

President's Message



Dear colleagues and distinguished members,

Following the extremely successful 2018 Seoul meeting, we are looking forward to our next APPLE gathering in Sapporo, Japan (29-31 Aug. 2019), hosted by Prof. Norihiro Kokudo and Prof. Akinobu Taketomi. Late summer in Hokkaido is the most picturesque season, with flowers blooming like brocades. As our meeting will fall in the popular season for tourists, please make sure to reserve dates on your calendar and book your flights at your earliest convenience.

Once again, I would like to thank Prof. Jinsil Seong and her outstanding Korean colleagues for having hosted such a wonderful meeting in Seoul. All the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. During the meeting, many participants urged our organization to compile APPLE Practice Guidelines for HCC – guidelines that can truly reflect the modern art of surgery, locoregional therapy, and systemic therapy in the Asia Pacific region. Prof. Masatoshi Kudo has kindly agreed to take on the difficult job, and I am sure he will need plenty of help from you.

APPLE is striding forward to become an eminent academic society. To ensure our success and leadership continuity, the governing board has unanimously nominated Prof. Jinsil Seong for president-elect of APPLE (2019-2021). We extend our biggest congratulations to Prof. Seong! We will soon be celebrating the 10th anniversary of APPLE in Sapporo next year. Looking back, we started ten years ago as a small group of experts with sincere camaraderie, but now we have become a big family of multi-disciplinary experts fighting together against HCC. The whole field is moving fast. APPLE guarantees that all its members will not only keep abreast of all the cutting-edge knowledge, but will also play an important role in spearheading the way for tomorrow.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Sapporo next year.



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

WHAT APPLE AIMS

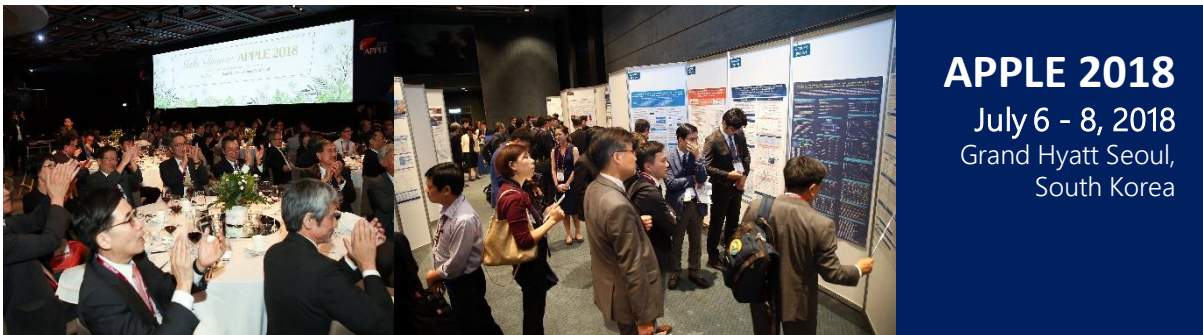
Primary liver cancer is an extremely malignant disease, and 80% of patients are found in Asia. The APPLE Meetings have been initiated to provide a platform for regional and international experts to exchange information on the latest advancements in primary liver cancer treatment. These meetings are intended 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.

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Scientific Program Overview

Main Program	No. of Lectures
Pre-Congress Meeting	4
Themed Lectures	59
Presidential Lecture	1
State-of-the-Art Lectures	4
Early Morning Breakfast Workshop	18
Total No. of Lectures	86
[Industry] Breakfast Symposium	1 time
[Industry] Luncheon Symposia	4 times
[Industry] Dinner Symposium	1 time
[Industry] Tea Symposia	2 times

Abstract Submission & Presentation

Presentation	No.
Oral Poster	40
Poster Exhibition	118
Total	158

Country (15)	No. of Abstracts
South Korea	78
China	26
Taiwan	16
Uzbekistan	10
Egypt	7
Hong Kong	4
Japan	4
Singapore	4
India	1
Mongolia	2
USA	2
Myanmar	1
Pakistan	1
Spain	1
UK	1
Total	158

No. of Participants

Country (26)	No.
South Korea	343
China/Hong Kong/Macau	106
Taiwan	83
Japan	40
Singapore	20
USA	13
Vietnam	11
Malaysia	7
Myanmar	5
Egypt	4
Mongolia	4
Australia	2
Nigeria	3
Uzbekistan	3
Belgium	2
India	2
Philippines	2
Spain	2
Thailand	2
UK	2
Canada	1
France	1
Germany	1
Pakistan	1
Saudi Arabia	1
Switzerland	1
Total	662

Information of **APPLE 2019**

Novel Evidence and Consensus for HCC Management

Invitation



Dear colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is our great honor and privilege to invite all of you to the 10th Asia-Pacific Primary Liver Cancer Expert (APPLE 2019) Meeting that will be held on August 29-31, 2019 in Sapporo, Japan. We are delighted to welcome you to Sapporo, the cultural city and one of the biggest summer resorts in Japan.

This will be the tenth meeting held since the first APPLE in Incheon, Korea in 2010. We are honored and pleased to mark the tenth year of this meeting due to your efforts and to host this 10th anniversary event in Sapporo.

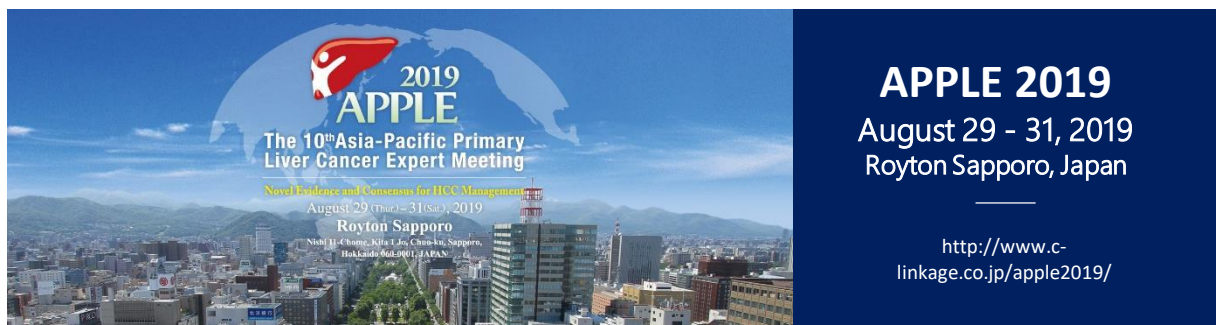
Surgery, cauterization, topical therapy, radiation therapy, and transplant therapy, all treatments for primary hepatic cancer, are evolving every day, with remarkable developments seen in drug treatments in recent years in particular. There have also been reports on new results in research on carcinogenesis. We have set the theme for this year's APPLE as "Novel Evidence and Consensus for HCC Management" to be able to share the latest knowledge in the area of primary hepatic cancer among the many hepatologists, surgeons, radiologists, and general practitioners in the Asia-Pacific region and obtain consensus between different regions and areas. The main thematic sessions at the 10th APPLE will also be held at the main meeting venue in order to deepen knowledge and discussions. We look forward to frank and lively discussions with you all.

We have Professor Akinobu Taketomi from the Department of Gastroenterological Surgery I at the Hokkaido University Graduate School of Medicine join as the Co-Chair. We hope that many of you will be able to attend the 10th anniversary meeting of APPLE in the beautiful city of Sapporo in Hokkaido.

During the summer in Sapporo, you can enjoy fresh seafood, as well as local foods, such as fresh vegetables, fruit, ramen noodles, and Mongolian mutton barbeque, and sweets produced from fresh dairy products. The gala dinner will feature Mongolian mutton barbeque from Sapporo Beer Garden, the most famous restaurant in Sapporo. If you extend your visit from Sapporo, you will find some of Japan's most famous sightseeing spots, including Otaru, Hakodate, Niseko, Lake Shikotsu, Furano, Biei, Jozankei Onsen, Noboribetsu Onsen, and Toyako Onsen.

We hope you will enjoy the summer in Hokkaido together with the program we have in store for you at the 10th anniversary APPLE.

Norihiro Kokudo
Hosting Chairperson, APPLE 2019



**2019
APPLE**
The 10th Asia-Pacific Primary
Liver Cancer Expert Meeting
Novel Evidence and Consensus for HCC Management
August 29 (Thu.) - 31 (Sat.), 2019
Royton Sapporo
Nishi 11-Chome, Kita 1-Jin, Chuo-ku, Sapporo,
Hokkaido-060-0901, JAPAN

APPLE 2019
August 29 - 31, 2019
Royton Sapporo, Japan

<http://www.c-linkage.co.jp/apple2019/>

APPLE NEWS

- **Destination of APPLE 2020**

Myanmar has been decided on as the meeting place.

- **Update of the Governing Board Members - President-Elect & New Council Members**



President-Elect
(July 2019 - July 2021)
Jinsil Seong, Seoul



New Council Members
(Terms: July 2018 - July 2020)

Jian Zhou, Shanghai



Khin Maung Win, Yangon

Scientific Committee Chairs (Terms Extended: July 2018 - July 2020)



Joong-Won Park, Goyang



Namiki Izumi, Tokyo