

The Sixth World Congress for Plastic Surgeons of Chinese Descent

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The Sixth Congress of the World Association for Plastic Surgeons of Chinese Decent (WAPSCD) was held in Taipei, Taiwan from November 21 to December 1, 2018. It follows the previous four successful World Congresses held in Beijing (2008), Taipei (2010), Xian (2012), Hong Kong (2014), and Wuhan (2016).¹⁻⁵ Concurrent with this congress as a joint meeting venue the 2018 Asian Pacific Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Forum and the 2018 annual meeting of the Taiwan Society of the Plastic Surgery. The congress attracted about 1000 attendees from many countries especially from Asian Pacific region. Dr. Chien-Tzung Chen served as the congress chairman; co-Chairman by Dr. Lee L.Q. Pu. Dr. Hao-Chih Thai served as the executive chair of the congress. The congress was hosted by the Chang Gung Memorial Hospital and the National Taiwan University Hospital in Taipei, Taiwan. Dr. Fu-Chan Wei, Dr. Yilin Cao, Dr. David T. W. Chiu, and Dr. Yu-Rey Chen served as the honorary chairmen of the congress. The scientific program spanned two and an half days and covered the entire spectrum of cosmetic and reconstructive plastic surgery.

The congress commenced with a celebratory faculty dinner on the night of November 28, 2018. This was a wonderful event for all invited faculties who enjoyed rewarmed old friendship and meeting of new friends (Fig. 1). During the faculty dinner, the congress chairmen and honorary chairmen each gave a brief welcoming remark to all invited faculties highlighting the pleasure of coming together to celebrate our common culture heritage.

The congress began with 5 panels on Thursday morning, November 29, 2018. They were: minimal invasive (I), mammoplasty (I), facial contouring, flap reconstruction, and body contouring. These panels were well attended and highly rated by attendees. Following the morning's panels, the opening ceremony was hosted by Dr. Chien-Tzung Chen. After his brief welcome speech, Dr. Yilin Cao and Dr. David T.W. Chiu both also gave their welcome speeches. A recollection of all previous congresses was presented by Dr. Pu (Fig. 2) followed by a thought-provoking presentation on the mission of the society by Dr. David T.W. Chiu. This was followed by a very impressive presidential speech by Dr. Chien-Tzung Chen on endoscopic facial surgery—a 20-year experience. Keynote lecture 1 was presented by Dr. David T.W. Chiu on autogenous venous nerve conduit—a stage for the drama and stars of nerve and Keynote lecture 2 was given by Dr. Yilin Cao on cartilage engineering—from bench to bedside. After lunch, 10 panel presentations were



FIGURE 1. A group photo of invited international faculty speakers during the faculty dinner.

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FIGURE 2. Dr. Lee L.Q. Pu introduced WAPSCD's 5 previous congresses during the opening ceremony.

conducted in the afternoon. Blepharoplasty (I), rhinoplasty (I), mammoplasty (II), craniofacial reconstruction (I), and facelift (I) were panels for the first half of the afternoon and vascular and other, microsurgery (I), microsurgery (II), craniofacial reconstruction (II), and facelift (II) were panels for the second half of the afternoon (Figs. 3 and 4).

The welcome reception was held in the first night in the convention center. There was live music and all meeting's participants and invited speakers were able to socialize with each other in a more relaxed environment.

During the second day, November 30, 2018, 5 panels were started in the morning. They were as follows: craniofacial reconstruction (III), rhinoplasty (II), mammoplasty (III), innovations, and scar. Three keynote lectures were followed. Keynote lecture 3 was presented by Dr. Yu-Ray Chen on surgery-first approach in orthognathic surgery, Keynote lecture 4 was presented by Dr. Andrew Lee on building an academic plastic surgery department in the US, and Keynote lecture 5 was given by Dr. William Lineaweaver on the role of hand surgery in the growth and development of a burn center. In the afternoon, a city tour was organized for all invited speakers. They were able to enjoy a visit to the most famous Shisanhang Museum of Archaeology and Fort San Domingo that has very nice surroundings near the ocean. On that night, the gala dinner



FIGURE 3. A group photo of invited speakers from the United States.



FIGURE 4. A group photo of several invited speakers from Mainland China.

was held at Fisherman Wharf and all meeting attendees enjoyed this special event with many fine memories (Fig. 5 and Fig. 6).

On the third day, December 1, 2018, the morning started with seven keynote lectures. Keynote lecture 6 was presented by Dr. Lee L.Q. Pu on regenerative plastic surgery: How it was started and what are we now, Keynote lecture 7 by Dr. Kevin C. Chung on hand symbolism in the Buddhist art, Keynote lecture 8 by Dr. James Chang on developing an academic practice in elective microsurgery: The scleroderma case, Keynote lecture 9 by Dr. Paul S. Cederna on development of a regenerative peripheral nerve interfaces for motor control and sensory feedback of neuroprosthetic devices, and Keynote lecture 10 by Dr. Fu-Chan Wei on harnessing the functional and esthetic potentials of the fibula osteoseptocutaneous flap in segmental mandibular defect reconstruction. With combination of the annual Taiwan Society of Plastic Surgery meeting, the Noordhoff Lecture was delivered by Dr. Renato Saltz, the immediate president of the International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, on esthetic surgery and cosmetic medicine-strategies for success. Once again, our congress had a total of 10 invited keynote lectures that were delivered by world renowned plastic surgeons in various topics including academic plastic surgery, fat grafting, nerve regeneration, robotic surgery, microsurgery, burn reconstruction, craniofacial

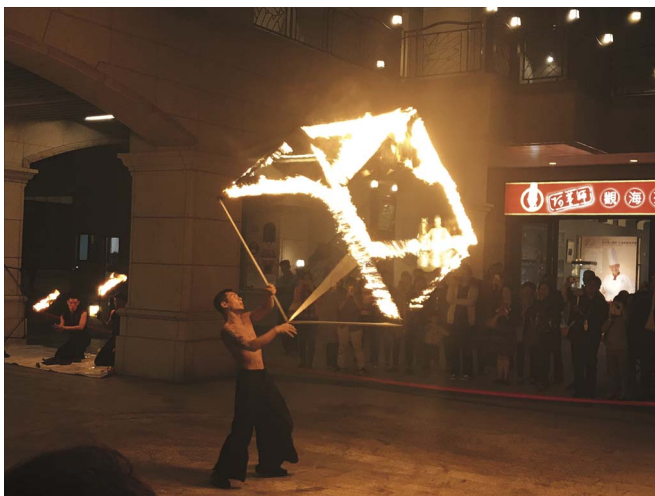


FIGURE 5. The show by a local performer before the gala dinner.



FIGURE 6. Dr. Chien-Tzung Chen, the Chairman of the congress and Dr. Lee L.Q. Pu, the co-chairman of the congress were during the gala dinner.



FIGURE 7. A group photo of WAPSCD's executive board members right after the board meeting.

surgery, and head and neck reconstructions. In the afternoon, 3 more panel presentations were conducted. They were: blepharoplasty (II), Taiwan Society of Plastic Surgery panel, and minimally invasive (II). This was followed by 5 free paper sessions that concluded the meeting.

There were a total of 23 panels in both cosmetic and reconstructive plastic surgery and all lectures were delivered by 58 international invited speakers and 44 local invited speakers. Many colleagues from Mainland China, Taiwan, or Hong Kong delivered impressive results of their innovative techniques. Several of their works were being presented for the first time at an international meeting and such up-to-date contributions to plastic surgery from these exciting regions of the world with fast growing economy and a huge market for cosmetic and reconstructive surgery are exhilarating.

The executive board meeting was held on Wednesday night, November 28, 2018 (Fig. 7). Several important issues were discussed. They were about the change of our world congress from biannual to annual meeting, the possibility to organize the world congress in Paris in 2020, adding more board members from each region, and the continuation of our current leadership structure. The official board meeting was held on Thursday night, November 29, 2018. Dr. David T.W. Chiu, the Chairman of the Board officiated the meeting. Dr. James Chao, our secretary recorded and documented the deliberation. Many important issues regarding membership, education, promotion, and development of WAPSCD were discussed. Several new board members were elected in Taipei. They are Dr. Kant Lin (Lexington, Kentucky), Dr. Jack C. Yu (Augusta, Georgia), Dr. Wei F. Chen (Iowa City, Iowa), Dr. Chien-Tzung Chen (Taipei), Dr. Shyi-Gen Chen (Taipei), Dr. Su-Ben Tsao (Kaohsiung), Dr. Dong Li (Beijing), Dr. Mulan (Beijing), Dr. Chunmei Wang (Guangzhou), Dr. Xiayan Tian (Hangzhou), and Dr. Haiyan Cui (Shanghai).

The 6th Congress of the WAPSCD was indeed another great success. The attendance was again record breaking and the program covered the entire spectrum of plastic surgery. The scientific program was considered world class with participation of many internationally renowned plastic surgeons (Fig. 8). As a group and participated by our friends from the US and other Asian countries, we enjoyed our friendship and companionship in addition to the scientific exchange (Fig. 9). The 7th Congress of WAPSCD will be held in Hangzhou, a



FIGURE 8. From left to right: Dr. Yu-Ray Chen, Dr. David T.W. Chiu, Dr. Fu-Chan Wei, and Dr. Lee L.Q. Pu during the last day of the congress.



FIGURE 9. A group photo of the entire meeting attendees at the end of the second day.

beautiful and fast-growing city in China, and again, we all look forward to another great meeting in the late fall of 2019.

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