

AOCNMB Satellite Conference in Hong Kong

The largest nuclear medicine conference in Hong Kong's history was held on October 16 and 17, with about 200 local participants and overseas delegates. The conference was organized as a satellite meeting of the Eighth Asia and Oceania Congress of Nuclear Medicine and Biology (AOCNMB), which took place in Beijing, China, from October 9 to 13. The Hong Kong Society of Nuclear Medicine (HKSNM) co-organized the event with the Hong Kong College of Radiologists (HKCR) under the auspices of the Asia and Oceania Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology (AOFNMB).

The event started on a beautiful Saturday with an interactive PET/CT workshop in the newly established PET center in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, the largest public-funded tertiary hospital in Hong Kong. Participants were able to gain basic knowledge and hands-on experience in a fresh and elegantly decorated environment.

A scientific symposium on recent advances in clinical nuclear medicine was held on Sunday in the Marriott Hotel and was officiated by Dr. William Tong, vice-president of the Eighth AOCNMB and chair of the satellite conference, Dr. Lilian Leong, president of the HKCR and immediate past president of the Asian and Oceanian Society of Radiology (AOSR), Professor Xiu-Jie Liu, president of the Eighth AOCNMB, and Dr. Frankie Choi, president of the HKSNM. Transpacific and transatlantic speakers and eminent local experts drew the attention of attendees to cutting-edge advances and visions for future development in nuclear medicine in areas including oncology, cardiology, radionuclide therapies, and osteoporosis. Among the U.S. representatives on the faculty were

Dr. Henry N. Wagner, Jr., Dr. Steven M. Larson, Dr. Heinrich R. Schelbert, and Dr. C. Oliver Wong. Invited faculty from London (UK) included Dr. Ignac Fogelman and Dr. John Buscombe. With contributions from the local/regional faculty, including Dr. Yat-Yin Yau and Dr. Kevin Tse, the conference offered not only an international platform for scientific exchange but also constituted a cultural network where East met West—part of the fundamental spirit of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

The meeting would not be considered successful without a wonderful social program unique to Asian culture. A splendid welcoming dinner cruise took attendees to a picturesque outlying island, where freshwater and ocean seafood were served in traditional preparations; to the stunning Tsing Ma Bridge, the world's longest road-and-rail suspension bridge, and to Victoria Harbour, renowned worldwide for spectacular night scenes and the setting in which Hong Kong is called the "Pearl of the Orient." The final social event was a banquet at the Marriott. Sparkling cocktail, fine wines, and a sumptuous Cantonese feast were enjoyed together with the laughter of happy moments. The entire satellite meeting and social function in Hong Kong brought many memorable times for both overseas guests and local residents who participated in the AOCNMB in Beijing and the congress's satellite conferences.

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A portion of the information in the article about Roger W. Howell, PhD, recipient of the Loevinger-Berman Award for Excellence in Medical Internal Radiation Dosimetry, was erroneous. A corrected version of the article now appears in the Newsline section of the SNM journals Web site at <http://jnm.snmjournals.org/cgi/reprint/45/11/27N>. The Newsline editor regrets this error and again congratulates Dr. Howell on receipt of this prestigious award.