

APHRS2008 REPORT

1st Asia Pacific Heart Rhythm Society Scientific Session 2008 (APHRS2008) In Conjunction with 4th Asia Pacific Atrial Fibrillation Symposium (APAFS2008)

27-29 November 2008

Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore

REPORT

The Singapore Cardiac Society hosted the inaugural Asia Pacific Heart Rhythm Society Scientific Session (APHRS 2008) in Singapore from 27 to 29 November 2008 at the Raffles City Convention Centre (RCCC). The Symposium saw an overwhelming response of 1,020 registered delegates attending the Symposium.

1. Registration Categories and Fee

To make the Symposium affordable for all Physicians and Allied Professionals to attend, the Organizing Committee priced the fee as attractive as possible to ensure all related professionals can afford to attend the Symposium. Day registrations were opened 1 week prior to the Symposium to cater to the busy schedule for physicians and allied professionals who were unable to attend the full duration.

2. Country Summary

The Symposium saw a total of 1,020 delegates with Singapore (20.98%) as the host country had the largest participating number follow by Japan (18.73%) and China (15.88%).

Country	Number of Delegates / Invited Faculty	Percentage of Delegate / Invited Faculty
Australia	30	2.94%
Bangladesh	1	0.10%
Belgium	1	0.10%
Brunei	5	0.49%
Canada	4	0.39%
China	162	15.88%
Colombia	1	0.10%
Czech Republic	1	0.10%
Denmark	1	0.10%
France	1	0.10%
Germany	6	0.59%
Hong Kong	29	2.84%
Italy	4	0.39%
Japan	191	18.73%
Korea	67	6.57%
Kuwait	1	0.10%
Latvia	2	0.20%
Malaysia	28	2.75%
Myanmar	2	0.20%
Netherlands	6	0.59%

New Zealand	4	0.39%
Pakistan	2	0.20%
Philippines	17	1.67%
Russia	2	0.20%
Saudi Arabia	1	0.10%
Singapore	214	20.98%
Sri Lanka	1	0.10%
Sweden	1	0.10%
Taiwan	91	8.92%
Thailand	33	3.24%
UK	5	0.49%
USA	21	2.06%
Vietnam	9	0.88%
Grand Total	1020	100%

3. Scientific Program

There were a total of 7 concurrent tracks per day during the 3-days symposium. The breakdown of the sessions is as follows:

Category	Quantity
Plenary Lectures	3
Oral Presentations	62
Shortlisted YIA Abstracts	10
Shortlisted Abstracts for Featured Poster	20
Oral Presentation Sessions	8
Minicourses	2
Atrial Fibrillation Sessions	21
Heart Rhythm Sessions	16
Lunch Symposia	6
Other side meetings	1 Resuscitation Council Meeting 1 GP Symposium

To encourage young physicians and allied professionals to submit abstracts, the Symposium was fortunate to have the support from Lee Foundation who sponsored the Young Investigator Awards (YIA) for 3 categories:

- i. **Atrial Fibrillation (AF):** 1st Prize USD 1,000; 2nd Prize: USD 700; 3rd Prize: USD 500

1st Prize: Arif Elvan (The Netherlands)

Feasibility, Safety and Efficacy of Multi-Electrode Duty Cycled Radiofrequency Ablation in Patients with Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation

A Elvan, MD, PHD, JJ Smit, MD, PP Delnoy, MD, W Beukema, MD, A Ramdat Misier, MD, PHD
Cardiology, Isala Klinieken

2nd Prize: Lin Yenn-Jiang (Taiwan)

Three-Dimensional Spatial-Temporal Disorganization in the Animal Models of Chronic Atrial Fibrillation

YJ Lin, MD, CT Tai, MD, MH Hsieh, MD, SA Chen, MD
Department of Cardiology, Veteran General Hospital

3rd Prize: Park Hyun-Wook (Korea)

Endothelial Dysfunction is a Risk Factor for Thromboembolism in Atrial Fibrillation

HW Park, WK Kang, SE Lee, JS Koh, MK Lee, SH Kim, KH Park, DS Dim, NS Yoon, HJ Yoon, YJ Hong, JH Kim, YK Ahn, MH Jeong, JG Cho, JC Park, JC Kang
Cardiovascular Medicine, Chonnam National University Hospital

- ii. **Heart Rhythm (HR):** 1st Prize: USD 1,000; 2nd Prize: USD 700; 3rd Prize: USD 500

1st Prize: Dennis H Lau (Australia)

Short-Term Hypertension Is Associated with Atrial Remodelling in the Ovine Atria

DH Lau, MBBS1, L Mackenzie, PHD1, DJ Kelly, PHD2, P Kuklik, PHD1, P Sanders, MBBS, PHD1
1Cardiovascular Research Centre, Royal Adelaide Hospital, 2Department of Medicine, St. Vincent's Hospital

2nd Prize: Lim Phang-Boon (United Kingdom)

Reduces Atrial But Not Ventricular Refractoriness in Humans

PB Lim, MA, MRCP, T Stuber, MD, M Koa-Wing, BSC, MRCP, TV Salukhe, MRCP, P Kojodjojo, PHD, MRCP, K Willson, MSC, NWF Linton, Meng, MRCP, ZI Whinnett, PHD, MRCP, R Stanbridge, FRCS, FRCP, R Casula, FRCS, A Chukwuemeka, FRCS, DP Francis, MD, MRCP, DW Davies, MD, FRCP, MD, FRCP, MD O'Neill, PHD, MRCP, NS Peters, MD, FRCP, P Kanagaratnam, PHD, MRCP
Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, United Kingdom

3rd Prize: Tomoyuki Suzuki (Japan)

Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Via Achieving Atrial Synchronization

T Suzuki, MD1, T Osaka, MD, PHD1, E Yokohama, MD1, Y Kushiya, MD1, H Hasebe, MD1, Y Kuroda, MD1, K Kamiya, MD, PHD1, I Kodama, MD, PHD2
1Arrhythmia and Electrophysiology, Shizuoka Saiseikai General Hospital, 2Cardiovascular Research, Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, Nagoya University

- iii. **Featured Poster (FP):** 1st Prize: USD 1,000; 2nd Prize: USD 700; 3rd Prize: USD 500

1st Prize: Choi Jong-Il (Korea)

Complete Bidirectional Block of Left Lateral Isthmus in Patients with Non-Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation

JJ Choi, MD, PHD, HN Pak, MD, PHD, JH Park, BSC, JS Park, MD, JJ Kwak, MD, JK Jang, MD, YH Kim, MD, HE Lim, MD, PHD, C Hwang, MD, YH Kim, MD, PHD
Cardiology, Korea University Cardiovascular Center, Korea

2nd Prize: Mohan Nair (India)

Experience in Radiofrequency Ablation of Chronic Atrial Fibrillation

M Nair¹, K Manjo, MD, DM2, M Amit, MD3, K Vikas, MD3

1Cardiology, Max Heart and Vascular Institute, 2Cardiology, Max Heart & Vascular Institute, 3Cardiology, St. Stephen's Hospital, India

3rd Prize: Haris Haqqani (Australia)

Patients with and without Clinical Ventricular Tachycardia

H Haqqani, MBBS, K Roberts-Thomson, MBBS PHD, R Snowdon, MBBS PHD, R Balasubramaniam, MBBS PHD, R Rosso, MD, P Sparks, MBBS PHD, J Vohra, MBBS MD, J Kalman, MBBS PHD, J Morton, MBBS PHD
Cardiology, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Australia

4. Invited Faculty Country

A total of 327 invited faculties from 27 countries were present in the symposium.

5. Exhibition Space

A trade exhibition was held in conjunction with the Symposium. A total of 22 companies and 236 sqm of exhibition space were taken up during the symposium.

6. Sponsorship

The symposium was fortunate to have the support of the various medical equipment, devices and pharmaceutical companies which contributed a total of about \$1.2 million.

7. Next APHRS Scientific Session

The next APHRS Scientific Session will be held in Beijing, China from 22 to 25 October 2009 at Beijing International Convention Center, hosted by International Health Exchange and Cooperation Center, Ministry of Health, in collaboration with Chinese Society of Pacing and Electrophysiology, CSPE and Chinese Heart Rhythm Society, CHRS.

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