Meeting Highlights
Asian Society of Gynecologic Oncology (ASGO): A new society for doctors working against gynecologic cancers in Asia

Last October, the 12th Biennial Meeting of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS) was held in Bangkok, Thailand. It was another successful scientific convention for doctors working against gynecologic cancers all over the world. The theme of the IGCS states that the goals of this not-for-profit, independent organization are the prevention, treatment, and study of gynecologic cancer, as well as the improvement of quality of life in women with gynecologic cancer throughout the world [1]. It also states that IGCS strives for global representation, reflecting the diverse cultural, economic, and geographic impacts of gynecologic cancers. In addition to the IGCS, there also exist some regional societies, such as the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists (SGO) and the European Society of Gynecologic Oncology (ESGO), which are fundamental organizations for doctors in America and Europe.

Concern was voiced that there is no organization or meeting devoted to gynecologic oncology in Asia, as was the situation in America about 40 years ago when the IGCS was established [2]. There also exists a conflict over the evolution of gynecologic oncology as a defined subspecialty in Japan, established a board certification process only a few years ago [3]. Some doctors from Asia, especially those from Japan and Korea, felt that a society for Asian doctors is necessary because Asian patients differ from non-Asian patients in respect to disease prevalence and patterns, ethnic background, and most of all, culture and economics. It is our desire that there be a global standard of practice for our patients.

In Seoul in 2002, the 9th Biennial IGCS Convention, hosted by the Korean Society of Gynecologic Oncology and Colposcopy (KSGOC), was attended by more than 1500 doctors, including 800 from abroad. On the last afternoon of the meeting, the first joint conference between Korea and Japan in the field of gynecologic cancer, the so-called Japan-Korea Joint Conference of Gynecologic Oncology Group (JKGOG), was established to facilitate scientific exchange and friendship between doctors from the two countries. Since then, gynecologic oncology from Korea and Japan have met annually, the last being in 2008.

Last year, after the 10th IGCS conference in Seoul on November 27, 2008, the Asian Society of Gynecologic Oncology (ASGO) was incorporated to expand the spirit of cooperation of ASGO in all Asian countries (Fig. 1). Unfortunately, two invited representatives from India and Thailand were not able to join us because of accidents in their countries. However, the inaugural committee decided that the first biennial conference will be held in cooperation with the 7th international meeting of the Japanese Society of Gynecologic Oncology (JGOG) in Tokyo this November. The ASGO welcomes not only doctors from Asia, but also doctors from around the world who agree with the spirit of ASGO and are devoted to it. The purposes of ASGO are facilitation of scientific exchange, international collaboration for clinical studies and basic research, provision of educational opportunities for doctors in developing countries, and deepening friendship between members in Asia, ultimately to improve the standard of practice and the outcome of patients with gynecologic cancers. ASGO will work in cooperation with other organizations devoted to women’s health care and cancer.

We hope that ASGO will be the lighthouse for Asian women with gynecologic cancer, many of whom live in developing countries in the most populous continent in the world.

References

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Section 6.4: Election of Council Members
1. President shall be chosen among members of the Society who’s nationality is one of the initiating countries (Republic of Korea and Japan) of the Society until year 2020.
2. Starting from 2020, the President will be elected by majority vote of the board of Council.
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ASGO 2019

THE 6th BIENNIAL MEETING of ASIAN SOCIETY of GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGY

Date: October 10th ~ 12th 2019
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Organizing chair: Prof. Seung-Cheol Kim
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Scientific chair: Prof. Jae-Won Kim
   Seoul National University

Songdo Convensia, Incheon, Korea
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51 Chairperson, 8 Chairs & Invited Speakers and 94 Invited Speakers from 17 Countries

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Plenary Session 1 - Speakers

President Invited Lectures

10/10 (Thu)  13:40-14:40 (60’)

Toward Precision Medicine:
Evolution of Global Distributed
Research Network in Korea

Rae-Woong Park
(Korea)

Artificial Intelligence
in Medicine

Yoon-Sup Choi
(Korea)
Surgical Issues in Gynecologic Oncology Field

I. Secondary debulking in epithelial ovarian cancer

My approach
Dennis Chi (USA)

DESKTOP III
Andreas du Bois (Germany)

GOG 213 surgical part
Robert Coleman (USA)

II. Surgical approach in early stage cervical cancer after LACC

My viewpoint & Korean data
Joo-Hyun Nam (Korea)

Asian viewpoint
Mikio Mikami (Japan)

American and the other world viewpoint
Mario Leitao (USA)
Plenary Session 3 - Speakers

PAPRi, Immuno-oncology and Beyond

10/11(Fri) 13:10-14:40 (90’)

Richard Penson
(USA)

PARPi in maintenance and monotherapy setting

Byoung-Gie Kim
(Korea)

Prevalence of BRCA mutation and real world experience of PAPRi

Wei Zhou
(USA)

Application of immuno-oncology agents in gynecologic cancer management

David Tan
(Singapore)

Novel and emerging agents under development for gynecologic cancers
Call for Abstract

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Abstract Topics

1. Cancer Screening
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4. Invasive Cervical Cancer
5. Epithelial Ovarian Cancer
6. Non-epithelial Ovarian Cancer
7. Endometrial Hyperplasia, EIN and Endometrial Cancer
8. Rare Tumors Including Uterine Sarcoma & GTD
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