

Report from the Congress Co-Chair on the Asia Pacific Stroke Conference 2016

On behalf of the Organizing Committee and Scientific Committee, I would like to give a report of the recent Asia Pacific Stroke Conference which was held in the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Australia, in July 2016 jointly by the Asia Pacific Stroke Organization and the Stroke Society of Australasia.

The Conference was very well attended and totalled 813 participants from 28 countries, including approximately 50% of attendees from Australia and the rest ranging from Japan, Taiwan, Korea, China and others. The theme of the Conference was “Extending access to stroke treatment” and in line with the theme, many hot topics were covered by invited speakers including reperfusion therapy (intravenous and thrombectomy) and stroke models of care. The highlights included the 5 keynote speakers from United States, China, Korea and Canada, namely, Prof. David Liebekind, Prof. Liu Liping, Prof Albert Yoo, Prof. Jong Sung Kim and Prof. Dale Corbett, covering a wide range of topics in stroke pathophysiology and stroke management.

Another highlight of the Conference was the novel discussion platform whereby speakers from different cities and countries gave outlines of the current challenges to the provision of acute stroke services. This generated a vigorous and stimulating discussion session for participants to debate different acute stroke models of care.

The Conference was well covered in media. It was noted with some excitement that the Australian TV channels 7 News and 9 News made coverage of the new technologies and stroke treatment trials exhibited in the Conference. Media releases were also made available via the media channels of the Stroke Foundation (previously known as the National Stroke Foundation).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank again my congress Co-Chair, Professor Craig Anderson and the colleagues in the Organizing and Scientific Committee for their dedication and hard work in the 24 months leading up to the realization of the Conference. I would like to offer my sincere best wishes to the organizers of the next Asia Pacific Stroke Conference 2017 that they will build on the successes of the 2016 Conference to deliver an even more impactful conference.

With warm regards,

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