

The 9th Annual Scientific Session of APHRS

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The curtain fell on the 9th APHRS Scientific Session hosted by the APHRS and organized by the local organizing committee of the 9th Scientific Session after it successfully ran for four days from Oct. 12 to 15 at COEX in Seoul with 2,822 participants involved in arrhythmia from 45 countries attending.

[Breakdown of Participants by Country/Region]

No.	Country	Total	No.	Country	Total
1	Australia	102	24	Nepal	1
2	Austria	1	25	Netherlands	6
3	Bangladesh	1	26	New Zealand	10
4	Belgium	1	27	Nigeria	2
5	Brunei Darussalam	2	28	Pakistan	8
6	Cambodia	2	29	Philippines	26
7	Canada	12	30	Qatar	1
8	China	375	31	Republic of Korea	933
9	Czech Republic	1	32	Russian Federation	3
10	Egypt	1	33	Saudi Arabia	7
11	Estonia	2	34	Senegal	4
12	Finland	5	35	Singapore	74
13	France	7	36	Spain	1
14	Germany	22	37	Sri Lanka	1
15	Hong Kong	74	38	Sweden	2
16	India	75	39	Switzerland	3
17	Indonesia	46	40	Taiwan	169
18	Israel	2	41	Thailand	84
19	Italy	13	42	Turkey	2
20	Japan	440	43	United Kingdom	11
21	Malaysia	27	44	United States	224
22	Myanmar	4	45	Vietnam	28
23	Mongolia	3	* Country not specified		4
TOTAL			2,822		

This year's APHRS Scientific Session brought together 520 world-renowned faculties, and featured 240 sessions with 750 lectures taking place concurrently in 15 halls. Especially, Prof. Peng-Sheng CHEN (USA) and Prof.

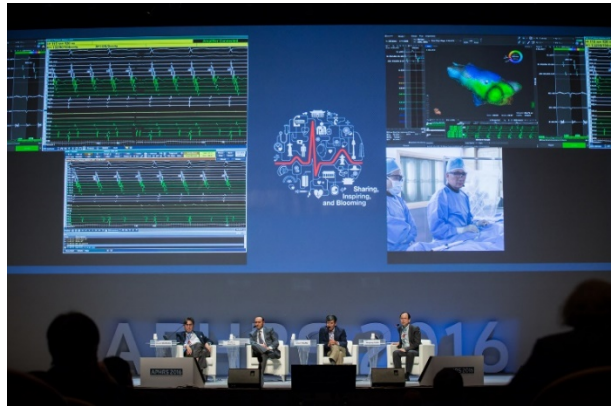
Warren M. JACKMAN (USA) delivered the keynote lectures, while COEX-Core Sessions were given by leading speakers. Under the slogan of "Sharing, Inspiring, and Blooming," this year's Scientific Session tried new attempts to seek balanced development and clinical improvement among domestic and international medical teams and experts; i.e., the Breakfast with Master, the Anatomy Session, and "Help me, Master!" were held to boost discussion and interaction. Particularly, world-renowned scholars were invited to share their experience and knowledge, and arrhythmia professionals from resource-limited countries came together for the Step-up Session to explore how to bridge the gap with advanced medicine, providing an opportunity for Korea and other Asian countries to take a step forward together.

[Breakdown of Faculty Members by Country/Region]

No	Region	Country	Speaker	Chair Only	Sponsor session speaker	Total
1	International	Austria	1			1
2		Canada	10			10
3		France	2			2
4		Germany	8		1	9
5		Israel	1			1
6		Italy	3		1	4
7		Netherlands	2	1	1	4
8		Spain	1			1
9		Sweden	1			1
10		Switzerland	1			1
11		Turkey	1			1
12		UK	7			7
13		USA	76	2	4	82
14	Asia-Pacific	Australia	27	7		34
15		Cambodia	1			1
16		China	26	8	1	35
17		Hong Kong	10	10		20
18		India	16	10		26
19		Indonesia	4			4
20		Japan	79	17	2	98
21		Malaysia	1	2		3
22		Mongolia	1			1
23		Myanmar	1			1
24		New Zealand	1	3		4
25		Pakistan		1		1
26		Philippines	1	1		2
27		Singapore	5	7	1	13
28		Taiwan	38	13		51
29		Thailand	8	4		12
30		Vietnam	2	1		3
31		Republic of Korea	61	27	1	88
Total	31 Countries		393	115	12	520



Breakfast with Master



Live Case Session



Anatomy Session



Heart Exhibition

A total of 622 abstracts including late-breaking trial were submitted from 31 countries to APHRS 2016. Among them were 51 abstracts presented orally, 35 abstracts in mini oral presentation, 12 abstracts at the Young Investigator Session, 12 abstracts in late-breaking trial presentation, and 418 abstracts in poster presentation. Young Investigator Award winners were awarded at the closing ceremony.



Mini Oral Presentation



Late-breaking Trial Presentation



Young Investigator Awards Ceremony



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e-Poster Zone



Poster Presentation

Another unique feature of the 9th Scientific Session was the concept of formality-free. In an effort to provide an open and free platform for participants to seek truth, the official attire of the 9th Scientific Session was business casual with no tie, sneakers were distributed to participants as a gift, and name badges were made in rope tie form serving as souvenir for participants to remember APHRS 2016 for many years to come. Moreover, there was a session room filled with bean bag chairs, while some podium had no tables for session chairs to create an interactive environment.



Registration Lounge



Bean Bag Chair Session Room

Furthermore, the 9th Scientific Session featured Farhana Nakhoda, director of Healthcare and Social Services at IBM Asia Pacific as a keynote speaker during the opening ceremony to offer a chance to examine not only relevant topics but also social issues facing the world such as the current level of artificial intelligence technology and its future impact on medicine. Her speech also inspired all participants to think about how the technology and

medicine could coexist. And the faculty dinner presented a song about a young boy's sudden death caused by Brugada and/or ARVC, and the last line of the song was: "EP is my life, EP is my destiny." Also, unlike previous APHRS Scientific Sessions, this year's APHRS held the Closing Ceremony to officially announce the end of the meeting during which the flag handover ceremony took place for the first time in APHRS history to hope for the success of next year's APHRS Scientific Session.



Keynote Speech at Opening Ceremony



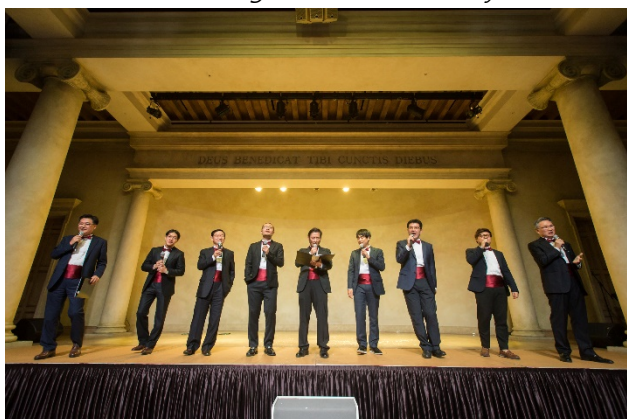
Maestro Nanse GEUM and New World Orchestra Performance during Faculty Dinner



Young-Hoon KIM, President of APHRS 2016 (left), Ken OKUMURA, President of APHRS 2017 (right) APHRS Flag Handover Ceremony



George F. VAN HARE, President-elect of HRS (left) Masayasu HIRAOKA, Nomination Committee Chairs of APHRS (center) Gerhard HINDRIKS, President of EHRA (right)



EP Rhapsody Performance at Faculty Dinner



Flash Mob at Welcome Reception

The 9th APHRS scientific session themed "Sharing, Inspiring, and Blooming" provided a unique scientific session for the presentation and discussion of the latest global research in the arrhythmia field, as well as a variety of social events for networking and interaction. The exhibition was also held to offer a marketplace for participants to enjoy

current trends. Indeed, the 9th Annual Scientific Session of APHRS in Seoul served as a significant venue to hold participants together. Now that APHRS 2016 came to an end, we look forward to seeing all of you again next year at APHRS 2017 in Yokohama.