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Founding Board and International Board in APAGE Annual Meeting, Hong Kong 2005

APAGE Annual Meeting Preannouncement

APAGE 8 th Annual Meeting	APAGE International Symposium on Laparoscopic Gynecologic Oncology and Hands-on Animal Workshop	APAGE 9 th Annual Meeting
Date: March 17-18, 2007 Venue: Osaka ICC	Date: May 25-27, 2007 Venue: TCI, Shanghai, China	Date: To be determined Venue: Seoul

Welcome Message from the President



I am most honoured to have the opportunity to serve as the president of APAGE. Though still in her infancy, APAGE is getting more well known. We have now 11 member societies and 2 interested groups under APAGE. Our board is well represented from the Asia-Pacific regions, including Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Macau, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand. Since the foundation in 2003, we have been actively organizing meetings and have held various society sessions during the AAGL and ISGE meetings. I must thank Prof. Chyi-Long Lee, our founding president, and all the board members for their active support and dedicated contribution to APAGE.

We had a great 6th annual congress in Hong Kong in November 2005. It was a 3-day meeting and all the presidents of member societies or their representatives attended the meeting. The meeting was well attended with over 300 participants. Three prizes were awarded to the best free communication. I expressed my sincere appreciation to my team and Dr. Doris Ng, Chairman of the Scientific Committee, for their enormous effort in making the meeting successful.



I look forward to our 7th annual congress in Sydney, Australia. The meeting is co-organized by the Australian Gynaecological Endoscopy Society (AGES) and will be held on 18th and 19th August, 2006. I must thank all the hard work by Prof. Felix Wong, Board member of APAGE, and Dr. Alan Lam, Vice-President of AGES, in putting up a very exciting scientific and social program. I know that it has been difficult finding speaking space for many who want to come and the preliminary attendance rate is most encouraging. The theme of the meeting is 'The Limits of Endoscopic Surgery', but I believe you all would agree with me that endoscopic surgery is ever evolving and there is no limit to it. I encourage you all to be there.

In 2007, our annual meeting is in Osaka, Japan. Osaka is a modern city close to the world-famous historical cities of Kyoto and Nara. The meeting will be held on 17th and 18th March, 2007 when it is the right season to experience the beautiful cherry blossom. In October, we will have our regional meeting in Xi'an, China. Xi'an is one of the most ancient capitals in the world and is most famous for historical sites, rich cultural relics and the terracotta warriors and horses. Xian is also the starting point of the famous Silk Road to the West. Mark your diary for this exciting meeting.





APAGE is also dedicated in promoting the safe development and training in endoscopic surgery. Under the leadership of Dr. Bao-Liang Lin, Chairman of the Training Committee, we have established our own criteria in accrediting APAGE training centre and so far 8 centres have been accredited in the South East Asia. We had also held the first APAGE International Symposium on Laparoscopic Oncology and Hands-on Animal Workshop in Shanghai in April 2006. This was the first APAGE organized practical orientated meeting with hands-on live animal training. We are planning to have the second training workshop in May 2007.

Another goal of APAGE is to set up our own journal which is now named the “Asia Pacific Journal of Minimally Invasive Gynecology”. This will be an electronic journal with open access via internet. It is an international scientific peer-reviewed journal on all aspects of clinical and experimental research, information and communication in the field of gynecologic endoscopy and minimally invasive therapy. All articles are published in English which is the official language of the journal. However, concurrent publication of the articles in other languages is encouraged to cater for members and readers whose native language is not English. I am honoured to be elected as the Editor-in-Chief of the journal and Prof. Osamu Tsutsumi and Prof. Chyi-Long Lee are the Associate Editors. We are now in the process of setting up the webpages for the journal which will be hosted by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. I would like to express my gratitude to Prof. Daljit Sahota for his technical support. You are all encouraged to submit your research work and articles to the Asia Pacific Journal of Minimally Invasive Gynecology.

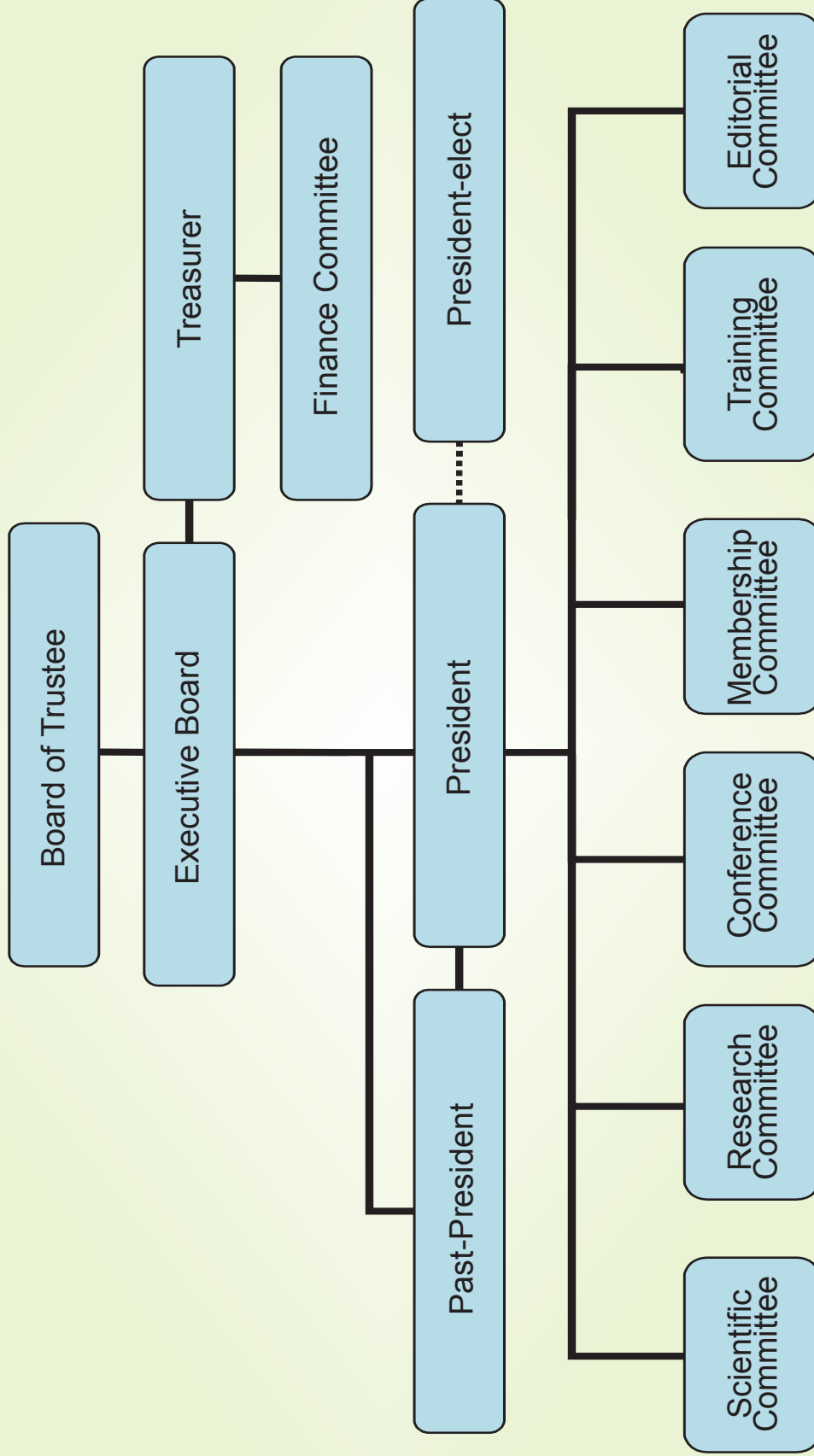
The APAGE is now global. With all your support and participation, I believe APAGE will play a leading role in minimally invasive therapy in gynecology worldwide.

My very best wishes to you and your loved ones.



PM Yuen
President APAGE

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TAMIG Training Course Anecdote

Dr. Chin-Jung Wang, TAMIG General Secretary

Due to endoscopic surgery is more popular than before in Taiwan, most gynecologists are not unfamiliar with it. Since this year, workshops of the TAMIG provide more condensed classes for participants. The idea of new curriculum is to introduce all main points and important guidelines of endoscopic surgery at one time by surgery practice and speeches.

With sponsorship from OB/ GYN department of Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Johnson & Johnson Medical Taiwan, and Beamed Instrument Co., Ltd., Taiwan Association for Minimally Invasive Gynecology (TAMIG) held a successful surgery workshop for non-TAMIG members in Shu-Tian Urology Research Center of National Yang- Ming University on June 24th, 2006.

The morning class of the June 24th workshop was a hands-on animal surgery practice which followed real procedures of a laparoscopic surgery. Under supervision of well-experienced doctors, trainees anesthetized sows and performed salpingectomy, enucleation of ovarian tumor, and some more complicated surgeries, such as bowel repair \ bladder repair, with real laparoscopy. The workshop stressed that every trainee should have enough chances to operate laparoscopies during practice, so there were not too many trainees in each group. With excellent teachers and hands-on practice, TAMIG believed that trainees of this workshop would quickly learn the keystones of performing a successful laparoscopic surgery and felt worthwhile to join this workshop.

In the afternoon class, TAMIG invited several distinguished experts as speakers to talk to basic knowledge of endoscopy and how to apply it to real operation. Prof. Chyi-Long Lee introduced energy used in endoscopy surgery, especially the principles of electrocautery, which is the most popular energy in endoscopy surgery, to the trainees. The next speaker, Dr. Ming-Chang Chen, described basic techniques related to how to safely put laparoscopy and endoscopy instruments into human bodies and how CO2





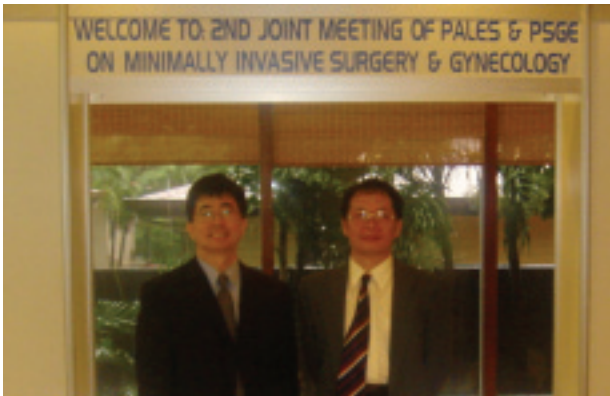
pneumoperitoneum influences the function of human body. From President Chen's speech, trainees would learn that there are profound theories behind surgery procedures of which surgeons have usually got used. The last speaker of the first session was Dr. Chin-Jung Wang who is the General Secretary of TAMIG. He made a detailed introduction in how to use hysteroscopy as a diagnostic tool and how to perform difficult hysteroscopy surgery and endoscopic surgery. After fifteen minutes break, the program moved to the session two.

The first speaker of the second session was Dr. Gong-Liang Wang, who is not only a distinguished expert in laparoscopic surgery, but also a well-experienced doctor in gynecologic oncology field. Dr. Wang shared his experience in treating ovary tumor by laparoscopy and the management of malignant tumors which are found during operations in his speech. Dr. Wang stressed that if surgeons could correctly diagnose malignant tumors during surgeries, prevent tumor tissues contaminate other good tissues and organs in the patient's abdominal cavity, and carefully manage the cut, the chance of recurrence of cancer could be reduced and the survival rate of patients could be promoted. The next presentation which discussed several kinds of complications in endoscopic surgery was talked by Prof. Yung-Kuei Soong. The purpose of this speech was to help the trainees to have full understanding of complications which would happen during endoscopic surgery. Furthermore, keeping away from complications caused by endoscopic surgery would minimize opportunities to be sued by patients. Then, Dr. Yu-Shan Lin gave the trainees a lesson in hysterectomy. In his speech, Dr. Lin talked many practical skills of hysterectomy, such as how to diminish blood loss during operation and remove the uterine from the patient. The last lecturer, Dr. Peng-Hui Wang, introduced laparoscopic surgery for gynecological oncology. TAMIG hopes that this educational activity would enhance and update gynecologists' knowledge in endoscopy.

Endoscopy surgery has almost become a necessary service for every hospital in Taiwan now, so most trainees have experiences in doing endoscopic surgery before this workshop. The objective of TAMIG and its workshops is to enhance gynecologists' ability to apply gynecologic endoscopy and minimally invasive therapy in practice. Moreover, TAMIG believes our workshops should lead trainees to the real world of advanced endoscopic surgery.



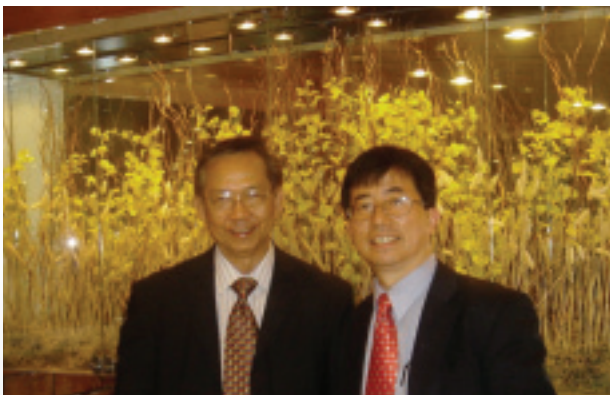
Member Society: Philippine Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy



2nd Joint Annual Convention on Minimally Invasive Surgery and Gynecology, Philippines 2006



Dr. Chyi-Long Lee Speech, Philippines 2006



Dr. Tan and Dr. Chyi-Long Lee



Rozal Park, Manila

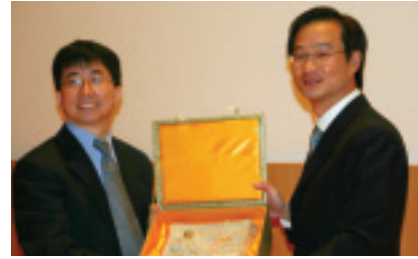




APAGE Annual Meeting, 2005



Audience in APAGE Annual Meeting



Dr. Pong-Mo Yuen awarded a souvenir to Dr. Chyi-Long Lee



Board Meeting, 2005



APAGE International Symposium on Laparoscopic Oncology and Hands-on Animal Workshop, 2006



APAGE Symposium and Hands-on Workshop in T.C.I., Shanghai 2006



Closing Ceremony of APAGE Symposium and Hands-on Workshop, 2006



Shanghai, China



Dr. Wu-Chou Lin, Dr. Pong-Mo Yuen, and Dr. Chyi-Long Lee (from left to right)



Animal Lab of Workshop I



Animal Lab of Workshop II

Welcome

APAGE Chairman of Board of Trustee



Ladies and gentlemen:

On behalf of the Chairman of Board of Trustee of Asia-Pacific Association of Gynecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy (APAGE), I sincerely welcome everyone to attend the APAGE Annual Meeting in Australia. It is a great pleasure to have Australia Gynecological Endoscopy Society (AGES) as the host society, and APAGE would like to appreciate their endeavor in designing such an elaborate scientific program for this meeting. I also would like to express my gratitude to President of APAGE Pong-Mo Yuen, President of AGES Robert O'shea, Prof. Alan Lam, Prof. Felix Wong and the organizing committee of AGES; without their effort, it will not be possible to make this meeting successful.

Since the establishment of APAGE, more and more doctors warmly participate in our annual meetings, as well as more and more papers are presented. Meanwhile, APAGE has effectively generated Asia-Pacific endoscopists to execute a lot of clinical researches and trainings and got fruitful results. I was invited to Rajavithi Hospital in Thailand, which belongs to the Department of Public Health, to give academic speeches and demonstrate operations in December, 2005. The vice minister of the Department of Public Health expressed his gratitude to APAGE's assistance in developing education system of endoscopy. I observed the advance of endoscopic surgery in Thailand.

Principal Tan and Dean Li of Guang Xi Medical University in China kindly invited me to demonstrate endoscopic surgery and give a speech in the treatment of gynecological oncology in endoscopic surgery in February, 2006. Moreover, Dr. Yan Liu, the board member of Chinese Medicine Association, OB/GYN Branch of East China, invited me to present in the third Conference of Gynecological Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Surgery of East China which was hold in July, 2006. With these two opportunities, APAGE has better interaction with Chinese doctors and further understanding of Chinese endoscopist society. With the effort of Prof. Jinghe Lang and Prof. Enlan Xia, the Chinese endoscopists have reached the international level.

On February 17th, 2006, I was also invited by Dr. Nutan, the director of Vardhman Infertility & Endoscopy centre, to attend an endoscopy workshop and discovered that India is seeking for more training courses in endoscopic surgery in order to achieve higher level. The workshops which are organized by APAGE in association with India will have great contribution to doctors and people who live in India and neighbor countries.

Dr. Delfin A. Tan, The President of Philippine Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy (PSGE), warmly invited me to the 2nd Joint Annual Convention on Minimally Invasive Surgery and Gynecology which was association with Philippine Association of Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Surgeons (PALES) on July, 2006. This meeting was held in Manila. There are two purposes of this visiting: First is to give a speech in Current Advances in Laparoscopic Oncologic Surgery. Second is to introduce APAGE to doctors of PSGE and PALES, which includes the development and coming events of APAGE. Moreover, APAGE and PSGE have reached an agreement to cooperate in holding workshops in Philippine in near future.

We also know that the endoscopic and minimally invasive surgery is often to be used as a treatment on oncology recently, so Prof. Kuan-Gen Huang and Prof. Bao-Liang Lin decides to conduct the an international laparoscopic oncology symposium with hands on animal workshop in April, 2006. By this hands-on training course, trainees have opportunities to perform lymphadenectomy under supervision of well-experienced experts and gain more knowledge of endoscopy. The first APAGE International Symposium on Laparoscopic Oncology and Hands-on Animal Workshop was held in Shanghai, China and make a great success. In this hands-on workshop, many trainees gradually overcame their fear to perform some surgery they did not want to perform and found reasons why complications could happen during surgery. Meanwhile, the trainees were inspired by the speeches of this symposium. Overall, this symposium received enthusiastic responses while some trainees would like to attend this kind of symposium more regularly. Hence, APAGE decided to organize these symposia with hands-on workshop annually.

From the activity report, we may find that APAGE is a united, well-organized and potential medical society. There are 11 official member countries/ regions in Asia-Pacific area, which includes China, Hong Gong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Macau, Philippine, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand. APAGE is like a big family; doctors from Asia-Pacific region may share and exchange their medical experience and gain abundant fruits in this family. Meanwhile, APAGE is willing to afford every help if the member societies in need. At last, APAGE welcomes member countries/regions to join committees of APAGE. With collaboration between our members, APAGE will have obvious improvement and better future.

The Asia-Pacific Association for Gynecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy (APAGE)
Chairman of Board of Trustee

Chyi-Long Lee, M.D.



Introduction of the 2007 APAGE annual meeting in Osaka

Dear colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that the 8th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Association of Gynecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy (APAGE) will be held in Osaka on 17-18 March in 2007. The meeting is jointly organized by the Japan Society of Gynecologic and Obstetric Endoscopy (JSGOE) and will be followed by the 16th Annual Congress of the International Society of Gynecologic Endoscopy (ISGE) on 18-21 March 2007 in Osaka. Please see our website www.APAGE2007-osaka.com, which will be available in the late August.



The theme of the meeting is “Standardization of Endoscopic Surgery”. The APAGE Scientific Committee and the Local Scientific Committee are preparing an interesting and informative scientific program with the aid of APAGE President P M Yuen, Prof CL Lee and other Board Members. We expect all the participants will be able to learn more about the latest endoscopic advances, and through your participation achieve definite progresses in the standardization of endoscopic surgery.

Many of you may be visiting Osaka for the first time, which is near the nation’s oldest former capital and is a hub of marine transportation. Osaka has been a national economic and cultural center since ancient times. Many historical and cultural sites remain in this prefecture. On the other hand, as one of the major metropolitan areas of Japan today, the centers of Osaka have the look of a modern city, and further urban development is under way. Combining the old and the new, the Oriental with the Occidental, Osaka offers a variety of scenery to be enjoyed

President Hoshiai and all of the members of JSGOE (approximately 1800) hope to have the pleasure of your company in Osaka and are looking forward to a pleasant and fruitful meeting. Finally, please remember that Osaka, located near the world-famous historical cities of Kyoto and Nara, may welcome you with the beautiful cherry blossom.



Osamu Tsutsumi, M.D.,

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International Workshop
with Hands on Animal Lab

APAGE 2007 Workshop

Laparoscopic Gynecologic Oncology Surgery

Date: May 25-27 , 2007

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