

## ASGO's Third Biennial Meeting, December 12–14, 2013

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Following the success of the Asian Society of Gynecologic Oncology (ASGO) 1st Meeting Tokyo in 2009, and 2nd Meeting Seoul in 2011, the 3rd Biennial Meeting was successfully held in the Westin Miyako Hotel, Kyoto, located in a beautiful suburb of Kyoto from 12 to 14 December 2013 (**Fig. 1**). Total number of registrants was 1,349 from 28 countries including 11 non-Asian countries. A total of 402 abstracts were submitted and it was the largest number ever (**Table 1**).

The meeting was held under the theme of "New Era of Gynecologic Oncology in Asia." The purpose of this meeting was to offer participants the important chance to meet together, exchange the knowledge and experience, and encourage face-to-face discussion for women's healthcare. To reach the goals, comprehensive and attractive scientific programs were prepared. There were 3 plenary sessions, including ASGO opening plenary: welcome from Japan, eradication of cervical

**Table 1.** Number of registration and presentations by country

Country	Registration	Presentations			
		Lecture	Workshop*	Poster	Total
Japan	1,014	36	28	120	184
Indonesia	62	1	9	14	24
Korea	54	10	19	42	71
Taiwan	51	8	9	11	28
Philippines	42	1	1	11	13
Thailand	36	1	1	7	9
China	18	2	5	1	8
India	12	1	2	8	11
Singapore	10	4	–	2	6
USA	8	14	–	–	14
Malaysia	5	1	–	3	4
Cameroon	4	–	–	–	–
Mongolia	4	–	–	2	2
Myanmar	4	–	–	4	4
Turkey	4	1	–	1	2
Australia	3	3	–	–	3
Cambodia	3	–	–	2	2
Nepal	3	–	1	2	3
Italy	2	2	–	–	2
Lebanon	2	–	1	–	1
Canada	1	2	–	–	2
Egypt	1	–	–	–	–
Hong Kong	1	2	–	–	2
Kuwait	1	–	–	–	–
Nigeria	1	–	1	–	1
Serbia	1	2	–	–	2
South Africa	1	2	–	–	2
Tanzania	1	–	–	–	–
Sri Lanka	0	–	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>402</b>

\*Workshop consisted of general oral presentations.



**Fig. 1.** A photo of round table discussion for serous ovarian cancer session at Hall B (Mizuho) of the 3rd ASGO meeting, Kyoto, Japan (Speaker, David M. Gershenson, USA; Chairpersons, Uma Devi, India; and Hidetaka Katabuchi, Japan).

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cancer from Earth, and treatment of advanced/recurrent ovarian cancer: future perspective. There were 3 symposiums including current status of cervical cancer in Asian countries, molecular targeting therapy, laparoscopic and robotic surgery for gynecologic cancer. Furthermore, there were 5 educational lecture sessions by 20 speakers and 2 round table discussions by 12 speakers, and 10 workshops composed of 79 free oral presentations. Many renowned researchers contributed to these scientific programs as speakers. Lynette Denny (President of International Gynecologic Cancer Society [IGCS], South Africa), Michael Quinn (Australia), and Kailash Narayan

(Australia) were from IGCS. Barbara Goff (President of Society of Gynecologic Oncology [SGO], USA), David Gershenson (USA), Steven Silverberg (USA), Paul Magtibay (USA), Anil Sood (USA), Charles Zaloudek (USA), Linus Chuang (USA), Peter Lim (USA), and David Huntsman (Canada) were from SGO. Nicoletta Colombo (Past President of European Society of Gynecologic Oncology [ESGO], Italy), Vesna Kesic (President of ESGO, Serbia), Angelo Maggioni (Italy), and Murat Gultekin (Turkey) were from ESGO. A total of 231 general posters from 16 countries were presented through the meeting (**Table 1**).

At the beginning of meeting, Professor Toshiharu Kamura,



**Fig. 2.** A commemorative photo of Sister Societies Meeting which was held during the 3rd ASGO meeting, Kyoto, Japan (from left; Dong Hoon Suh, Korea; Jae-Weon Kim, Korea, Secretary-Treasurer of ASGO; Shingo Fujii, Japan, Past President of IGCS; Joo-Hyun Nam, Korea, President Elect of ASGO; Lynette A. Denny, South Africa, President of IGCS; Nicoletta Colombo, Italy, Past President of ESGO; Barbara A. Goff, USA, President of SGO; Toshiharu Kamura, Japan, President of ASGO; Hee-Sug Ryu, Korea, President of KSGO; Kazunori Ochiai, Japan; Kimio Ushijima, Japan; Linus Chuang, USA).



**Fig. 3.** A commemorative photo of Closing Ceremony of the 3rd ASGO meeting, Kyoto, Japan (from left; Ting-Chang Chang, Taiwan; Jae-Weon Kim, Korea; Yao-Ching Hung, Taiwan; Takuma Fujii, Japan; Toshiharu Kamura, Japan; Marliyya Zayyan, Nigeria; Neerja Bhatla, India; Hextan Ngan, Hong Kong; Annie Cheung, Hong Kong; Ikuo Konishi, Japan; Sarikapan Wilailak, Thailand; Yin Nin Chia, Singapore; Uma Devi, India; Joo-Hyun Nam, Korea).

President of ASGO, delivered the presidential address, featuring the past, present, and future of ASGO. He stressed that ASGO should play an essential role in understanding, investigating, and resolving regional health problems in cooperation with other sister societies, such as IGCS, SGO, and ESGO (**Fig. 2**).

Another important role of ASGO is encouraging young trainee to acquire the advanced techniques and knowledge to improve their clinical practice and research work. At this meeting, 22 doctors from low income countries received ASGO Travel Grant, and 23 young doctors who submitted outstanding abstracts received Grants for Young Asian Doctors.

In addition to the excellent scientific program, Professor Ikuo Konishi, the Congress Chairman, provided memorable social programs. For example, at the general banquet, NST orchestra (composed of JSOG members) played a splendid performance. All participants were impressed with warm hospitality.

Congratulations to Professor Kamura, Professor Konishi and all the members of local organizing committee.

During the meeting, the 8th ASGO council meeting was held. Many important issues were discussed including a new council member, membership fee, next meeting schedules, and coordinating with other sister societies. At the closing ceremony (**Fig. 3**), Dr. Kailash Narayan (Australia) and Dr. Takuma Fujii (Japan) won Journal of Gynecologic Oncology Best Reviewer Award 2013. Based on the success of the 3rd Biennial Meeting, ASGO must progress to new era of gynecologic oncology under the new presidency of Professor Joo-Hyun Nam. We will meet again at the 3rd International Workshop 2014 (23–24 August) in Seoul. The 4th Biennial Meeting 2015 will be held in Seoul (12–14 November) by Professor Hee-Sug Ryu, the Congress President.