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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



First and foremost, I wish to bid a warm welcome to all delegates to the Asian Pacific Digestive Week 2021 to be held virtually in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The APDW 2020 was scheduled to be held in September 2020 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia. However, with the surge of cases and the evolving scenarios of COVID-19 all over the world, the APDW was then postponed to 19th to 21st August 2021.

As this will be the first virtual APDW congress, I understand that the Organising Committee, led by Professor Dr Raja Affendi Raja Ali, has worked relentlessly and tirelessly adjusting its programmes and schedules to ensure its success. The theme for the congress is "Vision of Excellence in Digestive Disorders & Sciences". As of to date, a total of 376 faculties have been invited with seven named and eponymous lectures, two state-of-the-art lectures, 49 symposium sessions and 14 sponsored symposia. The biomedical industry comprising 28 companies have also come in very strongly to support the congress.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 during the early days of year 2020, it had been a devastating and emotional roller coaster ride for all of us - healthcare workers, frontliners as well as the netizens in our countries as a whole. With the recent

variant outbreak and various waves of the pandemic, we are still working diligently and tirelessly to fight this epidemic and to resolve this challenge as we speak. We offer our solidarity and moral support to all our member societies. I hope sometime soon, through collaboration and ingenuity, we will all be well positioned to put this COVID-19 pandemic behind us.

I will be stepping down as the President of APAGE on 18th August 2021. The term of office of the APAGE Council would have ended at the Annual General Meeting in 2020 but in view of the COVID-19 pandemic which placed us on a global standstill for the most part of the year, the Executive Committee had put forward a motion to extend the term of office of the APAGE Executive Committee and the Council by one year which was ratified at the Annual General Meeting in 2020. I wish to express my gratitude to all members of the Council for your unwavering support and friendship. It has been an honour to serve this organisation as President for the last three years.

Professor Dai-Ming Fan
President
APAGE

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Dear colleagues,

Greetings! The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is a huge healthcare challenge, and it has severely affected our ability to organise our regular academic meetings. In this new norm, national societies have adapted and moved to conduct online meetings or hybrid meetings with both onsite and virtual components. Similarly, APDW 2021 is now a virtual meeting. This issue of Asian Pacific Digestive News will share the highlights of some of the regional meetings that were held successfully over the past one year despite the constraints posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. During these uncertain times, we must continue our academic activities in terms of research and education. Adaptability, collaboration and resilience are key factors.

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The 4th Vietnamese Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Congress (VGEC 2019)



Workshop and signing ceremony of research cooperation between Korean College of Helicobacter and Upper Gastrointestinal (KCHUGR) and Vietnam Federation for Digestive Endoscopy (VFDE) in Da Nang City - Vietnam (January 2020)

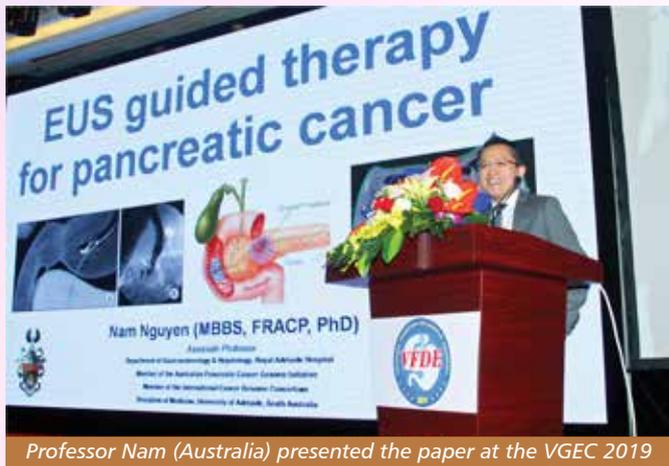


Professor Mai Hong Bang (President of VNAGE): Opening of the 26th National Conference of Gastroenterology (2020) at Hanoi City - Vietnam



Discussion between the speaker and the conference participants on 26th National Conference of Gastroenterology (2020) at Hanoi City - Vietnam





Professor Nam (Australia) presented the paper at the VGEC 2019



Live demonstration by Professor Moon (Korea) and Professor Nam (Australia) at Conference on Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (VGEC 2019)



Delegates attending the Conference on Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (VGEC 2019) at Quang Ninh City (Vietnam)





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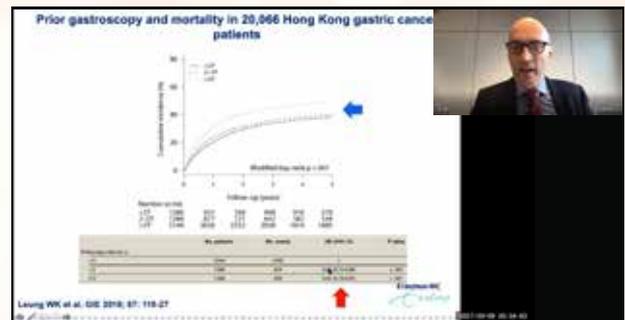
22nd Joint Annual Scientific Meeting 2020

Report by Dr Jodis Lam

To promote the advancement of gastroenterology, The Hong Kong Society of Gastroenterology continues to organise academic activities. Under the constraint of COVID-19 pandemic, online meetings were organised.

The 22nd Joint Annual Scientific Meeting was held online on 6th September 2020. The meeting was co-organised by sister societies, The Hong Kong Society of Gastroenterology, Hong Kong Society of Digestive Endoscopy, Hong Kong Society for Coloproctology, The Hong Kong Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, The Hong Kong Society of Gastrointestinal Motility and Hong Kong IBD Society. Renowned local guest speakers were invited to deliver six lectures on gastroenterology, hepatology and endoscopy. The online meeting provided a valuable platform for healthcare professionals and experts to exchange knowledge and share experience in different perspectives of GI diseases.

On 9th March 2021, the Annual General Meeting cum Scientific Meeting of The Society was held online and the honorary fellowship was bestowed upon Professor Ernst J Kuipers, Professor of Medicine, Department of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Erasmus MC University Medical Centre, Rotterdam, The Netherlands. During the meeting, Professor Kuipers delivered an enlightening lecture on "Surveillance of gastric intestinal metaplasia finally coming of age". The meeting was well received by gastrointestinal professionals.



Taiwan Digestive Disease Week (TDDW 2020)



The Gastroenterological Society of Taiwan 50th Annual Meeting 2020



51st Annual Meeting 2021





Macao Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology Annual Scientific Meeting 2020

12th - 13th December 2020

Macao Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (MSGEH) had organised her annual Endoscopy Training Workshop & 10th Anniversary Scientific Meeting on 12th - 13th December 2020. Under the impact of pandemic, we had prepared both online and onsite channels for delegates, and our experts from mainland did celebrate this meaningful anniversary happily in Macau.



Virtual Indonesian Digestive Disease Week (IDDW) / Virtual EUS-ERCP Workshop 2020

The Indonesian Society of Gastroenterology (ISG) in collaboration with Division of Gastroenterology, Pancreatobiliary and Digestive Endoscopy, Department of Internal Medicine, Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia / Cipto Mangunkusumo National General Hospital Jakarta, has once again successfully organised “Virtual Indonesian Digestive Disease Week (IDDW) / Virtual EUS-ERCP Workshop 2020” that was carried out on three consecutive batches as following:

- Batch 1 : 16th October 2020 (Virtual EUS-ERCP Workshop)
- Batch 2 : 17th - 18th October 2020 (Virtual IDDW Symposium)
- Batch 3 : 24th - 25th October 2020 (Virtual IDDW Symposium)

Due to the rising challenges of gastrointestinal diseases in Indonesia along with the advancement of new tools and techniques in digestive endoscopy, this virtual meeting was especially designed as a medium to exchange the latest knowledge and skills in the field of gastroenterology and digestive endoscopy.

The Virtual EUS-ERCP Workshop 2020 was held on 16th October 2020 followed by the Virtual IDDW 2020 Symposium on 17th - 18th & 24th - 25th October 2020.

This virtual event consisted of 6 plenary lectures, 15 symposia, 1 meet-the-experts session as well as poster presentation and aimed to provide the latest information and knowledge in the field of gastroenterology and digestive endoscopy. We also had discussions regarding gastrointestinal manifestation in COVID-19 global pandemic. All sessions were delivered by distinguished international faculties, including Professor Dr Roy M Soetikno (USA), Professor Dr Christopher Khor (Singapore), Professor Dr Dong Wan Seo (Seoul, South Korea), Professor Dr Tae Jun Song (Seoul, South Korea), Professor Dr Frederick Dy (Manila, Philippines), Professor Dr Hiroyuki Isayama (Tokyo, Japan), Professor Dr Raja Affendi Raja Ali (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), Professor Dr Nonthalee Pausawasdi, MD (Bangkok, Thailand), Dr Daphne Ang (Singapore) and also experts from Indonesia. In addition to that, our virtual meeting was attended by over 700 participants.

As for this year, Indonesian Society of Gastroenterology will return to hold “Virtual Indonesian Digestive Disease Week (IDDW) 2021” on 4th - 8th August 2021. We are looking forward for the next successful virtual meeting and to welcome participants from Asian Pacific countries and all around the world. We all hope that the condition will get better and the COVID-19 global pandemic will end soon.





Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Continuing Professional Activities 2020-2021

The year 2020 had taken all of us by surprise. The COVID-19 has put the whole world into chaos and has changed our lifestyles. The pandemic had hit hard the economic, social and health of all countries. Despite all the limitations due to the pandemic, we continued to evolve and learn ways to continue to provide the information and development on the latest happening in the world of gastroenterology and hepatology. The Society has to adapt to the new normal of engaging to its members and audience via virtual platform.



The Society organised its Annual Scientific Congress - GUT 2020 - virtually as a run up to the APDW 2021. The GUT 2020 was held on 26th to 29th November 2020 with a command centre in Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

The conference began with a pre-Congress workshop for allied health professionals with a concurrent Asian Barret Consortium Symposium and an EUS Hands-on workshop on 26th November 2020. In the afternoon, the workshop continues with Online EMR Workshop "Tips & Tricks of EMR" in collaboration with ANBIG.



The first day of conference (27th November 2020) started off with Endoscopy lectures and live broadcast from the Endoscopy Unit, University Malaya Medical Centre, Kuala Lumpur. The 22nd Distinguished Endoscopy Lecture was delivered by Professor Dr Yutaka Saito on the topic "From Imaging to Resection: The Complete Roadmap in Handling Colorectal Lesions". After lunch we were privileged to witness live demonstrations from the AIG Hospital, Hyderabad, India, coordinated by Dr D Nageshwar Reddy.

On 28th November 2020, the 17th Panir Chelvam Memorial Lecture was delivered by Professor Dr Kai-Chun Wu from Xijing Hospital of Digestive Diseases Fourth Military Medical University, China on the topic of "Covid-19 and Digestive Disorders".

On 29th November 2020, the 20th MSGH Oration was presented by Professor Dr Khay-Guan Yeoh from National University of Singapore, Singapore.

A total of 77 abstracts were received and there were best oral and best poster presentations. There was a best video presentation competition called "Malaysia Boleh Best Endoscopic Video Presentation". The objective was to encourage the young fellows to develop and showcase their skills.

The conference was well supported by 14 biomedical industry partners.



In conclusion, the virtual GUT 2020 was a great success with a total of 1058 delegates and it was a great team effort by the Organising Committee and the Society.

Continuing Professional Development Activities



Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology & Hepatology

METABOLIC DYSFUNCTION ASSOCIATED FATTY LIVER DISEASE (MAFLD)
A NEW NAME FOR AN OLD FOE
The What's and The Who's

PART 1 (6th March 2021, Saturday)

08:00 - 08:15 Online Registration
08:15 - 08:30 Welcome Message
08:30 - 09:00 What's in a Name? The New Name MAFLD by MAFLD
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09:30 - 10:00 Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A
10:00 - 10:30 Case Presentation
10:30 - 11:00 Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A
11:00 - 11:30 Wrap Up

PART 2 (20th March 2021, Saturday)

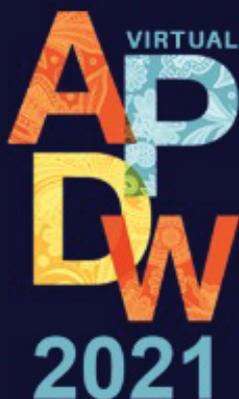
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Speakers: Dr. Nizam Mustaffa, Professor Dr. Aziz Sufura Ramli, Professor Dr. Chan Wei Kheng, Dr. Yan Sook Sian, Dr. Chuan Kwe Huan, Dr. Ng Ivin Sheng.

As with the pandemic period, the Society has been organising webinars to provide continuing medical education for the fraternity. The Society in association with local associated medical societies organised two webinar series under the topic "Metabolic Dysfunction Associated Fatty Liver Disease (MAFLD) A New Name For An Old Foe - The What's and The Who's". It was held on 6th and 20th March 2021 via the zoom platform and an average of 400 delegates participated in each session.

The Society has also been assisting both local and overseas medical societies to promote their webinars and online meetings for the past and one and a half years.





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Welcome Message from the President of Asian Pacific Digestive Week 2021

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We welcome you to JOIN US for the first Virtual APDW 2021!

In pursuit of APDW's aim to serve as an academic forum for the promotion of knowledge, clinical expertise and research innovations, we are excited to present an extensive and comprehensive programme with 360 key opinion leaders and esteemed experts from around the world.

The Organising Committee will be delivering a packed and high quality scientific programme including live demonstrations of endoscopy procedures, sessions in collaboration with partnering organisations, cutting-edge presentations by our assembled faculty and much more.

It will be the perfect avenue to update your skills. The sessions will be recorded and available on-demand for three months after the conference to registered participants.

On top of that, the virtual platform will also serve as an extraordinary avenue for networking with experts besides renewing or making new acquaintances.

I look forward to welcoming you to Virtual APDW 2021!

Warm regards,



Raja Affendi Raja Ali
President
Asian Pacific Digestive Week 2021

**5 LIVE ENDOSCOPY
STREAMING**

**8 EPONYMOUS
LECTURES**

**45 SYMPOSIUM
SESSIONS**

**360 INVITED
FACULTY**