

From the Guest Editors

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It is a great honor for the Philippines to be the host country for the 7th issue of the Asian and Oceanic Forum for Paediatric Radiology (AO/PR). This is the second time that the Philippines is given such an opportunity, following a successful issue in February 2016.

Although Pediatric Radiology is already a well-established subspecialty in western nations and progressive Asian countries, it is still in its formative years in the Philippines. In spite of this, local Pediatric Radiology practitioners continue to raise the level of pediatric medical imaging. In June 25, 2017, the Philippine Society for Pediatric Radiology (PSPR) was born with the goal of enhancing healthcare of children through education, standardization of practice, and promotion of quality and safe imaging practices. This is made possible through PSPR's collaboration with the mother organization, the Philippine College of Radiology (PCR), as well as PCR local chapters including PCR-Southern Mindanao Chapter (PCR-SMC).

The Philippines hosted the Asian and Oceanic Society for Pediatric Radiology (AOSPR) Congress back in 2012. The city of Davao in the Philippines would have been the site of the AOSPR Congress 2020, but was hindered by the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, we were delighted that after 10 years, an opportunity to host the 20th AOSPR Congress on August 19-20, 2022 was again granted. This was a landmark event, being the first virtual AOSPR Congress due to the said pandemic. Once again, this was made possible through the joint efforts of the PSPR and PCR-SMC, with the support of the PCR. The theme was "Unifying Pediatric Clinical Imaging Across Asia and Oceania," with the aim of disseminating appropriate imaging practice standards, not only to radiologists, but also to clinicians.

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Following the theme of the 20th AOSPR Congress, the 7th issue of AO/PR features carefully selected articles that promote utilization of various imaging tools and techniques in diverse clinical applications. This was especially designed in order to cater to a wide range of participants, including Pediatric Radiology subspecialists, General Radiologists, Radiology trainees, and Clinicians.

In this issue of AO/PR, Dr. Mariaem Andres and colleagues give us a glimpse of what transpired during the 20th AOSPR Virtual Congress in the Philippines. The Pediatric Radiology Quiz, given by Dr. Jacqueline Austine Uy, is presented as an article in this issue. We also featured the three winning scientific papers presented during the AOSPR research competition, namely: "Challenges in

Diagnosis and Management of Pediatric Presacral Tumors: A Radiologist's Perspective” by Dr. Ebinesh from India; “Clinical Utility of the Diffusion Weighted Imaging (DWI) Ratio in Characterizing Primary Brain Neoplasms in Pediatric Patients: A 5-year Retrospective Study in a Tertiary Hospital in the Philippines” presented by Dr. Sheen Urquiza; and “Association between Germinal Matrix Hemorrhage at the First Week of Life and Perinatal Factors of Preterm Neonates” by Dr. Adrian Christopher Elio from the Philippines. In addition, we included research articles by Dr. Jerald Lim and colleagues entitled, “Chest Ultrasound and Contrast-enhanced CT in Detecting Pediatric TB Mediastinal Lymphadenopathy” as well as Dr. Karl Solidum and co-authors on “Pulmonary Imaging Findings of the Pediatric Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in Two Tertiary Centers in the Philippines.” Three local case reports were also included: (1) Dr. Florelyn Agravante and colleagues on the “Multi-modality Approach to an Adolescent Scrotal Arteriovenous Malformation”, (2) Dr. Gia Marie Nicolasora and co-author on the “Intrathoracic Renal Ectopia with Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia” and (3) Dr. Alexandra Rama-Estimo on the “Neonate presenting with Multiple Cardiac Masses”. Lastly, a commentary by Dr. Justin Luke Yap was added, and entitled, “The Pediatric Radiology Journey of Northern Mindanao, Philippines: Insights and Experiences.”

As the guest Editorial Team from the Philippines, we are thankful to the AOSPR leadership and the AO/PR Editorial Board for this wonderful opportunity. We would also like to thank all the contributing authors as well as Drs. Ronald de Castro, Cyrus Estrera and Princess Dawn Ybañez for this issue’s cover art, without whom this issue would not be possible.

We hope that the articles in this AO/PR issue would be beneficial to all its readers.

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