

President's Message



Dear colleagues and distinguished members,

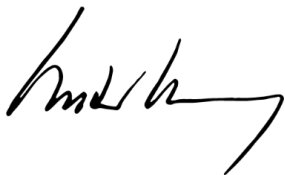
It is my greatest honor and pleasure to be called upon by the Asia-Pacific Primary Liver Cancer Expert Association (APPLE) council members to serve as your president for the term 2017-2019. I am particularly indebted to Prof. Kwang-Hyub Han, Prof. Sheng-Long Ye, and Prof. Masatoshi Kudo. It is thanks to their great vision and outstanding leadership that APPLE, in just seven years, has grown from nothing to its current prosperity. And thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Prof. Kudo, our official journal, LIVER CANCER, has been endowed with an impact factor of 7.854 this year. Our annual meeting, the most recent one having been hosted by Prof. Pierce Chow in Singapore in July 2017, is generally considered one of the most important liver cancer gatherings for Asian experts of all disciplines.

Over the past seven years I have not missed a single one of our annual meetings (2010 Incheon, 2011 Osaka, 2012 Shanghai, 2013 Busan, 2014 Taipei, 2015 Osaka, 2016 Hong Kong, and 2017 Singapore). I enjoyed every moment that I spent with you and I cherish every piece of knowledge that you have unselfishly shared with me. I thank all of you, and I hope to see all my dear friends in the years to come.

Looking forward, our next meeting will be held in Seoul, on July 6-8, 2018. Please mark that weekend in your calendar, and prepare to enjoy a guaranteed sumptuous feast of science and friendship in the beautiful city of Seoul.

In the meantime, please remember to continue your support of our official journal, and encourage your colleagues to submit to or cite from LIVER CANCER. I could not conclude these remarks without expressing my sincere appreciation to all the people who, during the past seven years and in their various ways, have helped to build and promote our society to its current level. I believe I speak for all when I salute Prof. Jinsil Seong, for without her tremendous devotion, APPLE would not be what it is today.

Thank you.



Ann-Lii Cheng
President, The Asia-Pacific Primary Liver Cancer Expert Association

WHAT APPLE AIMS

Primary liver cancer is an extremely malignant disease, and 80% of patients are found in Asia. The APPLE Meetings have been initiated to provide a platform for regional and international experts to exchange information on the latest advancements in primary liver cancer treatment. These meetings are intended to bridge gaps in the basic scientific and clinical aspects of liver cancer among specialists. The ultimate aim is disseminate the results of primary liver cancer laboratory research and clinical trials among professionals.

OUR HISTORY

The APPLE Meetings take place annually and have been hosted on rotation by the Korean Liver Cancer Study Group, the Liver Cancer Study Group of Japan, and the Chinese Liver Cancer Study Group. The 1st meeting of the group took place in Incheon in 2010, the 2nd in Osaka in 2011, the 3rd in Shanghai in 2012, and the 4th in Busan in 2013. In 2014, APPLE changed its policy and decided to expand its congress venues from three countries to include all Asian countries, and the 5th APPLE Meeting was held in Taipei in 2014. The 6th APPLE Meeting was held in Osaka in 2015, the 7th in Hong Kong in 2016, and the 8th in Singapore in 2017.

Report on **APPLE 2017**

The Art & Science of Conquering Liver Cancer



APPLE 2017
July 14 - 16, 2017
Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel,
Singapore



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The Art & Science of Conquering Liver Cancer

Scientific Program Overview

Main Program	No. of Lectures
Themed Lectures	31
State-of-the-Art Lectures	6
Total	37
Other Program	
Pre-Conference Workshop	1 session
Consensus Workshop (3-day) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transplant for HCC - Systemic Therapy - Local-Regional Therapy - Robotic Resection - Radiation 	5 groups
Oral Poster Presentation (2-day) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Loco-Regional Therapy - Systemic Therapy - Surgical Management of HCC - Imaging and Diagnosis - Translational Research, Pathology, Epidemiology 	5 tracks
Sponsored Symposia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Luncheon Symposium - 1 Tea Symposium 	3 sponsored sessions

Abstract Submission & Presentation

Type of Abstract Presentation	No.
Oral Abstract	19
Poster Abstract	76
Total	95

No. of Participants

Country	Delegates
Singapore	209
Taiwan	63
Korea	61
China	36
Hong Kong	25
Japan	24
Indonesia	20
Malaysia	19
Thailand	14
Vietnam	11
Australia	6
Philippines	6
India	4
USA	3
France	2
Myanmar	2
New Zealand	2
Egypt	1
Germany	1
Jersey C.I.	1
Mongolia	1
Total	511

Information of **APPLE 2018**

Towards a New Paradigm in HCC Management

Invitation



Dear colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the organizing committee of the 9th Asia-Pacific Primary Liver Cancer Expert Meeting (APPLE 2018), we cordially invite you to APPLE 2018 which will be held on July 6-8, 2018 at Grand Hyatt Hotel in Seoul, Korea.

The 1st APPLE Meeting was held in Incheon in 2010, and we are excited to announce that the location of the 9th APPLE Meeting has come full circle back to Korea once again. Following the great success of the previous meetings, this upcoming meeting will also act as an important platform for sharing current and innovative approaches for liver cancer.

Under the theme of "Towards a New Paradigm in HCC Management," the APPLE 2018 strives to improve patient care and research in the field of liver cancer, especially hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), through active international academic exchange and intellectual collaboration. Based on the theme, we have prepared a well-balanced program and invited distinguished scholars from Korea and abroad to present their data, and share experiences as well as their expert opinions. By discussing up to date knowledge and exchanging innovative ideas, we hope to generate another consensus on various perspectives of liver cancer treatment in the Asia-Pacific regions, and hopefully worldwide.

We hope that you will be able to join APPLE 2018 in July to expand your scientific knowledge, receive fresh inspiration, and to enjoy dynamic Korea.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all in Seoul!

Yours sincerely,



Jinsil Seong
Hosting Chairperson, APPLE 2018

APPLE 2018
July 6 - 8, 2018
Grand Hyatt Seoul, Korea

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Important Dates

- **April 16, 2018** Abstract Submission Deadline
- **In the Middle of May, 2018** Notification of Acceptance
- **June 11, 2018** Pre-Registration Deadline

APPLE NEWS







- **Destination of APPLE 2019**

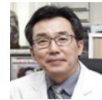




Japan has been decided on as the meeting place.

- **Update of the Governing Board Members**

President Ann-Lii Cheng and his cabinet has started their term of service since July 2017 and it will continue to serve until July of 2019.

- Executive Committee Members







	Ann-Lii Cheng (Taipei) President
	Jinsil Seong (Seoul) Secretary General / APPLE 2018 Hosting Chairperson
	Michiie Sakamoto (Tokyo) Publication
	Chih-Hung Hsu (Taipei) Treasurer
	Joong-Won Park (Goyang) Scientific Chair
	Namiki Izumi (Tokyo) Scientific Chair

	Kwang-Hyub Han (Seoul) Past President
	Masatoshi Kudo (Osaka) Past President
	Sheng-Long Ye (Shanghai) Past Chairman
	Ronnie T. P. Poon (Hong Kong) Past Chairman
	Pierce Chow (Singapore) Past Chairman

Seven council members have recently joined also and their terms are from July 2017 to July 2019.

- Council

	Hiroaki Nagano (Yamaguchi)
	Masafumi Ikeda (Kashiwa)
	Takamichi Murakami (Osaka)
	Guohong Han (Xi'an)
	Junqi Niu (Jilin)
	Feng Shen (Shanghai)

	Irene Ng (Hong Kong)
	Kyung-Suk Suh (Seoul)
	Soon Ho Um (Seoul)
	Seung Kew Yoon (Seoul)
	Chiun Hsu (Taipei)
	Toh Han Chong (Singapore)