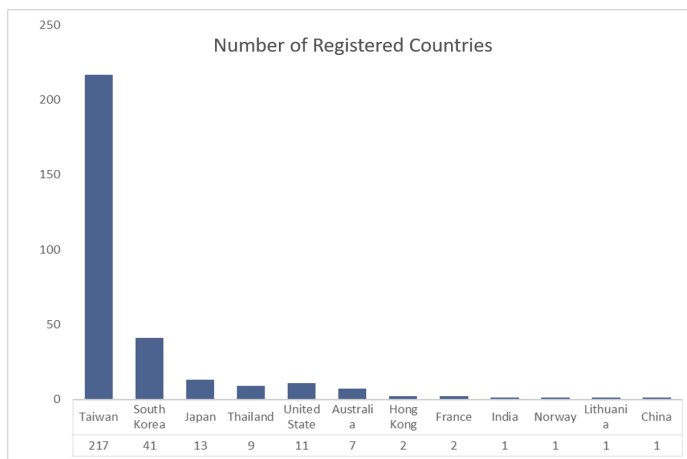


**A Brief Summary of the 5th
APSAAR-TSA Conference
31st May - 3rd June 2017, Taipei, Taiwan**

This was a joint meeting between the Taiwan Society of Addiction (TSA) and the Asia Pacific Society for Alcohol and Addiction Research (APSAAR). Both societies chose Taipei City, Taiwan for its World Congress from May 31st to June 3rd, 2017.

The conference was held under the theme of “The Challenges of Addiction: from basic research to clinical treatment.” This conference provided a dedicated platform to share cutting-edge scientific findings, medical practices and caregiver initiatives related to addiction research and therapy. It engaged a global audience focused on the exchange of ideas and perspectives for the better understanding of basic, preclinical, clinical, and translation science knowledge on addiction-related biomedical phenomena. High level scientific sessions were successfully organized: plenary lectures, symposia, interactive and educational workshops, and debates.



Number of Registered Countries of APSAAR-TSA 2017 Annual Meeting

The conference attracted 306 delegates comprising addiction scientists and basic researchers, clinicians, experts, and scholars interested in alcohol and addiction research from 12 countries: 8 in the Asia-Pacific region (Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand, Japan, Australia, India, China, and Hong Kong), France, Norway, Lithuania, and the United States of America (as seen in figure above). Over 250 abstracts for oral and poster presentations were received, and 232 abstracts were accepted for discussion and debates. The Conference had a total of 43 different sessions, including six Keynote sessions, 24 Symposium sessions, nine Oral sessions (45 free oral presentation), three Special lecture sessions, and one Poster presentation session (92 Poster presentations).



=Photos of the Welcome Banquet=



About the 5th APSAAR

The conference was opened by Prof. Ru-Band Lu (President of Congress), Peter Dodd (President of APSAAR), San-Yuan Huang (President of TSA). Substance abuse and dependence have been a universal challenge to all countries. The size and impact of this silent battle against substance abuse are no less than any other major combats in the world. This is a fight without boundaries and a fight that we cannot fail. Losing the war on drugs can bring harm and complications to the individuals and result in psychological and mental decline within the society.

Cutting-edge technology and research have been developed to minimize the problems that arise from drug abuse. Despite these developments, we have encountered many new challenges in the war on drugs. For the challenges outlined above, we invited academic scholars and experts from the Asia-Pacific and other regions share the latest biomedical, epidemiological, judicial, and educational research and experience on substance abuse. The 6th APSAAR conference will likely be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



Group photo in the auditorium of Tri-Service General Hospital

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Date	June 1, 2017 (Thursday)			
Time/ Room	Auditorium I	Auditorium II	Auditorium III	Auditorium VI
08:00-09:00	Oral Session 02 <i>Clinical Treatment of Addiction</i> Chair: Sung-Won Roh; Shih-Ku Lin	Oral Session 03 <i>Gambling and Cyber Addiction</i> Chair: Susumu Higuchi; Sawitri Assamangkornchai	Oral Session 04 <i>Endocrine and Brain Axis</i> Chair: Yia-Ping Liu; Ping Zhang	
09:10-10:10	Keynote Lecture 02 <i>Endoplasmic Reticulum Calcium Homeostasis and Addiction: Understanding Cellular Dysfunction Caused by Drugs of Abuse and Obesity</i> Speaker: Brandon Harvey Chair: Yun Wang			Orchid Show & Fish Show
10:10-10:30	Symposium 03 <i>Preclinical Studies of Drug-Seeking: Models, Circuits & Treatments</i> Chair: Andrew J Lawrence	Coffee Break	Symposium 05 <i>Related Medical Issues of Methadone Maintenance Treatment</i> Chair: Hsueh-Kay Lu; Sun-Yuan Chou	
10:30-12:00		Symposium 04 <i>Consequences and Potential Treatment for Ketamine Use Disorder</i> Chair: Chun-Hung Lee; Shirish Barve		
12:20-13:20	Lunch Poster Discussion (12:30-13:20)		Lunch Session <i>Evidence-Based Prosocial Modalities to Overcome Addictions</i> Chair: Wei-Tsuen Soong; Fang-Jung Wan	
13:25-14:25	Keynote Lecture 03 <i>Alcohol Epigenetic Programming of the Stress Axis Transmits from Mother to Child with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorders</i> Speaker: Dipak Sarkar Chair: Te-Jen Lai; Sullie L. Chang		Special Lecture 02 <i>Epigenetic Programming, Synaptic Remodeling and Psychopathology during Alcoholism</i> Speaker: Subhash C. Pandey Chair: Jih-Heng Li; Sung-Gon Kim	NHRI
14:30-16:00	Symposium 06 <i>Cutting Edge Studies on the Pathophysiology of Alcoholic Liver Injury</i> Speaker: Makiko Tanai Chair: Kenichi Ikejima; Makiko Tanai	Symposium 07 <i>Eating and Psychiatric Morbidity: From Basic to Clinical Aspects of Care</i> Chair: Mei-Chih Tseng; Kuan-Yu Chen	Symposium 08 <i>Review and Prospect of Treatment and Policy in Patient with Heroin Use Disorder</i> Chair: San-Yuan Huang; Lien-Wen Su	
16:00-16:10		Coffee Break		
16:10-17:30	Symposium 09 <i>Substance Abuse, Crime/ Violence and Offender Treatment</i> Chair: Shu-Lung Yang	Symposium 10 <i>Epidemiological Studies in Substance Use Disorder: From Medical Model to Clinical Applications</i> Chair: Chae-Shoun Lee; Chian-Jue Kuo	Symposium 11 <i>Tobacco and Psychiatry</i> Chair: Nan-Ying Chiu; Chin-Bin Yeh	

Schedule Program; for more information please visit [APSAAR-TSA 2017](http://www.apsaar-tsa.org)



Group photo at Tri-Service General Hospital



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