

15th ASIAN CONGRESS OF SURGERY THAILAND



The 15th Asian Congress of Surgery (formerly known as the Biennial Congress of the Asian Surgical Association) was held in conjunction with the 30th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand in Ambassador City Jomtien Hotel, Pattaya, Thailand on Wednesday - Saturday, 20 - 23 July 2005. Professor Vithya Vathanophas of Thailand was the ASA Congress President. Under his leadership, the Meeting was a huge success with over 1,600 participants from more than 10 countries.



Opening Ceremony of the 15th Asian Congress of Surgery

LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Local Organising Committee consisted of the following:

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	Rachit Hakeem	Sida Chanarok	Nam-ouy Sathanphathai



The Officers and the Council of the Asian Surgical Association

The Committee was also supported by an Advisory Board that included Professors Arun Pausawasdi, Kitti Yensudchai, Thongueb Uttaravichien, Chomchark Chuntrasakul, Prinya Sakiyalak, Vithya Vathanophas, Thongdee Shaipanich, and Nopadol Wora-Urai.

The theme of the Congress was "Surgical Excellence". The Scientific Program covered latest advances in general surgery, neurosurgery, paediatric

surgery, plastic surgery, and urology. There were 63 sessions which included 4 named lectures, 5 plenary lectures, 24 symposia, 13 luncheon symposia, 6 award and contest sessions, and 11 free paper sessions. A total of 147 free papers had been accepted for presentation at the Congress, among which 103 and 44 were oral and poster presentations, respectively.

The Local Organising Committee hosted a Presidential Dinner for the Invited Faculty and the Past Presidents on Wednesday, 20 July 2005 at the Seafood Restaurant in Ambassador City Jomtien Hotel. It was a remarkable and joyful night for catching up with old friends and making new acquaintances. It was clear during the dinner that our Thai colleagues, apart from their admirable surgical skills, were also excellent singers!

The Opening Ceremony was held on Thursday, 21 July 2005 at the Convention Hall A, Ambassador City Jomtien Hotel. Mr. H.E. Plakorn Suwannarat, Privy Councillor of Thailand, was the Officiating Guest. 5 Honorary Memberships of the Association were conferred upon 2 Past Presidents, Professors Sira Bunyaratavej and Arun Pausawasdi, and 3 Named Lecture Orators, Professors Oleg Eremin, Patricia Davidson and Santhat Nivatvongs during the Opening Ceremony. The citations were read by Professors Vithya Vathanophas and William I. Wei. Immediately following the Opening Ceremony, Mr. H.E. Anand Panyarachun, Former Prime Minister of Thailand, delivered the Udom Poshakrishna Memorial Lecture.

The Congress Banquet, also called the Cowboy Night, was held on Friday, 22 July 2005 in the grandeur Diamond Hall of the Ambassador City Jomtien Hotel and was attended by about 700 delegates. All delegates enjoyed the pop songs and music performed by a live band while being served by a delicious buffet. The traditional Thai puppet play, one of the key performances of the night, was welcomed by multiple flashes from digital cameras of delegates. The official proceedings of the night included handing over of ASA flag to representative of the 16th ACS organiser, handing over of President Medallion to incoming President Professor Vithya Vathanophas, and presentation of President Medallions to 3 past presidents including Professors Sira Bunyaratavej, Antonio Oposa, and Dr. Keng-Wee Chang.

Named Lectures

5th GB Ong Lecture

Santhat Nivatvongs, *U.S.A.*
"Evolution of Colorectal Surgery"



13th Law-Lui Lecture

Oleg Eremin, *U.K.*
"Neoadjuvant Therapy in Woman with Large and Locally Advanced Breast Cancer"



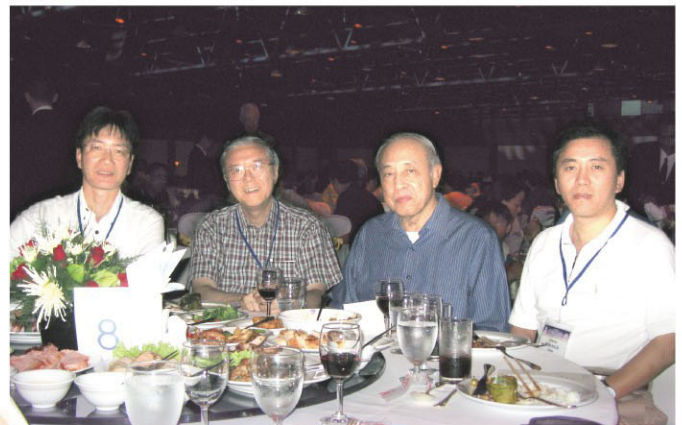
11th RACS Foundation Lecture

Patricia Davidson, *Australia*
"Surgical Training for Communities of the 21st Century"



Udom Poshakrishna Memorial Lecture

H.E. Anand Panyarachun, *Thailand*
"The Thai Universal Healthcare: A Personal View"



Happy gathering at the Congress Dinner



Vithya Vathanophas (left), incoming President, received the President's Medallion from Keng-Wee Chang (right), outgoing President



Exhibition booth of the Association at the Congress

The generous support from pharmaceutical companies also contributed to the success of the Congress. 75 companies participated in the trade exhibition which comprised 137 booths. Tea, coffee, and snacks were served at the exhibition area which effectively attracted many delegates and encouraged their interaction with exhibitors.



OFFICIAL PUBLICATION - ASIAN JOURNAL OF SURGERY

The *Asian Journal of Surgery*, founded in 1978, has been accepted for indexing in Thomson ISI's Science Citation Index (SCI) Expanded, beginning from the 2007 issues of the journal. The quarterly journal is also the official publication of six other professional surgical associations in the Asia-Pacific region, including:

- Asian Association of Endocrine Surgeons
- Association of University Surgeons of Asia
- Asian Association of Paediatric Surgeons
- College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine, Malaysia
- Asian Vascular Society
- Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Surgeons of Asia



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★★★ FORTHCOMING EVENTS ★★★

Head & Neck Course 2007

Date : Thursday - Friday, 7 - 8 June 2007
 Venue : Underground Lecture Theatre
 New Clinical Building
 Queen Mary Hospital
 Pokfulam, Hong Kong
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 Department of Surgery
 University of Hong Kong Medical Centre
 Queen Mary Hospital
 Pokfulam, Hong Kong
 Tel : (852) 2855 4885 / (852) 2855 4886
 Fax : (852) 2819 3416
 Email : hnsrg@hku.hk
 Web site : www.hku.hk/surgery

50th Hong Kong Surgical Forum & 1st Hong Kong Nursing Forum

Date : Thursday - Saturday, 12 - 14 July 2007
 Venue : Underground Lecture Theatre
 New Clinical Building
 Queen Mary Hospital
 Pokfulam, Hong Kong
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14th Hong Kong International Cancer Congress 4th Annual Meeting of Centre for Cancer Research & International Think Tank Forum

Date : Wednesday - Friday, 14 - 16 November 2007
 Venue : Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre
 William MW Mong Block
 Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine
 The University of Hong Kong
 21 Sassoon Road
 Pokfulam, Hong Kong
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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Vithya Vathanophas, Thailand

(President, 2006 - 2007)

Professor Vithya Vathanophas graduated in 1963 from the Mahidol University, Thailand. He underwent postgraduate training in General Surgery at the Siriraj Hospital in Thailand, followed by a fellowship in General as well as Colon and Rectal Surgery at the Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia, U.S.A. Professor Vathanophas has made significant contribution to the development of surgery in Thailand. He is currently Emeritus Clinical Professor of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine of the Mahidol University, Siriraj Hospital. He also serves as President of the Asian Surgical Association and the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the International College of Surgeons, the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, and the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand. Professor Vathanophas specialises in general and colorectal surgery. He has contributed numerous publications to the literature.



Centre at Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong. His main clinical expertise include upper GI endoscopy and therapy, endoscopic ultrasonography, and conventional and laparoscopic upper GI surgery, including laparoscopic gastrectomy. His main research areas include foreign body ingestion, peptic ulcer diseases and their complications, *Helicobacter pylori* infection, clinical and laboratory (including molecular biology) research on gastric tumours, and surgical education. Professor Chu has over 130 papers in refereed journals and over 120 conference proceedings. He was also an invited speaker or faculty on more than 130 occasions in various local and international conferences. He was the 1999 International Guest Scholar of The American College of Surgeons and he received the Faculty Teaching Medal of The University of Hong Kong in 2003.

Edgardo R. Cortez, Philippines

Edgardo R. Cortez is Professor of Surgery and former Chairman of the Department of Surgery, the University of East Ramon Magsaysay (UERM) Memorial Medical Centre. He is also the Medical Director of the UERM Hospital and the Director of the St. Luke's Cancer Institute. Professor Cortez is a member of the Board of Directors of the Philippine Board of Surgery and is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Philippine Journal of Surgical Specialties*. He has served in various professional organisations and societies, including being the President of the Philippine Association of Training Officers in Surgery, Surgical Oncology Society of the Philippines, and Philippine Academy for Head and Neck Surgery. Most notably, he was the past President of the Philippine College of Surgeons in 2004. Professor Cortez has contributed numerous articles to the surgical literature.

**Nopadol Wora-Urai, Thailand**

(Vice-President, 2006 - 2007)

Professor Wora-Urai graduated from the Mahidol University, Thailand in 1970, and completed his surgical residency training at Columbus Hospital in Chicago in 1977. He became Professor of Surgery at Phramongkutklao College of Medicine in 1996 and was appointed Chairman of Department of Surgery, Phramongkutklao Hospital from 1996 to 1998. Professor Wora-Urai is currently an Advisor of the Phramongkutklao Army Hospital and Medical Centre, and Chairman of both Phramongkutklao Trauma and Transplant Centres. He has served on numerous committees of national and international professional organisations and is presently the Vice-President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand and President of the International College of Surgeons, Thailand Section. Professor Wora-Urai is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the International College of Surgeons, Thailand Section, and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the *Thai Journal of Surgery* and Co-Editor of the *International Surgery*. He has also served on the editorial boards of various national journals.

**Arturo S. de la Pena, Philippines**

Arturo S. de la Pena is Professor of Surgery, Vice-Chairman for services, and Assistant Chief of the Division of Head & Neck, Breast, Soft Tissue and Esophagogastric Surgery of the Department of Surgery, University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital, Manila, Philippines. He is currently the Head of the Breast Care Centre, Cancer Institute of the Philippine General Hospital. His main clinical expertise include head and neck oncology, breast cancer, esophagogastric surgical diseases, and soft tissue sarcoma. His main research interests include corrosive injuries of the upper aerodigestive tract, esophagogastric cancer, breast cancer, head and neck cancer, thyroid cancer, soft tissue sarcoma, and surgical infections. Professor de la Pena has published extensively and has been invited to speak in many parts of the world. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He served as Chairman of the Philippine Board of Surgery in 2004, and President of the Philippine College of Surgeons in 2005.

**Kent-Man Chu, Hong Kong**

(Secretary General since 2005)

Kent-Man Chu is Professor of Surgery, Honorary Consultant Surgeon, Chief of the Division of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery, Co-Director of the Centre for Education and Training, and Director of the Surgical Endoscopy Centre in the Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Puruhito, Indonesia

Puruhito is Professor of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery of the Department of Surgery, Airlangga University, Surabaya, Indonesia. He has served as Vice Rector of the University from 1997 to 2001 and Rector from 2001 to 2006. Professor Puruhito is the first Professor of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery in Indonesia. He has developed the application of open-heart surgery with minimal cost at Dr. Soetomo General Hospital, Surabaya since 1973. His recent research interests include molecular biological research on myoblast, cell-engineering, and cell-based therapy for cardiovascular diseases. Professor Puruhito is also actively involved in surgical education. He has served many years in the Indonesian Surgical Associations as President, and currently as Chairman of College of Indonesian Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons. He has over 150 papers in refereed journals and delivered numerous presentations in various local and international conferences. Professor Puruhito received an Honorary Professorship from the Frederick-Alexander University, Erlangen-Nuernberg Germany in 1998. He was the 2000 Alley-Sheridan Scholar of Thoracic Surgical Research and Foundation of The American Society of Thoracic Surgeons, as well as an Honorary Fellowship of Academy of Medicine of Malaysia in 2001.

**Tsann-Long Hwang, Taiwan**

Tsann-Long Hwang is Professor of Surgery, Vice-President, and full time Attending Surgeon of Division of General Surgery of Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taiwan. He is also the Dean of School of Medicine, Chang Gung University. His clinical expertise includes gastrointestinal surgery, hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery, and clinical nutrition. His main research interests include discovery of biomarkers for malignancy using genomics and proteomics, basic mechanism and anti-septic therapy for sepsis, clinical laboratory research of immunonutrition, and medical education. Professor Hwang has over 250 papers in refereed journals and conference proceedings. He was also an invited speaker or faculty on over 100 occasions in local and international conferences. He is a Fellow of American College of Surgeons and International College of Surgeons. Professor Hwang is presently the council member of the Asian Surgical Association, Association of Academic Surgeons of Asia, Parenteral and Enteral Nutritional Society of Asia, and Asia-Pacific Association for PBL in Health Sciences.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

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16th ASIAN CONGRESS OF SURGERY C H I N A

Dear Colleagues,

The 16th Asian Congress of Surgery, the biennial congress of the Asian Surgical Association (ASA), will be held on Friday - Monday, 19 - 22 October 2007 at Grand Epoch City, Beijing, China, in conjunction with the 3rd Chinese Surgical Week. The Congress is co-organised by the ASA and the Chinese Surgical Society (CSS) of the Chinese Medical Association. Professor Yu-Pei Zhao, President of the CSS, is the Congress President.

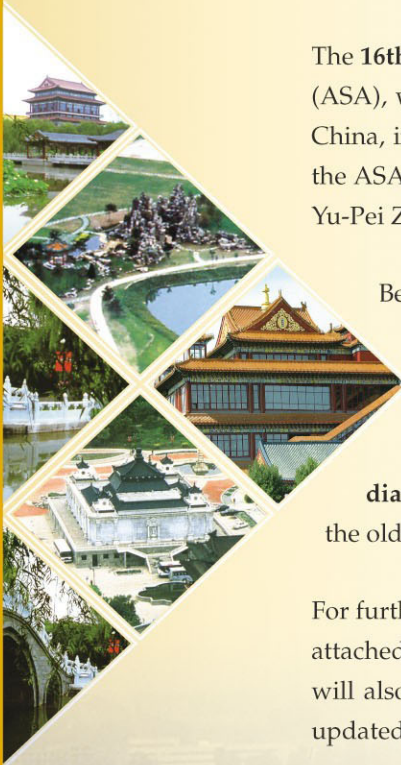
Beijing is the host city for the Olympic Games in 2008. The city is a fast-growing and dynamic metropolis that maintains a firm grip on its rich cultural heritage. Being the capital city, Beijing has a wide variety of Chinese cuisines and specialities. October is a particularly pleasant time to visit the city as autumn days are of the best weather with generous sunshine. **Please mark down the Congress dates in your diary** and join us to experience the pre-Olympic Games excitement as well as a blend of the old and new Beijing for yourself.

For further information on the 16th Asian Congress of Surgery, please complete and return the attached reply slip to the Secretariat by fax (852-2818 1186) or by post. The latest information will also be available at the Association website "www.AsianSurgAssoc.org", which will be updated regularly.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Congress!

Yours sincerely,

Kent-Man Chu
Secretary General





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