

# *Introduction I*

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It is my honor and privilege as the President of the Interamerican Association of Pediatric Otolaryngology (IAPO) to thank all the contributors to the 15th IAPO Manual and thereby supporting IAPO's mission to improve the health and well being of all children in all parts of the world.

Ear, nose and throat disorders in children are a challenge for any health care provider as they cover a wide range of disorders from the simple common cold and otitis media to disorders affecting the aerodigestive system requiring acute intervention and/or multidisciplinary management. The 15th IAPO Manual includes like the previous manuals virtually all aspects of ear, nose and throat disorders in children and is a very valuable tool to assist in our daily practice for all health care providers caring for children. It is also excellent for students at any level.

What is so unique with the IAPO Manual is that it contrary to many other textbooks is published yearly and therefore provides us with the latest state of the art medical and surgical knowledge written by well known authorities in Pediatric Otolaryngology from all over the world.

I also want to take this occasion to express my sincere admiration for my very dear friend and colleague Dr Tania Sih for her dedication and hard work to publish the IAPO Manual every year to provide us with this valuable source of knowledge so we can provide the best care for the children entrusted to our care.

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