The 13th International meeting of the Asian Pacific Society of Periodontology (APSP) was successfully held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on September 28-29, 2019. Over 470 delegates from 19 countries (Australia, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong SAR China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam) attended this APSP meeting with the theme “Exploring Innovative Frontiers in Periodontal Health and Implantology”. The welcome address and Nations Roll Call was given by Prof Tara Taiyeb Ali, Chairperson of the 13th APSP Meeting. The President’s address was made by Prof Young Ku. Welcome addresses were also made by Mr Takeshi Kamigouchi from Sunstar Group; and Mr Fumitomo Noritake from Lion Corporation. Dr. Doreyat Bin Jemun, Principal Director of Oral Health, Malaysia on behalf of the Minister of Health Malaysia, Honorable Dato’ Seri Dr Dzulkiifli Ahmad.

The two-day program was very full, with 22 oral presentations delivered by speakers from 14 different countries. The Key Note speakers were Professor Maurizio Tonetti (Hong Kong) and Associate Professor Stephen Chen (Australia). In addition, 140 posters were selected and scheduled for presentation.

Over the two days invited keynote speakers and representatives from many countries in the Asian Pacific region presented lectures on a wide range of topics:

- Isao Ishikawa (Japan): Periodontal Ligament Cell Sheet Contributes The Success Of Clinical Periodontal Regeneration And Of Periodontal Formation On Implant Surface
- Maurizio Tonetti: Benefits Of Periodontal Regeneration: Moving The Boundary
- Jeanette Chua (Malaysia): Immediate Implant Placement & Provisionalization In Periodontally Compromised Patients
- Benjamin Tan (Singapore): Back To Histology For Predictable Outcomes in Partial Thickness Flap Procedures
- Mark Bartold (Australia): An Update on Periodontal Systemic Interrelationships: Facts and Fantasies
- Maurizio Tonetti: Papilla preservation flaps: rationale and application
- Jianxia Hou (China): Ferritin Plays Key Roles For Homeostasis Of Periodontal Ligament Tissue
- Adinar Baharuddin (Malaysia): No Better Time to Unlearn and Relearn
- Fatimah Maria Tadjoedin (Indonesia): Relationship between Periodontitis and Alzheimer's Disease
- Juan Rafael Silva (Philippines): Threading Informed Consent in Personalized Periodontal Care
- Lijan Jin (Hong Kong): Global Periodontal Health Strategies: An Update And Perspective
- Stephen Chen: Implant Therapy In The Periodontal Patient: Risks And Management Strategies
- Shinya Murakami (Japan): New Era Of Periodontal Regenerative Therapy -From Bench To Clinic
- Warwick Duncan (New Zealand): Novel Grafting Materials For Bone Regeneration
- AR Pradeep (India): Molecular Markers Linking Periodontal Health, Disease And Type-2 Diabetes Mellitus
- Padmini Hari (Malaysia): Efficacy Of Locally Delivered Minocycline In Advanced Periodontitis
- Shaili Pradhan (Nepal): Supportive Periodontal Therapy - Long Term Benefit - Eighteen Year Follow Up
- Stephen Chen: Complications In Implant Dentistry: A Looming Epidemic?
- Yeek Herr (Korea): Long-Term Radiographic Outcomes Of Various Conventional Periodontal Treatments Without Using Bone Crafts And/Or Barrier Membranes
- Khamiza Zainol Abidin (Malaysia): Effects of Honey on Clinical Periodontal Parameters
- Sakornrat Khongkhunthin (Thailand): Innovation Of Thai Rice Frontier For Periodontology In Thailand
- Sophannary Kong (Cambodia): Soft Tissue Management Around Dental Implant: Case Reports
In addition, 140 posters were selected and scheduled for presentation. The poster sessions were very successful. In keeping with the tradition from previous meetings 12 prizes were awarded for the posters judged to be the best in the categories of laboratory research, clinical research, case reports and reviews.

The winners of the Poster Awards were:

**Clinical Research Category**

1st - Nuzul Izwan Omar (Malaysia) - The effectiveness of Ficus deltoidea in preventing alveolar bone loss in osteoporotic rats
2nd - Lew Pit Hui (Malaysia) - Evaluating presence of antibodies against citrullinated proteins in patients with rheumatoid arthritis and periodontitis
3rd - Hu Kang-Shuo (Taiwan) - Aesthetic result of immediate implant placement in extraction sockets with intact versus deficient walls

**Laboratory Research Category**

1st - Ishii Shiori (Japan) - Effects of toothpaste containing pyrrolidone carboxylic acid on dentin demineralization and collagen degradation
2nd - Yuliana Ayob (Malaysia) - Elucidation of the antibacterial effect on Malaysian coconut oil against Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans
3rd - Wahidatunnur Musa (Malaysia) - Hydroxytyrosol from Olive Oil: Antibacterial Effects on Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans, Porphyromonas gingivalis and Fusobacterium nucleatum

**Clinical Case Reports Category**

1st - Balaji Manohar (India) - Tooth as a graft - application in periodontal regeneration
2nd - Nor Shafina Mohamed Nazari (Malaysia) - Volume stable collagen matrix in comparison to autogenous CT graft in the treatment of multiple gingival recession a case report
3rd - Wan Mahadzir Mustafa (Malaysia) - Dental implant in the rehabilitation of an adult cleft patient - a case study

**Systematic/Literature Reviews**

1st - Tan Oi Leng (Malaysia) - Contemporary local drug delivery and adjunctive agents used in non-surgical periodontal therapy
2nd - Ang Yee (Malaysia) - Tooth mobility simulation in laboratories studies: comprehensive review
3rd - Trisantoso Rezdy Asalui (Indonesia) - Effectivity of platelet rich fibrin in coronally advanced flap: A systematic review
A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected:

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