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24th Asian Congress of Surgery

“Collaborations & Innovations in the Era of Global Surgery”

The 24th Asian Congress of Surgery, held in conjunction with the Philippine College of Surgeons' 79th Annual Clinical Congress and the 12th ASEAN Federation of Surgical Colleges Summit, took place from December 3 to 6, 2023, at the Edsa Shangri-La in Manila.

The theme "Collaborations & Innovations in the Era of Global Surgery" could not be further emphasized, given the rapid advancement in surgery around the globe. It drew a diverse array of participants, from renowned surgeons to medical professionals from across the Asian continent and beyond, aiming to foster a collaborative environment to discuss advancements, share knowledge, and drive innovations in surgical practices.



Stage party at opening ceremony

One of the event's highlights was the G.B. Ong Lecture, delivered by Prof Stuart Clark who is currently Council Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He is also a full time Consultant in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Central Manchester. His lecture was entitled 'Oro-Maxillofacial Surgery Training Pathways in the UK. The lecture was inspiring and underscored the congress's commitment to academic excellence. Prof Clark was also conferred Honorary Member of ASA after the lecture.



Prof KM Chu, Immediate Past President of ASA



Prof Stuart Clark delivering the GB Ong Lecture

The other two new ASA Honorary Members were Dr. Ian S. Soriano, Associate Professor and Director of Robotic Surgery, USCF, Department of Surgery, who delivered the ASA Lecture; and Prof Owen A. Ung, Vice-President of the RACS, who delivered the RACS Foundation Lecture.



Prof. Ian S. Soriano delivering the ASA Lecture



Prof Owen A. Ung delivering the RACS Foundation Lecture



Conferment of Honorary Members

The scientific program was diverse and robust, featuring a variety of lectures that spanned multiple disciplines within surgery. These sessions were meticulously designed to explore the multifaceted roles of surgeons in advancing patient care, research, and technology in surgery, highlighting the critical importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in tackling complex medical challenges.



Free paper presentations

A standout aspect of the Congress was the warmth and hospitality extended by the Philippine College of Surgeons Foundation. The "Fellowship Night" was a highlight, featuring performances by the renowned Pilipino rock band The Dawn and DJ John Robinson. Their engaging performance helped push the event to the next level with everyone enjoying the capturing music. This event exemplified the Filipino tradition of hospitality, providing a delightful evening that facilitated networking, camaraderie, and cultural exchange among the attendees.



Fellowship night

Alongside the main Congress are the Council Meetings and AGM. A new Executive Committee was elected and consists of the following members

- President : Prof Jose Antonio M. Salud
- Vice President : Prof Alex Erasmo
- Secretary General : Prof Patrick Chung
- Treasurer: : Prof Billy Cheung



***Prof KM Chu (Left) and
Prof Jose Antonio M. Salud
(Right)***



Council members

With the success of the 24th Asian Congress of Surgery, the future Congress promises to build on the accomplishments of its predecessors, further enhancing the collaborative ties within the Asian surgical community and exploring new frontiers in surgical science. As the community looks forward to gathering once again, the commitment to improving global surgery through innovation and collaboration remains more vital than ever.

Highlights



Thank you for reading

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