Message From The President

Dear members of AFSUMB:
Greetings from Seoul, Korea!
As all of you know, the aims of AFSUMB is to encourage research in the field of ultrasound, promote international cooperation in the field, and to disseminate scientific information. Since I have been elected as the President last year, I am now focusing on two missions; education and strengthening of close relationship among affiliated societies of AFSUMB.

In AFSUMB, some affiliated societies are well organized and advanced in researches and education in the field of ultrasound technology and clinical practice, but, some societies are still primitive. Those societies in developing countries have small number of members with less experience. It has been said that ultrasound examination performed by an expert is an easy diagnostic procedure for many abnormalities and diseases. With proper diagnosis, cure of the disease can be obtained while wrong treatment may endanger the patients’ lives.

AFSUMB recognizes the importance of education particularly in developing countries in Asia and strongly supports the education committee since 2002. The education committee organized three workshops with great success; Phnom Penh, Cambodia in November 2002, Karachi, Pakistan in January 2004 and Shanghai in April 2005. The 4th education workshop is now planning in Bangkok early next year.

World Federation of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology(WFUMB) had already begun educational course in Africa in late nineties. In 2002, WFUMB started Asian education project proposed by Dr. Watanabe and Vairojanavong. The 1st workshop was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh entitled “Training for the Trainers” with great success. The purposes of this “Training for the Trainers” program are to provide ultrasound training knowledge, the techniques of scanning and interpretation, to those who will after the training, become the trainers, and are competent to train others who are new in the field of diagnostic ultrasound. This program will eventually produce good trainers for the diagnostic ultrasound training in this developing country.

After attending this course, all participants will hopefully become good trainers, who are willing to train untrained doctors in their country by running medical ultrasound workshop as well as teaching at the institute they work. This will increase the number of doctors who are able to perform proper scanning in the field of diagnostic ultrasound. This course will eventually help doctors in the provincial region learning from the trainers how to perform ultrasound scanning properly and diagnosing most accurately and this will be finally beneficial to people in
this country. The 2nd Asian educational project was held in Manila, Philippine, in January 2004, and also was very successful. The 3rd project will be held in Indonesia on January 27-29, 2006. WFUMB started the WFUMB Center of Excellence program proposed by Dr. Watanabe in 2004. The 1st COE is in Dhaka, Bangladesh and the 1st WFUMB COE Workshop was held in February, 2004.

Important activity of AFSUMB is education. Therefore, various educational programs will be developed and utilized in Asian countries in the future, particularly in developing countries.

Presently, AFSUMB is the one of the largest federation in WFUMB, having 13 national societies and over 15,000 members, with several new societies such as those in Vietnam, Mongolia, and Nepal planning to join the federation soon. I will try to make AFSUMB to be beneficial not only to each affiliated society but also to each member in Asian region. I know the success of AFSUMB lies with members in addition to the officers and councilors. Thank you for contributing to the success of this unique organization in Asia.

Lastly, I would like to invite all of you to the next congress of WFUMB in Seoul on May 27-June 1, 2006, on behalf of the organizing committee. I hope to see you soon.

Byung Ihn Choi, M.D.
President, AFSUMB

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**Message from the Education Committee**

With the strong supports of the councilors and officers of the Asian Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine & Biology (AFSUMB), and the volunteer efforts of the speakers and education committee members, the 3rd Ultrasound Workshop of the AFSUMB had been successfully accomplished in Shanghai, China from April 9 - 11, 2005. The first Ultrasound Workshop was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (Local Coordinator, Dr. Tahrith Thou), November 28 - 30, 2002, and the 2nd Workshop was held in Karachi, Pakistan (Local Coordinator: Dr. Musarrat Hasan), January 16 - 20, 2004. Both were considered successful with the strong financial support from GE Healthcare (President: Dr. Ishrak, Syed Omar, Manager, Asian Region: Mr. John Buhler, and Manager -Leadership Radiology, Ultrasound Asia: Mr. Wei-Jia Qian).

The 3rd workshop had been planned after detailed discussion among Dr. Byung-Ihn Choi, the president of AFSUMB, Dr. Cai Chang, the coordinator of the 3rd Workshop, Dr. Yu-Xin Jiang, the president of Chinese Society, and me, with a strong assistance from Mr. Vincent Ko and Mr. BB Kim of Medison Co. A total of 22 speeches covering the gastroenterology, urology, Ob/Gyn, emergency cardiology, small parts including breast ultrasound were delivered by the local leading experts, including Dr. Zhizhang Xu, Dr. Yi Wang, Dr. Weiwei Zhan, Dr. Zhengdong Jin, and Dr. Cai Chang, and speakers from the AFSUMB, Dr. Byung Ihn Choi, Dr. Yi-Hong Chou, Dr. Kanu Bala, Dr. Masatoshi Kudo, Dr. H. Sidharta, Dr. Seung Hyup Kim, Dr. Kittipong Vairojanavong, and Dr. C.V. Vanjani. This important workshop sponsored by AFSUMB and co-sponsored by the Chinese Society of Ultrasound provided a unique opportunity for the AFSUMB members from other member societies to share their expertise with the experts from China. The discussion centered on the recent advances of medical ultrasound technologies. Many local leading experts also attended the meeting and provided valuable input.

After the workshop, the Education Committee Meeting was also held and a number of recommendations were drafted.
and then presented to the informal administrative Council Meeting immediately following the Education Committee Meeting. These included the nomination of possible locations for the future workshops, the reasonable number of speakers from the Education Committee, and the way to save on the expenditure of the workshop. The meeting was concluded as a very enjoyable and rewarding meeting. We would like to take this opportunity to express our hearty gratitude to the Medison Co. Ltd, especially Dr. Seung Woo Lee, CEO of Medison Co. for the invaluable and strong support to the workshop.

Yi-Hong Chou, M.D.
Chariman,
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From Chinese Taipei Society of Ultrasound In Medicine (CTSUM)

On October 16, 2004, the 20th Anniversary and 2004 Annual Meeting of the Chinese Taipei Society of Ultrasound in Medicine (CTSUM) was grand held at the World Trade Center, Taipei, Taiwan. A total of eighteen speeches were given by fourteen international speakers from the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, Korea and Singapore. A number of lectures by experts were also given during the meeting. The topics included ultrasound safety and elastography, contrast signals for imaging and quantitative measurement, contrast-enhanced ultrasound of lymphatic system, and recent advances in clinical ultrasound.

Dr. Jae-Young Lee from Korea was honored the 2004 Visiting Scholarship by the Journal of Medical Ultrasound, the official journal of the Asian Federation of Society for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (AFSUMB) for his study on “Assessment of hepatocellular carcinoma vascularity: comparison of contrast-enhanced coded harmonic ultrasound with harmonic power doppler ultrasound”.

The “Visiting Scholarship” has been established to encourage foreign authors to submit their manuscripts to the Journal of Medical Ultrasound to promote the exchange of scientific knowledge. All members of WFSUMB- and AFSUMB-affiliated societies, except those of the CTSUM, who have manuscripts accepted for publication in the past twelve months, and who have not been awarded this scholarship previously, are eligible to apply.

“The Annual of Taiwan Medical Ultrasound” was first published by the CTSUM on April 28, 2005. This Annual collects many excellent articles of the history of the development of medical ultrasound in Taiwan and the twenty-year chronicle of the CTSUM.

The CTSUM continues to conduct many nationwide scientific and educational programs in Taiwan. In April 2005, a new subcommittee of CTSUM for the promotion of accreditation of specialists of sonography was founded. We
expect the requirements for specialists in sonography to improve the quality of services. The website of CTSUM will be up-graded in the near future to provide online up-to-date resources.

Sien-Sing Yang, MD.  
President of the CTSUM  
Professor of Medicine, Director of Liver Unit,  
Cathay General Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan

From Indonesian Society of Ultrasound in Medicine (ISUM)

**AFSUMB, its Role in the Ultrasound Society**  
**Dr. H. Sidharta, Co-opted Councilor AFSUMB**

Since its establishment in the year 1985, AFSUMB is becoming one of the ultrasound societies that should be counted. Slowly but surely Asia shows the world of its existence.

Asia, that covers the developing as well as the developed countries, shows its big contributions in Ultrasound science and art to help people suffering from the before unknown diseases to be cured and healed.

Asia leads the world to design new ultrasound equipments of high technology and advanced ultrasound examination techniques, that makes ultrasound examination more suitable, convenient and more informative to establish diagnosis that once was difficult.

AFSUMB considers that these should be maintained and the knowledge of ultrasound among its members should be balanced. That is why AFSUMB regularly organizes educations / workshops and actively helps members to improve and to acquire the advance knowledge for providing the most up-to-date health care for patients. At the same time to know each member better to build friendship and strength of unity : Asia for Asia.

Up until now, its capability with economic reason still put ultrasound as the number one diagnostic tool in many countries. Could this stay forever ? Ultrasound has to compete with other diagnostic modalities as they are making their improvements too.

AFSUMB is facing a very hard duty in the coming years, that should be solved by staying together. Hand in hand we go forward. Long live AFSUMB.

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**ISUM : Indonesian Society of Ultrasound in Medicine**  
**Dr. H. Sidharta, Co-opted Councilor AFSUMB**

Established in 1982 by a group of physicians that do the ultrasound examinations in most of their time, ISUM has become the only official ultrasound society in Indonesia. It is now recognized by the Ministry of Health and well accepted by other medical professional societies.
In the same year ISUM organized its first congress and it was surprising that many physicians attended this meeting, which meant that they were interested in this field. In the years that follow, ISUM organized scientific meetings to popularize as well as to answer the curiosities that grew in the medical society. The ISUM National Congress is organized every 3 years for education, scientific papers presentations and society conference purposes as well. In 1985, ISUM together with several Asian Ultrasound Societies established the Asian Federation Of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (AFSUMB) and in the year 1987 hosted the 2nd Congress of AFSUMB in Bali - Indonesia.

Since 1990 ISUM organized the yearly scientific meetings and workshops. In such meetings foreign speakers are invited for exchange of knowledge and extend friendships to other countries. Considering education is important, ISUM has set up and form “Usaha Sarana Gahari – Ultrasound Training and Educational Institute”, that covers the basic, intermediate, advance and special classes. This institute is affiliated to The Jefferson Ultrasound Research and Educational Institute of Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, USA. In January 2006, ISUM supported by WFUMB will organize a "Training for Trainers" meeting in Jakarta.

Dear colleagues,
AFSUMB has become stronger and stronger and is well counted among the other ultrasound societies as well as the medical professional societies in all parts of the world. This position and condition should be maintained and improved in the coming years. It lies on our shoulder to realize this vision and mission since the establishment of AFSUMB. It is not only in the hands of the councilors that these duties lie on, but all AFSUMB members are responsible. We couldn't exist without the aids of all the members.

Dear colleagues, we should be active to place our society in a more higher and elite position. AFSUMB organizes regularly: educations, workshops, scientific meetings, and conferences/congress to change of knowledge, shares of experiences among the members, communications with other ultrasound societies and with the World Federation of Ultra-sound in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB) as well.

In such a meeting we can inform our experiences and research. The other thing is we could put our work and research in the AFSUMB official ultrasound journal: “Journal of Medical Ultrasound”. Or we could also inform the councilors our ideas that would be discussed during the yearly councilor’s meeting. Your active support is needed for the progress of our society. There are so many ways to support our beloved AFSUMB which could not be mentioned in this letter. These come from you.

Dear colleagues, “AFSUMB is for us and we are for AFSUMB”, should be kept in our mind and soul.

Best regards,

Board of Councilors AFSUMB
Dr. H. Sidharta, Co-opted Councilor
From Japan Society of Ultrasonics in Medicine (JSUM)

Dear Colleague:

Since 1987 when the first Congress of the Asian Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (AFSUMB) was held in Tokyo, the AFSUMB has been in an important position to advance the knowledge and technology of ultrasound in medicine and biology throughout Asia. As an affiliated society of AFSUMB, the Japan Society of Ultrasonics in Medicine (JSUM) finds it a great pleasure to provide an opportunity for members of each affiliated society of AFSUMB to stay and do research work in Japan. We intend to make every effort to ensure that this JSUM fellowship will be attractive and fruitful to all Asian researchers. Please refer to the JSUM homepage (http://wwwsoc.nii.ac.jp/jsum/) for the details of this fellowship. Thank you!

Katsu Takenaka, M.D.
Secretary
JSUM

From Korean Society of Ultrasound in Medicine (KSUM)

The 2005 annual congress of KSUM was held on May 27-28(Fri-Sat), 2005, at Seoul Asan Medical Center, with 555 members attended and a total of 36 papers presented and 40 scientific posters exhibited. The program included 30 lectures in the form of categorical courses and symposia. Special lectures were given by Dr. Bamber JC (Royal Marsden Hospital, UK) and Dr. Lam AH (University of Sydney, Australia)

The 11th Congress of World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology will take place on May 28-June 1, 2006, in Seoul, Korea. The 3rd Announcement has been published recently which includes updated congress information and will be mailed to potential participants in due course.

The organizing committee has invited 200 world-renowned speakers and plan to offer various and dynamic scientific program covering various categories of the current issues of the ultrasound in medicine and biology. On-line abstract submission is available now at congress website by November 30, 2005. The organizing committee offers a discount of US$100 on registration for abstract presenters.

On-line registration will be available in early July. The congress information will be updated regularly at the congress website. Please visit our website and add it to your favorites for continued information. The congress website is www wfumb2006.com.
WFUMB’2006

Greetings from the Organizing Committee of WFUMB’2006!

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is our great pleasure to invite members of Asian Federation of Societies for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (AFSUMB) to the 11th Congress of the World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB) to be held in Seoul, Korea from May 28 to June 1, 2006.

We sincerely hope to have the opportunity to welcome you and your colleagues to the WFUMB’2006 Congress and extend a very warm invitation to you to join us in Seoul, Korea.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The scientific committee of the WFUMB’2006 invites all interested individuals to submit abstracts for scientific sessions and scientific exhibition of WFUMB’2006. The deadline for abstract submission is November 30, 2005. Abstracts should be submitted through e-abstract submission system at congress website (www wfumb2006.com). For more opportunities, we offer a discount of US$100 on registration for an abstract presenter.

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WFUMB’2006 Awards

The Organizing Committee is pleased to provide following awards in order to encourage participants to submit quality abstracts.

Paper Presenter Award
The presenter of the abstracts accepted for presentation at scientific sessions and scientific exhibition will be awarded a discount of US$100 on registration fee. A total of US$50,000 has been earmarked for Paper Presenter Award.

Young Investigator’s Award
The Young Investigator’s Award will be given to outstanding professionals below 40 years of age at the times of the congress. Anyone who wants to be considered a candidate for this award must apply for Young Investigator’s Award in the course of abstract submission. A total of US$50,000 has been earmarked for Young Investigator’s Award.

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