

**14th International Rhinologic Society (IRS), 30th International Symposium on Infection and Allergy of the Nose (ISIAN)**

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14th International Rhinologic Society (IRS) and 30th International Symposium on Infection and Allergy of the Nose (ISIAN) were successfully held at ANA Intercontinental Tokyo in Tokyo, Japan from 20-23 September 2011 hosted by the president Hiroshi Moriyama, Professor of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology of Jikei University School of Medicine.

IRS and ISIAN are both international academic meetings originally founded in Japan, and each of the first meetings was held in Japan.

The 1st Meeting of IRS was held in Kyoto in 1965 hosted by Professor Teruo Takasu from Nagoya City University. Since then, meetings of IRS have been held all over the world once every several years. The 1st meeting of ISIAN was held in Tokyo in 1976, which was organized by the founder Professor Ryo Takahashi from the Jikei University School of Medicine. As ISIAN is the annual meeting, we hold a “joint meeting” in the same year we have the meetings of European Rhinologic Society (which is held in every even-numbered year).

The 6th ISIAN meeting was held in Tokyo in 1987 and the president was Yoshio Honda who was the professor of The Jikei University School of Medicine. The 10th

ISIAN, with Professor Shunkichi Baba from Nagoya City University was again held in Tokyo in 1991.

Our theme for IRS and ISIAN is covering wide range of fields in Rhinology such as the allergy of the nose and the sinusitis in both research and clinical study.

At 14th IRS and 30th ISIAN, we had thirteen symposiums, fourteen round tables, and twenty academic lectures regarding: Sinusitis, Allergic rhinitis, Immunology, Infection, Olfaction, Rhinoplasty, Skull-base surgery, Sinonasal tumors, and Sleep Medicine. We also had active discussions on many of oral and poster presentations among the participants.

On the first day of the meeting started with the opening ceremony and the keynote lecture by the president Hiroshi Moriyama. The plenary session on ESS, which is the gold standard of the present paranasal sinus operation then followed. Subsequently, the symposiums, the round tables, the academic lectures and the general speeches were given by the participants.

We were much honored to seize the precious opportunity to have lectures by luminaries of ESS and the rhinology world such as Professor Heinz Stammberger and Professor David W Kennedy while being in Japan.

To my dismay, Professor Wolfgang Draf and Professor Aldo Stamm and many other doctors were not able to attend to the meeting due to the rescheduling after the Great East Japan Earthquake.

On the second day, the Morning Seminar started at 7:45, followed by the plenary sessions, the symposiums, the round tables, the instructional lectures, the workshops and the general oral and poster sessions. The issues of those speeches were mainly about the basic research on Rhinology.

The typhoon made the landfall in Japan on that day which brought strong winds and

heavy rain to Tokyo. On the other hand, the meeting turned out to be a great success with full of audience since we were all stuck in the hall.

On the third day, Associate Professor Nobuyoshi Otori from the Jikei University performed a live surgery of chronic rhinosinusitis. The world-class “Takahashi-Moriyama technique” was broadcasted live from the operation room to the crowded venue, which had been a great hit to all the participants. Like other days, there were also the symposiums, the round tables, academic lectures and the general oral and poster sessions after the Morning Seminar and the Plenary Session on the nasal allergy.

At the Gala Dinner in the evening, the participants from all over the world were able to spend wonderful time together talking till late night, with great food and drinks.

On the last day we made the venue compact and had the Morning Seminar, the symposiums, the academic lectures, lastly the round-tables and successfully closed the meeting. It was impressive that many audiences remained at the venue until the very end.

This 14th IRS and 30th ISIAN was once scheduled to be held in spring, the most beautiful season in Japan with cherry blossoms in full bloom, yet we had no choice but to postpone the date because of the 3.11 Great East Japan Earthquake and the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster. We had lots of support and encouragements from many doctors all over the world and thanks to the administration staff; we were able to accomplish the meeting to the end with six hundreds of participants from forty countries.

I would like to give special thanks to all the attendants and more than anything, all the guidance and support by the Japanese Rhinology Society are highly appreciated.