

The 5th Asia-Pacific Heart Rhythm Society Scientific Session

In Conjunction with 8th Asia-Pacific Atrial Fibrillation Symposium

October 3-6, 2012, Taipei, Taiwan

1. Registration

The 5th Asia-Pacific Heart Rhythm Society Scientific Session (APHRS 2012) was held in Taipei, Taiwan from October 3 to 6, 2012. This year's congress, attended by 2,221 participants from 40 countries, concluded with success. As the hosting country, Taiwan had the largest number of participants (23.64%), and approximately 1,500 participants were from the Asia Pacific region. Thankfully, APHRS 2012 could provide every attendee with opportunities for knowledge exchange and interaction in the field of arrhythmia.

No.	Country	Number of Participants	Percentage of Participants	No.	Country	Number of Participants	Percentage of Participants
1	Australia	50	2.25%	21	Lebanon	4	0.18%
2	Austria	7	0.32%	22	Macau	1	0.05%
3	Bangladesh	1	0.05%	23	Malaysia	27	1.22%
4	Belgium	1	0.05%	24	Mexico	1	0.05%
5	Canada	5	0.23%	25	Myanmar	1	0.05%
6	Chile	1	0.05%	26	Netherlands	8	0.36%
7	China	422	19.00%	27	New Zealand	4	0.18%
8	Denmark	2	0.09%	28	Pakistan	4	0.18%
9	Estonia	2	0.09%	29	Philippines	4	0.18%
10	Finland	1	0.05%	30	Saudi Arabia	3	0.14%
11	France	4	0.18%	31	Singapore	57	2.57%
12	Germany	23	1.04%	32	South Africa	3	0.14%
13	Hong Kong	67	3.02%	33	Spain	2	0.09%
14	India	65	2.93%	34	Switzerland	2	0.09%
15	Indonesia	19	0.86%	35	Taiwan	525	23.64%
16	Italy	11	0.50%	36	Thailand	40	1.80%
17	Czech Republic	1	0.05%	37	UK	8	0.36%
18	Japan	459	20.67%	38	USA	170	7.65%
19	Korea	198	8.91%	39	Vietnam	17	0.77%
20	Kuwait	1	0.05%	Total		2221	100%

2. Scientific Program

The 5th Asia-Pacific Heart Rhythm Society Scientific Session was preceded by a couple of events on October 3: Pre-congress with 5 Education Courses, and 1 session of HRS/APHRS Joint Symposium entitled Sudden Cardiac Death. Over 160 sessions, 12 parallel sessions ran three days starting from October 4 to 6. During the period, 12 different luncheon symposia were held every day, while the Dinner Symposia, held on October 3 to 5, was hosted by Medtronic, and St. Jude Medical and Pfizer.

1) Live Case Transmission

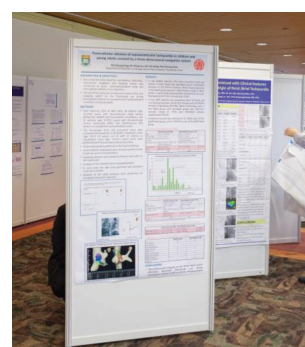
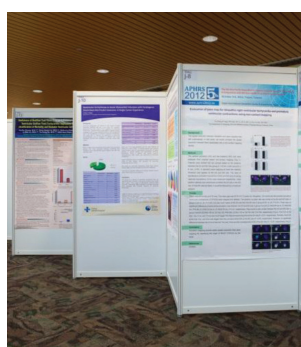
This year, we tried something new in the Live Demonstration. Through the internet access and the satellite connection, we successfully presented the live demonstration from 4 different countries. On the 2nd day of APHRS 2012, live case demonstration was held at Italy and Malaysia. On the 3rd day, live case demonstration was held at Germany and Australia. All the moderators and panelists led this live case with great success. We are glad to announce that we offered the new platform for exchanging experience.



Live Demonstration on October 4th and 5th, regarding Noncontact Mapping and Advanced AF Technique.

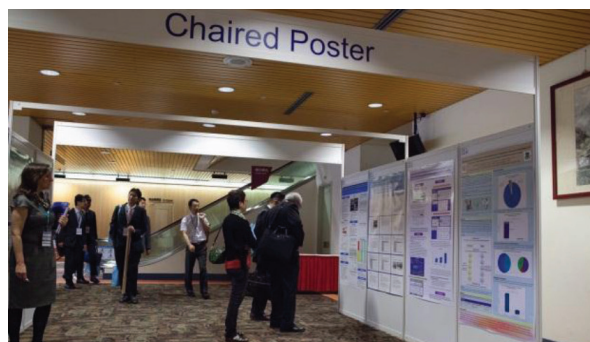
2) Abstracts

A total of 729 abstracts were submitted by 22 countries and were accepted for an oral / chaired poster / poster presentation. Japan posted the largest number of abstracts this year, followed by Korea and China. The submitted abstracts were reviewed by 24 judges through the online abstract review program. 20 abstracts with the highest scores in the reviewing process were chosen for the Oral Abstract Session and the Young Investigator Basic Session and Clinical Session. After the presentation, five abstracts from Oral Abstract Session were awarded to be the first, second, third prizes and two excellences prizes, and three abstracts from each young investigator session were awarded as the first, second, and third prizes at the Gala Dinner.



Poster display and mounting during the 5th APHRS Congress.

No.	Country	Session			No. of Submitted Abstracts	No.	Country	Session			No. of Submitted Abstracts
		Oral	Chaired Poster	Poster				Oral	Chaired Poster	Poster	
1	Taiwan	4	13	41	58	13	Korea	3	12	103	118
2	Hong Kong	-	2	9	11	14	Kuwait	-	1	-	1
3	China	1	7	77	85	15	Malaysia	-	2	3	5
4	Australia	5	5	53	63	16	New Zealand	-	-	1	1
5	Bangladesh	-	-	1	1	17	Philippines	-	-	2	2
6	Myanmar	-	-	2	2	18	Singapore	1	-	17	18
7	Canada	-	-	1	1	19	Somalia	-	-	1	1
8	Germany	-	1	8	9	20	Thailand	-	-	2	2
9	India	1	2	46	49	21	USA	1	10	14	25
10	Indonesia	-	-	6	6	22	Vietnam	-	1	-	1
11	Italy	-	1	5	6	Total		20 from 8 Countries	78 from 13 Countries	631 from 20 Countries	729
12	Japan	4	21	239	264						



Presentors presenting their posters in the Chaired Poster Session.

< Best Poster Award >

From all 729 abstract, our abstract reviewers selected an abstract from Australia, which was presented by Dr. Sachin Nayyar, as the Best Poster Award 1st Prize. The 2nd prize goes to Dr. Roderick Tung from USA, the 3rd prize goes to Dr. Rahul Singhal from India, follow up with two excellences prize awardee Dr. Takehiro Kimura from Japan, and Dr. Roumu Hu from China.

< Young Investigator Award >

For the Young Investigator Award, our Abstract Reviewers picked out 20 potential candidates to compete with each other and present their latest research. For the result of the YIA competition, the 1st prize of the Basic Category was awarded to Dr. Anand Ganesan from Australia, the 2nd prize was awarded to Dr. Kenichi Sasaki from Japan, and the 3rd was awarded to Dr. Aron Gopi from India. As for the first prize of the Clinical Category, the 1st prize was awarded to Dr. Carlee Schultz from Australia, the 2nd prize was awarded to Dr. Jaemin Shim from Korea, and the 3rd prize was awarded to Dr. Eric Chong from Singapore.



Dr. Sachin Nayyar, Best Poster Award 1st Prize Awardee.



Dr. Anand Ganesan, YIA Basic 1st Prize Awardee.



Dr. Carlee Schultz, YIA Clinical 1st Prize Awardee.

< Abstract Reviewer >

No.	Name	Country	No.	Name	Country	No.	Name	Country
1	Kazutaka Aonuma	Japan	9	Young-Hoon Kim	Korea	17	Mohan Nair	India
2	H. Y. Chang	Taiwan	10	Youichi Kobayashi	Japan	18	Seil Oh	Korea
3	T. F. Chao	Taiwan	11	Takashi Kurita	Japan	19	Young Keun On	Korea
4	Yi-Jen Chen	Taiwan	12	K. T. Lee	Taiwan	20	Katsushige Ono	Japan
5	Kui Hong	China	13	Pi-Chang Lee	Taiwan	21	Wee Siong Teo	Singapore
6	Ming-Hsiung Hsieh	Taiwan	14	Yung-Kuo Lin	Taiwan	22	Hsuan-Ming Tsao	Taiwan
7	Congxin Huang	China	15	Kazuo Matsumoto	Japan	23	Hung-Fat Tse	Hong Kong
8	Jin-Long Huang	Taiwan	16	Muhammad Munawar	Indonesia	24	Yan Yao	China

3. Faculty Members

APHRS 2012 brought together a total of 476 Faculty Members from 30 different countries to provide lectures on arrhythmia and to take part as session chairs and moderator.

No.	Country	Number of Faculty Members	No.	Country		No.	Country	Number of Faculty Members
1	Hong Kong	17	12	Italy	8	23	Singapore	7
2	China	35	13	Czech Republic	1	24	South Africa	1
3	Taiwan	127	14	Japan	100	25	Spain	2
4	Australia	20	15	Korea	36	26	Switzerland	2
5	Austria	3	16	Kuwait	1	27	Thailand	9
6	Canada	3	17	Lebanon	1	28	UK	5
7	Denmark	1	18	Malaysia	7	29	USA	54
8	France	2	19	Myanmar	1	30	Vietnam	1
9	Germany	11	20	Netherlands	3	30 Countries		476
10	India	11	21	New Zealand	1			
11	Indonesia	5	22	Saudi Arabia	1			

4. Exhibition

APHRS 2012 scientific session was held along with fascinating exhibition displays during the whole congress. A total of 20 companies occupied 51 booths on the exhibit floor, provided a wide variety of medical equipment and products. In addition, the hands-on session in the technique suites offered a great chance to introduce their unique products, and also encourages the participants to be familiar with the latest technical developments in the field of arrhythmia.

5. Sponsors

Without the support and contribution from our generous sponsors, the congress could not conclude successfully. Thanks to our sponsors, participants are able to enjoy the pleasant interaction with their peers and colleagues during the congress. APHRS 2012 sponsors were included in the following categories: Platinum (St. Jude Medical), Gold (Medtronic), Silver (Biosense Webster and Boston Scientific), Bronze (Bayer, Boehringer Ingelheim, Pfizer and Bristol-Myers Squibb) and Education (Exclusively by Biotronik).

6. Official Programs

APHRS Official Meetings

During the APHRS2012 annual meeting, the board members and committees' members of Asia Pacific Heart Rhythm Society (APHRS) hosted thirteen functional meetings in incorporation with APHRS members' strong support to move society's work. There was also a joint symposium collaborated together with a press congress provided by Asia Pacific Heart Rhythm Society (APHRS), Taiwan Heart Rhythm Society (THRS) and Heart Rhythm Society (HRS), which topics mainly focused on demonstrating CPR (cardiac pulmonary resuscitation) and important knowledge of lifesaving.

7. Social Programs

1) Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception

The APHRS 2012 Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception were both held at Grand Hyatt Taipei with a standing buffet, on October 4, 2012. Prof. Shih-Ann Chen, President of APHRS, Prof. Anne M. Gillis, President of HRS and Prof. Gerhard Hindricks, from EHRA, each delivered a Welcome Addresses. Plenary Lecture was delivered by Prof. Eric Prystowsky.



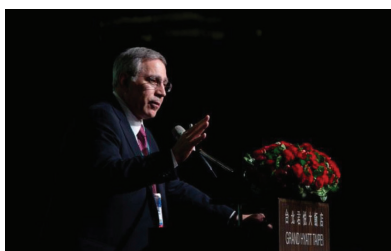
Opening address delivered by Dr. Shih-Ann Chen, President of APHRS.



Opening address delivered by Prof. Anne M. Gillis, President of HRS.



Opening address delivered by Prof. Gerhard Hindricks, representative of EHRA.



Prof. Eric Prystowsky delivered Plenary Lecture during the Opening Reception.



Opening Reception at Grand Hyatt Taipei.



Opening Performance by Ju Percussion Group.

2) Faculty Dinner

The Organizing Committee of APHRS 2012 hosted the Faculty Dinner on the 2nd day of APHRS 2012 at Mega Room, W Hotel. It was open to APHRS 2012 Faculty Members and their accompanying persons only.



Faculty Dinner address delivered by Prof. Shing-Jong Lin (President, Taiwan Society of Cardiology) and Prof. San-Jou Yeh (Chair, committee of advisory board, Taiwan Heart Rhythm Society).



Faculty Dinner at Mega Room, W Hotel.



Prof. Shih-Ann Chen (Left) and Prof. San-Jou Yeh (Right) initiating dinner toast at the Faculty Dinner.

3) Gala Dinner

On the last day of APHRS 2012 congress, Prof. Young-Hoon Kim and Prof. Masayasu Hiraoka all delivered closing remarks. Prof. Shih-Ann Chen summarized the major achievement of APHRS 2012 at Gala Dinner. The Gala Dinner was held at two restaurants simultaneously, the Best 85 - Diamond Tony's and Shinyeh 101, both on the 85th floor of Taipei 101. Closing Ceremony was held at Shinyeh 101, with the magnificent night view and delicious Taiwanese cuisines. Participants all enjoyed a memorable night. The Best Poster Award and Young Investigator Award were held during the dinner, followed by an overview video of the APHRS 2013.



Prof. Young-Hoon Kim delivering an address at the Gala Dinner.



Prof. Masayasu Hiraoka delivering an address and initiates dinner toast at the Gala Dinner.



Prof. Shioei-Kuang Huang delivering an address at the Gala Dinner.



Prof. David Siu delivering a hand-over address for the APHRS 2013 at the Gala Dinner.