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17TH ASIAN CONGRESS OF SURGERY TAIPEI

Dear Colleagues,

It is my great honour and pleasure to invite you to Taipei for the **17th Asian Congress of Surgery** which will be held in **Taipei International Convention Centre** from **20 - 22 March, 2009**, in conjunction with the **68th Annual Meeting of Taiwan Surgical Association**.

New development and concepts in surgery have changed our practice and we are facing more and more challenges in various surgical specialties. Experiences from you and the invited experts will help provide solutions to these new challenges. Wide range of topics is lined up to enhance the practical value of the program. We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this special occasion to renew friendship, exchange ideas and results of the latest development, and more importantly, to enhance collaboration in clinical work, basic research, and clinical trials.

Taipei is an energetic city with a unique blend of modern advances and time-honoured tradition. Taipei is also renowned for its ability to draw upon experiences of the other cultures and build upon them to create its own distinctive society. The city outlook reflects the mission of this wonderful meeting. Exciting activities are awaiting your discovery, and the world celebrated gourmet of Taiwanese cuisine is also here for you to try. Above all these, this will be a good chance for meeting old friends, making new ones, and presenting your studies in this modern and cosmopolitan city.

Once again, on behalf of the Organising Committee, I look forward to seeing you in Taipei in March 2009.

Po-Huang Lee, M.D., PhD
Chairman, Organising Committee
17th Asian Congress of Surgery

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16th ASIAN CONGRESS OF SURGERY

Grand Epoch City, Beijing, China

The 16th Asian Congress of Surgery was held in conjunction with the Chinese Surgical Week 2007 in Grand Epoch City, Beijing, China on 19 - 22 October 2007. Professor Yu-Pei Zhao was the Congress President. The joint Meeting attracted about 3,000 participants from more than 30 countries.

LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Honorary Chairmen:	Ru-Yu Du	Jie-Fu Huang	Fa-Zu Qiu
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	Min-Hua Zheng	Shu-Sen Zheng	

The Local Organising Committee was also supported by an Academic Committee consisted of over 60 prominent surgeons in China.

The Scientific Program covered a broad variety of topics like breast, endocrine, hepatobiliary and pancreatic, liver transplantation, paediatric, trauma, upper gastrointestinal, urological, vascular, and minimally invasive surgery. Surgical education was another important topic covered by a symposium. A unique feature in this Congress was the introduction of Nursing sessions which were well attended by our nursing colleagues. There were 45 sessions with 3 named lectures, 5 plenary lectures, 28 symposia, and 9 free paper sessions. A total of 257 English free papers were accepted for presentation at the Congress, among which 105, 10, and 142 were oral, video, and poster presentations, respectively.



NAMED LECTURES

GB Ong Lecture

Thirty Nine Years Studies on Hepatocellular Carcinoma:
From Bench to Bedside

Zhao-You Tang, China

Law-Lui Lecture

Visualisation in Surgery: Seeing is Believing

Valerie J. Lund, United Kingdom

RACS Foundation Lecture

Implementing Systemic Change for High Quality and Safe Surgical Care

Bruce Barraclough, Australia

A dinner was hosted for the invited faculty, the Past Presidents and other distinguished guests on Friday, 19 October 2007 in Lotus Hall, Grand Epoch City. It was a wonderful and enjoyable evening with variety shows and invigorating games. Very attractive prizes were awarded to the winners of the games!

The Opening Ceremony was held on Saturday, 20 October 2007 in Golden Hall, Grand Epoch City. Professor Nan-Shan Zhong and the 3 Named Lecture Orators, Professors Bruce Barraclough, Valerie Lund, and Zhao-You Tang, were conferred Honorary Memberships of the Association. The citations were read by Professor Kent-Man Chu, Secretary General of ASA. The GB Ong Lecture and RACS Foundation Lecture were delivered after the Opening Ceremony.

In the evening of 20 October 2007, a Cultural Show with modern pop songs as well as traditional Beijing Opera and drums dance performances provided the delegates a taste of both the old and new Beijing. The delegates were very much impressed by the well-known "Thousand-hand Bodhisattva" performance. The night ended impeccably with a grand music and fireworks gala.

The Annual General Meeting of ASA was held on Sunday, 21 October 2007. The official proceedings included handing over of ASA flag to Professor Tsann-Long Hwang, representing Congress President of the 17th Asian Congress of Surgery in Taipei, and handover of President Medallion to incoming President Professor Yu-Pei Zhao and presentation of President Medallion to immediate Past President Professor Vithya Vathanophas.

The generous support from the pharmaceutical and equipment companies also contributed to the success of the Congress. More than 500 delegates from the industry joined the Congress making the industrial exhibition a bustling event with immense interaction between exhibitors and delegates.

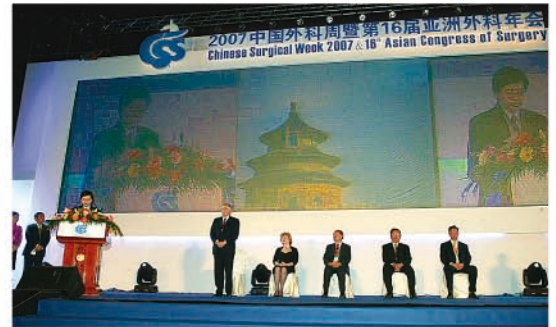
The 16th Asian Congress of Surgery was a memorable and valuable event and we are looking forward to the 17th Asian Congress of Surgery in Taipei!



The Officers and Council of the Asian Surgical Association.



The grand Opening Ceremony was well attended by around one thousand delegates.



Conferment of Honorary Membership was held at the Opening Ceremony.



The impressive Beijing Opera performance at the Opening Ceremony.



A joyful dinner gathering - Professors Bruce Barraclough, Valerie Lund & William Wei (left to right)



Professor Yu-Pei Zhao, incoming President, presented the President's Medallion to the late Professor Vithya Vathanophas..

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Yu-Pei Zhao, China

(President, 2007 – 2009)

Yu-Pei Zhao is Professor of Surgery and President of the Peking Union Medical College Hospital (PUMCH), the leading hospital for surgical management of pancreatic diseases in China. After graduation from The Norman Bethune Medical College of Jilin University in 1982, Professor Zhao started his surgical residency at PUMCH. He completed his post-doctoral training at UCLA in 1990 and was appointed Professor of Surgery at PUMCH in 1995.



Professor Zhao is an Honorary Fellow of The Royal College of Surgeons of England. He serves important roles in different international and local surgical organisations including Vice President of The International Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologist and Oncologist, and President of the Asian Surgical Association as well as Chinese Society of Surgery. Locally, he is also Vice President of Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences as well as Peking Union Medical College of Tsinghua University, Dean of School of Clinical Medicine of the Peking Union Medical College, and Chairman of Committee for Organ Transplant Approval of Ministry of Health in China.

In the past two decades, Professor Zhao has made plenty of contributions to the surgical practice and scientific research of pancreatic diseases. His research in pancreatic diseases has attracted research grants at national or provincial level and the recent support received is more than 3.5 million US dollars in total. He has been the mentor of nearly 50 master or doctoral degree students and postdoctoral trainees.

His comprehensive treatment for pancreatic diseases has attracted patients from all corners of China. Professor Zhao has published more than 300 peer-reviewed papers, which has led to many international, national, or local awards on pancreatic disease research. He is the Chief Editor of *Annals of Surgery* (Chinese Edition), Vice Chief Editor of *Chinese Journal of Surgery* and eight other scientific journals. Given his exceptional expertise in pancreatic disease, he has also been elected as the Chairman of Pancreatic Surgery Section of Chinese Society of Surgery.

Xi-Sheng Leng, China

(Vice-President, 2007 – 2009)

Xi-Sheng Leng is Professor of Surgery and Chairman of the Department of Surgery, Peking University People's Hospital. He is the Vice President of Chinese Society of Surgery of Chinese Medical Association. He is also the President of Chinese College of Surgeons under Chinese Medical Doctor Association. Professor Leng is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Chinese Journal of General Surgery*. His main clinical expertise includes liver transplantation, surgical therapy of portal hypertension as well as other hepatobiliopancreatic malignancies. He is domestically an opinion leader in the field of cirrhotic portal hypertension. Professor Leng has contributed many articles to the surgical literature.

**Bruce H. Barraclough, Australia & New Zealand**

(Council Member, 2007 – 2009)

Bruce Barraclough is President of the International Society for Quality in Health Care and Chair of the New South Wales Clinical Excellence Commission. He helped to establish a new medical school at the University of Western Sydney where he is now Associate Dean (Clinical Strategy). To add impact to health information technology research in Australia he advises the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation as e-Health Medical Director. He served as President of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (1998 – 2001), Professor / Director of Cancer Services, Northern Sydney Health and the University of Sydney (2000 – 2005), and Chair of the Australian Council for Safety & Quality in Health Care (2000 – 2005). His clinical focus has been in breast and endocrine surgery. He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2003 for services to medicine as a surgeon, medical education and training, and to the community through fostering improvements in the delivery of safe, quality healthcare in Australia. He has received Honorary Fellowships from the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of England, Edinburgh and Thailand, the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong, the American Surgical Association and the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Medicine, Singapore, and of Malaysia and Fellow qua Surgeon of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, ad eundem. He currently chairs a "Safety and Quality Curriculum Development" working party for the World Health Organisation. His main interest is in progressing the health care safety and quality agenda globally.

**Daryl Wall, Australia & New Zealand**

(Council Member, 2007 – 2009)

Dr. Daryl Wall graduated with MBBS first class honours and in 1968 received the Alfred Hospital Graduates Award for First in Medicine. He later became a Senior Liver Transplant Surgeon in Princess Alexandra Hospital and is currently the Director of General Surgery of the Hospital.



Dr. Wall has served on many committees including those of Chairman of Queensland Trauma Committee, Chairman of Section of General Surgery (RACS), Chairman of Regional Training Committee (RACS), and Chairman of National Board Trauma Advisory Committee (RACS). Dr. Wall has devoted a lot of time to training of young doctors. He was Director and Instructor of Early Management of Severe Trauma (RACS), Director and Instructor of Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient (RACS), and Senior Examiner of Australian Medical Council. Dr. Wall was awarded the Order of Australia in 2006 for his contribution to the field of transplant surgery and specialist training, and the RACS Gordon Trinca Medal in 2007 for services to the care of the injured.

Dr. Wall is presently Director of RACS/University of Queensland Postgraduate Anatomy Training Program, and Chairman of the Trauma Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. He is also a member of the Australasian College of Surgeons, a Council Member of the Asian Surgical Association, and a Board Member of the General Surgeons Australia, and the Transplant Australia.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Jia-Fu Ji, China

(Council Member, 2007 – 2009)

Jia-Fu Ji is Professor of Surgery at Peking University School of Oncology, Beijing Cancer Hospital.



Professor Ji graduated from Inner Mongolia Medical College in 1982 and received the Master of Surgery from Beijing Medical University in 1990. He completed his post-doctoral training in Stanford University Medical School in 2000. His research interests include gastric and colorectal cancer.

Professor Ji is a member of various national and international societies, including the IASG, AACR, CSCO, IGCA, the Chinese Association for Gastric Cancer, and the Chinese Society of Surgery. He also serves as reviewer for the *Chinese Medical Journal*, *JAMA*, *Chinese Journal of Practical Surgery*, *Practical Tumour Journal*, *Digestive Surgery*, and *Annals of Surgery*.

En-Ling Ma, China

(Council Member, 2007 – 2009)

Professor En-Ling Ma graduated from Peking Union Medical College in 1989. He completed his 5 years' surgical residency, including 1 year of chief residency, at Peking Union Medical College Hospital (PUMCH) in 1994, and was as an attending surgeon in the Division of General Surgery of PUMCH till 1998 when he was promoted to Associate Professor. He became Professor of Surgery with specialty of GI surgery in 2003. His research interests include clinical nutrition, metabolism, and gut barrier. He has published more than



40 peer reviewed papers. Recently, he received several grants of around USD300,000 in total on gut barrier study. He has been mentor for 8 master degree students. Professor Ma was the second prize winner of a National Award for the Progress in Science and Technology in 2002 for study of gut barrier and nutrients. Professor Ma is currently the Executive Director of International Collaboration of Chinese Society of Surgery and the Director of the Office for International Collaboration of PUMCH. He is also a committee member and Secretary General of Chinese Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, the Director of the Centre for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition of PUMCH, and Executive Vice Editor-in-Chief of *Chinese Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

King-Tong Mok, Taiwan

(Council Member, 2007 – 2009)

Professor King-Tong Mok is the Director of Department of Surgery, Kaohsiung Veterans General Hospital in Kaohsiung. He graduated from the National Defense Medical Centre in 1974 and was appointed Associate Professor of Surgery, Department of Surgery, National Yang Ming University in Taipei in 1985. Professor Mok is well-known in the field of hepato-biliary-pancreatic surgery. He is the pioneer of laparoscopic surgery in Taiwan. He was General Secretary of the Taiwan Surgical Association and former President of the Association for Endoscopic Surgery in Taiwan. Professor Mok is presently a council member of the Taiwan Surgical Society of Gastroenterology and Taiwan Oncology Society. His research interests include liver, pancreas, and surgical nutrition. He had over 100 papers in refereed journals, and numerous invited presentations at local and international conferences. He is a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons and a member of the International Society for Digestive Surgery.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

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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. 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 Society for Vascular Surgery
- Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Surgeons of Asia

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PROFESSOR VITHYA VATHANOPHAS, M.D.

It is with profound sadness that the Council of the Asian Surgical Association mourns the passing of our immediate Past President, Professor Vithya Vathanophas on 2 April 2008, at the age of 68.

Professor 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 had made significant contribution to the development of surgery in Thailand. He was the Emeritus Clinical Professor of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine of the Mahidol University, Siriraj Hospital. He also served as President of the Asian Surgical Association and the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand from 2005 – 2007. He was 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 will be dearly missed by all whose lives he touched. We offer his family our most sincere condolences and deepest gratitude for sharing his life with us.

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★ ★ ★ FORTHCOMING MEETINGS ★ ★ ★

Hong Kong Surgical Forum - Winter 2009

Date : Saturday, 10 January 2009

Venue : Underground Lecture Theatre
New Clinical Building
Queen Mary Hospital
Pokfulam, Hong Kong

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Head & Neck Course 2009

Date : Thursday - Friday, 18 - 19 June 2009

Venue : Underground Lecture Theatre
New Clinical Building
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