

Method

This is a cross-sectional descriptive survey study. Variables such as population demographics, service levels, provider characteristics, system operations, etc. were collected.

Findings

Most of the systems are single-tiered. Fire-based EMS systems are predominant. Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur have hospital-based systems. Service level is relatively low, from basic to intermediate in most of the communities. Korea, Japan, Singapore, and Bangkok have intermediate emergency medical technician (EMT) service levels, while Taiwan and Dubai have paramedic service levels. Medical direction and oversight have not been systemically established, except in some communities. Systems are mostly dependent on public funding. We found variations in available resources in terms of ambulances and providers. ■



Do U Know: Asian EMS Council

The Asian Emergency Medical Services Council was established in 2009 as a voluntary, participation-based group. It aims to promote education and advocacy of EMS issues in the Asia-Pacific region through sharing of experience of EMS systems, and creating opportunities for education and training for EMS physicians and providers.

From April 2011, the Asian Emergency Medical Systems (EMS) Council is affiliated with the PAROS Clinical Research Network. It helps to establish and maintain links with counterparts from countries that are not yet one of the PAROS-contributing countries, but yet keen to be part of the research network.

A/Prof Marcus Ong (current Chairperson of the Council) will be chairing the coming Asian EMS Council meeting on 10 September 2012 in Penang, Malaysia.

Farewell to Ms. Soon


PAROS network is sad to see the departure of Ms. Soon Swee Sung, after having been with PAROS since its inception two years ago. Ms Soon has contributed greatly to the growth and success of PAROS. As such, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ms Soon for all the hard work she has put in for the network.



Call for New Study Proposals

The call for new study proposals for the PAROS meeting in Kyoto (November 2012) has started! Interested parties can submit using the 'New Study Proposal Template' found on the Source Documents page on the PAROS website (<http://www.scri.edu.sg/index.php/paros-clinical-research-network>).

This call for new study proposals is open only to PAROS EXCO members and General Members from participating countries. The deadline for submission is **15 September 2012**.

Email proposals to:
paros.secretariat@yahoo.com 

New
Study
Proposal





Becoming One of Us

As a progressive network, we are constantly seeking opportunities to grow. We offer two types of registration: (1) General Member and (2) Guest. As a General Member (only offered to PAROS participating countries), you will receive updates from PAROS and you will be able to contribute data and propose studies at PAROS events; if you are from a non-participating country, or would only like to be in our mailing list, you are most welcome to join PAROS as a guest.

APPLICATION TO PAROS

(You may select more than one option)

- General Member*
- Site Principal Investigator (PI)*
- Data Personnel/Study Coordinator*
- Guest (in the mailing list for updates on PAROS)

* Applicable only if you are from one of the PAROS participating countries - Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates (UAE)

REGISTRANT DETAILS (please provide full details)

Country _____

Full name _____

Position _____

Department _____

Institution _____

Office Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Contact No. (Office) _____

Contact No. (Mobile) _____

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Fax No. _____

Instructions:

Please complete this form and submit it to the Network Secretariat at paros.secretariat@yahoo.com. You will receive a confirmation once we have processed your application. If you are applying as a Site PI, upon confirmation of application outcome, please let us have your CV for our retention.

SITE INFORMATION (only applicable to Site PI)

Country _____

State _____

City/EMS District _____

Population Size of City/State _____

PRE-HOSPITAL INFORMATION (only applicable to Site PI)

No. of EMS Systems in City/State _____

Competency of Basic Life Support First Responder

EMT-Intermediate

Others, please specify: _____

Competency: Advanced Life Support EMT-Paramedic

Physician-led

Nurse-led

Others, please specify: _____

No. of EMS Personnel in City/State _____

No. of Ambulance Vehicles in City/State _____

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT INFORMATION (only applicable to Site PI)

No. of Acute Hospitals in City/State _____

No. of Tertiary Hospitals in City/State _____



PAROS participating countries

- Korea Japan
- Singapore Malaysia
- Thailand Taiwan
- Turkey UAE

Mission

To improve outcomes from pre-hospital and emergency care across the Asia-Pacific by promoting high quality research into resuscitation

Vision

Improving outcomes from pre-hospital and emergency care across the Asia-Pacific

Website

<http://www.scri.edu.sg/index.php/paros-clinical-research-network>

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