SP1: Special Program 1  [Recent Trends and The Future of AUA, EAU, UAA and JUA]

Introduction

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The American Urological Association (AUA), European Association of Urology (EAU) and Urological Association of Asia (UAA) are considered to be the 3 major international urological associations in the world. Each association has provided its own post-graduate education and training programs. In addition, these associations also regularly organize meetings to present and discuss the latest research findings and clinical information. The Japanese Urological Association (JUA), which was established in 1912, has grown to more than 7,000 active members to date and it has been continually striving to fostering the constant development of urologists. Although almost all of the JUA members are Japanese and they have worked in cooperation with the UAA for many years, the cooperative system between these two associations has not always functioned as effectively as one would wish. In this symposium, I have invited a key person from the AUA, EAU, UAA and JUA to describe recent trends and the future outlook of each association. In order to develop and strengthen the good relationship between these associations and the JUA regarding education, research and the clinical field of urology, we would like to together examine what the JUA can and should do for these associations and, in return, what the JUA is expected to do by these associations. We would also like to discuss how the AUA, EAU, UAA and JUA can better collaborate with each other in future.