H. pylori invades Kuala Lumpur!!
13th - 15th January 2012

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Integrating Science and Technology in Clinical Gastroenterology
1st – 4th October 2011, Singapore
SUNTEC Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre
Dear Friends and Colleagues

It gives me great pleasure to write for the APD news. Since our last newsletter in January 2011, the APAGE has gone ahead with the planning of several activities.

Firstly, our clinician-scientist award has been streamlined this year with a new Chairman, Dr HJ Tan, from Malaysia who has drawn up strict timelines as to the application deadline and time of decision of award. The winner of the award will also be formally announced at the upcoming APDW2011 in Singapore. Up to the closing date we have received four applicants which has been the highest number of applicants since its inception three years ago.

We look forward to APDW 2011 in Singapore in early October 2011. The local organizing committee under the chairpersonship of Professors EK Teo and CJ Ooi has worked tirelessly to come out with an exciting and relevant program which encompasses all aspects of gastroenterology in the Asian-Pacific region and the APAGE is indeed very appreciative of their efforts.

The APAGE has also gone ahead with the organization of two further monothematic meetings. These meetings have historically being called the Asian Pacific Topic Conference (APTC). This was decided, following discussion between Professor KM Fock, Past President, APAGE and Professor Y Atomi, President, Japan Society of Gastroenterology (JSGE) some three years ago. The JSGE has generously funded fully the 1st APTC held in Tokyo, Japan in November 2010. The APAGE together with the JSGE and in collaboration with the Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology will hold the 2nd APTC- Asian Pacific Helicobacter pylori meeting 2012 from 13th-15th January 2012 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This meeting will prove to be a very exciting meeting with mainly Asian Pacific speakers. There will be special workshops: An endoscopy workshop on detection of early gastric cancer and also a concurrent workshop on microbiological and molecular aspects of the infection. H.pylori remains an important and relevant issue in the Asian Pacific region and I feel this meeting will indeed be timely. We hope many of you will attend the meeting.

The 3rd Monothematic meeting is planned for April 2012 in Gold Coast, Australia under the auspices of Gastroenterological Society of Australia and the APAGE and will be focusing on inflammatory bowel disease and under the able chairmanship of Professor Peter Gibson. We await further details of the meeting.

I hope you continue to enjoy reading this news bulletin and find it a source of useful information and interesting reading.

Yours sincerely,

KL Goh
President APAGE
I am delighted to announce that we have three superb and top quality candidates applying for the APAGE/JGH Foundation Clinician-Scientist Training Fellowship at the close of the application this year. All the three candidates are in their final year of Gastroenterology Fellowship training. The first candidate is Dr Pham from Australia who is currently working at the Canberra Hospital. He intends to spend one year with Professor Henry Chan at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, doing clinical and research work in advanced hepatology. The second candidate is Dr Hadzri from Malaysia. He was working at the International Islamic University Malaysia and the University Malaya Medical Centre. He is currently doing his fellowship at the Kinki University, Osaka, Japan under the JSGE Research Fellowship for three months. This is to be followed by another six months of training at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, Australia with Professor Richard Holloway. Dr Hadzri will be working on a project entitled “The impact of continuous positive airway pressure on post prandial lower oesophageal sphincter pressure and GERD in healthy volunteers.” The third candidate is Dr Aizan who is currently working at the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Medical Centre in Kuala Lumpur. He will be commencing his further training with Professor Seo Dong Wan at the Asan Medical Centre in Seoul, Korea. Apart from his training in endoscopy, particularly advanced ERCP and endoscopic ultrasound, Dr Aizan will also be working on a few research projects including contrast enhanced EUS of pancreatic solid mass, pancreatic cystic tumour and the biliary tree.

The Training Fellowship Award is intended to help fellows in their final year of training to gain valuable experience in a centre and country of their choice in Asia Pacific, and also to groom future leaders in Gastroenterology. The candidate is required to apply individually to the unit they intend to go to. This traveling fellowship will also enhance the working relationship between member societies by encouraging their young clinicians to learn from another centre of excellence in Asia Pacific, and to bring back expertise to their home country. The successful candidate is expected to send in reports on their progress and subsequently to present his/her work at the APDW, and to submit a full article to the Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology for consideration for publication.

The successful candidate will be notified before September 2011 and a certificate and a stipend of USD25,000 will be awarded during the Award Ceremony at the APDW.

Dr Huck-Joo Tan
APAGE Awards Committee Chairman
The Asian Pacific Digestive Week (APDW) 2011 is back to Singapore again, from 1st–4th October 2011 at Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre. Held annually, APDW brings together world-wide medical experts to share the latest advances and knowledge in the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology, gastrointestinal endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery. As the region’s most highly acclaimed meeting in the digestive disease management field, APDW 2011 is expected to draw about 2,000 participants from around the world.

Themed “Integrating Science and Technology in Clinical Gastroenterology,” APDW 2011 features exciting highlights which include:

**LIVE ENDOSCOPY WORKSHOP**

- Join world-class experts in experiencing the practical demonstrations in the performance of endoscopic imaging and therapeutic endoscopy
- Learn from renowned faculty such as Jacques Devière (Belgium), Takuji Gotoda (Japan), Nageshwar Reddy (India), Glen Lehman (USA), Robert Hawes (USA) and many more!

**HANDS-ON ANIMAL ENDOSCOPY WORKSHOP**

- Improve your understanding of diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy
- Participate in one-to-one discussion and acquire practical experience of a wide range of cases encountered in endoscopy

**POSTGRADUATE COURSE**

Attend the illuminating presentations that cover pertinent aspects in the areas of upper GI, lower GI, liver and Pancreaticobiliary diseases

- Discuss and exchange ideas with a panel of distinguished faculty:
  - Ronnie Fass (Functional Dyspepsia – Pathogenesis & Management)
  - Ed Gane (Liver Transplantation – Controversial Indications and Outcomes)
  - Deepak Bhasin (Chronic Pancreatitis – Pain Management and Supplementation)
  - Bancha Ovartiporn (Approach to the Management of Occult GI Bleed)

...and many more!
The Asian Pacific Digestive Week (APDW) 2011 (contd.)

A panel of distinguished faculty from various specialisations of the digestive field has been invited and the illuminating presentations to be delivered will definitely shed light of innovation on all participants present. Take a glimpse at some of the internationally renowned speakers who will be joining us:

from left:
Prof. Glen Lehman
Indiana University Medical Center
United States
Prof. Khean-Lee Goh
University of Malaya
Malaysia
Prof. Geoffrey Farrell
The Canberra Hospital
Australia

from left:
Prof. Masao Omata
University of Tokyo
Japan
Dr. Stephan Targan
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
United States
Prof. Francis Chan
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong SAR, China

Main Conference: 2–4 October

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For more information or to register, visit our website www.apdw2011.org.sg.

For enquiries relating to registration, please email apdw2011.reg@mci-group.com.
For general enquiries or more information on the programme, please email secretariat@apdw2011.org.sg or call +65-6496-5565.
The year of 2011 marks the 30th anniversary of The Hong Kong Society of Gastroenterology. In promoting the advancement of gastroenterology, our Society has been busy in the first half of the current year organizing 4 scientific meetings which encompass GI related disciplines.

During our AGM cum scientific meeting in March 2011, honorary fellowship of our Society was bestowed upon Professor Jaw-Town Lin, Dean of Medicine, I-Shou University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. We now have 13 honorary fellowships to renowned scholars in our specialty.

Three newsletters are scheduled to be published this year in February, June and October. The interactive version of our February 2011 newsletter has been online. We invite you to visit our Society’s website http://www.hksge.org for more information.

JSGE Research Fellowship Program Award

4 awardees were selected from the nominees from APAGE member countries, and they started their training from May. From 13 to 15 May, we invited them to JSGE Annual Meeting and staged awards ceremony.

 MEMBER UPDATE

The Hong Kong Society of Gastroenterology
SGI 2011
The 5th Meeting of the Society of Gastrointestinal Intervention

The Cutting Edge of Gastrointestinal Stenting

www.sgiw.org

October 14-15, 2011
Sheraton Grande Walkerhill, Seoul, Korea

Hosted by
Society of Gastrointestinal Intervention (SGI)

Endorsed by
American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE)
European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE)
The 2nd Asian Pacific Topic Conference

Asian Pacific Helicobacter Pylori Meeting 2012

Theme: “Translating Science into Clinical Medicine: H. pylori Infection in Asia-Pacific in the New Millennium”

13th to 15th January 2012

Shangri-La Hotel

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

Deadlines
Submission of Scientific Abstracts
10th OCTOBER 2011

Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts
1st NOVEMBER 2011

Register Online and Scientific Abstract Submission at
www.apagehp2012.org

Special Workshops On
- Endoscopic Diagnosis and Treatment of Early Gastric Cancer
- Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics of H. pylori

Highlights
- H. pylori and Gastric Cancer
- Molecular Epidemiology of H. pylori
- Best Treatment Regimens for H. pylori
- Controversial Issues in H. pylori infection: Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease, Dyspepsia, NSAID Gastropathy, Extra-Gastric Diseases

Scientific Posters
Accepted posters will be published in a supplement of
THE JOURNAL OF GASTROENTEROLOGY AND HEPATOLOGY.
A formal poster review session will be held during the meeting.

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