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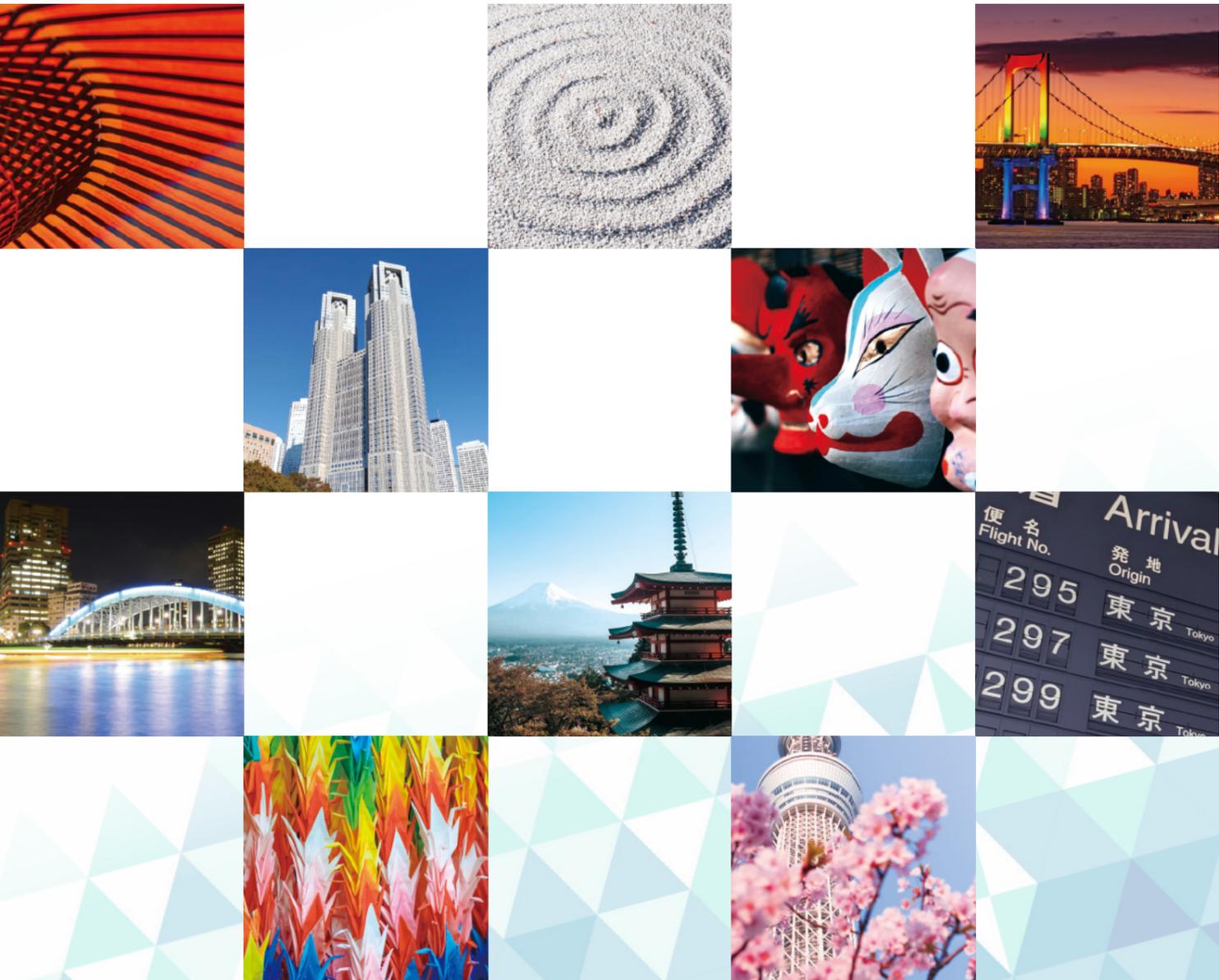


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Various activity scenes of the Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery



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The new coronavirus, the Omicron variant, is raging worldwide. COVID-19 has significantly affected the field of otolaryngology, clinical practice, surgical management of patients, and academic conferences. We sincerely hope the pandemic rapidly subsides.

The aim of the Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Bulletin 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 129 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. 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 Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. 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 1.8. 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.

Subspecialty societies
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 Allergy 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

IFOS bidding — IFOS and Japan



Prof. Tatsuya Yamasoba

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IFOS traces its roots to Japan’s proposal during the 8th International Congress of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology, held in October 1965 in Tokyo, Japan. Since its foundation, IFOS has been at the forefront in contributing to the field of oto-rhino-laryngological medicine and connecting societies worldwide.

It would be our great pleasure to host the 2026 conference in Japan, the birthplace of IFOS.



“Otolaryngology Now and in the Future” panel discussion held during the 8th International Congress of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology in 1965.

Panelists include Prof. Ichiro Kirikae, and 1965 nobel prize winners Sin-Itiro Tomonaga, François Jacob, and Jacques Monod.

Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery



Established in **1893**, over 127 years of history



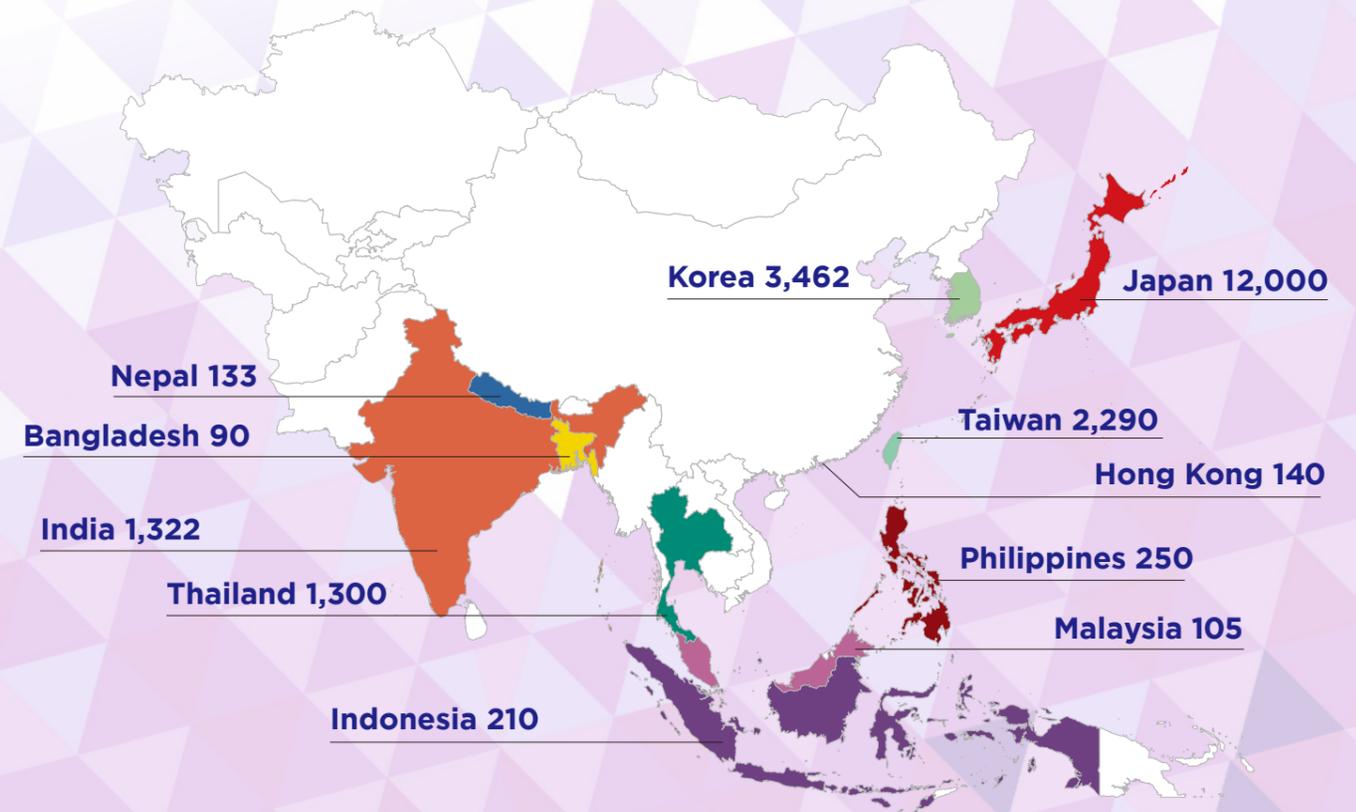
Academically Active in field of ORL

#2 to USA by Citable Documents Ranking from Elsevier Scopus Database



More than **12,000** members

large pool of oto-rhinolaryngologists



IFOS bidding — Why Japan?

1. JORL-HNS Society has many Members in Asia

In addition to Japan's large pool of otorhinolaryngologists, the country's proximity is expected to boost attendance from neighboring Asian countries.



2. Japanese ORL Researchers are Academically Active

Japanese researchers are second only to the United States in both number and quality of papers published in the field of oto-rhino-laryngology.

Academic Achievement: Citable Documents Ranking from Elsevier Scopus Database

RANK	COUNTRY	DOCUMENTS	CITABLE DOCUMENTS	CITATIONS	H index
1	United States	67,461	62,978	1,230,348	224
2	Japan	23,459	23,168	179,039	104
3	United Kingdom	18,411	15,979	268,436	143
4	Germany	16,865	15,906	219,045	126
5	India	11,749	11,007	58,258	70

Source: Citable Documents Ranking from Elsevier Scopus Database(1996-2020)

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3. Japanese ORL Doctors Hold an Increasing Importance in the World's Highest Aging Society



By 2030 it is expected that one in every 3 persons will be 65+ years old.

4. Financial Advantages

The candidate city of Yokohama and the venue, PACIFICO Yokohama

Approx \$ 100,000

Plus support for international conferences from other foundations



The 122nd Annual Meeting of the Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Society of Japan, 2021



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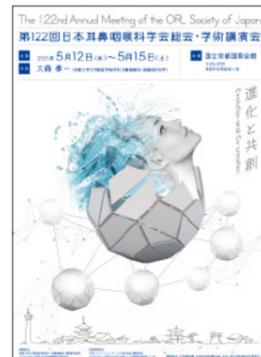
This conference was held at the Kyoto International Conference Center, Kyoto, from May 12 to May 15, 2021, organized by Professor Koichi Omori of Kyoto University. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a "hybrid style" conference combining onsite and offsite online was provided, welcoming a total of 6281 participants. Specialized programs based on the conference's theme of "evolution and co-creation" were delivered via livestreaming and on-demand later. The event hosted 554 general presentations onsite, with online discussions via the bulletin board. We were able to open up a new era of Otolaryngology with our society members through this academic conference.

As special lectures, we enjoyed cutting-edge research presentations by Professor Shinya Yamanaka, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for the "discovery that mature cells can be reprogrammed to become pluripotent" in 2012, and distinguished Professor Tasuku Honjo, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for the "discovery of cancer therapy by inhibition of negative immune regulation" in 2018.

For our overseas invited lectures, Professor Bradley Welling,

Harvard University, USA and Professor Antti Mäkitie, University of Helsinki, Finland, offered presentations on "Towards Better Treatment for Vestibular Schwannomas" and "Diagnosis of Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma is a Multidisciplinary Concept", respectively.

This conference greatly enhanced my already fulfilling life as a medical doctor, a researcher, and an educator. My intellectual excitement never stops! I am looking forward to active and in-person exchanges between international academic societies after the pandemic subsides.



Conference Poster



Onsite-online hybrid symposium with livestreaming



Prof. Koichi Omori
President, 122nd Annual Meeting of the ORL Society of Japan, 2021
Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, Kyoto University

Lecture	Theme	Speaker	Affiliation
Society's honorary lectures	New development of acute sensorineural hearing loss management	Hiroaki Sato	Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Iwate Medical University
	Development of treatment for dysphagia-collaboration of medicine, dentistry and engineering-	Yukio Katori	Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Tohoku University
Special lectures	Current status of iPS cell research and initiatives for medical applications	Shinya Yamanaka	Center for iPS Cell Research and Application, Kyoto University
	New development of cancer immunotherapy	Tasuku Honjo	Center for Cancer Immunotherapy and Immunobiology, Kyoto University
	Modeling the infection route and risk of the new coronavirus	Hiroshi Nishiura	Department of the Environmental Hygiene Science, Kyoto University
President's lecture	The attractive otolaryngology and the development of next-generation human resources	Koichi Omori	Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, Kyoto University
Presidential clinical lectures	Evolution and future of otologic and neuro-otologic surgery	Katsumi Doi	Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Kinki University
	Development and prospects of laryngeal function preserving surgery for hypopharyngeal cancer	Ryuichi Hayashi	National Cancer Center Hospital East

The Research Encouragement Award of the Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Society of Japan in 2020



Kazuya Takeda, MD, PhD

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I was fortunate enough to receive the Research Encouragement Award of the Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Society of Japan in 2020 and would like to report on the progress of our research project entitled "Analysis of the property of locally infiltrating T and B lymphocytes in allergic fungal rhinosinusitis patients."

Previously, we analyzed locally infiltrating T and B cells in eosinophilic chronic rhinosinusitis (ECRS). We generated monoclonal antibodies derived from IgE+ plasmablasts in nasal polyps of ECRS patients. Many of these antibodies turned out to be specifically reactive to nasal resident bacteria, and IgG+ and IgA+ B cells were differentiated into IgE-producing cells in the nasal polyps. From the above results, we proposed a new pathological mechanism in which the protective immune response is converted into allergic inflammation in the nasal mucosa in ECRS patients. (Takeda K et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol. 143(3): 1163-1175, 2019)

Similar to ECRS, Allergic fungal rhinosinusitis (AFRS) is known as intractable rhinosinusitis with Type 2 inflammation. AFRS is caused by type I allergy to fungi, but many ambiguities have been pointed out regarding its pathophysiology. In this study, to elucidate the

pathological mechanisms of AFRS, we generated nasal polyp-derived monoclonal antibodies and characterized their antigen reactivities at a clone level.

First, it was found that the local IgE recognized multiple fungal genera at a monoclonal level. These cross-reactive anti-fungal IgEs targeted not major fungal components but cell wall polysaccharides conserved among different fungal phyla. Next, nasal polyp-infiltrating B cells were analyzed in flow cytometry to gain insight into the differentiation process of local IgE antibodies. We found that a large proportion of germinal center B cells expressed IgE, suggesting local IgE class-switching in ectopic germinal centers. Given that anti-fungal polysaccharide IgG antibodies are often produced during fungal infection, as previously reported, local IgE antibody response may be altered from a protective immune response against fungi through sequential class-switching in allergic inflamed tissue. Currently, we are performing gene expression analysis by single-cell RNA sequencing to clarify the properties of helper T cells in nasal polyps that help antigen-specific IgE production.

Encouraged by this award, we will continue to work on allergy research in the otorhinolaryngology field.

The 7th East Asian Symposium on Otology (EASO 2022)



**President
Prof.
Hiromi Kojima**

Department of Otorhino-
laryngology, Jikei University
School of Medicine

The 7th East Asian Symposium on Otology (EASO 2022) will be held during the three days spanning March 24 to March 26, 2022. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the program including three keynote lectures, sixteen special programs, and a general presentation will be virtual and live-streamed.

EASO was founded in 2008 by the late Prof. Won Sang Lee (Yonsei University, Korea) who planned an historic meeting with the hope of bringing East Asian otologists together to facilitate an exchange of knowledge and promote further development of expertise in the field of otology in Asia. Prof. Lee gathered Board Members from Korea, Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, and Japan. As a result, approximately 200 Otologists participated in the first EASO meeting, which the EASO was decided to be held every two years, and Korea, Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, and Japan will all take turns to be the host moving forward.

The 6th EASO held in Seoul in 2018 featured over 400 participants from 40 different countries. These numbers indicate that EASO has become a vital and highly

respected symposium for professionals not only in East Asia, but across the broader Asia Pacific region. It is thus quite an honor to be the president of this engaging event in 2022.

It is truly unfortunate that the 7th EASO 2020 scheduled to be held in Taiwan under the leadership of Prof. Tien-Chen Lieu had to be cancelled due to the spread of COVID-19. We certainly hope that the pandemic will subside soon to allow a return to in-person events.

For EASO 2022, we plan to incorporate a wide range of topics into the program to encourage constructive exchange among participants from many countries representing basic and clinical research as well as clinical practice. I hope participants will enjoy vigorous discussion and new networking opportunities. My fellow organizing committee members and I will make every effort to ensure that Tokyo EASO 2022 will prove to be a lively symposium. I am very much looking forward to seeing you all online.

The 18th Japan-Korea Joint Meeting of Otorhinolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery (JKJM2022)



**President
Prof.
Kishiko Sunami**

Department of Otolaryngology,
Graduate School of Medicine
Osaka City University

We are pleased to announce that the 18th JKJM2022 will be held in April 2022 after its original date of April 2020 was postponed due to COVID-19. Acting President Prof. Kishiko Sunami assumed leadership following the sudden passing of our former President, Prof. Hiroyoshi Iguchi. The meeting will be in a hybrid style with online (April 6 – 8th) and on-demand streaming (April 25th – May 25th).

Online events will include presentations at the venue for five Keynote Lectures (Topics: Otology, Head & Neck Surgery, Rhinology, Innovations in Endoscopic Ear Surgery, and Regenerative Medicine for Airway Organs) and 10 symposiums (Otologic Surgery, Recent Advances in OSA, Robotic Head and Neck Surgery, How to Manage Eosinophilic Chronic Rhinosinusitis (ECRS), State-of-the-Art Pediatric ORL, Recent Topics of Diagnosis and Treatment of Olfactory Dysfunctions, Problems of Dysphagia, Recent advances in Medical Devices on Vestibular Science, Problems of Tinnitus Research, and Recent Topics for Head and Neck Tumors). All other poster (free-paper) presentations will be pre-recorded and also available for on-demand streaming. (Please note that details are subject to change).

Japan and Korea have successfully hosted JKJM biannually since the first meeting in 1986 in Seoul, Korea. While we experienced our first postponement, we remain resilient and hope to exit this pandemic soon. We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.



The 16th Meeting of the International Association of Phonosurgery



**Chair
Prof.
Shigeru Hirano**

Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine

The 16th Meeting of the International Association of Phonosurgery (IAP) will be held on October 13th-14th, 2022 in Kyoto, Japan. IAP was established in 1990 as a specialized international society for phonosurgery. IAP is a leading organization in the field of voice surgery with oversight by world-renowned phonosurgeons and speech language pathologists. It is our great pleasure and honor to host the 16th IAP meeting in Kyoto. This is Japan's second opportunity to host the event since 1994.

Topics this year include the anatomy and physiology of the vocal system, various pathologies that cause dysphonia, and surgical and non-surgical treatments for benign and malignant lesions of the larynx, paresis and paralysis of the vocal fold, spasmodic dysphonia, vocal fold scar and sulcus, functional dysphonia, transgender voice, among others. Sophisticated technologies include endoscopy, stroboscopy, high speed digital imaging for visualizing vocal fold vibration, aerodynamic and acoustic analyses of voice, direct laryngoscopic and endoscopic surgery, injection laryngoplasty, framework surgery, laser surgery, and everything related to voice. Representatives from over 100 international and domestic faculties will assemble in Kyoto to discuss current topics. These individuals rank among the global "who's who in laryngology." The IAP meetings afford excellent opportunities to encounter world-class developments in phonosurgery and voice therapy.

October is a wonderful month in Kyoto, typically offering ideal weather in which to enjoy one of Japan's cultural centers. We hope you will experience temples, shrines, art, pottery, tea ceremony, and other local delights. We look forward to welcoming you to Kyoto!

IAP Kyoto 2022
The 16th meeting of the International Association of Phonosurgery
Oct 13-14, 2022

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The 4th World Congress on Endoscopic Ear Surgery



**Chair
Prof.
Seiji Kakehata**

Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Yamagata University Faculty of Medicine

The 4th World Congress on Endoscopic Ear Surgery will be held in Kyoto from December 5th to the 8th, 2022, with a Satellite Symposium in Yamagata from December 12th to the 13th, 2022. The 4th World Congress was originally scheduled for April 2021. We are now crossing our fingers that things will have gotten somewhat back to normal by the end of 2022.

The International Working Group on Endoscopic Ear Surgery (IWGEES) was founded in 2008 by a group of nine surgeons chaired by Dr. Stephane Ayache of France and including myself. By 2015, we had progressed to the point where we were able to hold our 1st World Congress on Endoscopic Ear Surgery in Dubai, organized by Dr. Muaaz Tarabichi, the first true pioneer of endoscopic ear surgery. The 2nd World Congress was subsequently held in Bologna, Italy, in April of 2017, organized by Drs. Livio Presutti and Daniele Marchioni, both of whom are leaders in endoscopic ear surgery. The 3rd Congress was held in Boston in June of 2019 and organized by Dr. Daniel Lee and his group at Harvard.

Japan was selected as the site of the 4th World Congress in recognition of the contributions of Japan and the rest of Asia, where endoscopic ear surgery is rapidly spreading. These contributing Asian countries include, but are not limited to, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Singapore and Australia. Unlike its predecessors, the 4th Congress will focus both on what endoscopic ear

EES 2022
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KYOTO Dec. 5-8, 2022
ROHM Theatre Kyoto Miyako Messe
Chair Prof. Seiji Kakehata
Satellite Symposium Yamagata Dec. 12-13, 2022
Satellite Symposium Terrosa Hall
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Prof. Shiroshi Kamekura
4th World Congress on Endoscopic Ear Surgery
<http://www.ees2022.umin.jp>

surgery is for those who are interested but still have not yet taken the plunge, and what the future holds for endoscopic ear surgery as it enters a new stage of maturity and acceptance within the otology community.

The 4th Congress will also honor the past by showcasing the work of some of the pioneers of endoscopic ear surgery. Our original lineup included the aforementioned Drs. Tarabichi and Presutti, along with Dr. Yasuya Nomura, who developed the otoendoscope, and Dr. Naoaki Yanagihara. Unfortunately, Dr. Yanagihara passed away at the end of 2020, so while we anticipate that our other pioneers will be present to discuss their work, Dr. Yanagihara's contributions will be shared through our special memorial tribute.

We shall also look into the future at the 4th Congress, including topics such as heads-up surgery, the exoscope, robotics, using the endoscope as a mode of delivery for emerging therapeutics, and numerous improvements to current surgical techniques.

This meeting offers a chance for all of you to enter our circle of friends regardless of your experience. We particularly welcome beginning surgeons who will eventually take the lead in spreading and advancing heads-up surgery, transcanal endoscopic ear surgery and exoscopic surgery as well as hearing therapeutics. I look forward to meeting many up-and-coming ear surgeons in Kyoto!

Japan Otological Society

Chair: Prof. Seiji Kakehata



Written by Prof. Kishiko Sunami

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The 31st Annual Meeting of the Japan Otological Society

The 31st Annual Meeting of the Japan Otological Society (JOS) was held from October 13th to 16th in Tokyo, and was chaired by the Society President, Prof. Hiromi Kojima of The Jikei University School of Medicine. In light of COVID-19, the meeting took a hybrid approach, with both on-site and online participants. Fortunately, the rapid decline in infection numbers in Tokyo during October allowed for a large number of on-site attendees and resulted in lively face-to-face discussions. The theme of this year's meeting was "Exploring beyond the current medicine." The program covered a broad range of topics and included two special lectures, eight symposiums, five panel discussions, eight educational seminars, and sessions on specialized areas and topics. In addition, committees and working groups within JOS offered their annual programs for early career doctors including educational seminars, hands-on seminars, an interactive lecture on temporal bone tissues, and the display of tissue samples.



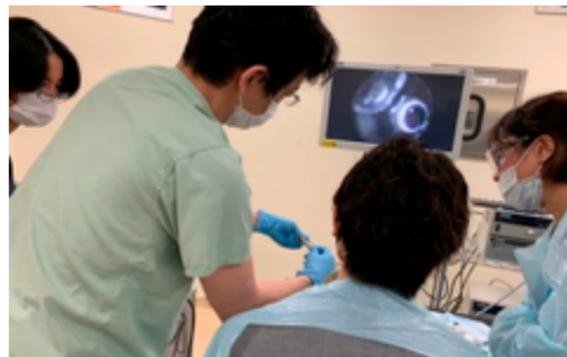
The Japan Otological Society Award

Every year, this award is given to a young doctor under the age of 45 who has contributed to the advancement of otology. The fourth Annual JOS Award was given to Dr. Akinori Kashio from the University of Tokyo. One of his areas of expertise is the use of imaging in pre- and post-operative cochlear implant evaluations.



The First EES Basic Course for early career doctors

The First EES Basic Course for early career doctors was also organized by the JOS Committee for Gender Equality and hosted by Osaka City University. Experts gave web-based lectures on endoscopic ear surgery (EES) including prep, basic and advanced EES surgical skills. Seventeen participants attended the practical session including early career doctors and physicians desiring a refresher course after maternal, parental or family care leave.



Japanese Rhinologic Society

Chair: Prof. Shinichi Haruna



Written by Prof. Takeshi Shimizu

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The 60th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Rhinologic Society

The 60th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Rhinologic Society was held in Otsu from September 23 to 25, 2021, as a joint meeting with the 20th Asian Research Symposium in Rhinology. Due to travel restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference was held as a hybrid meeting along with on-demand streaming from October 7 to November 6.

With "From Japan to Asia and the World" as the theme of this conference, we had 7 special lectures, 14 symposiums, 15 instructor-led courses, 163 free papers and 54 poster presentations with 1025 participants. "Young-award" sessions were held for participations aged 40 and below to encourage these younger colleagues. Many young doctors participated in the hands-on seminars for basic research, basic ESS and advanced ESS courses.

The Japanese Rhinologic Society (JRS) was founded in 1962 and had 1819 members as of 2021. A special ceremony and symposium were held to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the JRS at this most recent conference. JRS President Shinichi Haruna delivered a lecture on "The current situation and forecast of JRS," while presidents of international and overseas rhinologic societies spoke via video messages. Closing the event, JRS leaders delivered a total of 8 lectures offering individual perspectives on the past, present, and future development of rhinology.



The 20th Asian Research Symposium in Rhinology (ARSR)

ARSR was founded by the late Prof. Yasuo Sakakura (Japan) and Prof. Yang-Gi Min (Korea), who had the foresight and vision to further develop clinical and basic research in rhinology in Asia and to facilitate interaction among Asian rhinologists. In 1996, the first ARSR was held in Suzuka, Japan, under the leadership of Prof. Sakakura, while the second ARSR was in Seoul, Korea, under the leadership of Prof. Min. Subsequently, ARSRs were held almost annually in different Asian countries, serving as the major academic gathering for Asian rhinologists. This is Japan's fourth opportunity to host following the successful 2013 conference in Tokyo.

The 20th ARSR ceremony was held in 2021 with Secretary General, Prof. Ruby Pawankar, speaking on "ARSR history: A walk down memory lane," with a video message from Prof. Yang-Gi Min. The 20th ARSR was held as a hybrid meeting on September 25 (onsite presentation with live streaming), along with on-demand streaming from October 7 to November 6. The more than 110 overseas participants from Korea, Taiwan, China, Thailand, Malaysia, India, Nepal, Cambodia, Myanmar, and the USA, contributed 20 keynote lectures, 18 free papers, and 26 e-poster presentations.

The 28th Japanese Rhinologic Society Award

The JRS award is given each year to a young doctor under the age of 45 who contributes to the development of rhinology.

This year's winner was Kazuhiro Omura for his proposal for the selection of endoscopic surgical techniques according to the localization of the sinonasal tumor, and for his passion toward the development of new surgical techniques and the development process.



Best Paper Award (Japanese Journal of Rhinology Vol. 59)

This year's winners were:

Keiichi Ichimura, for his paper entitled "Nostril closure surgery for epistaxis in patients with hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia -Clinical effectiveness and appropriate surgical approach-".
https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/jjrhi/59/1/59_34/_article/-char/ja

Hitoshi Akazawa, for his publication on "Validating T&T olfactometry as a smell identification test compared to brief smell identification test".
https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/jjrhi/59/4/59_309/_article/-char/ja

Japan Society for Head and Neck Surgery

Chair: Prof. Shigeru Hirano



Written by Prof. Hitome Kobayashi

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The aim of our society is to develop surgical skills, instruments, and technology for head and neck surgeons. Robotic surgery is a new technology which is now approved by the PMDA (Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency) as an insurance-covered transoral surgical procedure treating pharyngeal cancer. Photo-immunotherapy (PIT) is the most recent innovation developed in Japan which has also been approved by PMDA for head and neck squamous cell carcinomas (HNSCC). PIT consists of two steps: IV administration of a photosensitive agent coupled with EGFR antibody, and application of infrared ray to the cancer. This technique can be applied to any unresectable HNSCC patients who were treated by radiotherapy and chemotherapy. Theoretically, neoantigen released after corruption of cancer cells can activate cancer-specific T cells which in turn can work for distant lesions.

Our society accredits specialized head and neck surgeons and has certified approximately 300 such surgeons in Japan. They are required to train at a certified institution for head and neck cancers to gain expertise in surgical skill and knowledge of oncology, as well as experience in treating more than 100 patients. The certified doctors serve as the top head and neck surgeons who are responsible for providing the most effective and appropriate treatment for each patient.

During our annual scientific meetings, head and neck surgeons assemble from everywhere in Japan to update their surgical skills and knowledge as well as to discuss innovative surgical and non-surgical treatments for several diseases. Our Journal of Japan Society for Head and Neck Surgery is published 3 times per year, while the best paper award is given annually. Our primary function remains to educate head and neck surgeons in Japan.



Japan Broncho-esophagological Society

Chair: Prof. Akihiro Shiotani



Written by Madoka Furukawa, MD, PhD

Chief, Department of Head and Neck Surgery, Kanagawa Cancer Center

Our society was established in 1949 and officially recognized in 1950 as a specialist medical society of the Japanese Association of Medical Sciences. This well-established academic organization has a long history and includes over 2,500 members whose clinical departments include otolaryngology, head and neck surgery, surgery, internal medicine, radiology, plastic surgery, pediatrics, and anesthesiology, among others. It is a diverse, multidisciplinary, and interdisciplinary academic society.

Our society certifies broncho-esophagologists and has done so for about 1200 specialists. They must be trained in an accredited training facility following the designated curriculum and then pass the annual exams designated by the society. The purpose of this certification system is to facilitate mastery of anatomical, physiological and pathological knowledge of the airways, esophagus and throat, as well as the techniques necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of various diseases. Our academy aims to integrate and study diseases in this field in an interdisciplinary manner, and to build better medical care transcending the boundaries of clinical departments.

The society shares current expertise in the field through its annual academic and specialized meetings, and issues periodical publications such as academic bulletins and expert correspondence. The official website has also been improved. We additionally support new research activities and commend and award excellent research presentations.

One of the missions of this society is to create manuals and guidelines. There are two typical manuals: the Surgical Airway Management Manual and the Airway Esophageal Foreign Body Removal Manual. We are updating these publications to reflect the field as it stands today and are creating other new guidelines.

The society has an additional function. Promoting the success of female doctors in academic societies is a theme that is being tackled by various academic societies in Japan. Currently, female membership accounts for about 15% of our society as we continue to strive toward gender equality and improving the life-work balance of female doctors.

The society is currently pursuing many other goals, such as increasing the number of young members and promoting a new era of broncho-esophageal science.

Forthcoming Events

Forthcoming Events	April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023		
	Event President	Location	Period
Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery	Ken-ichi Nibu (Kobe University)	Kobe	May 25-28
Autumn Seminar of The Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery	Koichi Omori (Kyoto University)	Osaka	November 5-6
Japan Society of Immunology Allergy and Infection in Otorhinolaryngology	Atsushi Matsubara (Hirosaki University)	Hirosaki	April 14-16
Japan Society for Head and Neck Cancer	Tadaaki Kirita (Nara Medical University)	Nara	June 17-18
Society of Practical Otolaryngology	Sachio Takeno (Hiroshima University)	Hiroshima	July 8-9
Japan Society for Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology	Yuichi Adachi (Toyama University)	Toyama	July 21-22
Japan Society of Facial Nerve Research	Akiteru Hayashi (Toho University)	Tokyo	July 29-30
Japan Society of Stomato-pharyngology	Hiroataka Hara (Kawasaki Medical School)	Kurashiki	September 8-9
Japan Audiological Society	Seiji Kakehata (Yamagata University)	Yamagata	October 6-7
Japanese Rhinologic Society	Takaki Miwa (Kanazawa Medical University)	Kanazawa	October 13-15
Japan Otological Society	Tatsuya Yamasoba (Tokyo University)	Yokohama	October 19-21
Japan Broncho-esophagological Society	Mikio Suzuki (Ryukyus University)	Naha	November 3-4
Japan Society for Equilibrium Research	Tadashi Kitahara (Nara Medical University)	Nara	November 16-18
Japan Society of Logopedics and Phoniatics	Shigeru Hirano (Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine)	Kyoto	November 24-25
Japan Society for Head and Neck Surgery	Tomokazu Yoshizaki (Kanazawa University)	Kanazawa	January 19-20
Society of Swallowing and Dysphagia of Japan	Yasushi Fujimoto (Aichi Medical University)	Nagoya	March 3-4
Japan Laryngological Association	Shigeru Hirano (Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine)	Kyoto	March 9-10

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