

The Second World Congress for Plastic Surgeons of Chinese Descent

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The success of the First World Congress for Plastic Surgeons of Chinese Descent in Beijing in 2008 has affirmed the potential of a productive association among plastic surgeons of Chinese descent from different regions of the globe and provided the impetus for a sequel: the Second World Congress, which was convened in Taipei, Taiwan, October 29 through 31, 2010. The Congress was hosted by the Department of Plastic Surgery at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital (CGMH) under the chairmanship of Professor Fu-Chan Wei. The scientific program was organized by Professor David C. C. Chuang, Professor of the Department of Plastic Surgery at CGMH and Secretary General of the Congress. Professor Yilin Cao from China and Professor David T. W. Chiu from the United States served as Co-Chairmen of the Congress, and Professors Chiu-Hwa Lin, Ming-Ting Chen, Yuh-Chyung Tsai, Hsian-Jenn Wang, and Yu-Ray Chen from Taiwan served as Co-Honorary Chairmen. Six prominent plastic surgeons from CGMH—Drs. Lun-Jou Lo, Chien-Tzung Chen, Kuo-Ting Chen, Ming-Huei Cheng, Jui-Yung Yang, and Cheng-Jen Chang—served as Co-Deputy Secretary Generals. The Congress consisted of a 2½-day scientific program, which was preceded by a 1-day pre-Congress live surgery.

The pre-Congress live surgery, organized by Professor Chih-Hung Lin, Chairman of the Department of Plastic Surgery at CGMH, took place on October 28, 2010. Surgical procedures were performed in four operating theaters and telecast simultaneously from CGMH in Linkou, Taipei.

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The operations were performed by a group of brilliant young faculty at CGMH. The procedures that were demonstrated included cleft lip repair, endoscope-assisted orbital fracture repair, deep inferior epigastric artery perforator flap breast reconstruction, head and neck reconstruction with a free anterolateral thigh flap, and intralesional laser photocoagulation treatment of a vascular malformation. The four invited commentators were David T. W. Chiu, M.D., Kevin C. Chung, M.D., and Lee L. Q. Pu, M.D., from the United States; and Walter W. K. King, M.D., from Hong Kong (Fig. 1). Throughout their surgical demonstration, thoughtful discussion and exchange of comments took place, moderated by commentators. Remarkable refinement and innovative techniques were demonstrated in these lively sessions.

The Congress began with a spirited opening ceremony on the morning of October 29, 2010 (Fig. 2). The well-orchestrated scientific program was both comprehensive and in-depth. The entire program was divided into 29 subspecialty-oriented sessions. Each scientific session began with a keynote lecture delineating the historical perspective and the state of the art of each specific topic, which was followed by free paper presentations and open discussion. A total of 30 keynote lectures and 260 free papers were presented (Tables 1 and 2). In addition to the oral presentations, 17 posters were also exhibited. The best poster award went to Dr. Ming-Huei Cheng's group at CGMH. The social program was congenial, colorful, and delicious. The evening before the beginning of the Congress, there was a dignified and cordial reception hosted by Professor Fu-Chan Wei and the faculties of CGMH. On the first night of the Congress, the participants were treated to a colorful festival and a delicious night tour. The faculty dinner was held

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Fig. 1. Before pre-Congress live surgery, three commentators and two U.S. attendees are shown meeting in the lobby of the historic Grant Hotel of Taipei. From left to right: Lee L. Q. Pu, M.D., Kevin C. Chung, M.D., David T. W. Chiu, M.D., Jack C. Yu, M.D., and James J. Chao, M.D.



Fig. 2. A group photograph for the historic Second World Congress for Plastic Surgeons of Chinese Descent in Taiwan.

in the relaxed atmosphere and elegant setting of the Chang Gung Golf Club. The formal banquet was held on the second night of the Congress in the legendary Grand Hotel of Taipei. The sumptuousness of the banquet was complemented by the elegant architecture and decor. Live entertainment provided by local performing artists, including traditional Taiwan opera and folk operas, was most colorful and uplifting. The seemingly

unceasing burst of camera flashes throughout the entire evening reflected the enthusiasm of the participants throughout the entire celebration (Fig. 3).

At the conclusion of the First World Congress of Plastic Surgeons of Chinese Descent in Beijing, an organization committee was formed with the charge of establishing the World Association for Plastic Surgeons of Chinese Descent. On the eve-



Fig. 3. The invited keynote speakers from the United States during the banquet of the Congress. In the *front row*, from left to right, are Kevin C. Chung, M.D., W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D., David T. W. Chiu, M.D., and Jack C. Yu, M.D. In the *back row*, from left to right, are James Chang, M.D., Lee L. Q. Pu, M.D., Peirong Yu, M.D., and Liza C. Wu, M.D.



Fig. 4. Several members of the organization committee attended a dinner meeting before the Congress. In the *front row*, from left to right, are Yilin Cao, M.D. (mainland China), Yu-Ray Chen, M.D. (Taiwan), David T. W. Chiu, M.D. (United States), and Fu-Chan Wei, M.D. (Taiwan). In the *back row*, from left to right, are David C. C. Chuang, M.D. (Taiwan), Lee L.Q. Pu, M.D. (United States), James J. Chao, M.D. (United States), and Wei Liu, M.D. (mainland China).

Table 1. International Faculty

Name	Country
Andrew Burd	Hong Kong
Yiling Cao	China
James Chang	United States
David T. W. Chiu	United States
Kevin C. Chung	United States
Shuzhong Guo	China
Walter W. K. King	Hong Kong
W. P. Andrew Lee	United States
Lee L. Q. Pu	United States
Zuoliang Qi	China
Liu Wei	China
Wang Wei	China
Liza C. Wu	United States
Xing Xin	China
Jack C. Yu	United States
Peirong Yu	United States

Table 2. Local Faculty from Taiwan

Cheng-Jen Chang
Ke-Chung Chang
Yen-Lu Chang
Hung-Chi Chen
Kuo-Ting Chen
Ming-Huei Cheng
Sou-Hsin Chien
Shiow-Shuh Chuang
Hung-Tao Hsiao
Chung-Sheng Lai
Jean Yin Lin
Lun-Jou Lo
Yu-Wen Tang
Su-Ben Tsao
Simon Jui-Hsing Wu
Eng-Kean Yeong
Kao-Ping Chang
Kuo-Hua Chang
Chien-Tzung Chen
Tim-Mo Chen
Shyi-Gen Chen
Shyong-Fei Chien
Haw-Yen Chiu
Cheng-Wei Hsiao
Seng-Feng Jeng
Jing-Wei Lee
Sin-Daw Lin
Hsu Ma
Yueh-Bih Tang
Kwang-Yi Tung
Jui-Yung Yang

ning of October 27, 2010, a dinner meeting of the organization committee was hosted by Professor Fu-Chan Wei and chaired by Professor David T. W. Chiu (Fig. 4). During this historic meeting, the constitutional bylaw drafted by Professor Chiu was reviewed, revised, and adopted as the provisional

founding document for the World Association for Plastic Surgeons of Chinese Descent. Professor David T. W. Chiu was elected as chairman of this provisional board of directors. Professors Yilin Cao, Fu-Chan Wei, and Lee L. Q. Pu were appointed as triumvirate of the presidium; Professor James J. Chao was appointed as the secretary; and Professor Yu-Ray Chen was appointed as the treasurer. The provisional board also accepted the invitation from Professor Shuzhong Guo to host the Third Congress for Plastic Surgeons of Chinese Descent in Xian, China, in 2012. This Congress registered 280 attendants from four different continents. This assembly of plastic surgeons learned together diligently, shared their expertise and innovations selflessly, and enjoyed each other's companionship enthusiastically.

In his historical review, Professor David T. W. Chiu credited the success of plastic surgeons of Chinese descent in the face of immense obstacles to the ethical fortitude deriving from the Chinese cultural heritage. He cited the Confucian teaching of the principle of great learning: emphasis of self-enlightenment, impartation of virtuous revelation and knowledge, and determination to rest only at perfection. Although plastic surgeons of Chinese descent have benefited from such a salient cultural heritage, they should fulfill their obligation to impact such cultural value unto other students in plastic surgery all over the world. It is our wish that at the Third World Congress for Plastic Surgeons of Chinese Descent in Xian in 2012 we will have the opportunity to share and learn together with plastic surgeons of all racial and cultural heritages.

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