The 14th Congress of the Asian Pacific Association for Laser Medicine & Surgery (the 14th APALMS 2012) was held from November 23-25, 2012, in Taipei, Taiwan and was hosted by the Lasers and Photonics Medicine and Surgery of the Republic of China.

The Congress main theme is Prospective Laser Medicine. And the purpose of the 14th APALMS 2012 is to provide an effective platform for the specialists and professionals to exchange new research and knowledge in the field of laser medicine and surgery.

There were approximately 510 attendees from more than 16 countries and 187 papers presented by speakers in the 14th APALMS 2012. Similarly, the exhibition has drawn more than 12 units in three days.

It is worth mentioning that the Congress Organizing Committee was honored to have the Vice President of R.O.C. – Mr. Den-Yih Wu to address in the Opening Ceremony on November 23.

The 14th APALMS 2012, the scientific program was informative and interactive which consisted of 4 Keynote Lectures and 30 Symposia in three days. These included topics from Basic Research, Chinese Medicine, Dentistry, Dermatology & Plastic Surgery, Gynecology, Neurosurgery & Surgery, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology, as well as Urology. In addition, there were also Cross-strait sessions which made the Congress much more fruitful.
Moreover, with the support from Laser Medicine Education & Research Foundation, the Organizing Committee set up the Best Poster Award to encourage the excellent specialists to keep on making contribution to the field of laser medicine and surgery.

Social Program

Regarding the Social Program, there were a small but warm Faculty Dinner and an interactive Gala Dinner with Taiwanese aboriginal culture features. The Hand-over Ceremony was also held in Gala Dinner.

Conclusion

It was the first time that Taiwan had the chance to host this admirable event. The President Prof. Cheng-Jen Chang and the Organizing Committee were honored to hold the Congress. The success of the Congress not only drew on the plentiful scientific sessions, but also on the interaction and mutual exchange of the participants. Moreover, the Congress also gave professionals in the field of laser medicine and surgery in Taiwan a fantastic opportunity to absorb the new knowledge and to make advancement on their careers. Last but not least, it is believed that the field of laser medicine and surgery will be more robust and prosperous in the future.

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