Dear Members of the Asian Organization for Crohn’s & Colitis,

I am humbled and honored to assume the role of President of AOCC and deliver warm greetings on behalf of AOCC.

I am deeply grateful to all the past presidents and all current and past members of AOCC for their collective endeavors and outstanding contributions in promoting the growth of AOCC. I look forward to continuing this important work towards fulfilling the mission of AOCC.

I believe that one key goal of AOCC should be focused on integrating both basic and clinical scientific researches in order to develop IBD-targeted translational medicine. Towards this aim, we encourage the discovery of novel diagnostic and therapeutic tools through interdisciplinary collaborations and active networking approaches in Asia.

Also, I believe that Asian IBD research is facing unprecedented challenges and opportunities, hallmarked by the increasing incidence of IBD, the development of multiple research tools, and our continuous pursuit for improved clinical outcomes. We have entered a new era that we are obliged to constantly open up research horizons for innovation and improvement. With the joint effort from all members, I hope we can seize this unique opportunity to make a difference in the IBD research field globally.

The upcoming 9th Annual Meeting of AOCC will be held in Guangzhou, China. With the theme “Breaking the Boundaries of Asian Inflammatory Bowel Diseases”, we aim at exhibiting cutting-edge progress on the basic, translational and clinical research in IBD in and beyond Asia. This meeting will gather global IBD experts and specialists to share the latest research advancements and challenges, and more importantly, seek opportunities for research breakthroughs towards better management strategies for IBD diagnosis and treatment.

Once again, I would like to thank all members for your continued participation and enthusiasm in our professional society. I am looking forward to moving ahead with you and the AOCC.

President
Min-Hu Chen
Professor of Medicine
The First Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University,
Guangzhou, China
THANK-YOU LETTER

Dear AOCC Members and Colleagues,

We hope that you have been safe and well.

On behalf of the AOCC 2020 Organizing Committee members, we would like to express our deepest appreciation to you for taking your precious time to support the AOCC 2020 Virtual Congress.

Thanks to your dedication and contributions, the Congress resulted in a huge success, attracting 1,542 participants from 36 countries. We believe our virtual networking gave us fresh momentum to strengthen our relationships and continue our academic cooperation despite the on-going COVID-19 situation. We hope you had a memorable experience and keep fond memories of our time together.

Once again, thank you very much, and we wish you all continued success in your endeavors safely and in good health.

Sincerely yours,

Yoon Tae Jeen, M.D, Ph.D.  
President of Asian Organization for Crohn’s & Colitis

Joo-Sung Kim, MD, PhD  
Congress President of the 6th Annual Meeting of Asian Organization for Crohn’s & Colitis  
President of the Korean Association for the Study of Intestinal Diseases
REPORT OF THE 8TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIAN ORGANIZATION FOR CROHN’S AND COLITIS

Under the theme “Gateway to excellence in IBD research and practice,” the 3-day AOCC 2020 Virtual Congress was held successfully thanks to the support of AOCC members and colleagues from Asia and worldwide. From world-renowned speakers to young researchers, a dynamic and interactive meeting with presentations and discussion were held on our virtual platform, making it one of the most exciting new opportunities for all participants beyond real borders. In addition, AOCC 2020 was the most-attended congresses of the AOCC series, attracting 1,542 participants from a variety of special occupations: gastroenterologists, surgeons, pediatricians, basic scientists, and nurses. As AOCC is an Asia’s leading inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) society, this annual meeting has become one of the most authoritative congresses in our field. Our aim is to keep and develop our network through this platform not only in Asia, but around the world.

Status details of the AOCC 2020 are as below.

1. **Registration Status**: 1,542 from 36 Countries
2. **Presentation Status**: 432 Presentations from 28 Countries

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2) **Abstract Presentations**: 337 Presentations from 24 countries
3) **Awards**: 43 Investigator Awards presented, 45 Best Abstract Awards presented

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3.1st Interactive Virtual AOCC Congress
Dear colleagues, friends, and AOCC members,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to attend the 9th Annual Meeting of the Asian Organization for Crohn’s and Colitis (AOCC2021) to be held in Guangzhou, China, from Oct. 14-16, 2021.

The Asian inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) community aims at conducting a three-day knowledge sharing, scientific learning and intensive network communication around the latest advances in IBD basic translational and clinical research.

AOCC continues to develop new programmes and initiatives and will again bring together the most eminent IBD experts from around the globe with the goal of improving the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care of patients. The programme developed by the Governing Board of AOCC will provide you with an outstanding academic experience. The theme of AOCC2021 “Breaking the Boundaries for Asian Inflammatory Bowel Diseases” will provide a truly valuable opportunity to establish contacts with IBD experts and health workers inside and outside Asia.

This year, AOCC has decided to take on the current challenges posed by the ongoing pandemic head-on and create a unique and exciting collaborative opportunity to link virtual and on-site events into a seamless, productive interactive experience. We sincerely hope that you will participate in the AOCC2021. Your presence will be a truly worthwhile experience. We will work together to advance IBD science and care and offer real hopes to patients. We therefore encourage you to attend and make a contribution to this amazing achievement in Guangzhou.

We look forward to seeing you all in Guangzhou.

Yours sincerely,

Minhu Chen
President
The 9th AOCC Annual Meeting

Kaichun Wu
Chair of Local Organizing Committee
The 9th AOCC Annual Meeting

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The 9th AOCC Annual Meeting

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General Information

Date
October 14-16, 2021

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Official Language of Meeting
English

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Asian Organization for Crohn’s and Colitis (AOCC)
Chinese Society of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (CSIBD)
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Important Date
Abstract Submission Deadline: August 15, 2021
Pre-registration Deadline: September 14, 2021

Program at a Glance
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Career
1991-1992 Internship in Hanyang University Hospital, Seoul, Korea
1992-1996 Residency of Internal Medicine
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1999-2001 Clinical fellowship, Division of Gastroenterology
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2001-2003 Postdoc. fellowship, Department of Pathology
University of Pittsburgh, USA
2003-present Professor, Department of Medicine
Kangbuk Samsung Hospital, SungKyunkwan University, Seoul, Korea
2008-2009 Visiting professor, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, WA, USA
2011.4-2013.4 Editor in Chief, Intestinal Research
Associate Editor, Gut and Liver
Associate Editor, SGI (Society of Gastrointestinal Intervention)
2013.4- 2015.4 Director of Scientific committee, KASID
Associate Editor, Gut and Liver
Deputy Editor, SGI (Society of Gastrointestinal Intervention)
2015.4-2019.4 Director of IBD Research Group, KASID
Associate Editor, Gut and Liver
2019.4- Chairman of Gastroenterology, Kangbuk Samsung Hospital
Director of IBD Center, Kangbuk Samsung Hospital

Specialty Certification
Korean Board of Internal Medicine (#4815)
Korean Board of Gastroenterology (#1-01-518)
Korean Board of G-I Endoscopy (#2000-2672)
New Board Members

Katsuyoshi Matsuoka
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Toho University Sakura Medical Center

I have been appointed as a Board member of AOCC. I have been involved in the operation of AOCC as the Executive Director even before its establishment. Last year, most of the first-generation Board members, the founders of AOCC, retired. The AOCC should enter a growth stage from the inception stage. I will do my best to advance AOCC to the world leading IBD organization.

Biography

1990-1996  Keio University, School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan
1996-1998  Intern and Resident in Internal Medicine, Keio University Hospital, Tokyo, Japan
1998-1999  Intern and Resident in Internal Medicine, Tokyo Dental College Ichikawa Hospital, Chiba, Japan
1999-2000  Intern and Resident in Internal Medicine, National Higashi-Saitama Hospital, Saitama, Japan
2000-2004  Keio University, Graduate School of Medicine (Gastroenterology), Tokyo, Japan
2004-2005  Instructor, Keio University, School of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, Department of Internal Medicine, Tokyo, Japan
2005-2006  Post-doctoral Associate, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition
2006-2009  Post-doctoral Research Associate, University of North Carolina, Center for Digestive Diseases and Nutrition
2009-2014  Instructor, Keio University, School of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Department of Internal Medicine
2014-2014  Assistant Professor, Keio University, School of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Department of Internal Medicine
2014-2017  Assistant Professor, Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
2017-2018  Associate Professor, Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
2018-      Professor, Toho University Sakura Medical Center, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Department of Internal Medicine
New Board Members

Zhanju Liu, MD, PhD
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Position
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Educational Background:
1983/09 – 1988/07: MD, Henan Medical University, China
1997/01 – 2000/12: PhD, University of Leuven, Belgium

Research area: Immunopathology in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)

Biography: Dr. Liu began his studies in 1983 at the Henan Medical University (China), and completed his academic studies with a PhD in mucosal immunopathology of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) from University of Leuven in Belgium in 2000. He then joined Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and University of Connecticut Health Center as a Research Fellow where he investigated intestinal mucosal immune responses. Dr. Liu is currently working as Professor of Medicine and Chairman of Department of Gastroenterology, Shanghai Tenth People’s Hospital of Tongji University, and interested in intestinal mucosal immunology, with specific opportunities in IBD. He has published 150 original papers in international journals, e.g., Gastroenterology, Gut, J Allergy Clin Immunol, Nat Commun, Mucosal Immunol, J Immunol, Eur J Immunol, Inflamm Bowel Dis, J Biol Chem, and J Autoimmunity.

Main Scientific Publications:
New Board Members

Xiang Gao
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Report on the ECCO-AOCC Travel Grant 2020

I accepted the ECCO AOCC Travel Grant 2020 with great pleasure and in all humility. The grant enabled me to visit Helsinki University Central Hospital in Finland between January 13 and March 6, 2020. This gave me the opportunity to increase my knowledge on the management of IBD patients and to gain insight into the faecal microbiota transplant and human microbiome research programme in Finland. At the Hospital District of Helsinki and Uusimaa (HUS), I attended the IBD clinics and IBD inpatient rounds, which greatly enriched my experience. Further, I learned more about IBD endoscopy, including double-balloon enteroscopy and capsule endoscopy for Crohn’s Disease and faecal microbiota transplant (FMT). I intend to deploy this knowledge at our IBD centre to foster further professional growth.

The research meetings with microbiologists running the microbiome research programme broadened my knowledge and shed new light on clinical studies on FMT. Meetings with nutritionists at HUS gave me a greater understanding of the effect of diet on the gut microbiome and its potential influence on donor selection. I also had an opportunity to study the microbial composition of faecal donors used in the Finnish FMT programme. This will enable me to compare and study the microbiome profiles of Indian and Finnish donors, which could be a major factor in explaining the different outcomes of FMT studies in India and Europe. In addition, I studied the FMT methodology in Finland, including donor and patient selection, route of administration and method of preparation of faecal slurry, and learnt about the nuances between Indian and Finnish protocols.

The interactions with fellow gastroenterology colleagues from different district hospitals of Finland were unique and provided fantastic learning experiences which I will always cherish. I really want to express my sincere gratitude to ECCO-AOCC and to my supervisor, Dr. Perttu Arkkila, and his entire team at HUS.

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