

## 18<sup>th</sup> AOCR Report

### Congress information

Date: from April 15 to 18, 2021 (On-site) and from April 28 to June 3, 2021 (WEB)

Venues: Pacifico Yokohama North, Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan

President: Prof. Noriyuki Tomiyama, Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine

Theme: "Innovating Radiology, Growing Asia-Oceania"

### Overview

18th Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOCR 2021 Spring in Yokohama) was held in conjunction with the 80th Annual Meeting of the Japan Radiological Society (JRS) and the Japan Radiological Congress (JRC 2021). Because international travel was strictly restricted due to the pandemic of COVID-19, delegates and participants from overseas could not visit Japan in person. Furthermore, as domestic travel was also restricted in some area with increasing patients of COVID-19, several Japanese speakers and chairpersons also joined the meeting online. The congress was, therefore, held with a hybrid style, i.e. combination of onsite and online meeting.

### 50th anniversary of AOSR

As year 2021 is a memorable year for celebrating and commemorating the 50th anniversary of AOSR, several ceremonies were conducted during the congress. In the opening ceremony, the current and the past AOSR presidents gave messages to celebrate 50th anniversary of AOSR. Also, the new edition of the *AOSR history book* was introduced by Prof. Choi. A part of the AOSR history book was exhibited at the venue. The AOSR presidential handover ceremony was conducted virtually during the presidential dinner of JRS.

[https://www.icloud.com/icloudrive/0YBOuNOSEjMNOqy3k4\\_NX1VnA#AOSR\\_Presidential\\_Handover\\_Ceremony](https://www.icloud.com/icloudrive/0YBOuNOSEjMNOqy3k4_NX1VnA#AOSR_Presidential_Handover_Ceremony)

### Program

To carry out the hybrid-congress, all oral presentations were prerecorded and broadcasted with online streaming and on-demand. Although all presentations of the symposia were prerecorded, the chairpersons and the speakers joined the session via ZOOM and conducted real-time hot discussion. All educational lectures were prerecorded and released as on-demand contents. All scientific papers and posters were uploaded to the electric poster system, "Cypos".

The summary of the 18th AOCR program is as follows:

The AOSOR conjoint session for “breast imaging” consisted of 2 sessions with 6 speakers, one theme symposium for “the management of radiological department in COVID-19 pandemic” discussed with AOSR ExCo members, 10 symposia with 36 speakers in total, and 27 educational lectures in 9 topics. Sixty scientific papers (28 from AOCR; 32 from JRS) were presented in thirteen “AOCR-JRS conjoint sessions” and 6 posters on Cypos system. The total number of papers submitted was 138, 3 of which were rejected.

### **Registrants**

Registrants of 18th AOCR can also access all on-demand contents of the 80th JRS, and vice versa.

As of June 3, 2021, the number of registrants, including both the AOCR and the JRS, was 6,133 (on-site participants; 1,082) from 26 countries/regions. Moreover, 56 non-JRS participants of JRC2021 also registered to the 18th AOCR. Accommodation fees were paid for 10 participants (nine congress management personnel and one past president) by the Congress. Registration fees were also covered for 52 participants (42 presenters, 7 moderators, 12 ExCo members, and six past presidents) by the Congress.

The cumulative number of in-person attendees at scientific session counted 42. The number of views on Cypos for JRC2021 counted 26,955 in total by June 3, 2021. The cumulative numbers of in-person attendees and real-time online streaming audiences at major official and social functions were 141 and 129, respectively. These programs were also delivered on-demand at a later date, and the total access counted 172.

During the congress, Japan Medical Imaging and Radiological Systems Industries Association held the International Technical Exhibition of Medical Imaging 2021 (ITEM2021) at the Exhibition Hall of PACIFICO Yokohama as a part of JRC2021. The number of exhibitors counted approximately 140 and the exhibition space was 7,891 m<sup>2</sup>. The number of registered exhibition staff counted 894. Registrants of 18th AOCR could attend ITEM2021 in-person and also access ITEM2021 web contents.

Five sponsored seminars were held at lunch time during the 18th AOCR2021. A corporate advertising space was used by the companies as sponsors of the 18th AOCR.

As for the 18th AOCT, no satellite meetings were held.