

Report of the 7th International Meeting of the Asian Pacific Society of Periodontology

Meeting report

The 7th International Meeting of the Asian Pacific Society of Periodontology was held in Beijing, China on September 21–22 immediately preceding the 8th National Conference of the Chinese Society of Periodontology. Over 360 delegates attended the APSP meeting making it one of the largest meetings held to date and indicating the continuing interest in this group in the region.

At the Inauguration Ceremony presentations were made by the Vice-Director of Peking University Health Science Center, (Professor Weigang Fang), the President of the Chinese Stomatological Association (Dr Xing Wang), the Dean of Peking University School of Stomatology (Dr Guangyan Yu), the President of the Chinese Society of Periodontology and Chair of the Organizing Committee of the 7th APSP Meeting (Dr Zhifen Wu). Congratulatory letters were read from the Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (Professor Qide Han) and from the Vice Minister of the Chinese Ministry of Health (Mr Xiaohong Chen). The opening ceremony was then officially opened with a roll call of the delegates from the APSP member countries. The two-day programme was very full with 20 presentations from speakers from 13 different countries. In addition 160 posters were scheduled for presentation.

A brief overview of the presentations follows:

Professor Mark Bartold (Adelaide, Australia) The relationship between rheumatoid arthritis and periodontitis

Professor Takehisa Iwai (Tsukuba, Japan) Comprehensive investigations into arterial diseases and periodontal bacteria

Dr Gary Armitage (San Francisco, USA) Diagnosis and classification of periodontal diseases and conditions: Current and future challenges.

Dr Jianjun Li (Beijing, China) Inflammation: an important mechanism for different clinical entities of coronary artery diseases.

Dr Yoshihiro Ono, (Tokyo, Japan) Various options for achieving high predictability and longevity in periodontal cases

Dr Jincal Zhang (Guangzhou, China) Polymorphisms in genes coding for enzymes metabolising smoking-derived substances, smoking and the risk of periodontitis

Dr Nannette Vergel de Dios (Manilla, The Philippines) Frequency distribution of systemic diseases among periodontal patients: a Philippine profile

Dr Warwick Duncan (Dunedin, New Zealand) Relationships between periodontal diseases and systemic health in New Zealand: an overview of research at Otago University

Dr Nitish Surathu (Chennai, India) Bisphosphonate associated necrosis: Implications for periodontics and implantology

Dr Narongsak Laosrisin (Bangkok, Thailand) Current evidence of periodontal medicine in Thailand

Dr Tara Taiyeb Ali (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) Relationship of periodontal disease to pre-term low birth weight infants in a selected population in Malaysia

Dr Lijian Jin (Hong Kong, China) Periodontal infections, systemic inflammation and cardiovascular disease: Current evidence and perspectives

Dr Sri Lelyati C. Masulili (Jakarta, Indonesia) The influence of smoking on the dynamics of pro-inflammatory and anti-inflammatory cytokines in chronic periodontitis

Dr Sok Chea (Phnom Penh, Cambodia) Dentistry in Cambodia

Dr Kong Mun Chung (Singapore) Mucogingival issues today

Dr Robert Genco (Buffalo, USA) Infection, inflammation and heart disease: periodontal disease as a model

Dr Denis F. Kinane (Louisville, USA) Smoking and genetics: Disease modifiers in periodontal and systemic diseases

Dr Linong Ji (Beijing, China) Genetic study of type 2 diabetes in Chinese

The poster sessions were very successful, and in keeping with tradition from previous meetings, three prizes were awarded for the poster judged to be the best on the day. The winners of the poster competition (which included a cash award) were:

First place: Reiko Yashiro (Institute of Advanced Biomedical Engineering and Science, Tokyo Women's Medical University, Tokyo, Japan) Application of human periodontal cell sheet for periodontal regeneration in an athymic rat model: a pilot study

Second place: Na Tian (Department of Periodontology, Peking University School of Stomatology, Beijing, China) Gingipain extracellular protein preparations from *Porphyromonas gingivalis* ATCC 33277 induce apoptosis of bovine artery endothelial cells.

Third place: Yan Xu (Department of Periodontology, School & Hospital of Stomatology, Anhui Medical University, Hefei, China) Study of human osteoblast attachment to guided tissue regeneration membranes coated with either platelet-rich plasma or platelet poor plasma.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected:

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Special note was made of the retirement of Dr Tara Taiyeb Ali from the APSP Executive. Dr Ali has been a tireless supporter of the APSP and the executive expressed its gratitude for her outstanding contribution to the APSP.

The next meeting of the APSP is tentatively scheduled for Hanoi, Vietnam in 2009.

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