

Asian Pacific Division
Annual report: 2018-2019
(Dr Ambrose Chan)

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1. Message from the Division Chairman-



Dr Ambrose Chan

Asia Pacific Division (APD) didn't have a good start in year 2019 with the tragic loss of our dear friend, partner and former WFLD President, Professor Kenji Yoshida on the 29th January. His departure had shocked the world of Laser Dentistry, especially amongst the fellows of WFLD, JSLD and APD.

Since the formation of APD in 2006, Professor Kenji Yoshida played a pivot role in supporting our APD to build a strong scholarly dialog amongst fellows of various expertise and backgrounds, collaborating different societies, universities, associations and industries in the Asian Pacific. Over the last decade, such close association and teamwork has led to tremendous success for the APD in providing Laser education in Asian Pacific countries and gaining recognition amongst dental institutions globally, including the Asian Pacific Dental Federation, Asian Pacific Association for Laser Medicine Surgery and International College of Dentists.

It has been our privilege of knowing Late Prof Kenji Yoshida, working with him and learning the true value of responsibility, sincerity and solidarity. He will be truly missed by every single one of us.

The APD stunningly finished the 2019 with our First Asian Pacific Division Conference (8-10 Nov) in Beijing of China. It is a milestone achievement after almost 3 years of collaborative effort with CSA-CSLD, Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Chinese Academy of Medical Science (PUMCH-CAMS) and Beijing Stomatological Association of China (BSA) of CSA and China Centre for International Science and Technology Exchange (CISTE).

China's presence and contributions are as significant as her economic and geopolitical influence in the Asian Pacific region. China and its people are the forerunner in the world's economy and are pivotal in technological advancement and medical innovations. From this visit, I am convinced that China is rapidly growing in the field of Laser Dentistry!

It was a privilege for us to work so closely with CSLD-CSA in this memorable meeting. I sincerely wish for our success to continue into the future so that CSLD-CSA will continue to collaborate with APD, JSLD, IMLA and IDA, to play a leading role in realizing the acceptance of Laser/Photonic Dentistry into mainstream Dentistry and delivering optimal oral care to all mankind to combat the global challenges in oral health.

To this end, I would like to express my profound gratitude to the 2016-2018 APD committee members and speaker team for their years of exceptional involvement in Laser dental education. Thanks you all for your outstanding contributions, continued support and precious friendship!

2.WFLD Asian Pacific Division Committee (2016-2018)

Chairman: Dr Ambrose Chan (Australia)

Dy Chairman: A/Prof Sajee Sattayut (Thailand)

Secretary: Dr Kenneth Luk (Hong Kong)

Treasurer: Dr Shigeyuki Nagai (Japan)

Facebook Page: Dr Phillip Fu Fung Tsui (Hong Kong)

Literature review: Dr Igor Cernavin (Australia)

Past Chairman: Prof Loh Hong Sai (Singapore)

Prof Isao Ishikawa (Japan)

Committee: A/Prof Akira Aoki (Japan)

A/Prof Hisashi Watanabe (Japan)

A/Prof Reza Fekrazad (Iran)

Dr How Kim Chuan (Malaysia)

Dr Kalhori Katayoun (Iran)

3.WFLD Country Representative-Asian Pacific Region

Active country representatives:

Dr Igor Cernavin (Australia)

Dr Clement Eng (Singapore)

A/Prof Sajee Sattayut (Thailand)

Dr Kalhori Katayoun (Iran)

Dr How Kim Chuan (Malaysia)

Dr Phillip Fu Fung Tsui (Hong Kong)

A/Prof Hisashi Watanabe (Japan)

Dr Harry Huiz Peeter (Indonesia)

A/Prof Lei Zhu (Southern China)

A/Prof Chunlan Guo (Northern China)

Dr Neeti Salvi (India)

Dr Poojitha Wickramarathne (Sri Lanka)

Prof Reza Fekrazad (Iran)- **Iranian Medical Laser Association**

Dr Ashok Dhoble (India)- **Indian Dental Association**

4. WFLD –APD Basic Laser Certification Course, 20-22th Oct., 2018 Gulf Dentex -2018 congress, ADNEC, Abu Dhabi

Asia Pacific Division was invited by the Indian Dental Association to support the Gulfdentex conference in Abu Dhabi, to present lectures in the scientific program and running a one day Basic Laser Certification Course (Oct 20-22, 2018) at this congress.



This Laser certification course was well received by the audience. APD is looking forward to future collaborations with IDA.



Thanks for APD speakers Dr Kalhori Katayoun (Iran), Dr Shigeyuki Nagai (Japan) and Dr Ambrose Chan (Australia)

5. 46th AP Dental Student Association Congress, Thailand (August 2-4, 2019)

The Asian Pacific Dental Students Association (APDSA) Annual Congress is an annual event that brings together dental students from APDSA member nations within the Asian Pacific region. This year over 400 students, professors and graduate doctors from more than 16 countries attended this congress in Bangkok, Thailand. Prof Loh Hong Sai and Dr Ambrose Chan were invited to this meeting and to share their wisdom on Laser dentistry with the dear fellow dental students who represent the future of the dental profession.



**6. The First Asia Pacific Division Conference and the 4th National Academic Conference of the Chinese Society of Laser Dentistry
Venue: Grand Hyatt, Beijing, China. Date: 8- 11 November 2019**

This exceptional APD-WFLD 2019 Conference- Beijing in China is a powerful example of the superb contribution and close collaboration between APD and CSLD, Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Chinese Academy of Medical Science (PUMCH-CAMS) and Beijing Stomatological Association of China (BSA) of CSA and China Centre for International Science and Technology Exchange (CISTE). The scientific quality of this meeting was excellent: judging from the quality of the discussion during the question time. The scientific program was delivered by over 30 international and local Laser Dentistry experts. With more than 25 oral and poster research papers judged in front of a panel of Laser dentistry experts in the “Best scientific award competition”. All of these interactions created a very friendly, inspiring and learning atmosphere. This meeting has been regarded as one of the most useful events in the history of APD activities. There is no doubt that for the future growth of Photonic science in Dentistry, we should continue these types of gatherings in different societies. In this present visit, we are so convinced that China is rapidly growing in the field of Laser Dentistry!

