

Asian Surgical Association NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President



Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the first issue of the e Newsletter of the Asian Surgical Association!

I would like to, first of all, thank the editorial group led by Dr Patrick Chung and Dr Dominic Foo for making this electronic newsletter a reality. Instead of our previous paper format, an electronic format (which will be published more frequently) will hopefully bring our members closer to the association. We also wish to bring more timely information to members from our surgical fraternity in Asia. We welcome any contribution, announcements on upcoming scientific activities in the region, and suggestions from you.

In this issue, we would like to bring you back the good memories (of a face-to-face meeting!) during the 22nd Asian Congress of Surgery in Kuala Lumpur in 2019. Thanks to our colleagues in Taiwan, the Asian Journal of Surgery (AJS) has gone from strength to strength. The latest impact factor of AJS in 2021 is 2.808. Abstracts of two highly cited papers from AJS are included in this issue for your reading.

The Covid-19 pandemic is still making physical conference difficult in different parts of Asia. We do hope that we could meet face-to-face in the not too distant future.

Before then, enjoy reading this e Newsletter! Any feedback would be most welcomed.

Please also take care and stay healthy!

Kent-Man Chu President



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22nd Asian Congress of Surgery 2nd to 4th August 2019

The 22nd Asian Congress of Surgery was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 2nd to 4th August 2019. The event was a great success, owing to the support from members of the Association throughout Asia.



The Council kicked off the event with a group photo at the Shangri-La Hotel, the meeting venue



Council members went through the rundown of the Congress at the Council Meeting



Honorary Members were conferred at the Congress

After two days of fruitful sharing among the experts, the Congress concluded with the Congress Dinner. Delegates were indulged in spectacular performances, delicious food, and limitless drinks. Everyone had an enjoyable and memorable evening.



An instant photo booth was available for delegates to capture their memories at the Congress Dinner



There were live stage performances during the Congress Dinner



Old friends were united from all over the World

Thank you for your support!

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About AJS Corner

In the upcoming issues, we are going to feature the **Top Cited Articles** published in the previous year.

With an Impact Factor of 2.808, *Asian Journal of Surgery* currently ranks 86 out of 211 in *Surgery*.



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Highlights #1

The authors demonstrated in the article that LALR using ICG fluorescence imaging was a feasible procedure for resection of the tumor-bearing hepatic region. It could facilitate visualization of demarcation line and identification of boundaries of liver section.

Laparoscopic anatomical liver resection using indocyanine green fluorescence imaging

Highlights #2

This systematic review and meta-analysis of thirteen articles, involving 938 patients demonstrated that roboticassisted liver resection was associated with longer operative time, more intraoperative blood loss and higher cost when compared with laparoscopic liver resection.

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REVIEW ARTICLE

Clinical efficacy of robot-assisted versus laparoscopic liver resection: a meta analysis $\stackrel{\star}{\approx}$



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