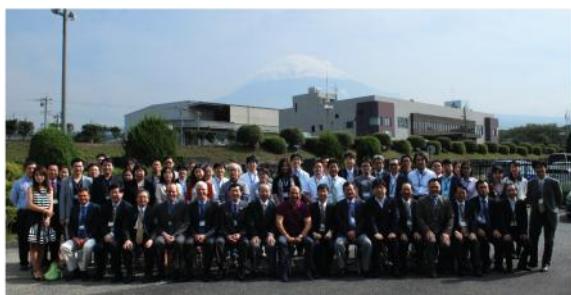




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# APAGE Future Events

- Mar.  
14-15  
2014
- 10th APAGE Laparoscopic Gynecologic Oncology Surgery & Hands-on Animal Workshop (focus on Cervical Cancer)
- C.C.I., Shanghai, China



- June  
12-14  
2014
- APAGE Regional Meeting: Hysterectomy and Managing Complications in Minimally Invasive Surgery
- Academia, Singapore



- July  
26-27  
2014
- The Trend in Endoscopic Surgery - Advances in Mullerian Anomalies
- Taiwan



- Aug.  
29-30  
2014
- APAGE 3rd Oncology & SILS Workshop
- TBD



- Nov.  
27-30  
2014
- 2014 APAGE—15th Annual Congress
- Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



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## Welcome Message from the President

*Prof. Sangchai Preutthipan*

Dear members of APAGE,

With the great pleasure, we sincerely welcome you to the 14<sup>th</sup> APAGE Annual Congress hosted by Korean Society of Gynecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Surgery (KSGE) in Seoul, Korea. In addition, we are pleased to share this joyful news with you for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of APAGE as 2013 is a milestone, a momentous year.

This year, we had three workshops in China, Taiwan and Japan; one regional meeting in Indonesia and four issues of APAGE journal-Gynecology and Minimally Invasive Therapy (GMIT) published. All the events and publications were extremely successful and positive feedbacks were received. As the objectives of APAGE are to stimulate basic, applied research and the dissemination of knowledge of all aspects of gynecologic endoscopy and minimally invasive therapy; in the future, APAGE would gladly collaborate with the society for workshops and conferences wherever needed in the Asia-Pacific regions and hope to advance the development, knowledge and techniques in this field continuously.

Here, we deeply appreciate Dr. Duk-Soo Bae, the Chairman of Organizing Committee, and the Organizing Committee of APAGE 2013 for their devoted effort to APAGE 2013 Annual Congress. Furthermore, heartfelt appreciation to whom have devoted, supported and assisted so much to APAGE. Look forward to your participation and continuous support in APAGE.

Best regards,

*Sangchai Preutthipan*

Sangchai Preutthipan, M.D., Ph.D.  
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## Welcome Message from the Chairman of Board of Trustee

*Prof. Chyi-Long Lee*

Dear colleagues,

With great pleasure, we cordially welcome you to the 14<sup>th</sup> APAGE Annual Congress hosted by KSGE in Seoul, Korea. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Organizing Committee and the faculty for making this congress happen.

In 2013, the APAGE continued its mission to promote endoscopic techniques in the Asia-Pacific region. The 8<sup>th</sup> APAGE Laparoscopic Gynecologic Oncology Surgery & Hands-on Animal Workshop was held in Shanghai, China in March and continued to receive positive feedbacks from participants. In the June workshop together with TAMIG held in Taichung, Taiwan, the hysteroscopy workshop session was included with the three dimensional laparoscopy hands-on session for our trainees. In August, we hosted our Oncology Hands-on workshop with JSOG for the first time in Shizuoka, Japan. We received fabulous feedbacks from the attendees, all of which mentioned that they would recommend the course to others. In addition to the workshops, the regional meetings of APAGE continued to receive supports from many experts. The regional meeting in Bandung, Indonesia this May also had a great turn out.



**2013 APAGE Hands-on Workshop in IRCAD, Taiwan**



**2012 APAGE, the 13th Annual Congress in Pattaya, Thailand**

*First row (left-right): Pong Mo Yuen, Joo-Hyun Nam, Sangchai Preutthipan, Mitsuru Shiota, Chyi-Long Lee, Bernard Chern, Prashant Mangeshkar*

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We are also very proud to announce that the official APAGE website is going to be multi-lingual. The project has been started, and estimated to be completed before the end of this year. The webpage will be available in 3 additional languages: Japanese, Indonesian, and Simplified Chinese.

This year we are glad to have more profound connections and interactions between countries by these activities and academic publications. Without a doubt, APAGE will always be dedicating to promoting the educational knowledge in the field of gynecology; it's your support and contribution to keep us moving forward. Hereby, thank you all for participating in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress and celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of APAGE; we earnestly invite you all to join us in our upcoming events.

*Chyi-Long Lee*

Chyi-Long Lee, M.D., Ph.D.  
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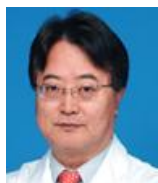
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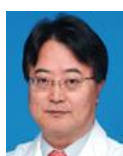
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## 2012~2013 APAGE Events Review

- 2012 APAGE - 13th Annual Congress in Pattaya, Thailand (Nov 28-30, 2012)



Group photo - Board Meeting



Inauguration Ceremony



Dr Kuan-Gen Huang, Prof Alan Lam , Dr Michel Canis, and Prof Chyi-Long Lee



Opening Ceremony



Congress Venue

- APAGE 1st Branch Office Establishment, Shanghai, China (23 March 2013)



Opening Ceremony



Group photo

## 2012~2013 APAGE Events Review

- 8th APAGE Laparoscopic Gynecologic Oncology Surgery & Hands-on Animal Workshop (22-23 March 2013)



*Participants*



*Hands-on Animal Lab*



*Hysteroscopy Workshop—Prof Shawki & Prof Lin with trainees*



*Prof Felix Wong, Prof ShuZhong Yao and Prof Rudy Leon De Wilde*



*Workshop*



*Faculty Group photo*

- APAGE Regional Meeting with 3rd IGES National Scientific Meeting, Bandung, Indonesia (23-26 May 2013)



*Group photo*



*Lecture*



- **APAGE Workshop: Advancements in Minimally Invasive Surgery – The Third Dimension in Laparoscopy in AITS, Taiwan (1-2 June 2013)**



*Group photo in auditorium*



*Group photo after animal lab*



*Day 2 workshop*

- **APAGE - Endorsed Meeting: International Symposium on Radical Hysterectomy in Seoul, Korea (Aug 2-4, 2013)**



*ISRH Lecture*

*Faculty Group Photo*



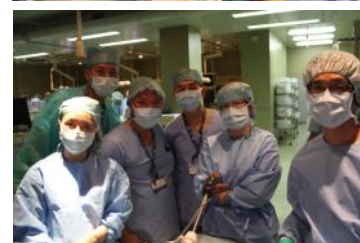
- **APAGE-JSGOE Oncology Hands-on Workshop: Key to the Future of Advanced M.I.S. in Shizuoka, Japan (30-31 August 2013)**



*Day 1 Workshop before lab*



*Day 2 Lecture*



*Group photo in front of Mt. Fuji*

*Animal Lab*

## Reflection on APAGE 2013 Workshop in AITS, IRCAD, Taiwan

*Dr. Edward Muljadi*

It has been a great pleasure to join this year's APAGE workshop with IRCAD in Taichung, Taiwan. The topic of the workshop was "Advancements in Minimally Invasive Surgery - The third dimension in Laparoscopy and the Art of Hysteroscopy". Now, advances in technology has demonstrated its function in increasing visibility for the endoscopist, it is proven by the presence of 3D in Laparoscopy. Apart from that, Hysteroscopy now a days has become a routine procedure in many gynecologic cases, but many gynecologist still lack the experience of performing the diagnostic procedure and also operative procedures. I am very fortunate to gain a lot of experience and exposure from this workshop.

On the first day of workshop, basic hysteroscopy and laparoscopy procedures were introduced during the lectures, which gave us an overview and background knowledge of hysteroscopy and laparoscopy. The hands-on training in the afternoon was exciting and challenging. We were being treated like as if we were in operating theater, with all the standart operating procedure. Many stations were made, to give us a chance to perform the hands-on training, starting from the basic from how to perform office diagnostic hysteroscopy until operative hysteroscopy. After the hysteroscopy session we continued to laparoscopy session. The animals were arranged in supine position under general anesthesia, simulating real laparoscopic operations. We were let to performed all gynecological procedures on the animal lab. With 3D scope, we realize that, "depth" is not a problem anymore for surgeons. By 3D scope, hand-eye coordination will be much more easier to control. Besides of that, thanks to Bexter for theirs innovative hemostatic agent to overcome bleeding. With FLOSEAL and TISSEEL, bleeding can be treated more easier and faster. On the second day of workshop, new updates in hysteroscopy, experiences in 3D laparoscopy and management of complication were introduced in detail to us by the lecture from the expert trainees.

I was fortunate to meet Prof. Christhardt Kohler (Germany) who demonstrate and assisted us the 3D Laparoscopy during the entire session and also Prof. Osama Shawki (Egypt) with his interactive and informative way to introduce and to teach us about Hysteroscopy. On the other hand, I also fortunate to meet Dr. Bao-Liang Lin and Dr. Hiroyuki Kanao, both are expert in minimal invasive surgery from Japan. I also very grateful to learn from Taiwanese experts, they are Prof. Chyi-Long Lee, Dr. Chih-Feng Yen, Dr. Chien-Min Han, Dr. Hsuan Su, Dr. Yi-Jen Chen, Dr Chih-wen Tseng, Dr. Kuan-Hao Tsui, and Dr. Pei-Ju Wu. All of them are brilliant instructors with much patience, who guided us through each procedure step by step.

I would like to thank APAGE and STORZ for giving me this wonderful experience workshop. I am also grateful to Dr. Chyi-Long Lee for inviting me to join the workshop. For the first time I was given the opportunity to perform Hysteroscopy and 3D Laparoscopy. I am sure this experience will be of great importance to my future gynecologic surgeries.



## **Reflection of 2013 APAGE-JSGOE Oncology Hands-on Workshop: Key to the Future of M.I.S. in Shizuoka, Japan.**

*Dr. Tida Kijjadhup*

I had opportunity to attend the 2013 APAGE-JSGOE Oncology Hands-on Workshop: Key to the Future of M.I.S., held on August 30th- 31st, 2013 in Shizuoka, Japan. I am more than pleased to say that it was worthwhile experience, not only in terms of professional development and academic improvement, which is very immense and constructive. But also, in social gathering amongst us endoscopists around the world whereby we can exchange views, experience & problems that one may face in our working spheres. I personally find this very practical and useful. I sense that this is not just an ordinary workshop, but the special one that makes us bonded in our endoscopic work.

The workshop was beautifully & professionally organised though at first I feared the venue is far from Tokyo and that travelling might be a little of my concern. I was totally wrong! The APAGE team made the overall workshop in every aspect just as perfect, in fact, more than perfect, I must admit!

The knowledge from lectures and video presentations, as well as the animal lab was immense and very intact. Indeed, two days of training seems like a week long workshop. It was packed with interesting agendas and busy schedules, which is most efficacious and invaluable as time is precious for us endoscopists as we all know. We had only 10 minutes coffee break and a lunch box was served during the lectures & presentations. As an active working person, I appreciate every minute because it was used to learn productively to gain fruitful knowledge.

Thank you very much for such a wonderful hands-on workshop. I received tremendous knowledge and experience. My special thanks go to those who made this fantastic workshop possible. It was marvellous and memorable that one can ever find. If I have opportunity and time permits, I will definitely attend every APAGE workshop. Thank you very much indeed.





## From Basic to Advanced: APAGE International Endoscopy Training Program at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital

*Dr. Kuan-Gen Huang*

Endoscopic surgery has gradually become popular and powerful in gynecological practice, all gynecologist should 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 criterions set up by the Training Committee of APAGE. Chang Gung Memorial Hospital is one of certified training centers.

The APAGE international endoscopy fellowship training program at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital in Taiwan is flexible, and course can meet various needs of the international fellows. Moreover, there is not only basic training program for new endoscopists, but also advanced training program for the experienced gynecologists with the purpose of endoscopy subspecialty training.

During fellowship training, international fellows can observe all the procedures of endoscopy surgery, including office hysteroscopy, operative hysteroscopy, laparoscopic hysterectomy, ovarian surgery, single port surgery, NOTES, laparoscopic oncology surgery, infertility surgery, female urology surgery and fetoscopy.

The most attractive element of the training program is step by step teaching according to the learning curve, especially for long term training program. The advanced training program is designed for the Gynecology Endoscopy Specialist. It is the best training program 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 Gynecology Endoscopy Specialist fellow-in-training is one year.



Training is free at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital. We also provide free accommodation during training term. To apply for the International Fellowship Training Program, you must prepare formal documentations which we need to submit to the Health Bureau Department of our Government; and it'll take for at least 4 months to complete the application. After finishing the one-year training program, you can have two certificates, one from Chang Gung Memorial Hospital and the other one from the APAGE.

If you are interested in the APAGE training programs and courses for the international fellows, please visit the APAGE website— Apply for Fellowship (<http://www.apagemit.com/education/fellowship.asp>) or contact the APAGE Secretariat via email at [gynendowebcontact@gmail.com](mailto:gynendowebcontact@gmail.com) or [mit\\_apage@gmail.com](mailto:mit_apage@gmail.com).



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To complete your application, please send the following documents via email to the APAGE Secretariat.

1. The APAGE fellowship application form [available on APAGE website]
2. Curriculum Vitae (CV)
3. A copy of Diploma
4. A copy of medical practice license
5. A copy of passport
6. A recommendation letter
7. A copy of working experience certificate  
(to prove your working experience in GYN is more than 1 year)
8. 2 x 2 inches color photo (formal)
9. English Health report (done in working place and within 90 days of the training starting date).

\* The application process usually takes 3 to 4 months to complete.

All applicants need to specify their preferred starting date of the training course and confirm the duration of training course with us

For more information on the International Fellowship Endoscopy Training Program, please visit our website at <http://www.apagemit.com/education/fellowship.asp>.

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