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Meeting Highlights

Asian Society of Gynecologic Oncology (ASGO): A new society for doctors working against gynecologic cancers in Asia

Last October, the 12th Biennial Meeting of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS) was held in Bangkok, Thailand. It was another successful scientific convention for doctors working against gynecologic cancer all over the world. The homepage of the IGCS states that the goals of this not-for-profit, independent organization are the prevention, treatment, and study of gynecologic cancer, as well as the improvement of quality of life in women with gynecologic cancer throughout the world [1]. It also states that IGCS strives for global representation, reflecting the diverse cultural, economic, and geographic impacts of gynecologic cancer. In addition to the IGCS, there also exist some regional societies, such as the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists (SGO) and the European Society of Gynecologic Oncology (ESGO), which are fundamental organizations for doctors in America and Europe.

Concern was voiced that there is no organization or meeting devoted to gynecologic oncology in Asia, as was the situation in America about 40 years ago when the SGO was established [2,3]. There also exists a conflict over the evolution of gynecologic oncology as a defined subspecialty; Japan established a board certification process only a few years ago [4]. Some doctors from Asia, especially those from Japan and Korea, feel that a society for Asian doctors is necessary because Asian patients differ from non-Asians with respect to disease prevalence and patterns, ethnic background, and most of all, culture and economics. It is our desire that there be a global standard of practice for our patients.

In Seoul in 2002, the 9th Biennial IGCS Convention, hosted by the Korean Society of Gynecologic Oncology and Colposcopy (KSGOC), was attended by more than 1500 doctors, including 800 from abroad. On the last afternoon of the meeting, the first joint conference between Korea and Japan in the field of gynecologic cancer, the so-called Japan–Korea Joint Conference of Gynecologic Oncology Group (JKGOG), was established to facilitate scientific exchange and friendship between doctors from the two countries. Since then, gynecologic oncologists from Korea and Japan have met annually, the host being alternated.

Last year, after the 7th JKGOG conference in Seoul on November 27, 2008, the Asian Society of Gynecologic Oncology (ASGO) was inaugurated to expand the spirit of cooperation of JKGOG to all Asian countries (Fig. 1). Unfortunately, two invited representatives from India and Thailand were not able to join us because of accidents in their countries. However, the Inauguration Committee decided that the first biennial conference will be held in conjunction with the semiannual meeting of the Japanese Society of Gynecologic Oncology (JSGO). The Committee also elected the first president of the society, Professor Soon-Beom Kang from Korea.

The organizational committee for the first biennial conference of ASGO welcomes its members to the conference, which will be held in Tokyo this November. The ASGO welcomes not only doctors from Asia, but also doctors from around the world who agree with the spirit of ASGO and are devoted to it. The purposes of ASGO are facilitation of scientific exchange, international collaboration for clinical studies and basic research, provision of educational opportunities for doctors in



Fig. 1. Photo from the inauguration meeting of the ASGO, held in Seoul on November 27, 2008.

developing countries, and deepening friendship between members in Asia, ultimately to improve the standard of practice and the outcomes of patients with gynecologic cancers. ASGO will work in cooperation with other organizations devoted to women's health care and cancer.

We hope that ASGO will be the lighthouse for Asian women with gynecologic cancer, many of whom live in developing countries in the most populous continent in the world.

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About ASGO

ASGO was founded in 2008 as the principal organization in Asia contributing to the study, prevention and treatment of gynecological cancer. ASGO has members in over 10 countries in Asia. Our members are board certified women's cancer specialists who have received intensive medical training in the study and treatment of malignancies arising in the female reproductive tract - ovary, endometrium, cervix, vulva and vagina. Our members provide unified, comprehensive medical and surgical care to women with reproductive tract cancers from diagnosis to completion of treatment.

Previous ASGO Academic Meetings

No.	Biennial Meeting	International Workshop
1 st	22 November, 2009	31 July - 1 August, 2010
2 nd	3-5 November, 2011	28 September, 2012
3 rd	13-15 December, 2013	23-24 August, 2014
4 th	12-14 November, 2015	12-13 November, 2016
5 th	30 November - 2 December, 2017	24-25 August, 2018



The Present Council Members

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Executive committee members↵

President	Hee-Sug Ryu	(Korea)↵
President-Elect	Daisuke Aoki	(Japan)↵
Immediate Past President	Ikuo Konishi	(Japan)↵
Secretary-General	Suk Joon Chang	(Korea)↵
Treasurer & EiC	Jae-Weon Kim	(Korea)↵

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	Duk-Soo Bae	(Korea)↵
	Neeria Bhatla	(India)↵
	Chunling Chen	(China)↵
Treasurer & EiC	Efrén Domingo	(Philippines)↵
	Jae-Weon Kim	(Korea)↵
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	Sarikapan Wilailak	(Thailand)↵
	Nobuo Yaegashi	(Japan)↵
	Rongyu Zang	(China)↵

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Nominating committee members (Honorary advisor)

Shingo Fujii	(Japan)
Soon-Beom Kang	(Korea)↵
Toshiharu Kamura	(Japan)↵
Joo-Hyun Nam	(Korea)↵
Ikuo Konishi	(Japan)↵

Presidents of Asian Society of Gynecologic Oncology

The 1st President



Soon-Beom Kang
(2009-2011)

The 2nd President



Toshiharu Kamura
(2011-2013)

The 3rd President



Joo-Hyun Nam
(2013-15)

The 4th President



Ikuo Konishi
(2015-2017)

The 5th President



Hee-Sug Ryu
(2017-2019)

The 6th President



Daiske Aoki
(2019-2021)

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Section 6.4: Election of Council Members

1. President shall be chosen among members of the Society who's nationality is one of the initiating countries (Republic of Korea and Japan) of the Society until year 2020.
2. Starting from 2020, the President will be elected by majority vote of the board of Council.
3. Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the President of the Society.

Congress President of Biennial Meetings

No.	Year	City	Country	Congress President
1	2009	Tokyo	Japan	Toshiharu Kamura
2	2011	Seoul	Korea	Prof. Joo-Hyun Nam
3	2013	Kyoto	Japan	Prof. Ikuo Konishi
4	2015	Seoul	Korea	Prof. Hee-Sug Ryu
5	2017	Tokyo	Japan	Prof. Daisuke Aoki
6	2019	Incheon	Korea	Prof. Seung-Cheol Kim
7	2021	Bangkok	Thailand	Prof. Sarikapan Wilailak

ASGO International Workshop

No.	Year	City	Country	Congress President
1	2010	Seoul	Korea	Prof. Soon-Beom Kang
2	2012	Kyoto	Japan	Prof. Ikuo Konishi
3	2014	Seoul	Korea	Prof. Joo-Hyun Nam
4	2016	Sendai	Japan	Prof. Nobuo Yaegashi
5	2018	Suwon	Korea	Prof. Hee-Sug Ryu

ASGO International Workshop has been held in the year between the biennial meetings.

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THE 6th BIENNIAL MEETING of ASIAN SOCIETY of GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY

- Date** : October 10th ~ 12th 2019
- Venue** : Songdo Conventia
- President** : Prof. Hee-Sug Ryu
Ajou University
- Organizing chair** : Prof. Seung-Cheol Kim
Ewha Womans University
- Scientific chair** : Prof. Jae-Won Kim
Seoul National University



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Scientific Program of ASGO 2019

■ Legend

KSGO (1)	Plenary Session (3)	Sponsored Session (3)	Symposium (8)	Education Session (8)
KGOG (1)	Shingo Fujii Medical Academy (1)	Special Session (5)	Film Session (2)	Oral Session (3)

Program at a Glance

	10/10 (Thu)					10/11 (Fri)				10/12 (Sat)					
	GBR A	GBR B	206-207	204-205	GBR C	GBR A	GBR B	206-207	GBR C	GBR A	206-207	204-205	GBR C		
08:30						*Meet the Professor (07:00-08:00)									
09:00					Exhibition & Poster Display	Sympo 3 Revised FIGO Stage of Cervix Cancer & Related Issues 08:30-10:00 (90')	Sympo 4 Endometrial Cancer Update 08:30-10:00 (90')	Edu 3 ERAS 08:30-09:05 (35')	Special 1 Molecular Dissection of Ovarian Clear Cell Carcinoma 08:10-10:00 (50')		Special 3 International Research Collaboration through GCHG 08:30-10:00 (90')	Oral 2 08:30-10:00 (90')	Special 5 From Good Research to Good Publication 08:30-09:45 (75')	Exhibition & Poster Display	
09:30															
10:00	KSGO 08:00-12:30 (270')		KGOG 08:00-12:30 (270')												
10:30		Nursing Session 10:30-12:30 (120')		Shingo Fujii Medical Academy 10:00-12:40 (160')			Plenary 2 Surgical Issues in Gynecologic Oncology Field 10:20-12:05 (105')					Special 4 Clinical Trial in Asia 10:20-11:05 (45')	Oral 3 10:20-11:50 (90')		Film 2 10:20-11:50 (90')
11:00															
11:30															
12:00															
12:30	Break: 12:30-12:40 (10')														
13:00	Sponsored 1 Sponsored Luncheon Seminar 1 (20') * Luncheon 12:40-13:20 (40')			Break 12:40-13:40 (60')		Exhibition & Poster Display	Sponsored 2 Sponsored Luncheon Seminar 2 (20') * Luncheon 12:15-13:10 (55')					Sponsored 3 Sponsored Luncheon Seminar 3 (20') * Luncheon 12:15-13:00 (50')			
13:30	Opening Ceremony 13:20-13:40 (20')							Plenary 3 PAPR, Immuno-oncology and Beyond 13:10-14:40 (90')				Sympo 7 Fertility Preservation Upfront 13:00-14:00 (60')	Edu 6 Imaging in Ovarian Cancer Practice 13:00-14:00 (60')		
14:00	Plenary 1 President Invited Lectures 13:40-14:40 (60')										Sympo 8 Chemotherapy and Related Supportive Care 14:05-15:05 (60')	Edu 7 Ovarian Cancer Surgery 14:05-15:05 (60')	Edu 8 Uterine and Cervical Cancer Surgery 14:05-15:05 (60')		
14:30															
15:00															
15:30		Sympo 1 Rare Gynecologic Cancers: What is New? 15:00-16:30 (90')	Edu 1 Radiation Gynecologic Oncology 15:00-16:30 (90')	Shingo Fujii Medical Academy 13:40-17:40 (240')			Sympo 5 Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer in Asia 15:00-16:30 (90')	Sympo 6 MIS 15:00-16:25 (85')	Best Oral Session 15:00-15:25 (25')	Oral 1 15:25-16:30 (65')					
16:00															
16:30															
17:00															
17:30		Sympo 2 Cervical Cancer Screening in Asia 16:50-18:20 (90')	Edu 2 Gyne Pathology 16:50-18:10 (80')				Edu 4 Surgical and Molecular Tumor Board 16:50-18:20 (90')	Film 1 16:50-18:20 (90')		Special 2 ASGO-ADON Joint Session 16:50-18:20 (90')					
18:00															
18:30															
19:00	Welcome Reception 18:55-21:00 (120')					Banquet 18:55-21:00 (120')									
19:30						Premier Ballroom A+B									

Statistics of Speakers and Chairperson

51 Chairperson, **8** Chairs & Invited Speakers and **94** Invited Speakers from **17** Countries

No.	Countries	Chair & Co-Chair	(Co-) Chair & Invited Speaker	Invited Speaker	Total
1	Korea	26	2	40	68
2	Japan	8	2	18	28
3	China	3	3	7	13
4	Thailand	2	0	7	9
5	Taiwan	5	0	2	7
6	USA	0	0	6	6
7	Singapore	1	1	2	4
8	Australia	0	0	3	3
9	Germany	0	0	2	2
10	Indonesia	1	0	1	2
11	India	1	0	1	2
12	Hong Kong	1	0	0	1
13	Malaysia	0	0	1	1
14	Myanmar	0	0	1	1
15	Philippines	1	0	0	1
16	Turkey	0	0	1	1
17	Untitled	2	0	2	4
Total		51	8	94	153

Plenary Session 1 - Speakers

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President Invited Lectures

10/10 (Thu) 13:40-14:40 (60')



***Toward Precision Medicine:
Evolution of Global Distributed
Research Network in Korea***

Rae-Woong Park
(Korea)



***Artificial Intelligence
in Medicine***

Yoon-Sup Choi
(Korea)

Plenary Session 2 - Speakers

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Surgical Issues in Gynecologic Oncology Field

10/11(Fri) 10:20-12:05 (105')

I. 2ndary debulking in epithelial ovarian cancer



My approach

Dennis Chi
(USA)



DESKTOP III

Andreas du Bois
(Germany)



GOG 213 surgical part

Robert Coleman
(USA)

II. Surgical approach in early stage cervical cancer after LACC



My viewpoint & Korean data

Joo-Hyun Nam
(Korea)



Asian viewpoint

Mikio Mikami
(Japan)



American and the other world viewpoint

Mario Leitao
(USA)

Plenary Session 3 - Speakers

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PAPRI, Immuno-oncology and Beyond

10/11(Fri) 13:10-14:40 (90')



PARPi in maintenance and monotherapy setting

Richard Penson
(USA)



Prevalence of BRCA mutation and real world experience of PAPRI

Byoung-Gie Kim
(Korea)



Application of immuno-oncology agents in gynecologic cancer management

Wei Zhou
(USA)



Novel and emerging agents under development for gynecologic cancers

David Tan
(Singapore)

Call for Abstract



Abstract Submission Deadline

May 31st (Fri)

Abstract Topics

1. Cancer Screening
2. Pre-invasive Disease of Uterine Cervix
3. Pre-invasive Disease and Cancer of Vulvo-Vagina
4. Invasive Cervical Cancer
5. Epithelial Ovarian Cancer
6. Non-epithelial Ovarian Cancer
7. Endometrial Hyperplasia, EIN and Endometrial Cancer
8. Rare Tumors Including Uterine Sarcoma & GTD
9. Genetics
10. Quality of Life
11. Supportive Care
12. Fertility Preservation
13. Translational Research
14. Clinical Trials, Trials in Progress
15. Surgical Techniques



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