

The 7th Asia-Pacific Heart Rhythm Society and Indian Heart Rhythm Society

In Conjunction with the 10th Asia-Pacific Atrial Fibrillation Symposium

Oct. 29-Nov.1, 2014, New Delhi, India

1. Registration

The 7th Annual Scientific Sessions of APHRs, in Conjunction with the 10th Asia Pacific Symposium on Atrial Fibrillation was held from Oct 29-Nov 1st, at Hotel Taj Palace and Hotel Maurya, New Delhi, India. This year's congress, attended by 2,058 participants' from 35 countries, concluded with great success.

Country/Region	Number of Participants	Country/Region	Number of Participants
Afghanistan	2	New Zealand	16
Australia	50	Oman	2
Bangladesh	4	Philippines	2
Belgium	2	Qatar	1
Canada	9	Russia	5
China	140	Singapore	26
France	2	South Korea	66
Germany	11	Sri Lanka	6
Hong Kong	14	Switzerland	3
India	1,117	Taiwan	55
Indonesia	5	Thailand	27
Italy	5	Turkey	2
Japan	163	UAE	2
Macau SAR China	1	United Kingdom	3
Malaysia	28	United States	78
Maldives	2	Vietnam	8
Monaco	4	Asia (not specified)	14
Myanmar	3	Sponsors (not specified)	173
Netherlands	7	Total	2,058

Type Bifurcation	Number of participants
Abstract Presenter	272
Delegate	757
Faculty	348
Faculty & Abstract Presenter	32
Faculty & Board member	8
Faculty, Board Member & Abstract Presenter	1
Industry (Exhibitor)	306
Industry Delegate	245
Media	89
Total	2,058

2. Scientific Program

For the first time, the Scientific Program Committee was delinked from the Organizing Committee, leading to a paradigm shift in the quality and scope of the deliberations. There were 3 pre-congress industry symposia on Oct. 29, followed by 3 days of scientific sessions, held concurrently in 10 halls. The fields of discussion spanned from SVT to Atrial Fibrillation, Devices, New Anti-Arrhythmic and Oral Anticoagulants. Basic sciences and special sessions are for fellows and allied professionals. The format of deliberations included symposia, debates, hands-on training, live telecast and joint sessions with EHRA and HRS.

Another unique feature of the 7th APHRS was the pre-congress public awareness meet, where Prof. Kim and Prof. Nair interacted with the press and general public specifically on the subject of Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Arrest. Many of the attendees were students and young volunteers, who had received training in basic life support at the Saket City Hospital, in the 3 month run-up to the congress.

3. Abstracts

Young investigators presented over 400 free papers and posters. All abstract presenters were registered free of cost. From these presentations, awards were given in the following categories: Young Investigator Award, Best oral presentation, best poster presentation and the best Indian presentation. For the first time, in addition to a certificate and cash award of USD 1,000, each award winner has been offered a fully paid trip to the Gulf EP Summit in Dubai and the EHRA training sessions held during the Gulf EP Summit. In addition, one of the award winners has been nominated for the Biotronik EP training fellowship.

< Young Investigator Awardee>

Awardee	Country
Bijal (Ria) Vyas	India

< Best Oral Presentation Awardee >

Awardee	Country
Suresh Allamsetty	Taiwan

<Best Poster Awardee>

Awardee	Country
Prakriti Gava	USA

< Best Indian Presentation Awardee >

Amitabh Yaduvanshi

3. Faculty Member

APHRs 2014 brought together a total of 348 Faculty Members from across the world to provide lectures on arrhythmia and to take part as session chairs and moderator.

4. Exhibition

The Scientific Content was richly complimented by the Industry, in the trade exposition, technology and VIP suits, and multiple lunch and evening symposia. Companies provided a wide variety of medical equipment and products and created a market place for vendors around the world a great chance to introduce their unique products, and also encourages the participants to get a glimpse into the latest developments in the field of arrhythmia.

5. Social Programs

Following a packed day of scientific deliberations, the faculty and delegates had a chance to relax, interact and imbibe Indian traditions, culture and cuisine at the Faculty Dinner (30th October at India Habitat Center) and the Gala Dinner (31st October, at the Gymkhana Club). Delegates and faculty also had special pre and post conference conducted tours.