

## AOASO REPORT 2013/2014

### 1) 7<sup>th</sup> AOCO 2013, Bandung, Indonesia, 31 Oct – 2 Nov 2013

On behalf of ISSO, Dr. Gaga Irawan reported that AOCO 2013 was not only successful but beneficial to both local and foreign participants and he thanked all AOASO member countries for their support. There were 43 speakers from 10 countries and 12 moderators mainly from Indonesia. The number of participants was 432 (19 international and 413 local). The scientific programme includes six plenary lectures, 11 Symposia sessions, oral and posters presentations. The number of abstracts accepted for oral and poster presentations were 37 and 64, respectively. Other activities include, AOASO Council meeting, ISSO Business meeting, a Faculty Dinner and a Cultural night. He also expressed his gratitude to Universitas Padjadjaran for providing a special grant, for which the Organiser are much indebted.



7<sup>th</sup> Asia-Oceania Conference of on Obesity (AOCO), 31 Oct-2 Nov 2013  
Bandung, Indonesia (Dr Gaga with Profs Ian, Ismail and Huang)

### 2) ICO 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The International Scientific Committee (ISC) was chaired by Prof. Paul Trayhurn, and co-chaired by Prof. Ismail Noor. An average of 10 sessions was conducted on each day of the conference, featuring numerous world renowned speakers. The Minister of Health Malaysia, Honorable Datuk Seri Dr. S. Subramaniam graced the event by attending the Congress Dinner and the debate session entitled “This Conference Believes that Preventing Obesity is the Responsibility of the Individual and not of Government” by JaneMartin and JohnPrins and chaired by Prof. Ian Caterson from Australia.

In addition, there were 375 posters presented on the first and second day, and 369 posters presented on the third and fourth day. The abstracts were published in the Obesity Reviews, Volume15, Supplement, 2 March 2014 ([www.obesityreviews.net](http://www.obesityreviews.net)). Several researchers were awarded the WO Awards for scientific excellence. Prof. Arne Astrup, Head of Department of

Nutrition, Exercise and Sports from University of Copenhagen, Denmark was awarded with the Willendorf Award (Clinical Research); Prof. Rudolph Leibel, Professor of Diabetes Research and Professor of Paediatrics from Columbia University Medical Center was awarded with the Wertheimer Award (Basic Research); Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anna Peeters, Head of Obesity and Population Health at the Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute and President of the Australian and New Zealand Obesity Society was awarded with The André Mayer Award and Prof. Steven Blair, Professor of the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina, was awarded with The Population Science and Public Health Award. Five candidates received the WO New Investigator Awards; Catherine Gibbons (University of Leeds, UK), Siti Wulan (Maastricht University, NL), Meng Qin (Chinese Academy of Sciences, China), Elizabeth Dunford (The George Institute of Health, USA) and Ha nana, while Grabiela Gutierrez-Salmean (Mexico), Julianna Moraes and Edson De Oliveira (Brazil), Nishan Kaluphana and Ranil Jayawardena (Sri Lanka) were awarded with Travelling Fellowships.

MASO would like to put on record our sincere gratitude to WO for selecting Malaysia as the venue for ICO 2014, the WO Secretariat and the LOC for organizing the event. A special thanks to Prof Paul Trayhurn and the ISC for the state-of art scientific programme and to all the invited speakers. We are indebted to all the major sponsors namely Novo Nordisk AS, Cambridge Weight plan, Danone, Beneo and other sponsors and Exhibitors for their contributions. MASO is grateful to the Malaysian Convention and Exhibition Bureau for the financial support to help us promote ICO 2014. MASO would like to thank the Ministry of Health Malaysia for their support, YB Dato' Seri Dr Hilmi, Deputy Minister of Health for gracing the Opening Ceremony and Dato' Seri Dr Subramaniam, Minister of Health Malaysia, for attending the "debate session" and gracing the ICO 2014 Gala Dinner. Last but not least to all the participants of ICO 2014 for making it a successful and memorable event. Photo gallery: please visit AOASO website: [www.aoaso.org](http://www.aoaso.org) . We wish the Canadian Obesity Network, Vancouver, Canada every success in hosting ICO in May 2016.





### 3) AOASO Executive Council Member (2014-2018) elected during ICO 2014

**President:** Prof. Mohd Ismail Noor (MASO)

**Vice-President:** Prof. Jeong-Taek Woo (KSSO)

**Secretary:** Dr Pallavi Pantakar (AiAARO)

**Treasurer:** Dr Gagairawan Nugraha (ISSO)

**Immediate Past-President:** Prof. Huang Kou-Chin (TMASO)

#### **Honorary Exco Members**

Prof. Shuji Inoue (JASSO)

Prof. Ian Caterson (ANZOS)

Prof. Yuji Matsuzawa (JASSO)

#### **Chair Education Committee**

Prof. Tim Gill (ANZOS)

#### **National representatives**

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**5) Obesity Research Clinical Practice (ORCP) Journal**

The ORCP is an official journal of AOASO. The aim of ORCP is to publish high quality clinical and basic research relating to epidemiology, mechanism, complications and treatment of obesity. Studies conducted in the Asia-Oceania region will be particularly welcome. In addition to original research, the ORCP accept reviews, patient reports, short communications and letters to the editors (including comments on published manuscripts). A SCI journal now index by Medline. **Editors-in-Chief:** Prof. Gary Wittert and Prof. Kuo-Chin Huang.

**6) The 8<sup>th</sup> Asia-Oceania Congress on Obesity (AOCO) 2015**

AOCO 2015 will be held in conjunction with the 36<sup>th</sup>. Annual Meeting of the Japan Society for the Study of Obesity (JASSO), at the Nagoya Congress Centre, Nagoya, Japan from 2 – 4 October 2015. Please visit the website: [www.aoco2015](http://www.aoco2015) for updates.

**7) Members News:**

- a) All India Association for Advancing Research in Obesity - (AIAARO) has elected new National Governing Council for the term 2014 to March 2016. Dr Shashank Shah Bariatric Surgeon from Pune - Maharashtra State - India is the new President and Dr Banshi Saboo is elected as the Sec Gen for another term.
- b) The Australlia and New Zealand Obesity Society (ANZOS), has elected Professor Brian Oldfield, as the new President of ANZOS.