

Newsletter



Theme: APCB acts to broaden and deepen the torch of learning



President remarks

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Welcome everyone to the Asian Pacific Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (APAB). I am Kiyoshi Shibuya, your President, Asian Pacific Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (APAB). We'd like to extend a special thanks to our member, who will be interested in this first newsletter.

Asian-Pacific is the part of the world in or near the Western Pacific Ocean. Asian-Pacific also becoming the important area in the world especially both industry and culture. China, India, Indonesia, Japan and Thailand are belonged to top 20 countries in population. We have the chance to enhance each other country and people in the field of bronchology.

I would like to show 『What is APAB?』 briefly.

The APAB was established by Professor Takehiko Fujisawa with the founding members meeting in 2008. APAB became the Non-Profit Organization on April 2, 2018 in Chiba, JAPAN.

The mission of the APAB is to contribute further progress of the art and science of bronchology and interventional pulmonology in the Asian-Pacific region –from the Indian subcontinent in the west, to Japan and the Pacific islands in the east, China in the north and Australia and New Zealand in the south.

Every 2 years, from the 1st APCB was held in Chiba, Japan 2005, a total of eight times APCB were held. Last year, 8th APCB was held in Gold Coast, near Royal Brisbane and Womens Hospital in Brisbane, Australia, March 27 – 30, 2019. And also, 9th APCB 5-7 October 2021 will be held, at Le Meridien Putrajaya, Putrajaya, hosted by Malaysian Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (MABIP). Putrajaya is federal



PROPOSED CITY

- Putrajaya
- Federal administrative capital of Malaysia
- 3rd Federal Territory in Malaysia (after KL and Labuan island)
- Easy access to/from KLIA
- Free from traffic congestion



capital of Malaysia located from the Kuala Lumpur 24km distance. I also hope increased APAB presence, in which a next APCB would be held every 2 years in future in close cooperation with the WABIP.

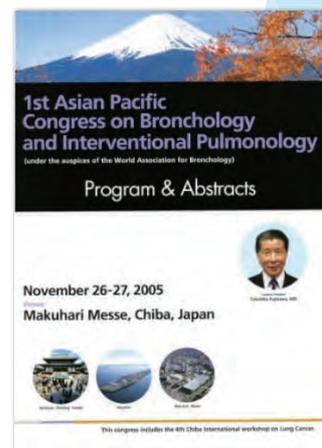
Thank you to everyone!" Best wishes.

Origin of Asian-Pacific Congress on Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (APCB) and Asian-Pacific Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (APAB)

Takehiko Fujisawa MD,

The 1st APCB was held by Professor Takehiko Fujisawa, Graduate School of Medicine, Chiba University on November 26,27, 2005.

Asian-Pacific Congress on Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (APCB) was founded on November 26, 2005 in Chiba, Japan. In the early of the 21st century, rapid progress on bronchoscopic technology and related field, including autofluorescence bronchoscopy, endoscopic ultrasound-guided needle aspiration, ultrathin bronchoscopy, virtual bronchoscopy, Optical coherent tomography, endo-cytoscopy, narrow band imaging and so on, and most of new modalities on diagnosis and treatment on respiratory diseases were developed in Asian-Pacific countries, this is the reason I founded APCB in 2005. I believe that Asian-Pacific region will become an important global region not only in economic growth but also in scientific progress, and APAB/APCB will contribute the further improvement of public health and welfare on people in the world.



Program and Abstracts of 1st Asian Pacific Congress on Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (APCB)

Welcome message of the 1st APCB included as follows:

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 1st Asian-Pacific Congress on Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology, which will be held in Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan on November 26-27, 2005. The recent advances in the field of bronchology have been remarkable, and there has been a growing need for a society devoted to the development of bronchology in the Asia-Pacific region. With the kind support of the Board Members of the World Association of bronchology, it is an honor that this First International Congress will be launched under the auspices of the World Association for Bronchology. This Congress will also be co-sponsored by the Japan Lung cancer Society and the Japan Society for Respiratory Endoscopy.

The aim of our congress is to address the needs of those engaged in the field of bronchology in the areas stretching from Indian subcontinent in the west, to Japan and the pacific islands in the East, China in the North and New Zealand in the South. We strongly believe that our congress will develop into an international society.

As the theme of the first meeting, we have decided on “Advances in Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology”. The 1st Chiba International Congress will include topics such as endobronchial ultrasound, medical thoracoscopy, video-assisted thoracic surgery, autofluorescence diagnosis, endobronchial therapy, and stenting. Presentations will be made by some of the most experienced doctors from around the world in each field. There will be ample time for discussions between lectures. Abstracts in the field of bronchology are also welcome for oral presentations.

In addition, a training course on the newest modality for diagnosis and staging of the thorax, endobronchial ultrasound guided TBNA (EBUS-TBNA) will be held in the afternoon of the second day. The workshop will not only present the latest instruments and their place in the diagnostic armamentarium, but participants will also have a chance to actually experience the EBUS-TBNA procedure in a hands-on seminar. The most experienced doctors will share their “tips and tricks” during the course.

We are pleased to announce that the 1st APCB will be held with speakers and participants from 22 countries around the world, who will present advances in bronchology and interventional pulmonology. We look forward to stimulating discussions and informative presentations.

First Congress included APCB foundation lectures by 5 leaders in the world, special lectures by 8 researchers including pathologist, physicians, surgeons and pediatricians and 10 symposia (2 VATSs, 2 ultrasonographies, endobronchial therapies, 2 Stentings, laser autofluorescence, biopsy techniques). In addition, EBUS-TBNA hands-on training course was held. Approximately



400 participants from 22 countries (United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Czech Republic, Russia, Switzerland, Argentina, India, Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Turkey, Australia, China and Japan) attended and each program was successfully processed, resulting in fruitful discussion. APCB was organized on April 1, 2008.

Dr. Prakash, President of World Association for Bronchology (WAB), lectures on significance of APCB



Board meeting of WAB held during APCB

Second Asian-Pacific Congress on Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology

The 2nd APCB was held by Dr. Phillip Eng, Singapore General Hospital on July 12 to 15, 2007.

A part of the address of Congress President is as follows:

The 2nd Asian-Pacific congress of Bronchology promises to be an exciting five-day affair with congress workshops, plenary sessions on the latest developments in the fields of bronchology and thoracoscopy, and educational thematic sessions. Learn how experts perform routine and advanced procedures during “How-I-Do-It” sessions. There will also be a best video and poster competition. Even first timers are not forgotten, as there will be opportunities for the novice to learn the basic steps in bronchology and practice on animals and models. Allied health professionals and nurses are also welcome, especially those working in an endoscopy suite or ICU.



Program and Abstracts of 2nd Asian Pacific Congress of Bronchology



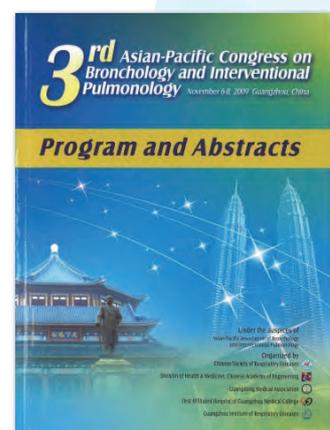
approximately 400 clinicians and researchers attended from 30 countries

Third Asian-Pacific Congress on Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology

The 3rd APCB was held by Dr. Zhong Nanshan, Guangzhou Institute of Respiratory Diseases on November 6 – 9, 2009.

The scientific program of APCB 2009 covered a whole array of topics in bronchology and interventional pulmonology such as endobronchial ultrasound and biopsy, medical thoracoscopy, video-assisted thoracic surgery, autofluorescence diagnosis, endobronchial therapy, stenting etc.

The presentations included keynote talks given by most experienced experts in the world, as well as excellent free papers selected from submitted abstracts. Special training courses and workshops on specific topics was also arranged. The president Prof. Zhong Nanshan encouraged all of memberesto actively participate in the discussions and share knowledge and experiences with other colleagues.



Program and Abstracts of 3rd Asian-Pacific Congress on Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology

All participants from China were so active to learn new technologies and techniques in the field of bronchology and interventional pulmonology. The room of dry lab and wet lab using pigs were full of young doctors, nurses and technicians. The aims of APCB stimulating and elevating the level of states of arts in China were fully established.



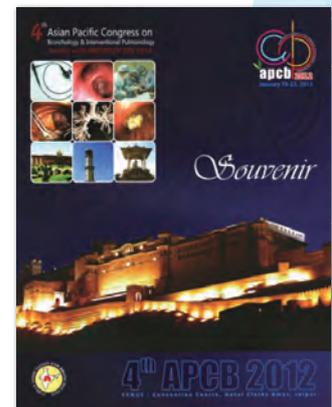
Fourth Asian-Pacific Congress on Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology

The fourth APCB was held by Professor Sarkar, Jaipur, India on January 19-22, 2012.

The congress included Live Workshop and Scientific Programme. Live workshop on the first day consisted of 4 sessions with basic and interventional procedures, EBUS in mediastinal lymphadenopathy and mediastinal mass, rigid bronchoscopy and medical thoracoscopy. Two cases were presented in each session. All participants learned basic and advanced technology and techniques, useful of clinical practice for tomorrow.

Prior to the scientific presentations in the morning of 2nd day, opening ceremony was held in the atmosphere of the historic city of Jaipur, the capital of the land of Rajasthan (the land of kings) and popularly known as the PINK CITY.

Scientific presentations included symposium, workshop, free paper presentations, and poster presentations, resulting in hot and fruitful result.



Scientific Program of 4th Asian Pacific Congress on Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology

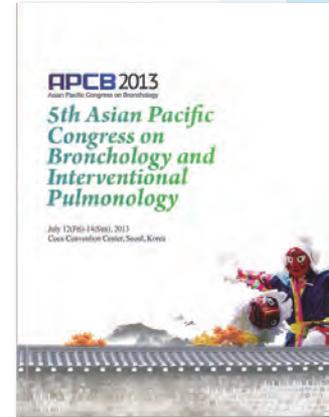


Fifth Asian-Pacific Congress on Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology

The fifth APCB was held by Professor Hojoong Kim, Samsung Medical Center on July 12 to 14, 2013

The Organizing Committee prepared a wide range of topics including bronchology in lung cancer diagnosis and treatment, diagnosis of mediastinal lymph nodes, peripheral pulmonary nodules, therapeutic bronchoscopy in benign and malignant airway diseases, as well as hands-on-workshops for EBUS-TBNA and stent insertion. The presentation room was full of participants, giving updated advanced data and deep impression on bronchoscopic technology.

The Organizing Committee also arranged several exciting social events which allowed the participants to meet and interact with colleagues from around the world. All participants were cordially invited to attend Gala dinner in the evening of 2nd day, including a special dinner featuring several live performances including a lase show, fusion Korean music and the award winning 'Nanta' non-verbal percussion show.



Program and abstracts of 5th Asian Pacific Congress on Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology

Sixth Asian-Pacific Congress on Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology

The sixth APCB was held by Professor Sumalee Kiatboonsri, APSR Congress President, on November 26-28, 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand.

In this 6th Asian-Pacific Congress, participants found the best in scientific basis and interventional pulmonology from the world experts. Key note speakers this year, Professor Takehiko Fujisawa and Professor Henri Colt shared their valuable opinions with participants in the keynote lecture sessions. The symposium sessions featured all aspects in bronchology and interventional pulmonology. In addition to the symposium sessions, Workshop allowed participants to learn and practice on advanced diagnostic, therapeutic and pleural disease procedures. Aside from the excellent scientific programs, all participants experienced a taste of Thai culture known as Krung Thep Maha Nakhon, meaning “city of angels”.



Program and Abstract Book of the 6th Asian Pacific Congress on Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology

Seventh Asian-Pacific Congress on Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology

7th APCB was held by the Congress President, Dr Wahyu Aniwidyaningsih, Persahabatan Hospital, Department of Pulmonology and Respiratory Medicine, Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia on November 2-4, 2017 in Bali, Indonesia.

Prior to the Congress from early August, the forecast of Mount Agung Volcanic eruption was started and its volcanic activity gradually intensified. The organizing committee of Indonesia decided to hold the Congress following the schedule. Almost all invited faculty speakers and approximately four hundred clinicians participated to the Congress. All participants learned a lot at Workshop, symposium, free paper presentation and poster presentations.

At the dinner banquet, kecak dance was extraordinarily fantastic, stimulating soul with a sense of oneness between nature and human being.



Poster of the 7th APCB.

A postscript

Takehiko Fujisawa

Founding President APAB, Professor Emeritus Chiba University,
President Chiba Foundation for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

There are three important matters in the organization. First is to keep a written document for continuation of the organization. When they look back on their past, the most important is a documentary evidence, therefore, program and abstracts should be published at the Congress. Second is to elevate the fundamental level of technique and technology. In Asian-Pacific region, there are big differences in each country, therefore, APCB should pay attention on not only advanced technology but also fundamental technique.



Third is to change and challenge for the future, adapted along the rapid global changes of circumstances. The Organization APAB transferred to Non-Profit Organization on April 2, 2018, and requested a social contribution on further improvement of welfare in the world.

I strongly look forward that the Newsletter will contribute for the improvement of joint ownership of APAB/APCB knowledge and understanding between members, and for future challenge for elevation on innovation and state-of arts in the field of bronchology and interventional pulmonology. APCB should act to broaden and deepen the torch of learning.

Under the global prevalence of COVID-19, let's do our best as thoracic clinicians and researchers and leave the rest to GOD. There is no pandemic which is not brought to an end.

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Announcements

*Next Newsletter including 8th APCB held in Gold Coast, Australia on March 27-30, 2019 will appear within several months.

*9th APCB will be held at Le Meridien Putrajaya, Putrajaya near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on October 5-7, 2021.