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Three years have passed since the COVID-19 pandemic spread worldwide. COVID-19 has significantly affected the field of otolaryngology, clinical practice, surgical management of patients, and academic conferences. Although we have not seen the last of the coronavirus, the situation has greatly improved and we now face a brighter future.

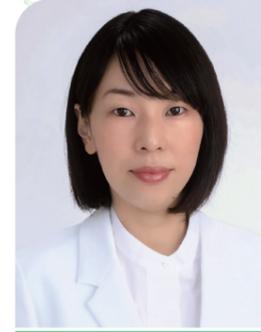
The aim of *the Bulletin of the Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery* is to introduce the activities of the society, including education regarding otolaryngology head and neck surgery in Japan, scientific meetings held by the society and its subspecialty branches, publication of the official international journal "Auris Nasus Larynx", and contribution to and activities in IFOS. Founded in 1893, our society has a history of 130 years, making it the longest running medical association among those affiliated with the Japanese Medical Science Federation. We have over 11,000 members, including approximately 2,000 working at university hospitals. The society is composed of 15 subspecialty societies related to otolaryngology head and neck surgery, as shown in Table 1. Each society has an annual meeting and an official journal, which contains topics, guidelines, and educational materials in its own field. Each society presents awards for outstanding papers and presentations annually. Auris Nasus Larynx (ANL) is the official journal of the Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Society of Japan. ANL is an international journal which accepts high quality clinical and scientific papers from across the world. Its acceptance rate is as low as about 20%, and its impact factor reaches near 2.1. ANL covers a wide range of areas related to otolaryngology such as otology, neurotology, rhinology,

laryngology, head and neck cancer skull base, balance, voice, swallowing, sleep apnea, pediatric otolaryngology, and airway. IFOS traces its root to Japan's proposal during the 8th International Congress of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology, held in October 1965 in Tokyo, Japan, and we have continued to contribute to the expansion and development of IFOS in terms of education, attendance of the IFOS main congress and scientific meetings, and worldwide outreach. This bulletin provides our activities related to IFOS and our motivation and energy to host the IFOS congress again in Japan.

Table 1.

| Subspecialty societies |
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| Japan Audiological Society |
| Japan Society for Equilibrium Research |
| Japan Otological Society |
| Japanese Rhinologic Society |
| Japan Broncho-Esophagological Society |
| Japan Society for Head and Neck Cancer |
| Japan Society of Logopedics and Phoniatrics |
| Japan Society of Facial Nerve Research |
| Japan Society of Immunology Allergology and Infection in Otorhinolaryngology |
| Japan Society for Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology |
| Society of Practical Otolaryngology |
| Japan Society of Stomato-Pharyngology |
| Japan Laryngological Association |
| Japan Society for Head and Neck Surgery |
| Society of Swallowing and Dysphagia of Japan |

The 123rd Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery



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The 123rd Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery was held at the Kobe International Conference Center, Kobe, from May 25 to May 28, 2022, organized by Prof. Ken-ichi Nibu of Kobe University. In 2021, our society decided to change our name from "Oto-rhinolaryngological Society of Japan" to the present name following foreign societies and departments of medical universities in Japan. The 123rd Annual Meeting was held for the first time under the new society name. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a "hybrid style" conference combining in-person and online participation, with a total of 6408 participants. In total, 554 free papers were presented at the venue with online discussions, which were streamed live and later on-demand.

In the society's honorary lectures, Prof. Akihiro Shiotani (National Defense Medical College) gave a lecture on "Transoral Surgery for Laryngeal Cancer and Regenerative Medicine of the Recurrent Nerve", and Prof. Hisashi Nakagawa (Kyushu University) gave a lecture on "Pathophysiology and Treatment of Temporal and Middle Skull Base Diseases". In the clinical lectures, Prof. Seiji

Kakehata (Yamagata University) talked about "Paradigm Shift of Otolaryngology - Endoscopic and Exoscopic Surgeries", and Prof. Ryo Kawata (Osaka Medical College) talked about "Clinical Practice of Parotid Tumors - New Insights from Systematic Diagnosis and Treatment and Future Prospects".

As special invited lectures related to the Kobe Medical Industry Development Project, momentous lectures were provided by Prof. Hisataka Kobayashi of the National Institutes of Health, U.S.A., who developed photoimmunotherapy (PIT) for cancer, Mr. Hiroshi Mikitani, chairman of Rakuten Medical (CEO of Rakuten, Inc.), who developed this novel therapy for practical use and introduced PIT to Japan for the first time in the world, and Mr. Yasuhiko Hashimoto, chairman of Medicaroid (President and Representative Director of Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.), who developed the first made-in-Japan surgical robot "hinotori".

The theme of the symposiums and panel discussions was "Hop, Step, and Jump" in honor of our "123rd" event, foreshadowing the further prosperity of our society. In summary, as a standard model for post-Covid-19 events, we were pleased to meet and interact with many of our members both onsite in Kobe and online.



Prof. Ken-ichi Nibu
President,
The 123rd Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, Kobe University

| Lecture | Theme | Speaker | Affiliation |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| Society's honorary lectures | Transoral Videolaryngoscopic Surgery (TOVS) for Laryngopharyngeal Cancer and Regenerative Medicine for Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve Paralysis | Akihiro Shiotani | Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, National Defense Medical College |
| | The Etiology and Strategy of Temporal Bone and Lateral Skull Base Disorders | Takashi Nakagawa | Department of Otorhinolaryngology and Head & Neck Surgery, Kyushu University |
| Special lectures | Future Pioneered by Technology and Business Innovation | Hiroshi Mikitani | Rakuten Medical inc. |
| | Development of Medical Robots from Japan and Prospects for Future Medicine | Yasuhiko Hashimoto | Kawasaki Heavy Industries Group |
| | Near-Infrared Photoimmunotherapy for Cancer | Hisataka Kobayashi | National Cancer Institute |
| | The Power of Interdisciplinary and Global Collaboration in Otolaryngology | Carol R. Bradford | Past President of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery |
| President's lecture | Head and Neck Surgery -Surgery for Life and Function- | Ken-ichi Nibu | Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine |
| Presidential clinical lectures | The Future of Ear Surgery is Looking Up -Heads Up Surgery with the Endoscope and Exoscope- | Seiji Kakehata | Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Yamagata University Faculty of Medicine |
| | Clinical studies of parotid tumors: Novel findings and future prospects obtained from systematic diagnosis and treatment | Ryo Kawata | Department of Otorhinolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, Osaka Medical and Pharmaceutical University |

The Research Encouragement Award in 2021

**Takeshi Tsuda, MD, PhD**

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Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine

I am deeply honored to have received the Research Encouragement Award from the Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery in 2021. We would like to report on the progress of our research on the pathophysiology of eosinophilic chronic rhinosinusitis (ECRS). In this study, we analyzed the characteristics of pathogenic epithelial cells and discussed their application to novel therapy.

ECRS is an intractable allergic airway disease, involving Type 2 inflammation. Several recent publications have reported on the efficacy of antibody drugs that inhibit Type 2 inflammation. However, in the most severe cases of ECRS, not only is Type 2 inflammation involved, but also other types of inflammation. Thus, treatment with existing antibody drugs is often inadequate.

Semaphorins, originally characterized as neural guidance factors, are subcategorized into eight classes based on their molecular structures. Several classes of semaphorin play important roles in the immune system. These groups were recognized as “immune semaphorins.” Previously, we reported that the serum semaphorin 4D level is higher in patients with ECRS and strongly correlates with disease severity. Semaphorin 4D contributes to the formation of refractory nasal polyps via the enhancement of vascular endothelial cell permeability (Tsuda T et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol.* 2020). Moreover, semaphorins are known to cause all types of inflammation including Type 1, Type 2, and Type 3, and may be closely related to the overlapping inflammations seen in the most severe cases of ECRS. With this in mind, we investigated the mechanism of multiple inflammations in the most severe cases of ECRS. We aimed to establish a new treatment method by analyzing the function of semaphorins.

First, we performed single-cell RNA-sequencing (scRNA-seq) of

the nasal epithelial cells derived from patients with ECRS. From this, we found that *TSLP* and other genes were highly expressed in some basal cells, which we referred to as “pathogenic epithelial cells,” that are deeply involved in inflammation. Next, we evaluated the function of semaphorin 4D on nasal epithelial cells. Our findings demonstrated that semaphorin 4D induces IL-6 and IP-10 production in airway epithelial cells and contributes to the exacerbation of complex inflammation.

Moving forward, we plan to continue our investigation of the effects of genes that are upregulated in pathogenic epithelial cells. Currently, we are experimenting with semaphorin antibody therapy using dispersed nasal polyp cells (DNPCs) generated from nasal polyps of patients with ECRS. We will evaluate whether anti-semaphorin antibodies could be a new treatment option for ECRS. Encouraged by this award, I intend to continue my research on nasal sinus allergic diseases.

The Research Encouragement Award in 2021

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It is my great honor to receive the Research Encouragement Award of Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery in 2021. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone involved in my research for their guidance and support.

In my graduate research, I focused on epigenetic alterations in HPV-associated oropharyngeal cancer (HPV-OPC). HPV-OPC is known to have a good prognosis, but there are quite a few intermediate-risk groups that show resistance to treatment, and prognostic stratification is an urgent issue for minimizing the invasive nature of treatment. We focused on epigenomic changes caused by viral infection and succeeded in prognostic stratification of HPV-OPC by DNA methylation, one of the epigenomic changes [Nakagawa et al. *Cancer Lett.* 2017, Nakagawa et al. *Int J Cancer.* 2020].

This research motivated me to elucidate the molecular mechanism of HPV-OPC at Dr. Califano's lab in UC San Diego. We focused on extrachromosomal DNA (ecDNA) as a carcinogenic mechanism after integration. ecDNA, which exists outside of chromosomes, is involved in various types of carcinogenesis, and its presence has been indicated in more than half of all carcinomas. In our study, we found that human-viral hybrid ecDNA (hybrid ecDNA), in which the HPV genome sequence is included in ecDNA, is present in some HPV-OPC [Pang, Nakagawa et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2021]. We analyzed hybrid ecDNA based on Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) of 28 clinical specimens of HPV-OPC and WGS results of 28 validation cohorts of TCGA and found hybrid ecDNA in 6 cases and 10 cases, respectively (total 16/56 cases; 29%). Furthermore, in vitro analysis using plasmids containing hybrid ecDNA sequences suggested that hybrid ecDNA may be involved in cancer growth. Based on these results, we

planned the next study to verify how hybrid ecDNA is actually involved in carcinogenesis.

First, we performed spatial validation of hybrid ecDNA by FISH using probes specifically designed for hybrid ecDNA using patient derived xenograft (PDX) and cell lines of HPV-OPC. Next, ChIP-seq and ATAC-seq were performed for both cases with and without hybrid ecDNA to verify enhancer activity within the hybrid ecDNA. Furthermore, by performing spatial 3D structural analysis using HiC-seq, we are going to analyze various chromatin interactions. This research is expected to elucidate the unknown molecular mechanism of carcinogenesis of HPV-OPC and lead to the development of novel therapeutic strategies.

Encouraged by this award, I will continue to engage in research and make every effort to contribute to the development of research in the field of otorhinolaryngology and head and neck surgery.

International Conferences Organized in Japan

The 13th East Asian Conference on Phonosurgery (EACP)



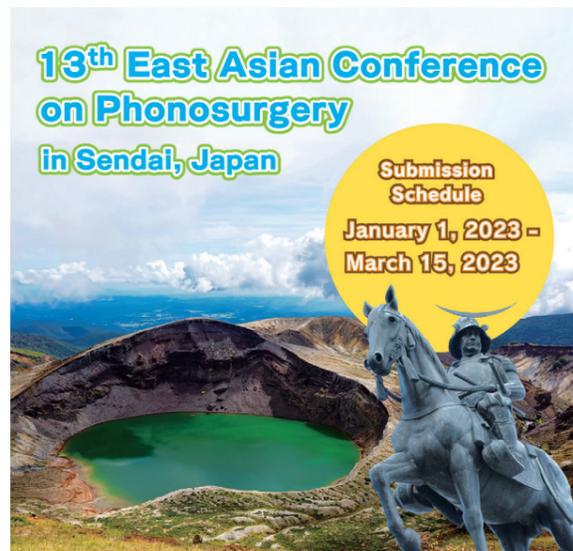
President
Prof. Yukio Katori

Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery,
Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine

On behalf of the local organizing committee for the 13th East Asian Conference on Phonosurgery (EACP), it is our great honor and pleasure to invite you to the 13th meeting, to be held in Sendai, Japan, on July 7 (Fri) – 8 (Sat), 2023.

Building on the success of the 2020 EACP held in Taichung and the 2018 EACP in Busan, we aim to enable East Asian head and neck surgeons and speech-language pathologists to interact and propose novel treatments in phonosurgery fields. The conference will discuss surgeries for benign and malignant vocal fold regions, vocal fold paralysis, and spasmodic dysphonia, as well as vocal rehabilitation for head and neck cancer patients. The conference consists of special lectures from established surgeons of Taiwan, Korea and Japan and free paper sessions with oral and poster presentations. We continue to foster the traditional, warm atmosphere of the EACP and welcome the participation of young doctors, therapists, and related supervisors.

Sendai, a rural city in the north-eastern region of Japan, is surrounded by beautiful mountains and coasts. Boasting a calm climate, Sendai is the perfect travel destination for the summer month of July. It is our hope that you reunite with old friends, become acquainted with new friends, and enjoy the conference. We look forward to welcoming you to Sendai in July 2023.



Date | 7(FRY.) ▶ 8(SAT.), JULY, 2023

Venue | KOYO GRAND HOTEL

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International Conferences Organized in Japan

Collegium Oto-Rhino-Laryngologicum Amicitiae Sacrum (CORLAS 2023)



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CORLAS 2023 (Collegium Oto-Rhino-Laryngologicum Amicitiae Sacrum) will be held at the Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo from August 27 (Sun) to August 30 (Wed), 2023. Founded in the Netherlands in 1926, CORLAS is an academic organization whose members are physicians and researchers in the fields of otorhinolaryngology and head and neck surgery. It holds an annual meeting (CORLAS Meeting) to discuss various issues in these fields. The members are selected through deliberations based on recommendations from CORLAS members in each country and approval by the General Assembly, and only physicians and researchers who have made outstanding achievements in research and development in the field of otorhinolaryngology and head and neck surgery are permitted to join the organization. It is a great honor for us to host such a long-standing and prestigious society.

At the CORLAS Meeting, approximately 300 members from all over the world gather together for discussions through keynote lectures, mini-symposia, poster presentations, etc. At CORLAS 2023, we will invite world-renowned speakers to participate in these various academic presentations to share the latest findings, engage in lively discussions among members, and build friendships. We will consider a variety of academic and social programs, aiming to promote friendly relationships among the members. The conference will be held at the Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo, well known for its beautiful Japanese garden, so that participants from overseas can experience Japanese culture at the venue. We hope that participants will make use of the beautiful garden as a place for networking and making new contacts.



Vice-President
Prof. Koichi Omori

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Due to the spread of COVID-19, international conferences around the world have been forced to cancel or postpone, go online, or downsize, but gradually more and more international conferences are being held locally. In Japan, entry restrictions were lifted from October 2022, allowing us to hold the conference at the most appropriate time for inviting participants from all over the world. It has been 34 years since the 1988 Congress in Tokyo, and the Organizing Committee and members of CORLAS Japan are united in welcoming you with a spirit of cordial hospitality.

We hope that this meeting serves as an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas, share knowledge, meet old friends, and create new friendships. We would be delighted to show 'omotenashi', unique Japanese hospitality, to our distinguished colleagues.

International Conferences Organized in Japan

The 9th Asia-Pacific Pediatric Otolaryngology Group Conference (APOG 2023)



President
Prof. Takashi Nakagawa

Department of Otorhinolaryngology,
Graduate School of Medical Sciences,
Kyushu University

It is a great pleasure to announce that the 9th Asia-Pacific Pediatric Otolaryngology Group Conference (APOG 2023) in conjunction with the 18th Annual Meeting of Japan Society for Pediatric ORL, will be held in Beppu City, Japan, on November 9 and 10, 2023.

The APOG conference has been held basically once every two years since the first meeting in 2007 in Manila with founding members from seven Asian countries. It has been held in Jakarta, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Taipei, Beijing and Bangkok, with the most recent meeting in Ho Chi Minh City in 2022, which was postponed a year due to COVID-19. It is our great pleasure and honor to host the 9th APOG meeting in Beppu.

Topics this year are planned to include a wide range of pediatric otorhinolaryngological fields from pediatric airway, such as diagnosis, management including surgical treatment of OSA, airway stenosis, and tracheostomy to hearing loss in children, such as newborn hearing screening.

As APOG 2023 will be held in conjunction with the 18th Annual Meeting of Japan Society for Pediatric ORL, it would be a wonderful opportunity to exchange great knowledge and expertise in the field of pediatric otorhinolaryngology among the participants from Asia, Pacific regions, Japan, and other parts of world.

Beppu city is located in Kyushu and is one of the most famous hot spring resorts in Japan. It is famous for its beautiful scenery, with steam rising up hear and there, and fresh seafood. I hope you will enjoy the attractive city as well as the conference. We look forward to seeing you in Beppu in November 2023.

APOG2023
9th Asia Pacific Pediatric Otolaryngology Group Conference

Date November 9 (Thu) -10 (Fri), 2023
Venue B-CON PLAZA, Beppu, Oita, Japan
President Takashi Nakagawa Professor, Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kyushu University

In conjunction with
The 18th Annual Meeting of Japan Society for Pediatric ORL

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Local Meetings of Related Societies

Japan Society for Equilibrium Research
Chair: Prof. Hideo Shojaku



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This society qualifies three types of specialists: an active member, a qualified consultant doctor (Vertigo Consultant), and a qualified examiner (Equilibrium Technologist). Active members consist of medical doctors and researchers who are qualified base on papers and presentations. Consultant doctors and examiners are qualified by taking an instruction course and a test.

Annually, the society has four important events: 2 instruction courses, 1 seminar, and 1 annual meeting. In 2022, the 38th Instruction Course for Doctors was held in Tokyo from June 30th to July 2nd. It was directed by Prof. T. Tsutsumi from the Dept. of ORL at Tokyo Medical and Dental University. In this instruction course, they offered several lectures about anatomy, physiology, examination, diseases, and treatments. They also offered training courses such as ENG, VOG, vHIT and VEMP. One hundred forty-three people participated: 26 people on-site and 117 people online. Some of them became qualified consultant doctors based on the results of the test.

The 51st Instruction Course for Co-medicals was held in Kobe from June 8th to 11th. It was directed by Prof. A. Kakigi from the Dept. of ORL at Kobe University. This course offered several lectures and training courses. Thirty-eight participants were qualified as examiners based on the results of the test. This qualification started this year. Some of them became the first qualified examiners.

The Summer Seminar was held online from July 23rd to August 20th. Two hundred seventy-three people participated online. Two educational lectures about vertigo related with sleep disorders were presented by Dr U. Konomi from Tokyo and Dr M. Nakayama from Nagoya. A special lecture about equilibrium rehabilitation was presented by Prof. H. Fushiki from Mejiro University.



The Annual Meeting is recognized as the biggest event of the year. The 81st Annual Meeting was held in Nara from November 16th to 18th, directed by Prof. T. Kitahara from the Dept. of ORL at Nara Medical University. They offered 1 evening seminar, 2 invited lectures, 2 symposiums, 4 mini-panel discussions, 4 educational lectures, 6 luncheon seminars, 3 sweets seminars, 2 morning seminars, 61 oral presentations, and 148 poster presentations. Invited Lecture 1, titled “Functional and structural changes of superior canal after surgical plugging of superior canal dehiscence syndrome” was presented by Prof. Ja-Win Koo from Seoul National University College of Medicine. Invited Lecture 2, titled “Multiscale imaging of the human inner ear: state of the art and future prospects” was presented by Prof. Stankovic M. Konstantina from Head and Neck Surgery, Stanford University School of Medicine. More than 600 participants on-site enjoyed the annual meeting, the crimson foliage, the wild deer in Nara. Several lectures were available online from December 1st to 16th.

Local Meetings of Related Societies

Japan Society of Logopedics and Phoniatics
Chair: Prof. Hirohito Umeno



Written by
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The Japan Society of Logopedics and Phoniatics (JSLP) is the nation's leading society for all those involved in scientific research related to voice, speech, language, and hearing. The society was founded in 1956 by Cotoji Satta, an otolaryngologist, phoniatician and violinist, to foster collaboration of professionals involved in the clinical practice of voice, speech, language, and hearing. The society has a 66-year history and currently has over 1700 members of various professions, including otolaryngologists, speech-language pathologists, phoneticians, audiologists, engineers, psychologists, singing coaches, and teachers. JSLP facilitates clinical practice, science, and education through interdisciplinary cooperation and collaboration.

The 67th Annual Meeting of the Japan Society of Logopedics and Phoniatics

The 67th Annual Meeting of the Japan Society of Logopedics and Phoniatics (JSLP) was held from November 24th to 25th in Kyoto, Japan, and was chaired by the Society President, Prof. Shigeru Hirano of Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine. The meeting was held in a hybrid format. It was held on-site and via on-demand streaming from December 2nd to the 26th. The decline in COVID-19 infections in Japan during November allowed a large number of on-site attendees and lively face-to-face discussions. The theme of this year's meeting was "World-class voice therapy." The program included an international panel discussion on the current evidence in voice therapy research with panelists from abroad, with three master classes on the singing voice. There were also two lectures, five symposia, nine seminars, and two sessions in areas related to voice, speech, language, hearing, and swallowing, as well as 133 oral presentations.

The 1st Certification Examination for Board Certified Speech-Language Physicians and Pathologists

This year, the society launched the certification system for board

certified speech-language physicians and pathologists. This system aims to train physicians and speech-language pathologists who contribute to treating voice and speech-language disorders and certify those with appropriate knowledge and experience. On November 26th, over 80 members took the first Certification Examination for Board Certified Speech-Language Physicians and Pathologists at Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine.

Best Paper Award (The Japan Journal of Logopedics and Phoniatics Vol.62)

The Society President, Prof. Yukio Katori of Tohoku University, presented awards to the winners of each category at the 67th Annual Meeting on November 24th. The categories and winners were as follows:

Voice

Daichi Yoshida for the paper titled "Estimation of hoarseness levels by acoustic voice quality index and compatibility between text-reading tasks."

Speech

Kentaro Yoshizawa for the paper titled "The relationship between autism spectrum disorder tendency or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder tendency and social anxiety in adult patients with stuttering."

Language

China Shigemori for the paper titled "Content of narratives of children with autism spectrum disorder."

Encouragement Award

Reina Furukawa for the paper titled "Efficacy of a VFE shortened version."

Local Meetings of Related Societies

Japan Society for Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology
Chair: Prof. Makoto Ito



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Japan Society for Pediatric ORL was officially established in 2006 but has a long history of more than 40 years since it started its study group in 1979. During this time, the society has led the academic and clinical fields of pediatric otorhinolaryngology not only in Japan but also throughout the world. This academic organization includes over 1,208 members whose clinical departments include otolaryngology, head and neck surgery, and pediatrics among others.

The 17th annual meeting of Japan Society for Pediatric ORL

The 17th annual meeting of Japan Society for Pediatric ORL was held from July 22nd to 23rd in Toyama, Toyama prefecture, and was chaired by the Society President, Prof. Yuichi Adachi, Department of Pediatrics in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toyama and by the Vice President, Prof. Hideo Shojaku, Department of Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery, University of Toyama. The meeting was held under the theme "For Irreplaceable Children," with special programs titled "The Future of the Society; With or Post-COVID-19 Vision for the Future" and "Diversity Promotion Symposium: Cooperation and Awareness of Multiple



Photo 1. An executive committee of the 17th annual meeting.

Professions," as well as a special lecture titled "Allergen Analysis of Pollen Food Allergy Syndrome". as special lectures. Symposia included "Vertigo in Children," "Influence of Olfaction on Growth and Development in Children," and "Joint Symposium with the Japanese Society of Pediatric Pulmonology: Current Status and Issues in Pediatric OSA Treatment". The symposium was held as a hybrid of on-site and live-streamed symposia, and the number of participants reached 360. (Photo 1)

The 18th annual meeting of Japan Society for Pediatric ORL with 9th Asian Pediatric Otolaryngology Group (APOG) Congress

In 2023, the 18th Annual Meeting of Japan Society for Pediatric ORL and the 9th Asian Pediatric Otolaryngology Group (APOG) Congress will be co-organized. The venue will be Beppu City, Oita Prefecture, an area blessed with a rich natural environment and home to Beppu Onsen, one of the most famous hot springs in Japan. We are working diligently to make this a fruitful meeting for everyone. We look forward to welcoming many participants from all over the world. (Photo 2)



Photo 2. Handover ceremony at the APOG 2022, Ho Chi Minh city.

Local Meetings of Related Societies

Society of Swallowing and Dysphagia of Japan
Chair: Prof. Toshiro Umezaki



Written by
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Our society has a history of approximately 40 years, starting with the establishment of the organization, the Japanese Swallowing Research Conference, in 1981. It was later renamed the Society of Swallowing and Dysphagia of Japan in 2004, and boasts a rich, unparalleled history in Japan. The official journal “Deglutition” is published twice a year. We have 1365 multidisciplinary specialists (361 females, 26%), including physicians, dentists, speech-language pathologists, and nurses, who are passionate about treatment and care of patients with dysphagia.

The 45th Annual Meeting of the Society of Swallowing and Dysphagia in Japan

The 45th Annual Meeting of the Society of Swallowing and Dysphagia in Japan was held from February 24th to 25th in Fukuoka, and was chaired by the Society President—Prof. Toshiro Umezaki of International University of Health and Welfare, and Fukuoka Sanno Hospital. With “Return to the Origin” as the theme of this meeting, we had 4 special lectures including the President’s Lecture, (photo), 2 symposiums, 1 panel discussion, 4 instructor-led courses, 78 free papers, and 35 poster presentations, attended by 524 participants. Although the meeting took a hybrid approach, with both on-site and on-line participants because of the COVID-19 outbreak, many on-site participants attended for a lively discussion, meeting face to-face for the first time in recent years.

Institution of consultant doctors for swallowing and dysphagia

Our society accredits “consultant doctors for swallowing and dysphagia,” “consultant medical professionals for swallowing and dysphagia,” and “consultant dentists for swallowing and dysphagia,” who are commissioned by our society to provide swallowing consultation services to ensure that patients with dysphagia receive appropriate medical care. We have certified approximately 270 such specialists in Japan.



Professional activities: swallowing evaluation workshop, glossary of the swallowing and dysphagia conference

Our society organizes the swallowing evaluation workshop annually. The 2022 workshop was held in Nagasaki on October 9th, and was chaired by Prof. Yoshihiko Kumai of Nagasaki University. We also understand that it is our mission to disseminate the correct terminology related to swallowing, and we are currently working on compiling a glossary of words used during the swallowing and dysphagia conference.

Forthcoming Events

| Forthcoming Events | April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 | | |
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| | Event President | Location | Period |
| Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery | Takashi Nakagawa (Kyushu University) | Fukuoka | May 17-20 |
| Autumn Seminar of The Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery | Yukio Katori (Tohoku University) | Yokohama | November 18-19 |
| Japan Society of Immunology Allergology and Infection in Otorhinolaryngology | Muneki Hotomi (Wakayama Medical University) | Wakayama | April 13-15 |
| Japan Society of Facial Nerve Research | Shin-ichi Haginomori (Osaka Medical and Pharmaceutical University) | Toyonaka | June 2-3 |
| Japan Society for Head and Neck Cancer | Hidenori Inohara (Osaka University) | Osaka | June 15-16 |
| Society of Practical Otolaryngology | Kiyooki Tsukahara (Tokyo Medical University) | Tokyo | June 24-25 |
| Japan Society of Stomato-Pharyngology | Masamitsu Hyodo (Kochi University) | Kochi | September 14-15 |
| Japanese Rhinologic Society | Kazuhiko Takeuchi (Mie University) | Tsu | September 28-30 |
| Japan Society of Logopedics and Phoniatrics | Hirohiko Hara (Kawasaki Medical School) | Kurashiki | October 5-6 |
| Japan Audiological Society | Mitsuya Suzuki (Toho University) | Chiba | October 12-13 |
| Japan Society for Equilibrium Research | Arata Horii (Niigata University) | Niigata | October 25-27 |
| Japan Otological Society | Tetsuo Ikezono (Saitama Medical University) | Takasaki | November 2-4 |
| Japan Society for Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology | Noriko Morimoto (National Center for Child Health and Development) | Beppu | November 9-10 |
| Japan Broncho-Esophagological Society | Yasushi Toh (Kyushu Cancer Center) | Fukuoka | November 14-15 |
| Japan Society for Head and Neck Surgery | Naohito Hato (Ehime University) | Matsuyama | February 1-2 |
| Society of Swallowing and Dysphagia of Japan | Makoto Inoue (Niigata University) | Niigata | February 9-10 |
| Japan Laryngological Association | Koichi Omori (Kyoto University) | Kyoto | March 7-8 |