

Dear AFSUMB members, colleagues, partners and affiliates,

Welcome to wander to the website of the Asian Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (AFSUMB)!

This represents my second and last letter to you. As our biennial Congress AFSUMB 2016 draws closer, I thought I might take this opportunity to share with you the excitement surrounding this year's event. I would firstly like to thank the outstanding Presidents and Administrative Council (AC) members for their dedication and commitment to the AFSUMB.



In the early 2015, the AC decided to hold the Asian Symposium on Advanced Ultrasound Technology (ASAUT) because there has been no appropriate candidate for the AFSUMB workshop in year 2015. The ASAUT was then successfully held in Taipei, chaired by the President of Chinese Taipei Society of Ultrasound in Medicine (CTSUM), Professor San-Kan Lee, and me. With the strong support from the AC members and the CTSUM Board members, the ASAUT attracted more than 400 attendees. Invited speakers included Professors Byung-Ihn Choi, Masatoshi Kudo, Jonathan B Choy, Chikara Ogawa, Chih-Kuang Yeh, Jae Young Lee, Dar-In Tai, Seung-Hyup Kim, Kazutaka Nakashima, Qingli Zhu, Wilaiporn Bhothisuwan, Hong-Jen Chiou, Chueh-Hung Wu, Pai-Chi Li, Iwaki Akiyama; and Leopoldo Abad III, Iwaki Akiyama, Kanu Bala, Wilaiporn Bhothisuwan, TP Baskaran, Yi - Hong Chou, Musarrat Hasan, Seung Hyup Kim, Masatoshi Kudo, Jae Young Lee, Won Jae Lee, Kwok Yin Leong, Rahul Sachdev, H. Sidharta, Sodov Sonin, Yung - Liang Wan, Qing Zhang were invited to participant in the session of Panel Discussion on "New Trends of US Technology in Asia", serving as panelists. The symposium was concluded as a very fruitful one, and some of the speeches have been documented in audio-visual materials with permission of the speakers as the e-learning material on the AFSUMB website. We believe, with the enthusiastic support of the AFUSMB website editor Prof. Satoshi Nakatani, the AFSUMB website will be established to allow members of AFSUMB to have a platform for better communication and education.

In 2014, Ultrasound Society of Nepal (USN) became our newest member society, and in February 2014, we help organize the 12th AFSUMB Workshop in Kathmandu, The 1st time workshop in Nepal; the speakers included Dr. Yi-Hong Chou, Dr. Kowk Yin Leung, Dr. Kana Bala, Dr. Masatoshi Kudo, Dr. Seung Hyup Kim, Dr. Sien-Sing Yang, Dr. Etsuo Takada, and Dr. Chui-Mei Tiu. According to the USN, this is the most important medical ultrasound education event in the history of USN and has attracted 130 sonologists, a record breaking number, to attend the workshop.

AFSUMB is the second largest Regional Federation in the world, representing over 18,825 ultrasound-related experts in Asia. This year, the Japan Society of Ultrasound in Medicine (JSUM) and Professor Masatoshi Kudo's strong team will be hosing the AFSUMB 2016. We can expect the registration will be extremely strong and should certainly achieve record attendance. On behalf of the AFSUMB, I strongly encourage you to attend the AFSUMB 2016.

It is my great personal honor to be entrusted with the Presidency of the AFSUMB, one which

carries much responsibility to ensure meaningful progress for the AFSUMB and for our members. Along with the outgoing AC members and presidents, our President-elect Dr. Masatoshi Kudo and Vice-Presidents Dr. Iwaki Akiyama, Kanu Bala, Secretary Dr. Jae Young Lee, Treasurer Dr. Yung-Liang Wan and our great team of current AC members and enthusiastic regional representatives, I am grateful for your strong supports in the past 2 years. We will, under the leadership of Professor Kudo, continue to enhance up collaboration between AFSUMB and other international societies.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Kyoto in May 2016!

Yours Sincerely,

Yi-Hong Chou

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