

UST Rheumatology at APLAR 2018



20th Asia Pacific League of Associations for Rheumatology Congress (APLAR 2018)
6-9 September 2018
Kaohsiung Exhibition Centre, Taiwan

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What: APLAR 2018

Where: Kaohsiung Exhibition Center, Kaohsiung, Taiwan

When: 6-9 September 2018

“HARBOR CITY OF TAIWAN”

This 2018, the Asia Pacific League of Associations for Rheumatology Congress (APLAR 2018) was hosted by Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Five rheumatology fellows were privileged to attend the congress from 6-9 September, 2018 at the Kaohsiung Exhibition Center.

After a flight to Taipei Taoyuan Airport, the fellows took the Taiwan High Speed Rail to Kaohsiung.

“Ni Hao,
Kaohsiung”



UST Rheuma Fellows during the opening ceremony

PRE CONGRESS 05SEP18: GRAPPA ADJACENT TO APLAR

Upon arriving in Kaohsiung, the fellows attended the GRAPPA Adjacent to APLAR Meeting

at the 38th floor of 85 Sky Hotel. Lectures were delivered by Group Research and Assessments for Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis (GRAPPA) members and Spondyloarthritis experts from around Asia-Pacific.



Fellows with Prof. Laniyati Hamijoyo (UST Rheuma Alumna) from Indonesia

Fellows at the GRAPPA Adjacent to APLAR Meeting with Prof. David Wei and other GRAPPA members



Fellows with UST Rheuma Alumni

DAY 1: OPENING CEREMONY

After distribution of registration kits and nametags, the fellows gathered for a quick photo session with UST Rheuma Alumni. The opening ceremony started soon after with the ceremonial passing of the gavel from APLAR president Kazuhiko Yamamoto to president-elect Syed Atiqul Haq. Cocktails were served at the Welcome Reception at the exhibition hall during the formal opening of the exhibits.



Fellows with APLAR president Prof. Kazuhiko Yamamoto



The APLAR Philippine Delegation



Fellows with Voice of APLAR Editor in Chief, Prof. Prakash Pispati

DAYS 2 – 3: CONGRESS SESSIONS and Poster presentations



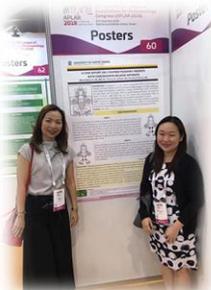
The following days saw the congress sessions in full swing. Of particular note was the plenary session chaired by Prof. Sandra Navarra on “Genetics in autoimmune disease and lupus nephritis”, with a lecture by world renowned lupus expert Prof. Michelle Petri.



The fellows were privileged to present the abstracts of interesting. These were on display during coffee breaks and provided the fellows with chance to interact with other rheumatologists and researchers from Asia Pacific.



case reports during coffee



DAY 4: CLOSING CEREMONY

After the final sessions, the fellows attended the closing ceremony on the last day. As the flag was passed to the Australian Rheumatology Association, an invitation to APLAR 2019 in Brisbane was issued.

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