

The Fifth World Congress for Plastic Surgeons of Chinese Descent

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The Fifth Congress of the World Association for Plastic Surgeons of Chinese Descent (WAPSCD) was held in Wuhan, China, from November 18th to November 20th, 2016. It follows the previous 4 successful world congresses held in Beijing (2008), Taipei (2010), Xian (2012), and Hong Kong (2014).¹⁻⁴ The congress attracted more than 1000 attendees from 30 countries. There were close to 150 invited faculty speakers, about 90 from mainland China, and the rest from all over the globe. The congress was organized by WAPSCD, which was founded in 2012 in Xian, during the third world congress. The Chinese Society of Plastic Surgeons was the host of the event. The scientific program spanned 2 full days and was preceded by a pre-congress master course.

The congress began with a full-day master course program in cosmetic surgery and reconstructive surgery. The morning session included fat grafting, endoscopic facial rejuvenation, minimal invasive procedures for facial rejuvenation, and breast reduction. The afternoon session covered lymphedema surgery, perforator flap surgery, deep inferior epigastric perforator flap breast reconstructive surgery, facial paralysis reconstruction surgery, and cleft lip and palate surgery. The master courses program was well received and highly rated by the attendees.

The formal congress began on Saturday, November 19, 2016. It started with welcome remarks by Professors Shuzhong Guo and Lee L.Q. Pu as conference co-chairmen, Jie Luan and Ernest S. Chiu as co-scientific chairmen, and Professor Jiaming Sun as local organizing committee chairman. Dr Renato Saltz, the president of the International Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons participating in the congress as an International Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons traveling professor. He gave the first keynote lecture on "Aesthetic Surgery and Cosmetic Medicine: Strategies for Success." Professor Shuzhong Guo then delivered a lecture on The Past, Present and Future of Plastic Surgery in China; Professor Lee L.Q. Pu, on the Four Previous World Congresses; Professor David T.W. Chiu, on the Missions of WAPSCD; and Professor Andrew Lee from Johns Hopkins, on the Academic Plastic Surgery in USA. The second half of the general session began with special lectures delivered by Professor Fu-Chan Wei on Reconstructive Microsurgery and Professor Yu-Ray Chen on Craniomaxillofacial Surgery. This was followed by several invited lectures presented by renowned Chinese plastic surgeons on Lower Blepharoplasty, Endoscopic Breast Augmentation, Fat grafting, Tissue Engineering and Ear Reconstruction, Tissue Expansion, and Management of Vascular Anomalies.

The congress had a total of 60 panels on both cosmetic and reconstructive surgery. These panels included facial rejuvenation, face and brow lifts, advanced cosmetic surgery, breast reconstruction, other breast surgery, fat grafting, body contouring, vascular anomaly, burn reconstruction and scar management, head/neck reconstruction, new technology in plastic surgery, upper blepharoplasty, ptosis repair/epicanthoplasty, lower blepharoplasty, botox/fillers, challenging reconstructive cases, extremity reconstruction, advances in reconstructive surgery, lymphedema, rhinoplasty I and II, nasal reconstruction, craniomaxillofacial surgery, facial fracture repair and nerve reconstruction, ear reconstruction, genital cosmetic surgery and perineal reconstruction, flap surgery, and chronic wound management. This panel of lecturers, all leaders of Plastic Surgery of International repute, gave informative and inspiring reflections that set the tone of the congress. These included Drs Fu-Chan Wei and Yu-Ray Chen from Taiwan and Drs David Chiu, Andrew Lee, Renato Saltz, Lee L.Q. Pu, Gregory Evans, Brian Kinney, and William Lineaweaver from the United States. Many colleagues from mainland China, Taiwan, or Hong Kong also delivered excellent results of their innovative techniques. Several of their works were being presented for the first time at an international meeting, and those have highlighted the recent contributions to plastic surgery from this exciting country with a fast-growing economy and a huge market for cosmetic and reconstructive surgery.

The social events for this world congress were equally memorable. On Thursday, November 17, our local host had organized a sightseeing tour for all international invited speakers so that they could visit several historical sights and museums in Wuhan, dating back to the Three Kingdoms, and warming states in the fair country (Fig. 1). The Yellow Crane Tower, which was built about 1500 years ago, was a prominent symbol of the city and have been immortalized by the poem of Wuhan for the last several hundred years (Fig. 2). The invited speakers also had the opportunity to

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FIGURE 1. A group photo of invited international faculty members during a local sightseeing tour.

visit a museum and watch a historical show of local performers, as well as tour the business shopping district in the center of Wuhan. Our local host also organized a night cruise on the Yangtze River. All participated international speakers were able to enjoy a night view of the Yangtze River and further explore the city from the river. We all enjoyed drinking local wine and eating delicious food on the ship while cruising the river. We all had the opportunity to appreciate the fast development of the city over the last two decades.

On Friday, November 19, the faculty dinner was held at a 6-star hotel property (Fig. 3). All the invited faculty and guests were able to enjoy the elegance of local cuisine and congenial conversation. After dinner, the attendees were guided to an arena to watch the Han show, a Las Vegas-style performance based on an old legend of China. The show was impressive because of not only the extraordinary skills of



FIGURE 3. Dr David Chiu, the Chairman of the Board, and Dr Lee L.Q. Pu, the triumvirate of the presidium, right before the faculty dinner.

the performers but also the splendid architecture of the theater (Fig. 4). We, indeed, had an unforgettable night. On Saturday, November 20, the welcome dinner for all the meeting's attendees was held in the meeting's banquet hall. We all enjoyed superb cuisines, great music, and carefree exchange with each other (Fig. 5).

The board meeting was held around lunch time on Saturday, November 19. It was organized by Dr Lee L.Q. Pu, hosted by Dr Jiaming Sun, and led by Dr David T.W. Chiu, the chairman of the board. Dr James Chao, our secretary, recorded and documented the meeting. Many important issues regarding membership, education, promotion, and development of WAPSCD were discussed. Several new board members were elected in Wuhan. They are Dr Ernest Chiu (New York City), Dr Lifei Guo (Boston, MA), Dr Andrew Lee (Baltimore, MD), Dr June Wu (New York City), Dr Yueh-Bih Tang (Taipei), Dr Sin-Daw Lin (Kaohsiung), Dr Chun-Sheng Lai (Kaohsiung), Dr Jie Luan (Beijing), Dr Xiaoxi Lin (Shanghai), Dr Jiaming Sun (Wuhan), and Dr Xiaojun Wang (Beijing) (Fig. 6).

The Fifth World Congress of Plastic Surgeons for Chinese Descent was a great success (Fig. 7). Once again, it was the largest



FIGURE 2. Yellow Crane Tower, Wuhan, China.



FIGURE 4. The Han show based on an old legend of China.



FIGURE 5. A group photo of international invited faculty members during the welcome dinner.



FIGURE 6. A group photo of the board members right after the board meeting.



FIGURE 7. A group photo of the entire meeting attendees in the last day of the congress.

gathering among plastic surgeons of Chinese descent worldwide. It has shown the many contributions to both cosmetic and reconstructive plastic surgery made by plastic surgeons of Chinese descent and others. We have enjoyed our friendship and companionship and had a great time together in Wuhan. The sixth congress of WAPSCD will be held in Taipei, and we all look forward to another great meeting in 2018.

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