WCP2018 in Kyoto



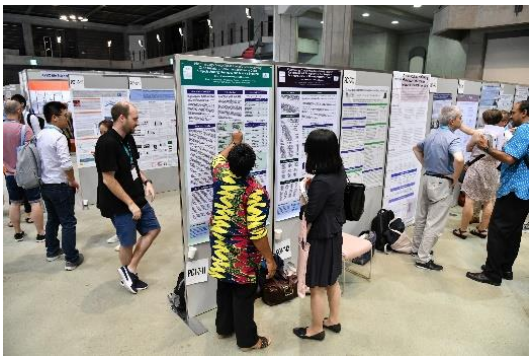
We are delighted to report that the 18th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (WCP2018) was successfully convened from July 1 (Sunday) to July 6 (Friday), 2018 at the Kyoto International Conference Center. We would like to express our deepest appreciation for the support provided for WCP2018.

Under WCP2018's main congress theme of "Pharmacology for the Future —Science, Drug Development and Therapeutics," presentations from various global perspectives and exchange of information took place on the latest achievements in research spanning a broad range of pharmacology fields, from basic to clinical pharmacology, through to drug development. The congress welcomed over 4,500 delegates from 82 countries, and featured 7 Plenary lectures, 33 Cutting Edge lectures, 87 symposia and 9 satellite symposia. 2,349 papers were accepted.
The WCP2018 organizing committee would like to express our sincere gratitude to the session organizers, symposiasts, speakers, each and every delegate, as well as the institutions and corporations who granted their support in collaboration with our congress' objectives. The support of all of these entities made it possible to execute all of the planned congress programs successfully.

WCP2018 kicked off on a high note with a packed audience at the Opening Ceremony held in the main hall on July 1. Tasuku Honjo, M.D., Ph.D., Distinguished Professor at Kyoto University, gave the Opening Lecture on the "Future of Cancer Immunotherapy by PD-1 Blockade." The fact that Professor Honjo was subsequently awarded this year's Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine made his presence at our congress doubly an honor.



At a time when revolutionary change is taking place in bio-medical science, with developments such as individual genome sequencing, stem cell biology including iPS cells and systems biology, the WCP2018 congress program was planned with the objective of having pharmacologists experience the paradigm shift in pharmacology, which encompasses all the diverse elements of science. This was realized thanks to the great cooperation of the national societies all over the Asia Pacific region.



As a result, scientists/researchers from both basic and clinical pharmacology, those who bridge these

domains as well as researchers from academia and the corporate world all gathered together and spirited debate took place on the interdisciplinary studies that will contribute to human health, including advances in patient treatment methods and drug development. We firmly believe that this resulted in the start of many new relationships between scientists as well as joint research projects.



This congress also focused on encouraging young pharmacologists. 113 Congress Bursaries were granted to young scientists and IUPHAR Young Investigator Awards were presented to the top 3 delegates. Following the congress, recipients of Congress Bursaries and young pharmacologists from Japan attended a 2-day event off-site that aimed to deepen science and friendship among young pharmacologists all over the world.

As for WCP2018's social programs, the Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner featured a variety of entertainment, including performances by traditional Japanese artists that thrilled the audience, and were very well received by the delegates. At the Closing Ceremony, Professor Shuh Narumiya, Congress President, delivered the closing remarks with an overall review of WCP2018 and his insights on the future prospects for pharmacology.

We look forward with pleasure to seeing all of you again in four years' time, at WCP2022 (July 16-22, 2022) in Glasgow, U.K.