

## Meeting Summary of the First Congress of The Asian and Oceanian Society of Neuroradiology and Head & Neck Radiology

**President Mutsumasa Takahashi, MD, DMSc**

There has been a growing need for the foundation of a society in the the Asian and Oceanian countries to promote neuroradiology and head & neck radiology. This need has been accelerated by the organization of the World Federation of the Neuro-radiological Societies. At the time of the International Congress of Radiology in Singapore in January, 1994, the representatives of the countries and regions of Asia and Oceania met for the first organizational meeting and discussed the organization of the society and its constitution. Prof. Takahashi was named as the president-elect and asked to organize the first scientific meeting at the time of the XV Symposium Neuroradiologicum in Kumamoto. The constitution of the society was carefully discussed by the representatives and finally adopted through mail ballots.

The final organizational meeting of the society was held at the Hotel New Otani on September 25, 1994. More than 30 representatives of countries and regions of the Asia and Oceania participated and founded the society by electing Prof. Mutsumasa Takahashi as the President, Dr. Tsuan Chang as the Vice-President and Dr. Michael M. Teng as the Treasurer. The office of the society will be located at the Department of Radiology, Kumamoto University School of Medicine, 1-1-1 Honjo, Kumamoto, Japan. Officers and council members were elected as follows;

President : Mutsumasa Takahashi (Japan)

Vice-President : Tsuan Chang (ROC)

Treasurer : Michael Mu-Huo Teng (ROC)

Secretary : Mutsumasa Takahashi (Japan)

National and Regional Delegates :	Mark Soo	(Australia)
	Elizabeth Thompson	(Australia)
	Rajesh Kapur	(India)
	Hayao Shiga	(Japan)
	Shinpei Tada	(Japan)
	Kee Hyun Chang	(Korea)
	Kyu Ho Choi	(Korea)
	Francis Hui	(Singapore)
	Jackson C. T. Lin	(ROC)
	Chau-Chin Lee	(ROC)
	Nitaya Suwanwela	(Thailand)
	Hon-Shing Lam	(Hong Kong)
	Jian-Ping Dai	(China)

The delegate of the society to the International Congress of Head and Neck Radiology is Prof. S. Tada (Japan) and the delegate of the society to The World Federation of Neuroradiological Societies is Dr. Nitaya Suwanwala (Thailand).

Following the organizational meeting and a brief opening ceremony, with an address by Prof. Takahashi, 9 proffered papers have been presented with stimulating discussions. A special lecture was presented by Dr. R. M. Quencer (U.S.A.), who discussed "Spinal Cord Injury: MR Imaging and Evolving Concepts in Treatment". The audience was impressed by his extensive and elaborate work.

In the future, the meeting will be held every 3 or 4 years in various cities of Asian and Oceanian countries. It was also decided at the council meeting that the society should join the World Federation of Neuroradiological Societies, as well as the International Congress of Head & Neck Radiology, which has been held every 3 years under the sponsorship of American as well as European Societies of Head & Neck Radiology.

The Second Congress of the The Asian and Oceanian Society of Neuroradiology and Head & Neck Radiology will be held in Taipei from March 24 to 27, 1997 under the presidency of Dr. Tsuen Chang.

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Prof. Quencer (USA) giving a special lecture



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