The 12th Asian-Pacific Congress of Clinical Biochemistry (APCCB 2010)

The 12th Asian-Pacific Congress of Clinical Biochemistry was successfully held from October 3 to 7, 2010 in Coex Center, Seoul, Korea under the theme of “Challenges in Future Diagnostics”.

The societies gave the APCCB 2010 organizing committee a great to organize the congress are as follows.

**Organizer:** Korean Society of Clinical Chemistry (KSCC)

**Sponsoring Societies & Organizations:**

- The Korean Society for Laboratory Medicine (KSLM)
- Asian and Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry (APFCB)
- International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC)
- Korean Medical Association (KMA)
- Korean Academy of Medical Sciences (KAMS)
- The Korean Association of Medical Technologists (KAMT)
- The Korean Association of Quality Assurance for Clinical Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDC)
- Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS)

**Venue**

Located in the central business area, the Coex convention center is connected to the main congress hotel (Coex Intercontinental Hotel) and direct airport limousine bus services from both Incheon and Gimpo International Airports to the venue are operated. In addition, the Coex Complex features the Asia’s largest underground shopping mall, restaurants and entertainment facilities.

**Registration**

The participants registered for the congress through online (email and online system) and offline (fax) registration systems. Total number of participants and visitors were 1,952 from 49 countries.

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Scientific Program
At the APCCB 2010, a variety of stimulating and informative scientific programs were organized to cover the wide range of clinical biochemistry and laboratory medicine. There were 5 plenary lectures, 79 presentations from 26 symposia, 32 presentations from 8 society sponsored symposia, 20 presentations from 11 industry symposia and 7 presentations from 3 pre-congress workshops. In addition, special workshops of IFCC TF-YS workshop and KSLM were organized. Finally, 38 oral presentations and 293 posters were presented. Altogether, 483 research results from 67 sessions were presented during the APCCB 2010.

Scholarships & Awards
The APCCB 2010 organizing committee offered scholarships and awards to support the participation of young fellows and scientists. The APCCB 2010 Young Scientist Scholarships were presented to 6 winners (each USD 2,600), APFCB/Siemens Young Scientist Scholarships were presented to 5 winners (each USD 2,600) and Roche/IFCC Travel Scholarships were presented to 8 winners (each EU 1,250~2,250). Furthermore, the organizing committee presented 19 Research Awards to the best presenters (5 oral and 16 poster presenters, each USD 500) and 37 Travel Awards (each USD 500). In total, 19 scholarship winners and 56 award recipients were selected.

Sponsorship & Exhibition
116 booths of 42 companies were exhibited at the APCCB 2010. Besides the below listed 35 companies, 7 academic societies (AACC, APCCB 2013, Asian Quality Assurance Survey, Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute, College of American Pathologists, IFCC, and The Korean Society for Laboratory Medicine) joined the exhibition.
Social Programs
A variety of exciting social programs were organized during the APCCB 2010. The Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception were held on October 3. Exhibition Tape Cutting Ceremony and Presidential Dinner were held on October 4. Also, The Movie Day was organized on October 5 to show the Korean movie. On October 6, Korean Cultural Experience and Gala Dinner were held. The Closing Ceremony was held on October 7 to celebrate the successful completion of the congress. Along with these events, Business Meetings, Lab Tours and User Meetings were organized for the participants.

Participants’ Feedback
The APCCB 2010 conducted a survey on the congress. The APCCB 2010 was a very successful congress in terms of the feedback received from the participants. 310 participants were completed the survey and 85~90% of them responded to the items on congress programs, organization, value of the congress, presentation contents, logistics and services as Good~Very Good.

Congress Website
For more information, please visit our congress website at www.apccb2010.org