

# The 6th Asia-Pacific Heart Rhythm Society and CardioRhythm Scientific Session In Conjunction with 9th Asia-Pacific Atrial Fibrillation Symposium

October 3-6, 2013, Hong Kong

Co-organized by Asian Pacific Heart Rhythm Society, Hong Kong College of Cardiology, and Chinese Society of Pacing and Electrophysiology, 6th APHRS & CardioRhythm 2013, the first joint and the largest arrhythmia meeting in the Asia-Pacific region, was successfully held on 3-6 October 2013 at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong. It was recorded 3,026 participants from 55 countries/regions in the conference.

Country/ Region	Total	Country/ Region	Total
Africa	1	Monaco	1
Argentina	4	Myanmar	7
Australia	111	New Zealand	20
Austria	13	Norway	2
Bangladesh	1	Oman	2
Belgium	1	Pakistan	2
Brazil	1	Philippines	28
Brunei	6	Portugal	37
Canada	28	Russia	21
China	491	Saudi Arabia	14
Czech Republic	1	Serbia	1
Denmark	2	Singapore	75
Finland	1	South Korea	194
France	21	Spain	1
Germany	16	Sri Lanka	3
Hong Kong	747	Sweden	3
India	116	Switzerland	2
Indonesia	28	Taiwan	153
Iran	1	Thailand	56
Israel	2	The Netherlands	12
Italy	52	Turkey	3
Japan	438	UAE	4
Jordan	2	Ukraine	2
Kuwait	1	United Kingdom	13
Lebanon	3	USA	231
Macau	12	Venezuela	1
Malaysia	28	Vietnam	9
Mexico	1	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,026</b>

With 770 faculty members from both local and overseas, a high-level conference with over 220 sessions of lectures, case presentations, live case demonstrations and workshops focusing in Electrophysiology, Cardiac Pacing, Atrial Fibrillation, Ablation, Heart Failure, Sudden Cardiac Death, Devices, Arrhythmia Management, Syncope, Bradycardia Pacing, Basic Research and Tachycardia Therapy Device were developed and presented. Some of these were presented as joint symposium with Asian Pacific Heart Rhythm Society, EHRA, Heart Rhythm Society, ISHNE, Italian AIAC, SOLAECE and World Society of Arrhythmias. Most of the sessions were well-attended, it is no doubt the contributions from all well-known experts to participate in the Organizing Committee of the 6th APHRS & CardioRhythm 2013.

#### Faculty Breakdown by Country/Region

Country/ Region	Total	Country/ Region	Total
Argentina	4	Malaysia	9
Australia	29	Mexico	1
Austria	3	Monaco	1
Brazil	1	Myanmar	1
Brunei	1	New Zealand	9
Canada	18	Norway	2
China	98	Philippines	6
Denmark	1	Portugal	1
France	5	Saudi Arabia	4
Germany	13	Serbia	1
Hong Kong	140	Singapore	11
India	40	Sri Lanka	2
Indonesia	9	Sweden	1
Iran	1	Switzerland	2
Israel	1	Taiwan	73
Italy	17	Thailand	11
Japan	113	The Netherlands	3
Jordan	1	Turkey	2
Korea	42	United Kingdom	6
Kuwait	1	USA	76
Lebanon	1	Venezuela	1
Macau	7	Vietnam	1
Total 770 Faculty Member			



Prof. Chu-Pak LAU



Prof. Young-Hoon KIM



Dr. Kathy LF LEE



Prof. Hung-Fat TSE



Exhibition



Lecture

Having a good response in previous years, the Certificate Course in Cardiac Rhythm Management for Clinicians and Allied Professionals was organized again on 3-6 October 2013. The course objectives were providing comprehensive teaching of basic concepts essential to electrophysiology and cardiac rhythm device management; sharing clinical practice topics that applied the basic concepts to everyday practice and patient management in order to assist clinicians prepare for examinations in electrophysiology and

device management. It was regarded very useful and attended by many medical practitioners and allied professionals.

Apart from the lecture talks, one of the major highlights of this year conference was Live Case Demonstration, transmission from Hong Kong, Netherlands and Taiwan on 3 and 4 October 2013. Case contents including AF Cryoballoon, Persistent AF Ablation, Renal Denervation Case Review, Watchman Session and VT Ablation.

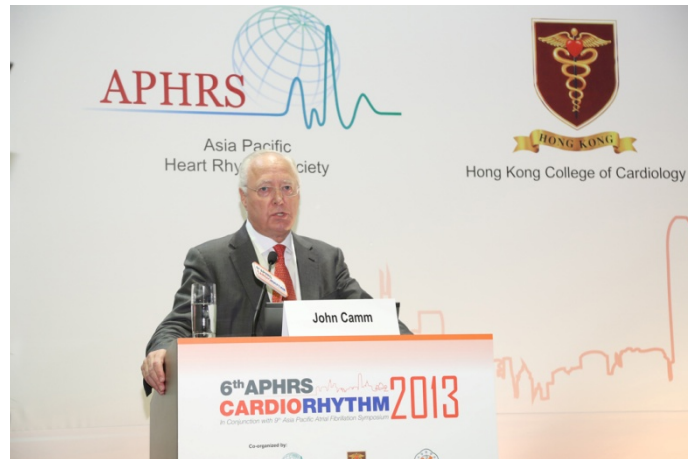
To arouse the awareness of this first joint arrhythmia meeting, we were honored to have Dr. Wing-Man KO, Secretary for Food and Health, HKSAR; Dr. Ling LUO, Vice-Secretary General of Chinese Medical Association and Dr. Donald LI, President of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine to be our Guests of Honor at the opening ceremony on 3 October 2013. After the opening ceremony. Prof. John CAMM, Honorary Fellow HKCC, presented “Atrial Fibrillation and Dementia -Cause or Coincidence” at the Hong Kong Heart Foundation Lecture – In memory of Sir QW LEE.



Opening Ceremony on 3 October 2013, Hong Kong

Left to right: Dr. Chris KY WONG, Prof. Shu ZHANG, Dr. Chu-Pak LAU, Dr. Ling LUO, Dr. Wing-Man KO, Dr. Donald LI, Dr. Shih-Ann CHEN, Dr. Kam-Tim CHAN, Prof. Hung-Fat TSE (Master of Ceremony) and Dr. Kathy LF LEE (Master of Ceremony).





Violin performance by the Takako NISHIZAKI's School

Prof. John CAMM presented at the Hong Kong Heart Foundation Lecture – In memory of Sir QW LEE.

Number of social functions were organized to our participants, faculty dinner was held on 3 October 2013 at Palace Restaurant; and happy Gala Dinner, supported by Meetings & Exhibitions Hong Kong (MEHK), a division of Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTb), was held on 5 October 2013 at Jumbo Kingdom. Over 300 faculties and guests attended the Gala Dinner. The most exciting part was lucky draw, with gifts donated by the Hong Kong College of Cardiology and sponsors.

**A total of 803 abstracts were submitted by 31 countries.**

#### Abstract Breakdown by Country/Region

Country/ Region	Total	Country/ Region	Total
Australia	68	Myanmar	1
Brunei	1	Netherlands	3
Canada	8	New Zealand	4
China	122	Philippines	10
Czech Republic	1	Poland	1
Denmark	1	Republic of Serbia	1
Germany	13	Russia	19
Hong Kong	38	Saudi Arabia	4
India	57	Singapore	25
Indonesia	4	Taiwan	40
Iran	1	Turkey	2
Italy	6	Ukraine	1
Japan	200	United Kingdom	7
South Korea	117	United States of America	39
Lebanon	1	Vietnam	3
Malaysia	5	<b>Total</b>	<b>803</b>

During the dinner, there were prize presentations for Best Paper Award and Young Investigator Award, total 18 awards. Winners as follows:

Best Abstract Award (Oral)

Rajiv MAHAJAN

Hyewon PARK

Tomos WALTERS

CSPE Best Abstract Award

Qina ZHOU

Xin-Hua WANG

Qing-Yan ZHAO

Best Poster Award

Yap-Hang CHAN

Chaired Poster Award – Ablation

Sachin NAYYAR

Chaired Poster Award – Challenging Case

Ashly NISBET

Young Investigator Award (Oral)

Luigi DI BIASE

Alex MCLELLAN

Ngai-Shing MOK

CSPE Young Investigator Award

Chun-Sheng AN

Lian-Sheng WANG

Peide ZHANG

Young Investigator Award (Poster)

Mohit SINGLA

Chaired Poster Award – Basic & Translation Science

Darius CHAPMAN

Chaired Poster Award – Device

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To further promoting the conference, tailor-made webpage, editorials and daily newspapers of the Conference were arranged by 365heart.com, ELSEVIER, South China Morning Post, Ming Pao and Headline Daily, reporting on activities of the conference. Meeting coverage was conducted by face to-face interviews with organizers, speakers, faculties and participants. The circulations were 8,000 in 4 days. Two public forums to explain important arrhythmia-related issues to the general public and how to take precautionary measures against sudden cardiac deaths and strokes were held on 6 October 2013. We believed that this 4 days conference not just benefited to medical practitioners but also Hong Kong citizens. Moreover, two press conferences regarding “Atrial Fibrillation & Stroke” and “Sudden Cardiac Death” was held on 3 and 6 October 2013 respectively, and a number of news clippings were shown at local newspaper and internet.



"AF & Stroke" press conference on 3 October, 2013.  
(Left to right): Dr. David Siu, Dr. Chu Pak Lau, Dr. Anne Gillis, Dr. Shih-Ann Chen and Mr. Lam.



Dr Peter J. Schwartz, Professor of University of Pavia, Italy in the middle of "Sudden Cardiac Death" press conference on 6 October, 2013.