

# Welcome Note

## **International Conference on Respiratory Diseases and Care 2020** 20-21, 2020, Singapore



**Dear friends and colleagues,**

Greetings! On behalf of Organizing Committee of “Respiratory Care 2020”, it is indeed my honour and privilege to welcome you all, for this prestigious “International Conference on Respiratory Diseases and Care 2020”. I would like to thank the organizers for giving me this opportunity to share with you all, my perspective about this conference.

Despite significant scientific advances in respiratory medicine over last few decades, the knowledge to practice gap still exists, where, at least half of the patients of chronic respiratory diseases e.g., asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) remain uncontrolled and symptomatic, while some of the rare diseases e.g., interstitial lung disease (ILD) or cystic fibrosis (CF) remain undiagnosed for a long period, influencing prognosis and patient outcomes. Acute upper/lower respiratory tract infections are associated with diagnostic dilemmas and inappropriate antimicrobial usage, resulting in increasing antimicrobial resistance. I am sure, you are coming across similar and other challenges in your clinical practice.

As a pharmacologist and a pharmaceutical physician, I think, the conference theme of “Research and Innovation in Respiratory Care” could contribute towards addressing this knowledge to practice gap, through providing a scientific exchange platform. A distinguished panel of international experts in respiratory medicine would be sharing their latest research and clinical practice perspectives during this conference, which I hope, would be applicable in your clinical practice. I also believe that, sharing of your own clinical practice perspectives with regional/global experts, would further make this conference rich in its content, with a win-win situation for all.

I wish you an engaging and productive conference participation!

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