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20TH ASIAN CONGRESS OF SURGERY HONG KONG

On behalf of the organizing committee and the Asian Surgical Association, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 20th Asian Congress of Surgery (ACS) which will be held in the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Center during 11-13 September 2015.

After almost two decades, this exciting event will once again return to Hong Kong, in a venue that is located right in the heart of the city on Victoria harbor that provides a spectacular backdrop to this event. This will also be the year to celebrate the 25th anniversary for the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong and will offer a valuable opportunity for our colleagues from Asia-Pacific countries as well as the local region to establish professional network and friendship.

The theme of this congress is '**Surgery for Tomorrow's Asia**' and will focus on various ways to achieve excellence and high standards in surgery in light of an ever growing healthcare demands and economic changes in many Asian countries. A series of state-of-the-art lectures and symposiums by both overseas and local eminent speakers will showcase their visions on the future development in surgery in the Asia-Pacific region.

Hong Kong is a vibrant cosmopolitan city that is embraced by rich culture and heritage. We look forward to seeing you at the 20th Asian Congress of Surgery which will be held in conjunction with the RCSEd/CSHK Conjoint Congress 2015.

With warmest regards,

Dr Albert Chan
Congress President
20th Asian Congress of Surgery

Registration &
Abstract Submission:
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Surgery for Tomorrow's Asia

11-13 September 2015 ■ Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre



The 20th Asian Congress of Surgery will be held in conjunction with The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh / The College of Surgeons of Hong Kong Conjoint Scientific Congress 2015.

Deadline:

**Abstract Submission &
Early Bird Registration:
3 July 2015**

Important Dates

Event	Date
Abstract Submission Opens	9 January 2015
Early Bird Registration Opens	9 January 2015
Abstract Submission Deadline	3 July 2015
Hotel Reservation Opens	5 June 2015
Early Bird Registration Deadline	3 July 2015
Advanced Registration Deadline	4 September 2015
Inauguration Ceremony & Plenary Session	11 September 2015

Registration Fees

	Early bird Before 3 Jul 2015	Advanced Before 4 Sep 2015	On-site 11-13 Sep 2015
Doctors (non-ASA members)	US\$450	US\$500	US\$550
Doctors (ASA members)	US\$350	US\$400	US\$450
Nurses/ Allied health professionals	US\$250	US\$300	US\$350
Trainees	US\$100	US\$150	US\$200
Accompanying persons *	US\$100	US\$150	US\$200
Local nurses	HK\$100	HK\$100	HK\$100

* Fee includes entrance to the Exhibition Hall and a ticket to the ASA Gala Dinner.

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19TH ASIAN CONGRESS OF SURGERY SINGAPORE

The 19th Asian Congress of Surgery was held in conjunction with the 1st SingHealth Surgical Congress in Singapore. It took place from 18th to 23rd July 2013 at The Academia on Singapore General Hospital Campus, a new building that has three floors dedicated to conferencing and educational needs. The Theme was Training for the Future, with particular emphasis on the importance of preparing our surgeons to meet the medical demands of the future. Professor London Ooi was the Congress President. With the scientific programme planned around the 4 days of hands-on and interactive workshops that took place before and after the Congress, this allowed participants to have an integrated engagement across the various scientific tracks. The International and local scientific committee had worked hard to put together this very comprehensive programme, covering diverse aspects of surgery such as Trauma and Critical Care, Oncology, Vascular Surgery, Nursing, as well as Surgical Training and Education.



Professor Alex Erasmo and Professor London Ooi, respective Congress President of the 18th and 19th Asian Congress of Surgery

Professor London Ooi



Professor John Wong

The scientific programme was based on the theme of advances in surgical treatment and how it could be applied effectively and efficiently to the Asian patients. Different surgical subspecialties were covered, both in invited lectures and symposiums, and also in parallel lectures. Many common general surgical topics (such as the management of intestinal obstruction, the management of the multi-trauma patient, the application of laparoscopic and robotic technology) were also discussed by international and local experts. There were also free paper sessions in addition to the named and plenary lectures.

The Welcome Dinner for Faculty Members on 20th July 2013 was held at the Academia on Singapore General Hospital Campus. We were welcomed by a variety of colourful and vibrant Singaporean Folk Dances, before settling down for a feast with delicious delicacies.

NAMED LECTURES

RACS Foundation Lecture

Surgical Training: Challenges in the Next Decade

Michael Hollands, *Australia*

GB Ong Lecture

Surgical Training - The Singapore Story

Raj Mohan Nambiar, *Singapore*

Law-Lui Lecture

Training of Gastric Cancer Surgery; Current and Future

Takeshi Sano, *Japan*

The Congress Banquet on 20th July 2013 was held at the Banquet Hall of the Park Royal Hotel, Singapore. The entertainment consisted of traditional Singaporean / South East Asian dances performed in traditional costume, originally designed to thank the gods for natural and agricultural events, and now enchanting modern audiences just the same. The President's Medallion was presented to President London Ooi, who then handed the Asian Surgical Association flag to Dr. Yiu-Che Chan, the Secretary General of the Asian Surgical Association, for the 20th Asian Congress of Surgery in Hong Kong in 2015.

The 20th Asian Congress of Surgery will be held in conjunction with The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and The College of Surgeons of Hong Kong Conjoint Scientific Congress 2015, from 11th to 13th September 2015 in the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Center, Hong Kong. The Theme is "Surgery for Tomorrow's Asia", and we look forward to another successful meeting.

Professor London Ooi, President, and Professor John Wong, Honorary Adviser



Professor London Ooi presenting the ASA flag to Dr YC Chan, Secretary-General from Hong Kong



The Council of Asian Surgical Association



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

London Lucien Ooi, Singapore

(President, 2013 – 2015)

Professor Ooi is Academic Chair of the Surgery Academic Clinical Programme of Singapore Health Services with academic oversight of surgical departments in Singapore General Hospital and Kandang Kerbau Women's & Children's Hospital. He is also concurrently Chairman of the Division of Surgery at Singapore General Hospital, overseeing 16 surgical departments as well as the Operating Theatre Complexes, the Theatre Sterile Supplies Unit, and the SingHealth Skills & Simulation Centre.



His clinical sub-specialty interest is in HPB surgery and he has a keen interest in research, in particular with regards to hepatocellular carcinoma. His research interests include basic science and clinical trials in HCC, and he obtained his doctorate (MD) with a dissertation on HCC. He also has a strong interest in medical technology and device development and is closely involved in the growth of this research area in the country. He has published widely with more than 100 publications, 7 book chapters, and 7 books to his credit. He also sits on numerous national/international committees, advisory panels, research, editorial and funding agency boards.

As an active teacher and educator, he has trained surgeons in advanced HPB Surgery from the region including the Philippines, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and India, as well as being visiting Professor and Examiner to some of these countries. He is a member of the Residency Advisory Committee (General Surgery) and National Chief Examiner for General Surgery in Singapore. He is Professor of Surgery in the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School and oversees all Surgery Clerkships, as well as Professor in the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore.

Jin-Tung Liang, Taiwan

(Editor-in-chief, Asian Journal of Surgery, 2014 – 2016)

Dr. Jin-Tung Liang is President of Taiwan Robotic Surgery Association and Taiwan Society of Coloproctology. After obtaining the M.D. degree from Medical College of National Taiwan University in 1987, he served in the military service for 2 years and then completed the 5-year residency of general surgery. He has been the attending surgeon in the Division of Colorectal Surgery in National Taiwan University Hospital since 1994. Dr. Liang has ample experience in his professional field of colorectal surgery and has published more than 100 research articles. Also, he is an active member in both domestic and international associations, such as Formosan Association of Surgery and American Society of Colorectal Surgery. Currently, he is the chief of colorectal division and the full professor of department of surgery, Medical College of National Taiwan University. Dr. Liang has been the associate editor of Korean Society of Coloproctology since 2010. Remarkably, he took over the position of editor-in-chief of Asian Journal of Surgery from Prof. Po-Huang Lee in 2014.

**Yasuyuki Seto, Japan**

(Council Member, 2013 – 2015)

Professor Yasuyuki Seto graduated from the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Medicine in 1984. He had surgical training in National Cancer Center Hospital, Tokyo and Cancer Institute Hospital, Tokyo. He has been professor in Department of Gastrointestinal Surgery, the University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Medicine from 2008. Professor Seto is a member of various national and international societies, and one of the directors of both Japan Surgical Society and Japanese Society of Gastroenterological Surgery. His main clinical expertise and research interest include esophageal and gastric cancers. Minimally invasive surgery is his goal. He applies the robotic surgery to radical esophagectomy without trans-thoracic approach.

**Masafumi Nakamura, Japan**

(Council Member, 2013 – 2015)

Masafumi Nakamura is Professor of Surgery and Oncology at Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan.



Professor Nakamura graduated from the Department of Medicine, Kyushu University in 1998. He completed his 3 years' surgical residency at National Cancer Center, Tokyo in 2005 and received PhD from Graduate School of Kyushu University in 1999. He completed his post-doctoral training at Harvard University in 2001. His clinical specialty is HPB surgery, especially pancreatic surgery and his research interest is pancreatic cancer.

He published more than 100 peer reviewed papers. He is councilor of Japanese Society of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Surgery, Japan Society for Endoscopic Surgery, Japan Surgical Association, Japan Society for Biological Therapy and Japan Surgical Society, He is also Editorial Board of JHBPS, and Vice President of Japanese Society for Endoscopic Pancreatic Surgery.

Yiu-Che Chan, Hong Kong

(Secretary General, 2013 – 2015)

Yiu-Che CHAN currently works as an Associate Professor in the Division of Vascular Surgery in Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre. He is also the Director of Surgical Admission at Queen Mary Hospital, University of Hong Kong, member of University of Hong Kong MB BS Curriculum Committee, and Secretary General for the Asian Surgical Association.



Associate Professor Yiu-Che CHAN graduated MB BS (London) from Westminster & Charing Cross Medical School, University of London. He received basic surgical training in General and Vascular Surgery at St. Mary's Hospital, London and was a Clinical Research Fellow and Lecturer at St. Mary's Hospital, London, with research in heat shock proteins and

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

immunological aspects of atherosclerosis, which led to the award of the Doctorate of Medicine degree from the University of London in 2004. He underwent higher surgical training in General and Vascular Surgery at South-East Thames (London) Deanery based at Guy's & St. Thomas' Hospital, and obtained his United Kingdom Intercollegiate Examination FRCS (General Surgery) in 2004, and the Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training UK (CCST) in General/ Vascular surgery in 2005. He was Senior Vascular Fellow at Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospital, before returning to Hong Kong in 2007. He was awarded the European Society for Vascular Surgery Congress Travel Grant in 1999 and 2000, and Japanese Society for Vascular Surgery Congress Travel Grant in 2008, and The UCLA Travelling Scholarship to University of California, Los Angeles in 2012.

Associate Professor Yiu-Che CHAN is the Principal Investigator and Co-investigator of many local and international Grants and Awards. He is an active participant of surgical training, both in undergraduate and post-graduate level, and has many administrative, teaching & education duties on surgical training at the University of Hong Kong. He has delivered more than eighty presentations in local and international vascular conferences (many as invited speakers), and has published several book chapters and over ninety papers in peer-reviewed journals. In addition to his surgical practice as a vascular and endovascular specialist, Assistant Professor Yiu-Che CHAN has research interests in carotid disease, aortic dissection, endovascular and hybrid thoracic and abdominal aortic surgery and minimally invasive treatment of peripheral arterial disease and varicose veins.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION – ASIAN JOURNAL OF SURGERY

The *Asian Journal of Surgery*, founded in 1978, is an indexed, peer-reviewed journal that is published quarterly. Today, the Asian Journal of Surgery is also the official publication of six other professional surgical associations in the Asia-Pacific region, including:

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

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