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Ircad, Taiwan



**2012 APAGE International Laparoscopic
Workshop on Animal Hands-on Lab**
Mar. 22-25
Shanghai, China



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Sydney, Australia



2012 APAGE SILS Workshop
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APAGE SILS Workshop in Shanghai
Jun. 15-16
Shanghai, China



APAGE-COGI Joint Meeting
Jul. 20-23
Singapore



APAGE 13th Annual Congress
Nov. 28-Dec. 1
Pattaya, Thailand



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Welcome Message from the President

— *Dr. Bernard Chern*

Dear members of APAGE,

APAGE first saw its inception in Taiwan in 2003. It was the brainchild of Professor Lee Chyi Long, from the Chang Gung Memorial Hospital. He assembled a dedicated group of laparoscopic gynaecologists from the Asia-Pacific region, with the aim of sharing research achievements and further training in gynaecological endoscopy.

Since then, APAGE has since grown from strength to strength over the years and is now considered to be of equivalent prestige to peer international societies and bodies such as ISGE, AAGL, ESGE, AGES etc.

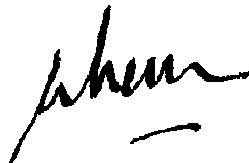
APAGE has endeavoured to come up with our own journal in the belief that it will play an essential part in stimulating basic and applied research, with the dissemination of knowledge in this technology driven field.

The journey has taken us through various countries. In publishing our own educational journal, we will provide a platform for more gynaecologists to publish research pertinent to the Asia Pacific region.

We are pleased to present to you the inaugural issue of the APAGE journal. With the journal, it is our hope that the art of Minimally Invasive Surgery would be advanced in all aspects of gynecological endoscopy and minimally invasive therapy. It is our hope to play an essential part in stimulating basic and applied research, with the dissemination of knowledge in this technology driven field.

I wish you many fruitful hours of reading pleasure, and hope that you would enjoy reading the articles as much as we have enjoyed compiling them for you.

Yours Sincerely,



Associate Professor Bernard Chern
President, The Asia Pacific Association for Gynecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy



Welcome Message from the Chairman of Board of Trustee

— Prof. Chyi-Long Lee

Dear friends and colleagues,

With the great honor, we have your participation to the 6th AAGL International Congress on Minimally Invasive Gynecology in conjunction with 12th APAGE Annual Congress hosted by JSGOE in Osaka, Japan. APAGE has been devoting to the field of Gynecology for over a decade and still been working on more and more new achievements.

So far, the three major workshops of APAGE, International Workshop on oncology hands-on animal lab in Shanghai, APAGE-TSGE workshop in Thailand for reproductive training, and pelvic reconstruction workshop in Taiwan are all operating steadily every year. This year, we also held two brand new workshops focusing on robotic surgery and single incision laparoscopic surgery in Taiwan and Shanghai. We are going to have the new two types of workshop held annually, and we welcome your support and participation.



2011 APAGE SILS Workshop

2011 is a year of great harvest for APAGE that we held annual oncology hands-on workshop in Shanghai in March, Regional Meeting in Beijing in June, Robotic Master Course in July, SILS hands-on workshop in Shanghai in August, TSGE-APAGE Workshop in Thailand in August, Regional Meeting in Macau in September, Regional Meeting in Chongqing in October, and our most important Annual Congress held with AAGL and JSGOE altogether, 8 academic activities in total. On behalf of the Chairman of Board of Trustee of APAGE, it is my honor to extend the sincere gratitude to all of the friends and organizing committees of the meetings above for organizing such wonderful academic activities with devotion.

In addition, it is also much pleased to announce here the official journal of APAGE, *The Gynecology in Minimally Invasive Therapy (GMIT)*, is launching and will be published in 2012.



2011 International Laparoscopic Workshop on Animal Hands-on Lab
Prof. Chyi-Long Lee and Dr. Bernard Chern

As aiming to provide a good platform for physicians in the region of Asia-Pacific, launching a journal is a must and our new landmark. We believe with GMIT, we will be sure to provide the most update research reports and another choice of submission. With the launching of GMIT, we cordially invite your submission to this memorable achievement of matured APAGE.

Without a doubt, APAGE has been dedicating in the field of gynecology. It is with your support and affirmation which propel us moving to new stages continuously. In this important congress, we earnestly invite you to experience the “Mankind and Technology in Perfect Harmony.”



Organization Chair—Prof. Lang and Prof. Xia (middle) — 2011 APAGE Regional Meeting in Beijing



2011 APAGE Regional Meeting in Macau



The Dinner Party— 2011 APAGE Regional Meeting in Beijing

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Chyi-Long Lee



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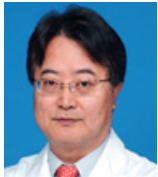
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APAGE 2010~2011 Academic Activities Review

APAGE 11th Annual Congress, Singapore — Oct. 1~2, 2010



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Congress Venue



**Opening Ceremony-
The Lion Dance**



Lecture Scene

APAGE 2011 International Laparoscopic Workshop on Animal Hands-on Lab

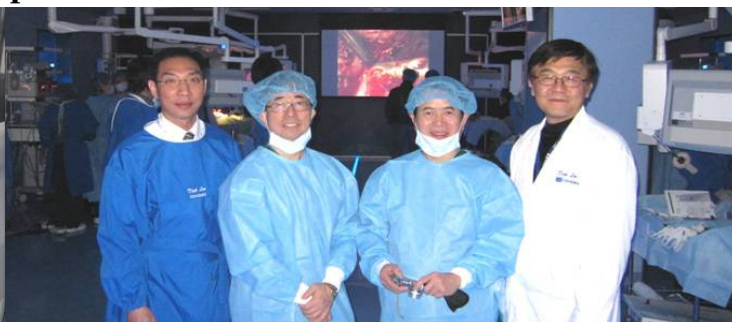
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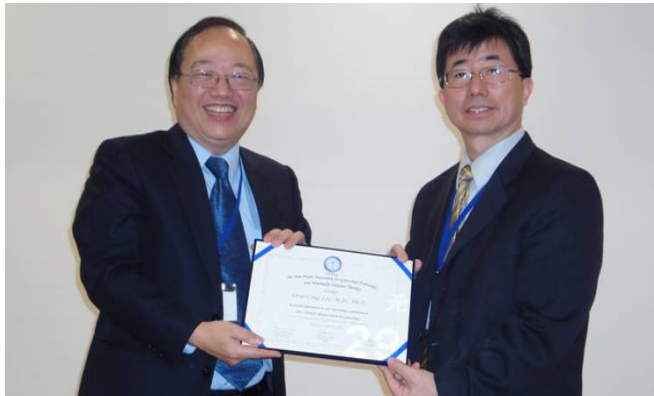


Animal Lab Scene



Prof. Lee and Prof. Hayashi

APAGE 2011 Robotic Mater Course in Gynecology — Jul. 23~24, 2011



Prof. Felix Wong Prof. Chyi-Long Lee



Group Picture



Lecture Scene & Participants



Group Picture

APAGE 2011 SILS Workshop, Shanghai — Aug. 25~26, 2011



Group Picture



Animal Lab Scene

Reception Party

2011 Regional Meeting, Beijing, Jun. 24~26, 2011



Lecture Scene

Group Picture

**Prof. Shiota, Prof. Chern,
Prof. Xia, Prof. Lee, Prof. Kung**

APAGE 2011 Regional Meeting, Macau — Sep.2~4, 2011



The Ribbon-cutting Ceremony

Congress Venue



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**Dr. Wong, Dr. Chuang,
Prof. Shiota, Dr. Lo**

2011 Regional Meeting, Chongqing, Oct. 21~23, 2011



Lecture Scene

Congress Venue

2011 APAGE International SILS Workshop with Hands-on Animal Lab Experience Report

Dr. Yi-xuan Lee

It's very lucky for me to have the opportunity to participate the APAGE International SILS Workshop with Hands-on Animal Lab which held in Shanghai this year. For a beginner of traditional laparoscopic surgery, it's quite a big challenge to participate the workshop for single port laparoscopic surgery. However, having the opportunity to be the operator on my own is still very exciting.

The Workshop was held in the CCI's training center, which located in Hongqiao, Shanghai. The whole building is located in a science park of which the entire place is dedicated for laparoscopic training and animal lab with excellent facilities. The schedule of workshop had two half-day lecture sessions given from South Korea, Thailand, mainland China, and Taiwan endoscopic specialists to share their experiences on single port surgery. And the rest half day was animal lab course. Each two persons were grouped as a team to do the hysterectomy of a pig.



Prof. Chyi-Long Lee is giving instructions to Dr. Yi-xuan Lee and Dr. Sheng-Yuan Su.

This is the first time I had saw and practiced single port surgery. As an inexperienced beginner, every time I saw the target clearly over there I just couldn't reach it with my forceps. The same thing happened when I tried to make suture. It took me about half an hour to suture only one stitch, which made me and my partner very frustrated! However, it was really wonderful that we have the chance practice it on our own. The struggles we experienced were a must task for our path to be a skilled operator. Furthermore, we were lucky to have tutors giving instructions during hands-on session. I have learned a lot in the two day-long workshop. Laparoscopic surgery is technique-requiring and really needs unceasing practice to be able to be skilled. Hope I can join the workshop like this kind often for practice and be better polished.

On the other hand, many seniors' experiences were shared in the workshop and I felt much inspired when listening to their speech and their achievement. It surprised me how single port surgery has become a new trend and the advanced skills of the faculty. With the lectures along with hands-on practice, we received valuable knowledge and experience shared by the faculty. Although I am just a beginner, I am much inspired with the 1.5 day learning journey.

During our residency, we had been occupied by the clinical loading with repeated work. Sometimes I feel losing my way and forgetting my goal. This time I felt refreshed and found my way again. The greatest gain I have during this trip is to regain my original passion with a new impetus after the experience this time.

International Fellowship Endoscopy Training Program at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital in Taiwan

Dr. Kuan-Gen Huang

Endoscopic surgery has gradually become popular and powerful in gynecological practice, all gynecologist should accept and learn the surgical technique.

International training and certificate is one of the main aims of the APAGE. For quality control, these training centers must fit criterion set up by the Training Committee of APAGE. The APAGE international fellowship endoscopy training program at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital in Taiwan is flexible course and meets various needs of the international fellows. Moreover, there is not only suitable basic training program for those new endoscopists, but there is advanced training program for the experienced gynecologists with the purpose of professional subspecialty training. The most attractive element of the training program is the hands-on part, but hands-on will be unavailable for the short-term fellowship (less than 3 months).

The advanced training program is designed for the sub-special field, especially for the oncologists now. In fact, beside the post-operative recovery and the shorter hospital stay, the laparoscopic oncology surgery has significant lower morbidity rate and shorter operation time by the well trained surgeon than the open oncology surgery. It is the most suitable surgery for the doctors interested in academic research and choose endoscopy surgery as their main career in the future. Generally, duration of endoscopy training program for Gynecological Oncologist fellow-in-training is one year.

International fellowship training is free at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, we also afford free accommodation in your training term.

To Apply for the International Fellowship Training Program, you must prepare formal documentations which we need to submit to our Government Health Bureau department, and it'll take for at least 3 months to complete the application.

After fellows finish the training program, the APAGE will give two certificates, one from Chang Gung Memorial Hospital and the other one is from the APAGE.

If you are interested in these APAGE training programs and courses for the international fellows, please visit the APAGE website or contact the APAGE Secretary, Lucy Chen, by sending E-Mail: gynendowebcontact@gmail.com.



The Formal Documentation of Application

Curriculum vitae (CV)
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A copy of medical practice license
A copy of passport
A recommendation letter
A copy of experience certificate (is working experience certificate, to prove your GYN working experience more than 1 year)
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- All trainees will get the certificate from the APAGE after finishing training course. If you are the one-year-training program fellow, you may receive two certificates. One is from Chang Gung Memorial Hospital and the other one is from the APAGE.
- If you are interested in the International Fellowship Endoscopy Training Program and would like to obtain more information, welcome to our website: <http://www.apagemit.com/> or contact the APAGE Secretariat by E-Mail: gynendowebcontact@gmail.com or mit.apage@gmail.com.

*****We are looking forward to your visit and participation!*****

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Introduction to APAGE 2012 International Workshop on Hands-on Animal Lab in Shanghai

Minimally Invasive Surgery has been getting popular in oncology nowadays, and numerous surgeons are desirous to be engaged in this operation. In order to set up a norm of oncology surgery for each country and region, APAGE has conducted a very successful international laparoscopic oncology symposium with hands-on animal workshop since 2006. Our main purpose is to have Asian endoscopists get more experience on the oncologic field through this hands-on workshop actually.



Group Picture of 2011 Workshop in Shanghai



Congress Venue

This workshop has led the endoscopists to the real world of endoscopic oncologic surgery and also to uncover the core value of endoscopy.

Moreover, CCI (Covidien Clinical Institution) has held many symposia of endoscopic surgery, it is well-equipped and has high standard instrument for APAGE to cooperate with. All the participants got a lot of experiences from this activity. Therefore, APAGE decides to hold the hands-on workshop every year. We are certain you will enjoy the learning journey in this hands-on workshop.

The purpose of this workshop not only enhances the level of Asian endoscopists in the oncology surgery, but recruits more doctors who have the same consciousness in chorus to attain a mutual research plan on the development of Asian endoscopy field. Then, we hold a consulting meeting after the hands-on workshop.

We cordially welcome the participation of all the endoscopists who hope for having more improvements in oncologic surgery and endoscopic surgery. In this great learning course, there shall be a great rewarding journey for you.



Operation scene of 2011 Workshop in Shanghai

The Emergence of The Asia-Pacific Association for Gynecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy

In 2000, a group of doctors in the Asia-Pacific region, who were dedicated to the endoscopic surgery and teaching, commenced recognizing that there are AAGL in the U.S. and ESGE in the Europe, but there were no society in Asia-Pacific region offering opportunities for doctors to share their research ideas and contribute their knowledge to this field. Therefore, Prof. Chyi-Long Lee, Prof. Yasuyoshi Hayashi, Prof. C.Y. Liu, Prof. Pong Mo Yuen, Prof. Joo-Hyun Nam, Prof. Hiroshi Hoshiai, and Prof. Prashant Mangeshkar decided to establish an association for gynecologic endoscopy, which is officially named “The Asia-Pacific Association for Gynecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy (APAGE).” As soon as this association was founded, the first APAGE Annual Congress was held in 2004; in this significant day, Prof. Chyi-Long Lee was nominated as the first president and the chair of the board of trustees of the APAGE. Moreover, the constitutions and the bylaws were legislated, so were the guidelines and the basic policy of the association.

We also founded various training committee to meet different needs in the field, since we realized the importance of education. For example, we have the research committee which endeavors to achieve the new milestone in the research field. To provide a platform for doctors to exchange their academic achievements, we have begun to hold the annual meeting. In 2005, the APAGE Annual Congress in the Chinese University of Hong Kong was held grandly by Prof. Pong Mo Yuen; meanwhile, we determined to cooperate with the Covidien in organizing the laparoscopic training course at the C.C.I. in Shanghai in March every year, presenting more training opportunities to the doctors in the Asia-Pacific region. In 2006, Prof. Felix Wong hosted the Annual Congress in Australia which made the Australian experts gain in-depth insight into the APAGE. The annual congresses were held in many countries in the Asia-Pacific region, for example, 2007 Annual Congress was held in Japan by Prof. Osamu Tsutsumi, 2008 in Korea by Prof. Joo-Hyun Nam, 2009 in Taiwan by Dr. Wu-Chou Lin, and 2010 in Singapore by Dr. Bernard Chern. There are numerous doctors participating in the APAGE Annual Congress every year, and it gives the participants more chances to uncover the code value of the association and motivated them to do more contribution toward the world.





We not only hold the annual congresses, but the regional meetings are held around the Asia-Pacific region with many expectations. In 2006, we had the Regional Meeting in Taiwan, and the 2007 Regional Meeting was held by Prof. En-Lan Xia and Dr. Xiang Xue in Xian, China. From then on, we had the Regional Meeting in Taiwan again, 2009 in Beijing, and in 2011, we held three Regional Meeting separately in Beijing, Chongqing and Macau. With enthusiastic participations from all the doctors, it reveals the factor that many experts have great expectations toward the APAGE.



In addition, since 2005, many doctors have participated and graduated from our workshop training course with certificate. Obviously, this program has a positive impact on promoting the gynecologic oncology education. In the workshops, we offer 44 hands-on and 64 lectures-only for applicants; thus, there are hundreds of doctors participating in these programs and courses, which have trained numerous laparoscopy oncologists every year. In addition, for spreading newest knowledge and skills to all doctors in this field, we have commenced the SILS and Robotic training programs. The APAGE devotes to importing the advanced technology and recent skills, and all of these indicate that the APAGE is a farseeing association which is passionate in training doctors in this field. We are confident with the three training courses and programs, the doctors in the Asia-Pacific region can obtain practical knowledge toward the laparoscopic surgery. With eager expectation on promoting the laparoscopy, we are glad to announce in 2012, we will hold the first workshop for fellows and residents, and we believe it will be very attractive and lead to a considerable response.



In the past eight years, the APAGE holds an equivalent position with the AAGL and the ESGE, and it becomes one of the top three associations in the world. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your participation in these activities and meetings, which make the APAGE Annual Congress become a great event. Also, through the academic exchanges and presentations, all of the participants have a stage to discuss the current issues, which provide them with fresh knowledge on this field. The training courses and programs in the regional meetings and the workshops have the doctors not only gain the knowledge, but also practice their learning achievements on the daily life. The APAGE is preparing to publish the official e-journal, this will be another milestone in its history; therefore, we are cordially inviting your participation in its startup phase. We are confident that with the great efforts from all our committees, we can meet the expectation from all the doctors and devote to the patients' welfare.



Call for Papers

The Gynecologic Minimally Invasive Therapy (GMIT), APAGE

With the support of all of the dedicated members and experts from regions in Asia-Pacific, the Asia-Pacific Association for Gynecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy (APAGE) is launching its official journal which is officially titled ***The Gynecologic Minimally Invasive Therapy (GMIT)***, which aims to publish high quality scientific research in the field of gynecology and minimally invasive therapy, with the goal of promoting and disseminating medical science knowledge to improve global health.

Articles on clinical, laboratory and social research in medicine and other related fields that are of interest to the medical profession are eligible for consideration. Review articles, original articles, case reports, short communications, and letters to the editor are accepted. The journal is published every quarter, with a total of 4 issues a year.

The primary goal of this new journal is to present doctors in the Asia-Pacific region as a platform to exchange the academic achievements on the current issues in the area of gynecological surgeries.

To achieve the goal and unfold a new option for all esteemed researchers, we are very pleased to announce the call for papers for the memorable startup issues of GMIT. We would like to invite all of our members to contribute your manuscripts for the publication in GMIT. In this new international journal of APAGE, GMIT, the manuscripts from members are expected to embody in this landmark of APAGE. Also, papers submitted to GMIT will be reviewed by our editorial board.

Aims & Scope

The Official Journal of The Asia-Pacific Association for Gynecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy (APAGE), Gynecologic Minimally Invasive Therapy (GMIT), aims at promoting the development in the field of gynecology and unfolds an opportunity for experts to exchange their research achievements.

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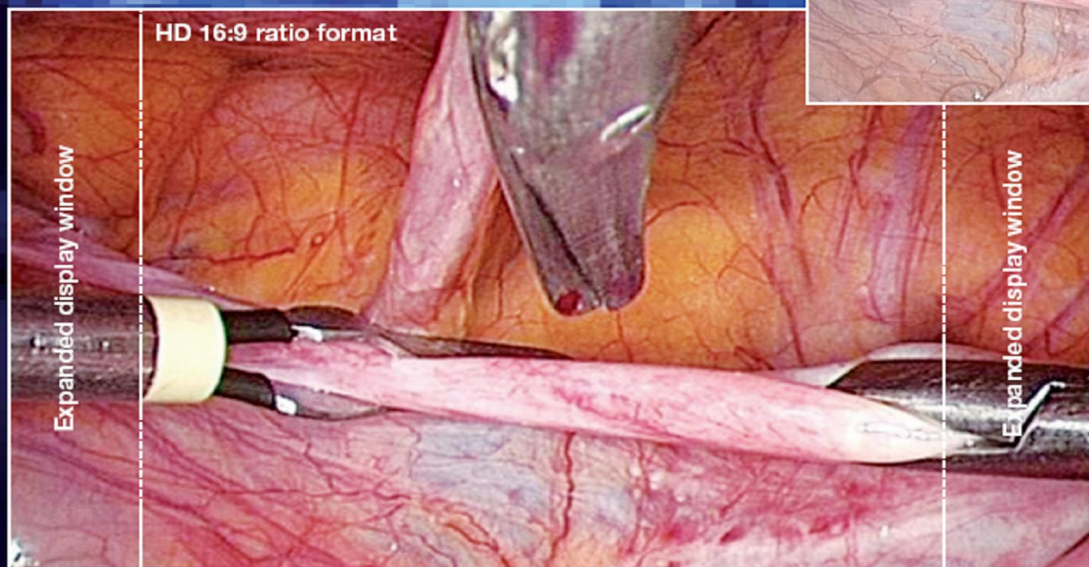


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