The Asian Pacific Society of Respirology

THE VENUE AND DATE OF THE THIRD CONGRESS OF APSR DETERMINED: OCTOBER 1993 IN SINGAPORE

Seated from left: Dr. Yang (Taiwan), Dr. Harasawa (Japan), Dr. Tan (Singapore), Dr. De Guia (Philippines)
Standing from left: Dr. Takizawa (Japan), Dr. Berend (Australia), Dr. Hadiarto (Indonesia), Dr. Kira (Japan), Dr. Fukuchi (Japan)

Dr. Tan Wan-Cheng who is responsible for the organization of the 3rd Congress of APSR in Singapore in 1993 called upon the members of executive committee of APSR to meet in Singapore on December 9th, 1991. The object of this meeting was for the local organizers to present a preliminary plan regarding the financial, scientific and social aspects of the coming congress for further discussion and decision. The meeting was held at the conference room of the National Singapore University Hospital on December 9th, 1991. The participating members were:

Dr. K. Ampikaipakan (Malaysia), President, Malaysian Thoracic Society
Prof. Patrick Barron (Japan), Vice Secretary General, APSR
Dr. Norbert Berend (Australia), President, Australia/New Zealand Thoracic Society
Dr. Chan Kwai Weng (Singapore), President, Singapore Thoracic Society
Dr. Teresita De Guia (Philippines), Representative from the Philippines
Dr. Yoshinosuke Fukuchi (Japan), Vice Secretary General, APSR
Dr. Michiyoshi Harasawa (Japan), President, APSR
Dr. Shiro Kira (Japan), Secretary General, APSR
Dr. Hadiarto Mangunnggoro (Indonesia), Representative from Indonesia
Dr. Taka Takizawa (Japan), Treasurer, APSR
Dr. Tan Wan-Cheng (Singapore), President, Organizing Committee of the 3rd Congress of APSR
Dr. Wang Yee Tang (Singapore), Representative from Singapore
Dr. Ann J. Woolcock (Australia), Representative from Australia
Dr. Yang Sze-Piao (Taiwan), Representative from Taiwan

After discussion in the morning, lunch time and afternoon, the followings were approved and decided.
1) The venue of the congress: The Mandarin Hotel
2) The date: Oct. 7 – Oct. 11, 1993
3) Registration to be determined later
ACTIVITIES OF THE APSR MEMBER COUNTRIES

1) First Combined Scientific Meeting of the Singapore and Malaysian Thoracic Societies was held in Singapore on 7 – 8th, December 1991. The final scientific program was as follows:

"RESPIRATORY DISEASE MANAGEMENT UPDATE"

DECEMBER 7TH (SATURDAY)
- Opening Address
  by Chan Kwai Weng (Tan Tock Seng Hospital)
- The Natural History of COPD
  Neil Pride (Royal Postgraduate Medical School)
- Interstitial Lung Disease I: Diagnosis
  Ron DuBois (Brompton Hospital)
- The Diaphragm in COPD
  Cheong Tuck Hong (Tan Tock Seng Hospital)
- Free Papers I & II
- Controversies in Asthma Treatment
  Ann Woolcock (University of Sydney)
- Seminar on Obstructive Sleep Apnoea
  (i) Pathophysiology
    Neil Pride (Royal Postgraduate Medical School)
  (ii) Treatment
    Tan Wan Cheng (National University of Singapore)
    Pulmonary Eosinophilia
    Ron DuBois (Brompton Hospital)
    Symposium I – Treatment of Pulmonary Infections
    (i) Community Acquired
      Wong Wing Keen (Private Practice, Kuala Lumpur)
    (ii) Nosocomial
      Tan Wan Cheng (National University of Singapore)
    (iii) AIDS-related Pneumonia
      Ron DuBois (National University of Singapore)

DECEMBER 8TH (SUNDAY)
- Asthma: Lessons from Epidemiology
  Ann Woolcock (University of Sydney)
- Interstitial Lung Disease II: Management
  Ron DuBois (Brompton Hospital)
- Pleural Effusion: Evaluation and Management
  Chan Kwai Weng (Tan Tock Seng Hospital)
- Free Papers III & IV
- Occupational Asthma in Singapore
  Lee Hock Siang (Dept. of Industrial Health)
- Approach to the Difficult Asthmatic
  Ann Woolcock (University of Sydney)
- Asthma and COPD: Overlapping and Distinguishing Features
  Neil Pride (Royal Postgraduate Medical School)
- Symposium II – Lung Cancer
  (i) Diagnostic Workup and Preoperative Evaluation
    Iyawoo Kuppusamy (National Tuberculosis Centre)
  (ii) Management of Lung Cancer – An Overview
    Ong Yong Yau (Singapore General Hospital)
  (iii) Chemotherapy of Non-small Cell Lung Cancer
    Ang Peng Tiam (Singapore General Hospital)
- Closing Address and Presentations
  by Tan Wan Cheng (National University of Singapore) and K Ampikaipakan

2) The 73rd Conference on Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease in Korea was held last November.
DATE: November 14, 15, 1991
VENUE: Lotte World Hotel, Seoul, Korea
PRESIDENT: Kim, K.Y. (Seoul National University)

55 free communications were presented in general sessions and a special lecture entitled "Transition in Mode of Onset and Progression of Tuberculosis" by Dr. K. Iwai (Japan) was given on 15th Nov.
At the Workshop of the 73rd Conference on Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease, the following lectures were given on 14th Nov:
- Clinical Application of Pulmonary Function Tests
  Kim, W.D. (Korea)
- Interpretation of Spirometry and Flow Volume Curve
  Tae, H.J. (Korea)
- Bronchial Provocation Tests
  Kim, Y.Y. (Korea)
- The Quality Control of Pulmonary Function Tests
  Y. Fukuchi (Japan)

3) The 32nd Annual Meeting of the Japan Society of Chest Diseases will be held in May, 1992.
DATE: May 12 – 14, 1992
VENUE: Sapporo City, Hokkaido, Japan
PRESIDENT: Yoshikazu Kawakami (Hokkaido University)

PROGRAM:
SPECIAL LECTURES
- Molecular Biology of IL6 in Medicine
  Chuzo Kishimoto (Osaka University)
- Biochemistry of Pulmonary Surfactant
  Toyooki Akin (Sapporo Medical school)
- Vasoconstriction of Pulmonary Vessels
  Sokichi Onodera (Asahikawa Medical School)

INVITED LECTURES
- Airway Responsiveness and Asthma as Risk Factors for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
  Scott T. Weiss (Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School)
- Interactions between Inflammatory Cells and Extracellular Matrix
  Robert M. Senior (Washington University School of Medicine)

SYMPOSIA
- Chemical Control of Breathing
- Diversity of Macrophage Functions
- Advances and Problems in Diagnostic Imaging
- Clinical Molecular Biology of Lung Cancer
- Up-dates in Home Oxygen Therapy

In addition, more than 1,000 free papers are to be presented in general sessions.
THE PROFILOE OF THORACIC SOCIETIES OF ASIAN PACIFIC REGION

The editorial office of the newsletter has been asking the executive members of this society to write a short article for the introduction of their mother societies. The structures of Thoracic Societies of Japan, Korea and Hong Kong were introduced in the previous issue of this newsletter. The following article was contributed by Dr Norbert Berend who is the president of the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand. The editors would like to express their appreciation for his cooperation in furthering mutual understanding of activities in the Asian Pacific Region.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE THORACIC SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

The speciality of Thoracic Medicine evolved in Australia in the 1940's with the establishment of Thoracic Units in several teaching hospitals. The Australian Tuberculosis Association was formed in 1948 at a meeting of the Australian branch of the British Medical Association. The Tuberculosis Association later changed its title to the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in Australia (NAPTA) which in turn became the Australian Tuberculosis and Chest Association. In 1952, a medical wing of NAPTA was formed, the Australian Laennec Society. Membership at that time was open only to medical practitioners. At the first annual general meeting held in Perth in 1961 4 papers were presented and the title of the Society was once again changed to the Thoracic Society of Australia. The meetings remained of one day duration until 1967 when it was expanded to a 2 day scientific programme. At this time there was rapid growth of the society with a number of state branches being formed.

The Thoracic Society of New Zealand was newly established in 1968. From its inception, the New Zealand Society encouraged membership of consultants from all fields related to thoracic medicine including surgeon, radiologists, pathologists, physiologists, paediatricians and general physicians.

Over the years joint meeting have been held with the Thoracic Societies of other countries eg. the Australian and New Zealand Societies met in 1970 and 1976, the Australian Society met with the British Thoracic Society in 1974 (held in Singapore), the Canadian Thoracic Society in 1980 and the British Thoracic Society again in 1984.

In 1988 the Australian and New Zealand Thoracic Societies amalgamated to become the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand at the annual general meeting held in Rotorua, New Zealand. The annual scientific meetings have now expanded to 4 days with this year 170 submitted abstracts.

The stated objectives of the TSANZ are:

1. Promoting the highest quality and standards of patient care.
2. Promoting the development and application of knowledge about respiration and respiratory disease.

3. Promoting the professional needs of medical specialists and scientists.

To meet these stated objectives the Society has granted associate membership, or when appropriate full membership, to individuals other than physicians or surgeons eg. respiratory technologists, scientists and nurses. This has encouraged a very valuable interaction between individuals with different skills and knowledge interested in respiratory disease and has made a valuable contribution to scientific standards at the Annual Scientific Meetings. At the present time the TSANZ has a membership of 635 and this is growing.

The TSANZ has recently changed its administrative structure with the formation of 4 standing subcommittees dealing with education and research, clinical care and resources, scientific programmes and professional standards with the chairpersons of each these subcommittees serving on the Federal Executive. This new structure will considerably aid the rapidly evolving range of activities of the TSANZ.

At this stage of its development the TSANZ is now looking forward to closer interaction with the APSR and other Thoracic Societies in the Asia Pacific Region.

1992 ANNUAL MEETING OF TSANZ

DATE: MARCH 30 – APRIL 2, 1992
PLACE: NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER IN CANBERRA

PRESIDENT: Norbert Berend, M.D. (Australia)

PROGRAM:
- 4 Plenary Sessions; 2 Symposia, Wunderly Oration
- 6 Young Investigator Awards
- 6 Concurrent Sessions; 84 Oral Presentations
- 6 Poster Discussion Sessions; 93 Posters
The Themes of the Symposia
Cystic Fibrosis; Airway Inflammation

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE ASIAN PACIFIC REGION

1) 1992 ALA/ATS International Conference
DATE: May 17 – 20, 1992
VENUE: Miami Beach, Florida

2) 2nd Annual Congress of the European Respiratory Society
DATE: August 29 – September 3, 1992
VENUE: Austria Center, Vienna
FROM ATS TO ERS

I wish to remember and thank people like Prof. Moser, the president of the ATS at that time, and Prof. Murray, the past president of the ATS, who, during the founding process of the APSR, advised and contributed to its creation. I also would like to express my appreciation to them for having reported an article on the establishment of our society in the ATS News (Spring, 1986.)

From 1989, we have had occasions to report the activities of our society at the Reception following Presidential Lecture of ATS annual meetings and this still continues.

Also it was a great honor for us to invite Prof. Sonia Buist, who was the president elect of the ATS at that time, to give a special lecture at the second APSR Congress in Bali, Indonesia in 1990.

At the 1991 annual meeting of the ATS, I had an opportunity to meet Dr. G. Huchon, the secretary general of the ERS (European Respiratory Society), and discussed with him about the present state of ERS and APSR. On September 25th, the same year, we met again at the Brussels Congress Center, the site of the First ERS Congress and made the following agreement between the ERS and the APSR after consulting with Dr. Huchon and Dr. Y.C. Yernault who was the president of the First ERS Congress:
- to facilitate the exchange of information about activities of both societies
- to mutually publish information on each of their society bulletin or newsletter
  in the hope that this will provide a spur to the development of each society.

I suppose you have received the announcement of the Second ERS Congress which will be held in Vienna in September, this year. The fact that APSR members received notification the ERS meeting is one result of our cooperation.

The outcome of this continuous cooperation with the ATS and the ERS will be of great significance and importance to the new era of our society.

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