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# Newsletter

# The Asian Pacific Society of Respirology

# THE THIRD CONGRESS OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC SOCIETY OF RESPIROLOGY

The Third Congress of the Asian Pacific Society of Respirology (APSR) will be held in Singapore from 7th to 10th October 1993. Organized by the Singapore Thoracic Society under the auspices of APSR, it promises scientific and social programs participants will find interesting intellectually stimulating.



Dr. Wan-Cheng TAN

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE 3RD CONGRESS OF APSR

It gives me great pleasure to invite you on behalf of the Organising Committee, to the Third Congress of the Asian-Pacific Society of Respirology (APSR) to be held in Singapore during the 7-10th October 1993.

The theme of the Congress is "Asia-Pacific Pulmonary Medicine-Current Challenges and Future Trends" The Scientific Committee has put together a program that is highly relevant to the participants of the Asian-Pacific region, and should appeal to the clinician and scientist alike. The program includes:

1) An optional precongress workshop on "Endobronchial diagnosis and management". Endoscopic laser treatment, stenting and laser bronchoscopy are all new modalities of management in respiratory medicine. This workshop will feature the demonstration of these techniques by the world's foremost proponents in the field and provide participates with the opportunity of hands-on practice on animals under supervision of experts. The number of registrants will, by necessity be restricted to the first 50 to register. Respiratory physicians and thoracic surgeons will find this workshop particularly useful.

2) The congress itself will put forward a program comprising a variety of plenary lectures, symposia, colloquia, and lunch-time seminars. To quote a few examples: "state-of-the-art" plenary lectures on topics such as lung transplantation, smoking and lung health, acute respiratory distress syndrome; several major symposia featuring practical issues in various clinical areas such as pulmonary infections, asthma and lung cancer. Where relevant, the role of cellular and molecular biology in pathogenesis and treatment will be There will be "specific" covering areas of more specialised interest to subspeciality groups, such as critical care of the lung; and endobronchial laser and stenting. Most importantly, there will be ample opportunity for investigators of all ages to present and discuss their work at fully-chaired oral and poster discussion sessions.

Last but not least, we hope to present a varied and exciting social program for all participants and accompanying persons. For those who prefer to explore the island on their own, it is safe and easy to do so.

We look forward to seeing you in Singapore in October, 1993.

> Wan-Cheng TAN, M.D. The President, The Congress Organising Committee 3rd Congress of the APSR, Singapore

#### <CONGRESS VENUE>

The Congress will be held during the 7-10th October 1993 at the Mandarin Singapore, a five-star hotel located in the Orchard Road shopping belt.

#### <LANGUAGE>

English will be the working language of the Congress.

#### <REGISTRATION FEES>

(in Singapore Dollars)

Scientific Participant

Accompanying Person

On or before After 30.05.93 30.05.93 \$\$500.00 \$\$600.00 \$\$250.00 \$\$300.00

(indicative exchange rate: S\$1.00 = US\$0.64)

Registered Scientific Participants are entitled to admission to the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception, all scientific sessions, the Trade exhibition, the Congress Banquet, the Closing Ceremony and all coffee and tea breaks. Each will receive a Congress Kit and a copy of the Congress Proceedings. Participation in the pre–Congress workshop and luncheon seminars is optional and registration fee is \$\$300.00 for the workshop and \$\$25.00 for each luncheon seminar.

Registered Accompanying Persons are entitled to admission to the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception, the Congress Banquet, the Closing Ceremony as well as a specially arranged social programme. Details of the Accompanying Persons' Programme will be available in the Second Announcement.

#### <CALL FOR PAPERS>

Delegates are invited to submit abstracts for oral / poster presentation not later than 30th May 1993.

## <TENTATIVE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME>

# PLENARY LECTURES

- -Lung Transplantation
- -Smoking and Health
- -Pathophysiology of Respiratory Failure
- -ARDS: New Treatment

#### **SYMPOSIA**

#### Asthma

- -The role of molecular biology in clinical asthma
- -Airway inflammation in clinical asthma; clinico-pathophysiological correlation
- -Guidelines in the management of asthma

# Paediatric Lung Disease

- -Childhood asthma: triggers, prevention and early intervention
- -Pulmonary lung function testing in infants and children
- -Management of bronchopulmonary dysplasia

## Occupational Lung Disease

- -Occupational asthma: An overview
- -Occupational exposure and chronic obstructive lung disease
- -Organic dust lung disease

## **Pulmonary Infections**

- -Melioidosis
- -Pulmonary infections in the HIV-positive patients
- -Tuberculosis and non-tuberculosis mycobacterial disease:
- New treatment
- -Nosocomial pneumonia

#### Critical Care

- -New methods of ventilatory support
- -Sepsis syndrome and its treatment
- -Understanding practical respiratory monitoring in the ICU
- -Pulmonary infection in the ventilated patient

#### Lung Cancer

- -Molecular basis for lung cancer
- -Cell type and staging in cancer management: Current concepts
- -Neoadjuvant therapy
- -Lasers, stents and brachytherapy

#### **COPD**

- -New insight into the epidemiology of COPD in Australasia
- -Diagnostic difficulties in COPD: Role of early intervention
- -Advances in the treatment of COPD

# Breathing Disorders in Sleep

- -Pathophysiologic consequences of sleep apnoea
- -Assessment, treatment and outcome of sleep apnoea
- -Epidemiology and features of sleep apnoea in the Asia Pacific region

## Chronic Airway Diseases

- -From Diffuse Panbronchiolitis to Bronchiectasis
- -From BOOP/COP to Bronchiolitis Obliterans
- -Genetic basis for emphysema in the Asia Pacific region

#### Interstitial Lung Disease

- -The role of imaging in diagnosis of ILD
- -The molecular basis of pathogenesis of ILD
- -Current management of diffuse ILD

#### CONTROVERSY LECTURES

# Controversies 1

- -Surgical resection in N2 non-small cell lung cancer
- -Non-invasive ventilatory support should be used in COPD
- -Beta agonist should only be used as required

#### Controversies 2

- -Monoclonal antibodies therapy in endotoxaemia is good therapy
- -Immunotherapy is effective treatment for severe chronic asthma

In addition, a pre-congress workshop on Endobronchial Diagnosis and Management and six luncheon seminars will be offered on a subscription basis. While details of the pre-congress workshop will be available at a later date, topics for the luncheon seminars are:

- Seminar 1: Bronchoalveolar lavage in clinical practice
- Seminar 2: Community-acquired pneumonia
- Seminar 3: Malignant pleural effusion-shunts and thorascopy
- Seminar 4: CT scan in pulmonary disease
- Seminar 5: The management of diaphragmatic paralysis
- Seminar 6: The paediatric sleep laboratory
  - -Methodologies and equipment-

#### **<ORGANIZING COMMITTEE>**

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# THE PROFILE OF THORACIC SOCIETIES OF ASIAN PACIFIC REGION

The following introductory article was kindly provided by Dr. Guang Ming Shao, secretary general of Thoracic Society of Taipei, China.

# Activity of Thoracic Society Taipei, China

Currently the Thoracic Society Taipei, China has 399 members, 237 of them are board certified. Most of them are practicing in major teaching hospitals. For subspecialty training there are 20 training programs for chest physicians and 9 for thoracic surgeons. Each program now requires 1 year of rotating internship, 3 years of residentship in general medicine or general surgery, and 2 years of subspecialty training before they apply for board examination. In 1992 there are 20 chest physicians and 4 thoracic surgeons who pass the board examination.

The 1992 Annual Scientific Meeting of Thoracic Society Taipei, China will be held on Dec. 12–13, 1992 at the Convention Center of Veterans General Hospital–Taipei. Owing to the increased numbers of lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (COPD) and bronchial asthma in Taipei, China, this scientific meeting is focused on these above 3 topics. Invited foreign speakers include Professors Tamotsu Takishima (Tohoku University, Japan), Yõu Watanabe (Kanazawa University, Japan), Roger C. Bone (Rush Medical College, U.S.A.), Gerard L. Turino (Columbia University U.S.A.), Judy Lee Mumford (USEPA, U.S.A.), Barnett S. Kramer (NCI, U.S.A.), and James L. Mulshine (NCI, U.S.A.) will attend this scientific meeting and give lectures.

Respiratory home care now becomes an important issue un respirology. A good respiratory home care program can definitely reduce hospital days of respiratory disabled patients



Prof. Yong Chol Han (front, second from right), the President of Thoracic Society of Korea, visited Thoracic Society Taipei, China and met with Prof. Reury Perng Perng (front, second from left), Prof. Kwen Tay Luh (front, right) and other staffs on April 28 1992.

and improve their life quality. Nowadays requirement of long term home oxygen therapy and home ventilator support have increased in the past 5 years in Taipei, China. However, the home care system is not well established yet, and the expenditure is not covered by the medical insurance payment, too. On Sept. 25 a symposium on respiratory home care was held at National Taiwan University to discuss the organization, technique and quality assurance of respiratory home care program. Miss Mary Gilmartin from National Jewish Centers for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine was invited to give lectures on "The Home Care Systems in U.S.A.""Psychosocial issue of respiratory home care". After this symposium the committee Board of Thoracic Society decided to promote a nation-wide respiratory home care program and invited Dr. Ying-Huang Tsai of Chang Guang Medical College to work up a proposal to promote this program.

On Oct. 1, 1992, the World Association for Bronchology (WAB) and International Broncho-esophagological Society (IBES) had chosen Taipei as the city to held the combined Congress for 9th WBB and 9th IBES in 1996. Our thoracic society is now organizing a steering committee to prepare this international conference. We cordially welcome chest physicians, surgeons and endoscopists all over the world to visit Taipei and attend this international meeting in 1996.

Thoracic Societies in Taipei, China and Beijing, China has been separated in the past 40 years because of political reasons. In 1992, the Thoracic Society, Taipei, China decided to invite the Leadership of thoracic society of Beijin, China to visit Taipei, China to improve mutual understanding and to exchange academic experience. Drs. Wei Ci Luo, Yuan–Jue Zho (Peking Union Medical College), Nan Shan Zhong (Guanzhou Institute of Respiratory Disease) and Ren Jiang Yu (China Medical University, Shenyang) are the first respirology scholars to be invited to Taipei, China in Dec., 1992.

Finally, the Thoracic Society Taipei, China would like to have a closer relationship with all thoracic societies in Asia-Pacific region. Any one who are interested in exchange of academic experience or research collaboration is welcome to write to:

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#### DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES IN ASIAN PACIFIC REGION

# The 33rd Annual Congress of Japan Society of Chest Diseases

#### CONGRESS

**Date:** April 8–10,1993

**Venue:** Pacific Convention Plaza, YOKOHAMA. JAPAN **President:** HAJIME YAMABAYASHI M.D. (Tokai University)

#### **PROGRAM**

#### **Special Lectures**

1. Gene Therapy; Present and Future
Takashi Shimada, M.D. (Nihon Medical College)

2. Pathogenesis and pathophysiology of summer type hypersensitivity pneumonitis

Masayuki Andoh, M.D. (Kumamoto University)

#### **Invited Lectures**

1. Lung Transplantation: a view from medical side Janet M.Maurer, M.D. (Toronto General Hospital)

Pulmonary Complication of AIDS
 Philip C. Hopewell, M.D. (University of California; SF)

#### Symposia

- 1. Lung Transplantation -State of the Art and Future Task-
- 2. Bronchial Asthma as an Airway Inflammation
- 3. Recent Trend of Lung Cancer
- 4. Application of Molecular Histochemistry to Respiratory Diseases
- 5. Pathogenesis of Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonitis

#### Clinical Seminars

Sleep Apnea Syndrome; Pulmonary Surgery; Infections; Pulmonary Tuberculosis; Lung Cancer. Diagnostic Imaging

#### Special Report

Nation-wide Survey of Sleep Disordered Breathing in Japan Yasuyo Ohta, M.D. (Tokai University)

#### General Communications

Oral: 569, Poster: 585, Mini-symposium: 72

# NOMINATION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF APSR

Dr. Michiyoshi Harasawa, the president and Dr. Shiro Kira, the secretary general invited the thoracic society of each member country to nominate a representative to the Executive Committee of APSR on January 8, 1992. Dr. Kira issued the second letter of request on October 9 to remind those countries that had not complied with this request. The list of those representatives who were nominated by December 21, 1992 appears in the following table.

## SECRETARIAL REPORT

# Report of the APSR executive members

So far confirmed executive members are as follows:

: Norbert Berend **AUSTRALIA** : John Ngao-Sun Wu BEIJIN, CHINA : Lam Wah Kit HONG KONG : P.M. Benjamin **INDONESIA** : Tamotsu Takishima **JAPAN** : Young-Soo Shim R.O.KOREA : Tan-Wan Cheng **SINGAPORE** : Sue-Piao Yang TAIPEI, CHINA

# Report of the APSR membership

The state of the APSR membership is as follows:

COUNTRY	NUMBER				
AUSTRALIA	7				
CANADA	1				
HONG KONG	2				
INDONESIA	22				
ITALY	1				
JAPAN	207				
MALAYSIA	2				
BEIJIN, CHINA	16				
PHILIPPINES	18				
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	20				
SINGAPORE	3				
TAIPEI, CHINA	7				
THAILAND	10				
U.K.	1				
U.S.A.	4				
TOTAL	321				

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