

Extraordinary Meeting of International Rhinologic Society, Kyoto

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In the beginning of 1965, Prof M. H. Cottle (Leader of American Rhinologic Society, ARS) and Dr. G. H. Drumheller (Secretary-general of ARS) asked us to hold the International Rhinologic Society (IRS) meeting in Kyoto, just after the 8<sup>th</sup> International Federation of Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Societies (IFOS) World Congress (Tokyo, Oct 24-30, 1965). We discussed a lot about this issue in the administration committee of Japanese Rhino-Sinus Society (later Japanese Rhinologic Society), because the character of IRS was obscure, and until that time IRS meeting might be composed of lecture courses mainly for Rhinoplasty co-sponsored by ARS (led by Prof. Cottle) and European Rhinologic Society (ERS, led by Prof. Van Dishoeck, Leiden University, the Netherland). However, following the acute progress of internationalization of all fields of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology, most committee members agreed to accept the proposal of holding new IRS meeting in Kyoto, and Japanese Rhino-Sinus Society decided to support the meeting, but not to operate it. Then, President of the year, Prof. Teruo Takasu (Nagoya City University) was elected to manage the new meeting. At that time (May 1965), only 5 months were left for the meeting, and we had very busy days like a whirl for the preparation of the meeting; announcement, calling the abstract, and reserving the place for the meeting. Because Kyoto was decided to be the city of meeting, we ask for advices to doctors in Kyoto University; Associate Prof. Kazuo Takeda (later Prof. of Osaka Medical University) and Dr. Fumihiko Ohta (later Prof. of Kinki University), and the meeting was arranged to be held at the Rainbow Salon in the basement of Kyoto Kokusai Hotel on Oct 19 and 20, 1965.

We refused the repeated proposal from Dr. Drumheller to have lecture courses in the meeting, and arranged general presentations to take a leading part. Although we were very worried about the number of presentations, the program became very substantial by 28 presentations (16 from Japan), special lectures by Prof. Cottle and Prof. Van Dishoeck, and a Video presentation of Rhinoplasty (2 hours, by Dr. Drumheller). For asking the participation to this new meeting, we went to Haneda international airport in Tokyo to advertize it to foreign ENT doctors who came to IFOS meeting in a group tour; those were my happy and sweat memories. Finally, approximately 200 participants attended to this meeting from twenty of different

countries; U.S.A, U.K, Netherland, Belgium, French, West Germany, Finland, Canada, Brazil, Ecuador, Venezuela, Australia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Philippine, India, Turkey, Iran, United Arab Republic (Egypt) and Japan. In the morning on Oct 19, Japan was strongly proposed to officially participate the IRS at the three-hour business meeting. However, Japanese Rhino-Sinus Society thought that it would be still too early, and decided to support the personal participations. This relationship continued for the time being until IRS meeting became a real international meeting made by academic presentations and not by lecture courses recently. Today, 17 years after the IRS meeting in Kyoto, Japanese Rhino-Sinus Society actively participates in the management of IRS.

As one of the Japanese doctors who managed the Kyoto meeting, those days still comes to my mind after many years. At that time, we thought that IRS had a long history, but the truth is different; we were very much surprised recently to know that IRS was founded at the time of Kyoto meeting, and this meeting was recorded as the first IRS meeting. We are very happy if our efforts for holding the first meeting contribute a lot to the development of IRS.

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