

1st International Symposium on Infection and Allergy of the Nose and Paranasal Sinuses (ISIAN)

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Satellite Symposium

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1st International Symposium on Infection and Allergy of the Nose and Paranasal Sinuses (ISIAN) was hosted by Professor Emeritus Ryo Takahashi, the Tokyo Jikei University in Tokyo Imperial Hotel during November 12-14, 1976. Based on the concept by Professor Takahashi who wished deep discussions focused on infection and allergy of the nose, this international meeting was planned as “Symposium” but not “Conference”. The idea conception of this symposium was discussed by Professor Takahashi and colleagues of the Jikei University and committee members of Japanese Rhinologic Society 2 years prior to the symposium. Subsequently, Executive Secretariat of ISIAN, Executive Committee chaired by Dr. Tetsuo Ishii, associate Professor of Teikyo University, and International Program Committee chaired by Professor Naumann, West Germany, were founded and the preparation was steady preceded.

ISIAN Executive Committee was held every Tuesday night (7-10 pm). So I think that the meeting was held more than 100 times to discuss numerous important subjects including call for papers for abroad, situational analysis to the responses from abroad, and concrete matters both in academic and financial.

Finally, a total of 77 papers (39 abroad and 38 domestic) were applied. It was worthy of mention that more than half of papers were applied from abroad, suggesting an approval by foreign researchers for the aim of ISIAN. These papers were classified into 15 sessions and one film session based on theme. In addition, plenary lecture by Professor Takahashi and two invited lectures by Dr. Connel (New York, USA) and Professor Naumann (Munich, West Germany) were scheduled. Chairpersons and

vice-chairpersons were fixed by early October.

Prior to the opening, president reception was held in the evening of November 11 at Happoen, Meguro. Professor Takahashi dressed in formal Japanese wear (Haori-hakama). He and his wife received guests at the entrance of reception hall with satisfaction and smile because more than 400 participants were gathered in ISIAN. This gorgeous reception was like an eve of festival, and Japanese traditional entertainments were performed.

Opening ceremony was done at Fuji-no-ma in Imperial hotel at 9 am in November 12. Musical performance of Kimigayo was played by brass band of the Ground Self-Defense Force. Then Professor Takahashi gave an opening address, followed by congratulatory speeches by Professor Naumann, Professor Kaoru Yamamoto, and Dr. Silcox.

The first session (Session 1: Nasopulmonary Relations) was began at 10:25, then 3 days meeting of ISIAN was started. Each paper was presented for 12 minutes for foreigners and 10 minutes for Japanese, and discussion was opened for 3 minutes. In addition, 5 minutes discussion was allowed for topic sessions including Nasal Allergy-Basic 2 and Nasal Allergy-Surgical Treatment. Furthermore, 15 minutes presentation and 5 minutes discussion was set for members of International Program Committee. Due to enough time, deep discussion was achieved suitable for calling this meeting as Symposium. Chairman concluded the summary of each session.

Japanese presentations kept a substantial level especially in the field of basic science. Scandinavian papers such as Denmark and Sweden also were also excellent. Particularly, Professor Mygrid's group in Denmark devoted themselves completely to their presentation and discussion. It was pity that American or German participants were not so many. However, there were excellent presentations from these countries such as "Histological Classification of Non-Infectious and Non-Surgical Nasal Disease" by Dr. Connel from USA and "The Nasal Mucosa and Its Resistance towards an Infection" by Professor Naumann from Germany. In special, the lecture by Professor Naumann was clear and contained new knowledge based on the recent advantages of immunology, and useful for better understanding the defense system against infection in the nose.

The plenary lecture by Professor Takahashi was entitled "Environmental Factors in the development of Infection and Allergy of the Nose and Paranasal Sinuses". Professor Takahashi picked up historical changes of sinonasal pathogenesis following the alteration of environment among his vast achievements. He proposed civilized assignment how human should have living environment in the future. This lecture

might overview several papers presented in this meeting that specific infections such as fungal granuloma is still existed in tropical lesions whereas infectious sinonasal diseases decrease and allergic diseases increase in developed countries including Japan, and deeply impressed in audiences including foreigners.

In this symposium, English was the official language. However, simultaneous translation between Japanese and English was performed, so Japanese participants could understand English lecture and discussions more deeply. Japanese young researchers who were good at English attend the simultaneous translator to advise professional knowledge. I believe that, although Japanese have a language barrier despite we achieved high academic levels, increase of young Japanese researchers who can fully discuss in English will lead the world in the near future.

One of worthies of mention was that most of both domestic and abroad participants stayed in the meeting room for 3 days, and gave active discussions. This may be because this symposium focused on specific topics in rhinology. This symposium highlighted world's academic and clinical trends in infection and allergy of the nose and paranasal sinuses, and was worthwhile to confirm current status, responsibility and future perspective of Japanese rhinologist .

Previously, our department committed Extraordinary Meeting in International Rhinologic Society when the late Professor Teruo Takasu conducted our department. This meeting seemed not to be truly international because core members are limited with Dr. Cottle and his colleagues who were leading corrective surgery of extra nose and nasal septum in USA. ISIAN was consistently characterized as a wide-opened public meeting which agreed representatives of each country to open ISIAN every four years. At the closing remarks, it was announced that this meeting was called as "first" ISIAN, and next ISIAN would be opened in Munich hosted by Professor Naumann. Continuation of ISIAN would be a big gift for rhinologist.

Academic achievements of ISIAN will be re-confirmed by the proceeding published in the near future. I deeply appreciate efforts to achieve this wonderful event by Professor Ryo Takahashi, colleagues of Tokyo Jikei University. I also appreciated best assistance of Japanese Society of Otorhinolaryngological Society, Japanese Rhinologic Society, and IFOS. I could not attend the Satellite Symposium which was held prior to ISIAN in Kyoto International Conference Center (November 10). I heard that lectures were given by Professor Ingelstedt (Sweden), Professor Mizukoshi (Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine), Dr. Yanagisawa (USA), and Professor Hinoki (Kyoto University), and this symposium was also very significant by the effort of Professor Tadami Kumazawa and colleagues of Kansai Medical University. I

additionally appreciated Professor Kumazawa to accept this event under uncertain factors.

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