

## **Brief Summary of the Joint Conference of the 4th Chinese Alcohol and Drug Abuse Congress & the 3rd Asia-Pacific Society for Alcohol and Addiction Research Congress**

The joint conference of the 4th Chinese Alcohol and Drug Abuse Congress & The 3rd Asia-Pacific Society for Alcohol and Addiction Research Congress was successfully held on April 24-26th 2014 in Shanghai, China. The congress was organized by Chinese Association of Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment (CADAPT) and Asia-Pacific Society for Alcohol and Addiction Research (APSAAR) and the local organizer was Shanghai Mental Health Center (SMHC), Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine.

This joint conference attracted about 200 participants, 142 from China, 14 from Korea, 12 from Japan, 10 from United States, 9 from Thailand, 3 from Australia, 2 from Taiwan, 2 from India, including clinicians, investigators, social workers and policy makers from each country.

In the opening ceremony chaired by Prof. Min Zhao, Vice president of SMHC, Prof. Wei Hao, chairperson of the conference, Prof. Yifeng Xu, president of SMHC, Prof. Ihn-Geun Choi, president of APSAAR, and Mr. Baohui Li, president of CADAP gave warmly welcome address.

The conference included 5 plenary sessions, 3 workshop sessions, 4 symposium sessions, and 3 oral presentation sessions. The lunch meeting of Chinese guidelines for alcohol use disorder's diagnosis and treatment was held. The conference focused on the prevention and intervention of alcohol abuse and drug dependence, from basic to clinical study, including genetic study, epidemiology, and psychosocial intervention for alcohol abuse.

Prof. George Koob, Wei Hao, Sachio Matsushita, Alfreda Stadlin, Walter Ling, Jianhua Li, Andrew J Lawrence, Min Zhao, Ru-Band Lu, Chris Chapleo, Sung Nam Cho, Victor Hesselbrock, and other researchers gave plenary talks. Moreover, clinical doctors reported research works on alcohol and addiction and shared experiences on the administration of drug abuse treatment clinics. Participants took this opportunity to share their valuable views on various addiction issues and the latest information and experiences in prevention and treatment, develop recommendations for further program activities and promote international collaborations in this area.

The APSAAR International Congress is supposed to be held every other year from 2009. The board meeting of APSAAR was held during the conference. The Joint Conference had met its goal "Joint together with Multiple Disciplines and Improve the Capacity of Addiction Research". Participants had opportunity to share information and interact with clinicians, researchers and policy makers to discuss prospective drug abuse treatment and prevention strategies and promote international collaborations.



Fig1.The Opening Ceremony-Chaired by Min Zhao(April 25)



Fig2.Prof Ihn-Geun Choi Welcome address from APSAAR(April 25)



Fig3.Prof Wei Hao>Welcome from Conference Committee(April 25)



Fig4.Prof Yifeng Xu>Welcome from local organizer(April 25)



Fig5.Prof Baohui Li>Welcome from CADAPT(April 25)



Fig6.The photograph of all participants



Fig7.Plenary lecture by Prof.George Koob(April 25)



Fig8.Plenary lecture by Prof.Wei Hao (April 25)



Fig9.Plenary lecture by Prof.Alfreda Stadlin(April 25)



Fig 10.Plenary lecture by Prof Walter Ling(April 25)



Fig11.Prof Nichle Hesselbrock in concurrent session(April 25)



Fig12.Prof. Edward Riley in Plenary Session(April 25)



Fig13.Plenary lecture by Prof.Victor Hesselbrock(April 26)



Fig14.Margaret M. Murray in concurrent sessions(April 25)



Fig15.Prof.M.Saeed Dar in Concurrent Session(April 25)



Fig16.Plenary lecture by Prof.Toshikazu Saito(April 25)



Fig17.Prof.Plenary lecture by Prof.Andrew J Lawrence(April 26)



Fig18.Plenary lecture by Prof.Min Zhao(April 26)



Fig19. Plenary lecture by Prof.Ru-Band Lu (April 26)



Fig20. Plenary lecture by Prof.Chris Chapleo(April 26)



Fig21.Plenary lecture by Prof.Peter Dodd(April 26)



Fig22.Prof.Susumu Higuchi close address from APSAAR(April 26)



Fig23.Plenary lecture(April 26)



Fig24.Plenary lecture(April 26)



Fig25.Close ceremony(April 26)