

The Seventh World Congress for Plastic Surgeons of Chinese Descent

Another Successful Meeting in Mainland China

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The Seventh Congress of the World Association for Plastic Surgeons of Chinese Descent (WAPSCD) was held in Hangzhou, China from October 18 to 20, 2019. It follows the previous four successful World Congresses held in Beijing (2008), Taipei (2010), Xian (2012), Hong Kong (2014), Wuhan (2016), and Taipei (2018).¹⁻⁶ The congress was also combined with the 4th West Lake Symposium on Asian Rhinoplasty and the 3rd West Lake Symposium on Asian Blepharoplasty. This assembly attracted more than 1800 attendees from Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, France, and the United States. Dr. Xiaoyan Tan from Hangzhou, China chaired the congress with Dr. Lee L. Q. Pu from the United States as cochair, and Dr. Yilin Cao (Mainland China), Dr. David T. W. Chiu (United States), Dr. Fu-Chan Wei (Taiwan), Dr. Yu-Rey Chen (Taiwan) as the honorary chairmen, Dr. Xiaoxi Lin (Mainland China) as chairman of the scientific program committee. The congress was organized by the Hangzhou Plastic Surgery Hospital, Hangzhou, China. The scientific program spanned 2 and half days and covered the full spectrum of aesthetic and reconstructive plastic surgery. In the second day of the congress, many live surgeries focusing on Asian rhinoplasty, blepharoplasty, as well as nasal or eyelid reconstructions, were performed by Chinese plastic surgeons from Mainland China.

The congress commenced on October 17 with a visit to the Liangzhu Museum where the visitors, many among them were our overseas invited speakers enjoyed viewing a plethora of artifacts documenting the evolvement of China over the last millennium (Fig. 1). The museum is about an hour away from the city of Hangzhou and was opened in 2008. It has 3 separated exhibit halls, showing the regional geography development, civilization evolution, and spirituality transition respectively. The day ended in a sumptuous dinner in an historical restaurant of Hangzhou wherein all invited faculties have the pleasant setting to mingle and get acquainted. They also enjoyed a night view of the West Lake through the restaurant's balcony. During the faculty dinner, 2 congress chairs and several invited speakers each gave a brief remark to all invited faculties (Fig. 2).

The board of director's meeting was conducted after our faculty dinner. This would be the biggest board meeting ever in the history of WAPSCD (Fig. 3). The meeting was chaired by Dr. David Chiu. Many important issues, such as the new leadership structure of the society, future world congress, and so on, were discussed. Several new board members were also elected.

In the first day, the general session started in the morning after an opening ceremony (Fig. 4). The introduction of previous congresses was presented by Dr. Pu followed by the WAPSCD Founding Members' Panel (Fig. 5). In this panel, Dr. Yilin Cao, Dr. David Chiu, and Dr. Yu-Ray Chen, each gave their perspective on this young organization's present and future. Their presentations were inspirational and well received by the audience. In the leadership panel, Dr. Jie Luan, the current president of Chinese Society of Plastic Surgeons, Dr. Lynn Jeffers, the current president of American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Dr. Hua Jiang, the current president of Chinese Medical Doctor Association—Plastic, Reconstructive, and Aesthetic Surgery Society, and Dr. Shyi-Gen Chen, the current president of Taiwan Society of Plastic Surgery, each gave an interesting lecture on the opportunities and challenges facing to plastic surgeons in one's respective country or region. The general session in the morning was concluded with the keynote lecture panel, Dr. Xiaoxi Lin from Mainland China, Dr. Kant Lin from the United States, Dr. Xiaojun Wang from Mainland China, Dr. Hung-Chi Chen from Taiwan, Dr. George Li from Hong Kong, and Dr. Shuzhong Guo from Mainland China, each gave a remarkable lecture on reconstructive plastic surgery and American Board of Plastic Surgery certification process. Among them, management of vascular malformation and voice reconstruction were just a few that represent incredible accomplishments by plastic surgeons of Chinese Descent.

The congress had an additional 2-day scientific program after the general session. Its scientific program included fat grafting, craniofacial and cleft reconstruction, scar and wound management, noninvasive facial esthetic procedure, facial esthetic surgery, esthetic and reconstructive breast surgery, trunk and extremity reconstructions, and elite panel. The scar and wound panel were one of the very impressive ones and lasted for the whole day. Many new surgical or

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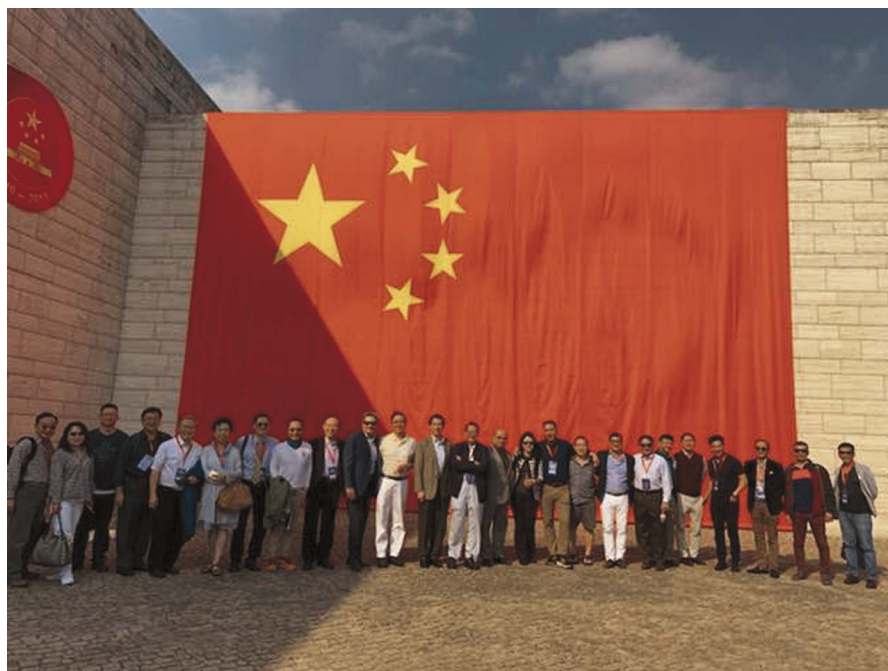


FIGURE 1. A group photo of invited international faculty speakers during a visit to the Liangzhu museum. full color
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nonsurgical modalities of scar managements were adroitly presented. There was a total of 13 panels in both aesthetic and reconstructive plastic surgery and delivered by over 70 international and 120 domestic invited speakers.

On the night of the second day, 2 live surgery forums were held focusing on blepharoplasty and rhinoplasty, the 2 most common procedures performed in Mainland China. Live surgeries performed by plastic surgeons from Mainland China. The scientific content and quality of live surgery were exceptional. All attendees were thoroughly captivated by the demonstration as well as the lively discussion among the expert's participants (Fig. 6).

Another impressive scientific forum was the video session of aesthetic medicine and surgery in the third morning of the congress via well-edited and well-illustrated video, each invited expert presented his or her unique technique of facial, breast, body contouring procedures, and poignantly demonstrated their expertise and accomplishment.

The official banquet of the congress was held in the first night. Close to 1000 people attended this social event (Fig. 7). There were live performances, including singing and dancing, which were led by the medical professionals from the Hangzhou Plastic Surgery Hospital, as well as invited speakers. The delightful and lighthearted program provided a joyous ambiance that was most exhilarating and uplifting (Fig. 8).



FIGURE 2. A photo of several international invited faculty speakers and Dr. Xiaoyan Tan and Dr. Lee L.Q. Pu during the faculty dinner. full color
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FIGURE 3. A group photo of all board members right after the board meeting. full color online



FIGURE 4. A group photo of the entire meeting attendees during the opening ceremony. full color online



FIGURE 5. Dr. Lee L.Q. Pu introduced WAPSCD's 6 previous congresses during the opening ceremony. full color online



FIGURE 6. A photo showing the live surgery forum. Four live surgeries were broadcasted simultaneously. full color
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Many oversea invited speakers went to a live legendary show, called “West Lake Impression” at the night of the second day. The show was originally performed during the G-20 meeting in Hangzhou, September 4, 2016. It was a spectacular performance by the local artist exposing the charm of the beautiful city of Hangzhou and the luster of its crown jewel, the West Lake. It combines the folk and classical music, folk dance and ballet, and presented on a floating theater over the lake. The lighting effect was magical. It is a must see if you ever have a chance to visit Hangzhou (Fig. 9).

The 7th Congress of the WAPSCD was indeed another success (Fig. 10). It was the largest gathering of Plastic Surgeons of Chinese Descent worldwide in the history of WAPSCD. The scientific program was world class with participation of many internationally renowned plastic surgeons of Chinese Descent from all over the world. As a group, we enjoyed our friendship and companionship in addition to the scientific exchange. We encourage and support each other's many accomplishments

in plastic, reconstructive, and aesthetic surgery. The 8th Congress of WAPSCD will be held in conjunction with the French Society of Plastic, Reconstructive, Aesthetic Surgery in Paris, France, November 19 to 21, 2020 under the leadership of the new president of the French Society, Professor Weiguo Hu and the executive committee of WAPSCD. It will be a great adventure since the meeting will be held outside Asia for the first time. We all look forward to another great meeting and celebrate our common heritage and sharing our scientific contributions in the science and art of plastic surgery.

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FIGURE 7. Several invited faculty speakers, Dr. Lynn Jeffers (President of ASPS), and several leaders of WAPSCD during the banquet. full color
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FIGURE 8. Several international invited faculty speakers during the banquet. [full color online](#)



FIGURE 9. A photo during the show of the West Lake Impression. [full color online](#)



FIGURE 10. A photo during the news conference of the congress. [full color online](#)

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