

## ASIAN LEPROSY CONGRESS

9–13 November 2000  
Agra, India

## Message from the Organizing Committee of the Congress:

During the 5th International Leprosy Congress held in Beijing, China, in September 1998, there was a strong desire to hold regional congresses in between the quinquennial International Congresses in order to promote more frequent interaction among participants and also to highlight regional issues, problems and achievements. This desire has culminated in the decision to hold, under the ILA banner, the first Asian Leprosy Congress at Agra, India, from 9–13 November 2000.

It is only appropriate that the first regional Congress take place in Asia in view of the tremendous leprosy problem the continent is still facing in spite of the enormous progress made in combating the disease over the past 10 to 15 years.

The Congress, apart from discussing technical and research issues, is expected to focus more on the problems of the common leprosy worker in combating the disease and in helping him or her to find solutions to such problems. This should help provide better interaction between researchers and developers and of technical solutions on the one hand and the ultimate utilizers of such solutions on the other. In order to promote this approach, the organisers of the Congress would like to encourage and to facilitate participation of as many leprosy workers as possible, particularly those involved in leading and organizing the fight against leprosy in the field.

Even though the Congress is called the Asian Leprosy Congress with focus on Asia, it is expected that the Congress would greatly benefit from experiences in other parts of the world and, therefore, would welcome participants from everywhere.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we extend our cordial invitation to all those interested in the fight against leprosy to participate in the Congress so that together we can progress toward a world without leprosy, which is our ultimate goal.

Organizing Committee, Asian Leprosy Congress

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## First Announcement

## General Information

*Date*  
9–13 November 2000

*Congress Language*  
English

*Location*  
Jay Pee Palace Hotel  
Agra U.P. India

*Format of the Congress Sessions*

The general format of the Congress sessions will be similar to that of the Beijing Congress with necessary improvements. Special attention will be given to poster sessions, particularly to facilitate field workers in presenting their work. Papers for oral presentation will be accepted subject to suitability and availability of time. There will be no pre-Congress workshops.

*Training Sessions*

Training sessions on various topics will be held in the evenings at the Congress Center and also at the Central JALMA Institute for Leprosy.

*Exhibits*

Exhibitions will be arranged for organizations or institutions wishing to display teaching and learning materials, including books, video tapes, compact discs, footwear, medical supplies and equipment, and other items of interest to participants. For further information please contact the Congress Secretariat.

*Social Events*

Special social events/tours will be organized particularly for accompanying persons. There will also be a reception and dinner for Congress participants.

*Registration and Submission of Abstracts of Papers*

For information on registration, submission of abstracts and other details, please ask for Second Announcement (expected to be available by November 1999) by contacting:

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