

**A message from Prof. Mesbah Kamal, President of DASG**

Dear Friends and Members,

It is with immense pleasure I send you this letter, on behalf of DASG Executive Board I'd like to welcome each of you to the Diabetes in Asia Study Group (DASG) Newsletter its new version. It's an exciting time for DASG to proceed in combating dual epidemic of diabetes and COVID as both epidemics continue to grow nationally and internationally which necessitates motivated and responsive collaborative efforts from all who are concerned. Diabetes is confronting a time of many changes and DASG meeting these changes bringing inspired people together in this site, to ensure that our mission and vision remains at the cutting edge.

In order to make the biggest impact with newsletters, the frequency of newsletter by quarterly.

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What is our strength?

Organisations, like DASG, are made of members rather than associations. This will be as strong as its members allow it to be. Without a growing membership, organisations will not survive. DASG is unique in that it is an association of members from Asia and The Middle East. It remains our dream that it will, one day, become the EASD or the ADA of Asia and The Middle East.

It will enable researchers from this region to present their papers and innovations at the DASG, and it will also provide a platform for people interested in diabetes to share their experiences and problems with others from the same region. We also hope that people from other parts of the world will wish to become part of this movement.

It is with regret that I note that many members have failed to renew their membership. In another part of this newsletter, the secretary-general will address issues pertaining to membership. Please read his note with care.

Journal of Diabetology (JOD)

Journal of Diabetology (JOD) is the official journal of Diabetes in Asia Study Group (DASG). It was started by DASG in 2010 as a peer-reviewed journal with 4 issues published annually. To improve its visibility and ease of access, an online platform was created exclusively for the journal in December 2016 and all the issues published till then were archived in the online portal. From January 2017, all the issues of the journal are being published online on its website. The journal allows free access (Open Access) to its contents and permits authors to self-archive final accepted version of the articles on any OAI-compliant institutional / subject-based repository.

The journal can be viewed either by visiting the DASG web site www.da-sg.org or by visiting the web site of the journal <http://journalofdiabetology.org>

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DASG – WEB SITE: www.das-sg.org

After all the hard work that goes into strategically crafting a new website, you might want to scream it from the rooftops when it finally goes live. The launch of a new website should be connected with an advancement on another platform such as social media with links driving people to the new site.

Our main goal in launching this new website is to provide others with a more intuitive, most impressive, informative and user-friendly experience that clearly states who we are, what we stand for, and what we can achieve for our members and others.

DASG President proudly launched the new web site on 28th Nov 2021. I sincerely hope that you enjoy the new website and all that it has to offer.

If you have any suggestions or feedback, feel free to let us know on through the website www.das-sg.org or at info@da-sg.org

Notice from Secretary General - DASG

Diabetes in Asia Study Group is a non - profit organization, formed in a meeting held in Cape town, aimed to create awareness, to promote and encourage research in characterization of Diabetes within regions.

DASG aimed to promote education and awareness of diabetes, to encourage research in the field of diabetes and related disorders, to promote exchanges of opinions and to faster advocacy. This in turn would lead to better strategies for diagnosis, care and prevention of diabetes.

Individuals within the field of research, diabetes care and advocacy will be eligible for membership. Explore the site and direct us to improve the quality of both the design and layout of the site as well as the activities of this group.

ARE YOU A VALID MEMBER?

Many individuals, who had joined DASG, have failed to renew their membership. If you are uncertain of your membership status, please write to Secretary on info@da-sg.org or fax him on +974 44431901, as soon as possible.

What are the benefits of being a member?

As a member, you will be enabling this young organisation to grow, and for it to achieve its aims, as indicated by the President in the opening paragraphs of this newsletter. Furthermore, as a valid member, you will be entitled to member rates at conferences. You will also have the right to nominate members for election and will have the right to stand for election. Finally, you will have the right to attend and vote at the Annual General Assembly of DASG.

8th Diabetes in Asia Study Group (DASG) Conference & The General Assembly.



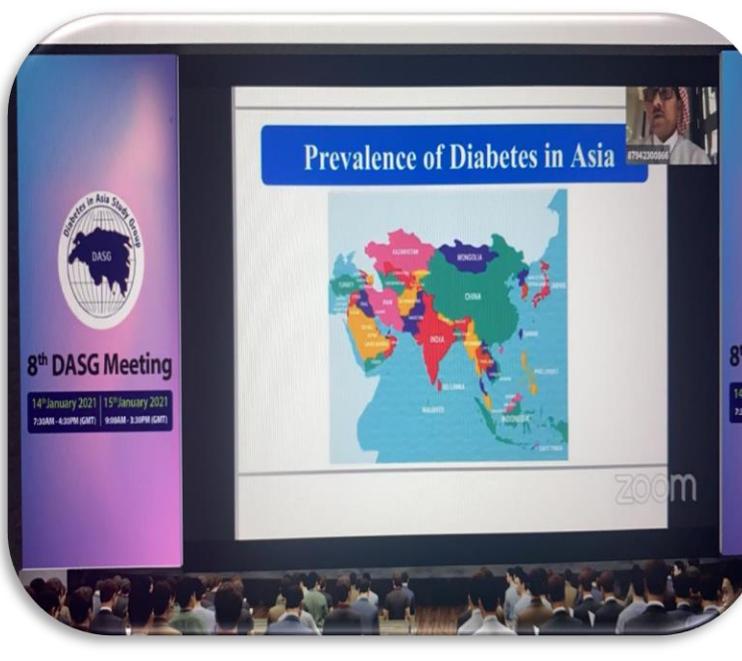
The 8th DASG Conference held on 14th & 15th January 2021, due to the extra ordinary situation of COVID-19, the conference was structured by virtual platform. It was a resounding success; it was attended by 1800 delegates from all over the world and attracted young scientists as well as international figures. The conference also hosted the general assembly of DASG.



Diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases worldwide that affects over 422 million people in the world. Asian and Middle East countries in particular has experienced a significant increase in the prevalence of diabetes, with an alarming numbers of people having the diabetes.

Education of healthcare professionals is at the forefront on any disease management and emphasizes the importance of healthcare professionals having up-to-date knowledge about the newest research and clinical updates. The Eighth Biannual Meeting of Diabetes in Asia Study Group organized by two days event that has covered a blend of academic and clinical update in diabetes and diabetes management.

The conference was inaugurated and blessed by Prof. Akhtar Hussain, President of DASG and President Elect of IDF. Dr. Andrew Boulton, President of IDF, supported the inaugural conference and the chairperson of the various regional committees of IDF and MENA Region attended the inaugural ceremony.



The conference was held at a critical time of the COVID pandemic when there is a rapid rise in the incidence of COVID & Diabetes in Asia and other countries. Dr. Abdulla Al Hamaq, Executive Director Qatar Diabetes Association – Qatar Foundation has delivered a lecture about “Challenges in Diabetes Prevention Program in DASG Countries” The alarming magnitude of the diabetes epidemic has made prevention of TD2M a top priority, based on the belief that preventing the disease will also prevent its short- and long-term consequences. Several well-known speakers gave the lectures about clinical trials worldwide have proven that diabetes can be prevented by intensive lifestyle interventions.

The conference also hosted the General Assembly of DASG. The executive board elected the following as members of the management committee. Prof. Mesbah Kamel from Egypt was elected as the President, Dr. Banshi Saboo from India as Vice-President, Mr. Ashraf. PV from Qatar as Treasurer, and Dr. Bishwajit Bhowmik from Bangladesh as the Secretary General. Dr. Abdulla Al Hamaq from Qatar as a Board member in DASG.



NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY
Upcoming CONFERENCE,

- **International Diabetes Conference**, Organized by Diabetic Association of Pakistan (DAP) collaboration with Diabetes in Asia Study Group (DASG) 13- 14 November 2021. Movenpick Hotel. Karachi – Pakistan.
- **Qatar International Diabetes Conference**, organized by Qatar Diabetes Association (QDA) collaboration with Diabetes in Asia Study Group and Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) which will be on 19 – 20th November 202, Virtual conference and Exhibition.
- **IDF – MENA Congress**, organized by MENA Region on 23 – 24th December 2021, Virtual conference and Exhibition
- **The 16th UEDA International Conference of Diabetes** will be hold in Luxor Egypt 1-3 December.

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