

Thanks letter AOCC 2015

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Governing Board and the Organizing Committee of the 3rd Annual Meeting of Asian Organization for Crohn's and Colitis (AOCC 2015), we would like to thank you for your dedicated participation at AOCC 2015 which was held on June 18-20 in Beijing, China.

The AOCC 2015 was an overwhelming success attracting more than 900 participants from 17 countries and provided great intellectual and social interaction between colleagues. Without your support and great efforts, we would not have been able to make such a success of this event.

AOCC's Annual Meeting has achieved world recognition in the field of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and is now taking up a leading position in IBD research and education in Asia. In AOCC 2015, the vision of "*Facing the Opportunities and Challenges*" has been well interpreted and embraced by the contribution of our distinguished speakers and chairs.

We sincerely appreciate all of your enthusiasm and active spirit for AOCC and would expect your continuous commitment and support for our future conference. Entailing a more exciting and informative program, Next year's Meeting will no doubt give us more insights by integrating the latest updates and best practice in IBD management. It is our great pleasure to announce The AOCC's Fourth Annual Meeting will be held at Kyoto, Japan, on July 7-9, 2016.

We look forward to seeing you again in Kyoto next year.

With best wishes and warm regards,



Pin Jin Hu
President of AOCC
On Behalf of Governing
Board



Jiaming Qian
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The 3rd Annual Meeting of
AOCC

Report on The 3rd Annual Meeting of Asian Organization for Crohn's and Colitis

Facing the Opportunities and Challenges

Asian Organization for Crohn's and Colitis (AOCC) set sail for its 1st Annual Meeting in Japan in 2013 with the theme, "That's One Small Step for Us, the Giant Leap for IBD in Asia", which also declared the foundation of AOCC. With the success of the 2nd Annual Meeting of AOCC in 2014 in Korea, the concept, "Blueprint for AOCC: A Future Worth Creating", has been an inspiration enabling all participants to charter their course even farther.

Held in China World Hotel, Beijing, China on June 18-20, 2015, this year's conference unprecedentedly featured a total of 74 nationally and internationally renowned experts as speakers, chairpersons, and panelists, who offered all participants a broad range of insights and perspectives in both basic and clinical field of IBD.



The conference has integrated 26 different sessions with a total of 71 presentations: 6 Clinical Forum sessions with 20 presentations, 2 Basic Forum sessions with 6 presentations, 2 Asian Forum sessions with 6 presentations, 1 AOCC Education Forum session with 4 presentations, 2 Meet- the- Experts sessions with 4 presentations, 2 Breakfast with Maters sessions with 2 presentations, 1 Challenging Case session with 3 cases, 1 Clinical Debates session with 2 debate topics and 4 presentations, 6 Luncheon Symposium with 10 presentations, and also the Future Perspective session with 3 presentations. Both lecturers and audiences participated actively and interactively in all these scientifically sessions. In addition, 1 AOCC Educational Committee workshop with 4 presentations provided in English and 1 Pre-Education session with 5 presentations provided in Chinese have manifested the broader roles AOCC plays in terms of education.

A total number of 914 participants from 17 countries have registered pre- and on-site for AOCC 2015. This witnesses the international impact and progress that AOCC has achieved in the past 3 years. This year, AOCC welcomed diverse nationalities of the participants: 752 participants from China, 74 participants from Japan, 46 participants from Korea, 7 participants from India, 5 participants from Taiwan and Singapore, 4 participants from USA and Hong Kong, 3 participants from Malaysia and Thailand, 2 participants from Australia, Philippines, Brunei and Turkey, 1 participant from Canada, UK and Netherlands.

It was a great step forward for AOCC 2015 to have received a total of 402 abstracts (273 papers submitted for Clinical category, 129 papers submitted for Basic/Translational category) from 11 countries (267 from China, 2 from Hong Kong, 9 from India, 50 from Japan, 58 from Korea, 1 from Malaysia, 1 from Philippines, 8 from Taiwan, 2 from Turkey, 2 from UK, and 2 from USA). Of all the articles we received, 10 papers were selected as Best Abstract Presentation, 9 as Free Paper Presentation, 36 as Poster Oral presentation, and 153 abstracts as Poster Exhibition. Three category Awards have been conferred to those whose abstracts entails scientific competence. Two investigators have won the Travel Award.

In addition to the fruitful sessions and scientific engagement, participants also enjoyed social programs such as the welcome dinner and the presidential dinner, where the participants were entertained by the cultural performance and activities with both international and local flavor. These social networking further boosted the understanding and friendship not only between Asian IBD scholars but also between international leaders.



The great success of the 3rd Annual Meeting of AOCC further defines our way-forward, highlighting both the opportunities and the challenges going-forward. A new page has been turned on for IBD in Asia and AOCC will continue to be fully dedicated to go on to the next step: from Asia to the World.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Forum	No. of Sessions	No. of Presentations
AOCC Educational Committee Workshop	1	4
Pre-Education	1	5
Meet the Experts	2	4
Breakfast with Master	2	2
Basic Forum	2	6
Asian Forum	2	6
Clinical Forum	6	20
AOCC Education Forum	1	4
Luncheon Symposium	6	10
Future Perspective	1	3
Challenging Case	1	3
Clinical Debates	1	4
Total	26	71

STATISTICS OF ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Nationality	No. of participants
China	752
Canada	1
Taiwan	5
Hong Kong	4
Korea	46
Japan	74
USA	4
UK	1
India	7
Australia	2
Malaysia	3
Netherlands	1
Brunei	2
Philippines	2
Singapore	5
Thailand	3
Turkey	2
Total	914

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: 402 abstracts from 11 countries

Country	Amount
China	267
Hong Kong	2
India	9
Japan	50
Korea	58
Malaysia	1
Philippines	1
Taiwan	8
Turkey	2
UK	2
USA	2
Total	402

TYPE of ABSTRACT PRESENTATION

	Best Abstract	Free Paper	Poster Oral Presentation	Poster Exhibition
China	5	3	9	69
Japan	3	1	11	35
Korea	2	2	6	39
Malaysia			1	
Philippines			1	
Taiwan		1	2	4
Turkey		1	1	
Hong Kong			1	
India		1	2	4
United Kingdom			2	
USA				2
Total	10	9	36	153

AWARD PRESENTATION

AWARD

Travel Award: 2 winners

Information of the 4th Annual Meeting of Asian Organization for Crohn's & Colitis

Go on to the Next Step : From Asia to the World

Invitation

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Asian Organization for Crohn's and Colitis (AOCC), I am honored to announce that I will host the 4th Annual Meeting of AOCC, which will be held on July 7-9, 2016 in Kyoto.

AOCC was established in 2013 by the collaboration of China, Korea, and Japan. During the past 3 years, AOCC successfully declared its foundation to the world, and created the platform where Asian doctors cooperate to advance clinical care, research, and education in the field of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). I believe that we are ready for starting collaborative research in Asia to share our information and experience on the care of IBD patients with the rest of the world. Therefore, the theme of AOCC 2016 was decided as "Go on to the Next Step: From Asia to the World". I would like to discuss in the meeting what we should do to contribute to a better care of IBD patients, through the framework of AOCC. I hope that all of you join us in AOCC 2016 and play an active role there.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all in Kyoto.

Sincerely yours,



Mamoru Watanabe, M.D., Ph.D.
President
The 4th Annual Meeting of AOCC
President-Elect
Asian Organization for Crohn's & Colitis (AOCC)

AOCC 2016



The 4th Annual Meeting of **Asian Organization for Crohn's & Colitis**

Go on to the Next Step : From Asia to the World

Date: July 7 (Thu) – 9 (Sat), 2016

Venue: Kyoto International Conference Center, Kyoto, Japan

URL: aocc2016.org

Important Dates

Online registration and abstract submission opens : **February 1, 2016**

Abstract Submission deadline : **April 15, 2016**

Pre-registration deadline : **May 31, 2016**

Registration fee

Category	Pre-registration (Until May 31, 2016)	On-Site registration (After May 31, 2016)
Member (Doctor)	JPY 10,000	JPY 12,000
Non-Member	JPY 22,000	JPY 25,000
Trainee / Nurse	JPY 8,000	JPY 8,000
Student	JPY 6,000	JPY 6,000

Program at a Glance

	July 7 (Thu)	July 8 (Fri)		July 9 (Sat)			
		Registration		Registration			
7:00		Morning Seminar 1	Morning Seminar 2	Morning Seminar 3	Morning Seminar 4	Poster & Booth Exhibition	
8:00		Opening Ceremony		AOCC-ECOO Forum Part I	Pros & Cons Discussion		
9:00		Asian Forum 1	Basic 1				AOCC-ECOO Forum Part II
10:00		Coffee Break		Coffee Break			
11:00		Excellent clinical studies from Asia	Poster Oral	Luncheon Seminar 3	Luncheon Seminar 4		
12:00		Luncheon Seminar 1	Luncheon Seminar 2				
13:00		Clinical 1	Asian Forum 2				Poster Round
14:00		Coffee Break		Coffee Break			
15:00		Clinical patterns in Asian countries	Pros & Cons Discussion	Clinical 2			Poster & Booth Exhibition
16:00	Registration						
17:00	Evening Seminar			Closing Remarks			
18:00	Welcome Dinner	Presidential Dinner					
19:00							
20:00							

Intestinal Research, an official journal of AOCC

The "*Intestinal Research*" (Intest Res) is an open access, peer-reviewed, international journal (<http://www.irjournal.org>), ISSN 1598-9100 (print), 2288-1956 (online).

Now, we are delighted to announce that "*Intest Res*" will become the official journal of the Asian Organization for Crohn's and Colitis (AOCC), and the joint publication of Chinese Society of IBD (CSIBD), Japanese Society of IBD (JSIBD), Korean Association for the Study of Intestinal Diseases (KASID), and Taiwan Society of IBD (TSIBD) from January 2016.

The "*Intest Res*" was created in response to growing requests for specialized information on intestinal diseases since 2003 by the KASID. Recently, there has been a growing interest in intestinal diseases based on increased prevalence among Asian countries, especially inflammatory bowel diseases. Collaboration among Asian countries is needed in order to meet these demands, the Asian Organization for Crohn's and Colitis (AOCC) has been started at 2013. To strengthen research network in Asia, AOCC Board members decided "*Intest Res*" as the official journal of AOCC, as well as the joint official journal of CSIBD, JSIBD, KASID, and TSIBD. All members of AOCC believe that "*Intest Res*" will play an important role in our collaboration and evolution of AOCC.

The aim of the "*Intest Res*" is to provide broad and in-depth analysis of intestinal diseases, especially inflammatory bowel disease. As a mode of scholarly communication, it encourages scientific investigation through the rigorous peer-review system and constitutes a qualified and continual platform for sharing studies of researchers and practitioners.

"*Intest Res*" publishes quarterly every year (January, April, July, October) and has an Open Access policy. To make advance to international communication method, all of the articles can be accessed in the website (www.irjournal.org). In addition, to keep up with international needs, it is indexed and covered by PubMed, PubMed Central, EBSCO, KCI, KoreaMed, KoMCI, DOI/Crossref and Google Scholar. Especially, PubMed and PubMed Central is the most prevalent database by medical and biological researchers, so that readers can easily access "*Intest Res*" articles world widely without restrictions. "*Intest Res*" is also committed to keep ethical standards in medical publishing, including conflicts of interest in reporting, and authors' copyrights, etc.

Outstanding editorial board is a key to success of medical journals. "*Intest Res*" has relied on the dedicated and productive individuals of editorial board. It is facing a new leap for another development with becoming joint official journal of AOCC. Thus, new editorial board has been organized with additional specialized members as "*Intest Res*" continues to expand.

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“*Intest Res*” is moving toward internationally and commonly renowned medical journal in this field with great endeavors of authors, reviewers, and editorial board members. It is promising that another achievement can be obtained with a fresh start as an official journal of AOCC. “*Intest Res*” will aim to improve the uptake of novel medical knowledge through AOCC and foster the competitiveness to make a new leap forward. Please submit your valuable research to the *Intest Res* (www.irjournal.org/submission).

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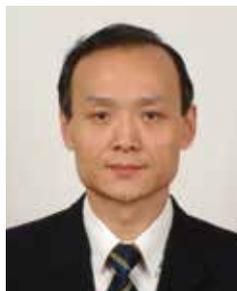
Welcome to AOCC !

Observer Country

The Asian Organization for Crohn's and Colitis (AOCC) was founded in 2013 to improve the care of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) patients in Asia. AOCC has been managed by China, Korea, and Japan as founders. Now, AOCC opens door widely to other Asian countries. We heartily welcome the below countries to AOCC as observers.

Country (alphabetically)	National Organization	National Representative
Hong Kong	Hong Kong IBD Society	Siew C Ng
India	Colitis Crohn's Foundation (India)	Ajit Sood
Malaysia	Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology	Ida Hilmi
Philippines	Inflammatory Bowel Disease Club of the Philippines	Jose D. Sollano
Singapore	Gastroenterological Society of Singapore (GESS)	Choon Jin OOI
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Turkey	Turkish Inflammatory Bowel Diseases Association (TIBDA) (Inflamatuvar Barsak Hastalıkları Derneği)	Hakan AKIN

New Board Member



Professor Kaichun Wu
Xijing Hospital of Digestive Diseases,
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Dr. Kaichun Wu is a professor and the Deputy Chair of Xijing Hospital of Digestive Diseases, The Fourth Military Medical University. He received his MD and PhD degrees from the Fourth Military Medical University, and research experience in Oxford University(UK), Nottingham University(UK) and Northwestern University(USA). He serves as Vice-President of Chinese Society of Gastroenterology(CSG) and Council Member of the Asia Pacific Association of Gastroenterology(APAGE). Professor Wu has published more than 200 papers in peer-reviewed journals like Hepatology, J Hepatol, Oncogene, J Immunol, FASEB J, Carcinogenesis, Mol Cancer Res, etc. His research work on gastric cancer has received State First Class Award for Science and Technology in China.

Dr. Wu has a wide spectrum of research exposure and interest which includes inflammatory bowel disease, gastrointestinal tumor, gastroesophageal reflux disease, gastrointestinal bleeding, etc.