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The 3rd Scientific Meeting of The Asian Federation of Osteoporosis Societies

September 6(Fri) ~ 8(Sun), 2013 I Lotte Hotel Seoul, Korea
Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues,

It is our honor and pleasure to invite you to participate the 3rd Asian Federation of Osteoporosis Societies (AFOS) Biennial Meeting on September 6-8, 2013 in Seoul, Korea.

Since its inauguration in 2009 in China, the AFOS has 2nd meeting in Japan in 2011. On the basis of precious experience from the history of the AFOS, the AFOS 2013 is sure to be the most highly acclaimed Asian meeting in the field of osteoporosis.

Under the theme “New insight into osteoporosis in Asia”, a wide range of scientific programs will cover the cutting-edge of osteoporosis as well as the basic knowledge in this regard. Participants will have the advantage of conversing and debating hot issues with world authorities in their fields. In particular, we are preparing a plenary lecture of Dr Civitelli (ASBMR president elect) and Dr Langdahl (ECTS president) about recent advances in world osteoporosis society.

The Organizing Committee has made sincere efforts to provide the participants with memorable experience of the fascinating culture of Korea and the warm spirit of friendship through socializing programs. We hope that you enjoy our programs in wonderful venues at the heart of Seoul.

We hope to welcome you at the 3rd AFOS Biennial Meeting and look forward to an exciting scientific event in the beautiful Seoul.

Sincerely,

Ye Soo Park, M.D., PhD.
Secretary General of the AFOS 2013 Seoul

About AFOS

Asian Federation of Osteoporosis Societies (AFOS) is established through cooperation between 11 Asian countries including China, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, Macau, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Chinese Taiwan, and Thailand. Our goal is as follows;

1. To make the Asian region excel in education and research in all aspects of osteoporosis, thereby bringing to the region the highest quality of healthcare in this field of medicine for charitable purposes beneficial to the community.
2. To promote the prevention, management and research of osteoporosis and disseminate the result for public benefit.
3. To encourage and support co-operative research in osteoporosis in Asia and beyond and disseminate the result for public benefit.
4. To promote, foster, develop and assist medical and allied profession in the study of and the acquisition, dissemination and application of knowledge and information concerning the causes, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of osteoporosis.
5. To stimulate public interest and provide public education in the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis and related problems and to assist in keeping the medical profession in the Asian region up-to-date in the latest developments in the field of medical and scientific research and methods of diagnosis, prevention and treatment of osteoporosis.

The first meeting was held in Guangzhou, China in November 2009, and the second meeting was held in Kobe, Japan in November 2011 and those were very successful. At the Kobe meeting in 2011, professor Ye-Yeon Won, the president of the Korean Society of Osteoporosis (KSO), from Ajou University, school of medicine was elected as 3rd president of AFOS. And he is in charge of hosting the 3rd meeting in September 2013.

KSO is the No.1 Osteoporosis society in South Korea which has more than 1600 members and plays an international role. So KSO tries to have active cooperation between other international societies such as ASBMR, ECTS, JSBMR, and JOS.

For the 3rd AFOS meeting in September 2013, KSO has selected Prof. Byung-Moon Kang (Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Ulsan University) as a symposium president, and Prof. Ye-Soo Park (Department of Orthopedic Surgery, Hanyang University) as a secretary general. And even though one year is left until the event, KSO have successfully invited Dr. Roberto Civitelli, the 2013 president-elect of ASBMR, and Prof. Bente Langdahl, the president of ECTS for plenary lectures which will be an honor for KOS and the conference. This means the presidents of US and European osteoporosis societies would share the meaningful moment of the Asian regional conference, and it will have positive effects on Asian osteoporosis field.

Thank you.
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Abstracts review results notification date: May 31, 2013

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b. Include your title, author information and affiliation(s) within your abstract text.

c. Do NOT mention support of work by a research grant within the body of the abstract.

d. Do NOT underline, bold, or use capitals for emphasis in the abstract text.

e. Single space all text. Do NOT place blank lines between paragraphs.

f. Do NOT place hard returns at the end of each line; use hard returns only to start a new paragraph.

g. Organize the content of the abstract by first stating the purpose, describe the methods used, summarize the results presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusions and state the conclusions reached.

h. Graphics (figures & tables) may not be submitted. AFOS 2013 abstracts are required to be text-only.

Abstracts are reviewed, graded and accepted/rejected by the Meeting Steering Committee. Abstracts can be submitted for Oral presentation or Poster Presentation. Submission category can be changed after discussion between authors and the Review Committee.

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2. E-poster presentations can include up to 10 slides

3. Please use the template provided at our official website http://afos2013seoul.org

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General Information

Dates: September 6-8, 2013
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Climate:
The climate of Korea is characterized by four distinct seasons; spring, summer, autumn, and winter. The climate of Seoul features a humid subtropical and humid continental climate. September is the transition month between the summer rainy season and the cold, dry winter. The average temperature in September in Seoul is around 18°C in its highs of 25°C and lows of 14°C.

Electricity:
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Important Dates:
Submission Deadline: April 30, 2013
Abstract Review Results Notification: May 31, 2013
Deadline for Early Registration: July 30, 2013
Deadline for Hotel Registration: August 1, 2013

Currency & Exchange:
The unit of currency in Korea is the Korean Won (KRW). As of September 2012, the exchange rate is approximately KRW 1,100 to USD 1 and KRW 1,450 to EUR 1. Foreign bank notes and traveler’s checks can be converted into the Korean won at foreign exchange banks and other authorized money exchange outlets. The exchange rate is subject to market fluctuations.

Tax & VAT:
Foreign tourists can receive nearly 10 percent VAT refunds for purchases at duty free shopping outlets. Goods must be taken out of Korea within three months of purchase to be eligible for a tax refund. A Value-Added Tax (VAT) is levied on most goods and services at a standard rate of 10% and is included in the retail price. At hotels, a 10% VAT is applied to rooms, meals and other services and is included in the bill.

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