## APHRS2009 REPORT

## **2**<sup>nd</sup> **Asia Pacific Heart Rhythm Society Scientific Session 2009 (APHRS2009)** In Conjunction with 5<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Atrial Fibrillation Symposium (APAFS2009)

22-24 October 2009 Beijing International Convention Center, China

## **REPORT**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia Pacific Heart Rhythm Society Scientific Sessions (APHRS2009) and the 5<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Atrial Fibrillation Symposium were held from Oct. 22 to 24 in Beijing.

We are very proud of our record breaking over 2,500 delegates from 27 countries and regions. Of these, 520 participants were from Asia Pacific regions (Japan 192, Korea 143, Taiwan 110, Hong Kong 48, and India 37), 124 delegates were from European and American, and the others were local attendees. Besides the many famous experts from Asia regions, well-known physicians in EP field from Western countries such as Dr. Richard Page, the President of HRS, Dr. Douglas Packer, the President-Elect of HRS, Dr. Rhynolds, formal President of HRS, and KH Kuck, W Jackman...

With 323 faculty members from local and overseas (European and American faculty 67, Asia Pacific regions 146, and local faculty 110), totally 80 sessions, 454 topics and 12 satellite symposiums was presented in APHRS 2009. All topics focused on atrial fibrillation ablation and mechanism, sudden death, arrhythmia management, syncope, gene research, new technology in electrophysiology and device therapy, clinical trials, case presentation and basic training course.





(Left) AHRS2009 was held in the Beijing International Convention Center (Right) APHRS Board Members gathered on stage at the opening ceremony of APHRS2009

APHRS 2009 was well attended by fellows and allied professionals, 589 abstracts were submitted (local 246, Japan 120, Korea 41 ...), 16 physicians enjoyed the competition for Young Investigator awards (8) and Best Paper Awards (8). Fifty-seven abstracts were selected for oral presentation, 220 for poster presentation, 160 for communication and 136 were declined. There were other exciting events which had been held during the meeting. The opening ceremony and welcome dinner was presented by more than 1,000 attendees with delicious Chinese food and exciting China Performances. The faculty dinner was held in the Great Hall of the Peoples of China, which is the rare experience for all participants.

APHRS2009 is proven to be a successful symposium!

## Dr. Shu ZHANG

Chairman, Organizing Committee of APHRS2009



Dr. Masayasu Hiraoka made opening remarks of the welcome party



YIA winners



Dr. Takashi Nitta spoke about AF surgery concomitant cardiac surgery



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