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The Second Asia-Pacific Forum on Andrology (2APFA) was held on October 26-30, 2006, Shanghai, China, which got the financial support from Chinese Academy of Sciences, International Society of Andrology, Shanghai Jiaotong University and many other institutions as well as some commercial companies.

The Local Organizing Committee chaired by Prof. Yi-Fei Wang, under the guidance of Scientific Programme Committee headed by Prof. David Handelsman and Prof. Yong-Lian Zhang, devised an outstanding and comprehensive programme, including 3 Plenary Sessions, 10 Symposia, 3 Workshops, 1 Satellite Training Course, 1 Chinese Session and a Round Table Meeting with the theme of "Promotion of Male Reproductive Health: from Scientific Research to Public Participation" on October 28--the Chinese Men’s Health Day.

The Plenary Lectures covered the following topics:

**Plenary 1. GMH Waites memorial lecture--male reproductive health in Asia and the Pacific,** with the following invited topics:
- GMH Waites memorial speech (David Handelsman, Australia)
- Global and regional issues in male reproductive health (Yi-Fei Wang, China)
- Male reproductive health in the Asia-Pacific area: lessons from the men in Australia Telephone Survey (MATeS) (David de Kretser, Australia)

**Plenary 2. Andrology in the post-genomics era,** with the following invited topics:
- Genes and chromatin in spermatogenesis (J Anton Grootegoed, the Netherlands)
- Epididymis basic researches in Shanghai (Yong-Lian Zhang, China)
- Prostate epithelial androgen receptor suppresses prostate growth and tumor invasion (Chawnshang Chang, USA)

**Plenary 3. Reproductive endocrinology for aging male,** with the following invited topics:
- Epidemiology of male ageing (Fred Wu, UK)
- Challenges of men’s health – the Asian perspective (Victor Goh, Singapore)
- Androgens and male ageing (Peter Liu, Australia)

Each Symposium was convened by one or two acknowledged experts in the field.

**Symposium 1. Male reproductive health and male contraception,** with the following invited topics:
- Recent progress in clinical contraceptive efficacy study of male fertility control in china (Yi-Qun Gu, China)
- Hormonal Male Contraception – Androgen/Progestin Combinations (Fred Wu, UK)
Symposium 2-3. Male infertility and assisted reproductive technology, with the following invited topics:
Genetics of male infertility: implications for art practice (Rob McLachlan, Australia)
Importance of assessment of sperm function in clinical ART (De-Yi Liu, Australia)

Symposium 4. Andrology in the post-genomics era, with the following invited topics:
Genetics of androgen action and the prostate (Michael Zitzmann, Germany)

Symposium 5. Reproductive tract infections: male aspects, with the following invited topics:
How does HIV enters the human penis (Roger Short, Australia)
Technical guidance on improving the safety of male circumcision in resource-limited settings (Tim Hargreave, UK)

Symposium 6. Complementary and alternative medicine in Andrology, with the following invited topics:
The use and misuse of Green Pharmacy (Botanical Medicine) in andrology (Arif Adimoelja, Indonesia)

Symposium 7. Environment/Behavior and male reproductive health, with the following invited topics:
The effects of phthalate on androgen production (Matt Hardy, USA)

Symposium 8. Prostate and male reproductive health–ethnicity and genetics, with the following invited topics:
Target PSA as new potential therapy to battle prostate cancer (Chawnshang Chang, USA)

Symposium 9-10. Male sexual function: basic and clinical studies, with the following invited topics:
Conceptional changes of erectile dysfunction treatment in the era of multiple oral agents (Sae Chul Kim, Korea)
New insights into the role of testosterone in erectile (dys)function (Louis Gooren, The Netherlands)
Erectile dysfunction: pathophysiology, treatment and future (P. G. Adaikan, Singapore)
Adenosine signaling in priapism (Yang Xia, USA)

In addition, there were 3 Satellite workshops, which were organized by three commercial companies.

Satellite workshop 1. Standardization of Semen Analysis (sponsored by NeiHu International Trade [MingMei Technology] and Hamilton Thorne Research), with the following invited topics:
Semen analysis requirements for improvement - Changes in the 5th edition of the WHO semen manual (T G Cooper, Germany)
Semen analysis for research-Vasectomy / Contraception sperm disappearance (R L McLachlan, Australia)
Semen analysis for infertility - Morphology interactive with audience (De-Yi Liu, Australia)
Semen analysis for infertility - Interpretation of results - Quiz/case presentations interactive with audience (Gordon Baker / R L McLachlan)

Satellite workshop 2. Androgen treatment (Sponsored by Organon) with the following invited topics:
Symptomatic Late Onset Hypogonadism (SLOH), Asian Perspectives (Jiang-Yuan Li, China)
Testosterone replacement in symptomatic late-onset hypogonadism - clinical and metabolic responses in a randomized, placebo-controlled study (Jean-Jacques Legros, Belgium)
Andriol Testocaps, clinical characteristics of a new oral testosterone undecanoate formulation (Pramod Mane, India)
**Satellite workshop 3: Erectile dysfunction** (sponsor by Lilly) with the following invited topics: Comparison of treatment options in a head to head oral PDE-5 inhibitor crossover efficacy study (Anthony Beardsworth, UK)

**More than 70 Oral Presentations** were given in 10 sessions under each above mentioned symposium.

**Posters:** More than 200 posters were presented.

**One Satellite Training Course** was focused on the topic of “Standardization of the clinic diagnosis of Male infertility”.

**One Chinese Session** was held among young Chinese andrologists with Chinese Language.

**A Round Table Meeting** with the theme of "Promotion of Male Reproductive Health: from Scientific Research to Public Participation" on October 28 ---- the Chinese Men’s Health Day.

**ASA/AJA Board Meeting** was held on October 28. More than 30 editorial board members from all over the world participated in this meeting and discussed the development of Asian Journal of Andrology and Asian Society of Andrology.

**A commercial exhibition and public consultation on male health problems** were also arranged concurrently during the Forum.

**Conclusion: Many internationally-distinguished experts** attended the Forum, such as Prof. J Anton Grootegoed, the incumbent President of International Society of Andrology, Prof. Robert I. Mclachlan, the Secretary of International Society of Andrology, Prof. Haruo Ito, the vice-President of Asia Society of Andrology, and Prof Arif Adimoelja, the Secretary of Asia Society of Andrology. **About 500 abstracts** of presentations which have been published in the supplement of Asian Journal of Andrology, were included in the proceedings of the Forum prepared for over 560 meeting delegates from 30 countries worldwide. The feedback revealed that the Forum earned the approval of all concerned and was a resounding success. The academic standard of the Forum was good and the organisation of this second Forum on Andrology bringing up-to-date scientific information to a large population of andrologists, mostly from Asia and mostly young, is another significant achievement for Professor Yi-Fei Wang and his colleagues, to add to their launching in 1999 of the English-language Asian Journal of Andrology. This journal is now indexed in: BIOSIS, CAB Abstracts, CAB Health, Chemical Abstracts; Current Contents/Clinical Medicine, EMBASE, Index Medicus, MEDLINE, PASCAL, Research Alert and SCI-Expanded. The recent SCI impact factor of this journal is **1.302**, which ranks third among 5 international Andrology journals.