14th Asia Pacific Hernia Society Conference & GCC Hernia Society Annual Meeting
29th November – 1st December 2018, Raffles Dubai - UAE
Hernia Tailor Made

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Dear Friends of Herniology

It gives me great pleasure and honor to invite you all to the 14th Annual Congress of APHS which will take place from 29th of November to 1st of December 2018 in Raffles Hotel, Dubai - UAE. The theme of the congress is Hernia Tailor Made. The congress will focus on the customization of hernia surgery to the individual patient and his particular condition. The organizing committee together with the international faculty have put together a three-day program with courses, workshops, live transmission of surgeries, and of course an extensive scientific program to keep you updated on the newest developments in the field of herniology. After having worked on guidelines and recommendations for the last two decades we now want to look into how much tailoring is needed to meet the requirements and expectations of individual patients.

For the first time the annual congress will offer parallel sessions in Chinese language outside of China and Chinese speaking countries. The cooperation with the Chinese Journal of Hernia and Abdominal Wall Surgery, the Chinese College of Hernia Surgeons and the Hernia Society of Taiwan with the legacy of APHS Congress 2017 shall bridge the academic gaps and language barriers in between East and West of Asia. The organizers aim to bring together more than 1000 participants mainly from Asia Pacific region and partially from the rest of the world. To reach this goal we need your help and the participation of all of you. Together, stronger, better has been the theme of APHS 2017 in Taiwan. This success directed slogan will continue to be the most important message to all our members and will be the refrain of a society hernia song.

Dubai and the UAE offer an incredible amount of sights and must see attractions. The weather during the end of the year is very comfortable and pleasant giving you the possibility to combine science with leisure. The organizing committee invites you to participate in social events and Safari, a typical adventure trip to the desert of UAE. We warm-heartedy welcome you to Dubai in November 2018!

Rolf Hartung
Congress President
It is with great pleasure that we, the officers and executive committee members of APHS invite you to be part of the 14th International Congress of the Asia Pacific Hernia Society, which will be held on November 29th to 1st of December 2018 in Dubai. Our President Elect Rolf Hartung leads the organizing committee for this conference and they have promised an exciting scientific meeting for all of us. With the theme, “Hernia Tailor Made,” the conference will give all of the participants the opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise as well as learn new things in the field of Hernia Surgery. The Annual International Congress of the APHS enables its members to present new things, new techniques, and new endeavours in the Hernia specialty. It also provides opportunity to strengthen our hernia brotherhood, rekindle friendship as well as make new friends in the Asia Pacific region.

Dubai is an exciting place and for sure our participants will enjoy what Dubai has to offer both in surgical education as well as the variety of social activities that the organizing committee has prepared. Discover Dubai and find out what makes it one of the top tourist destinations all over the world.

On behalf of the APHS officers and executive committee, we extend to you a warm welcome for the APHS 2018 in Dubai.

Yours truly,

Dr. Jose Macario Faylona, MD, FPCS, FACS
President- Asia Pacific Hernia Society (APHS)
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The International Faculty

Pradeep Chowbey, India
Jose Macario Faylona, Philippines
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Alfred Allen Buenafe, Philippines
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Abdullah Aldohayan, KSA
Andrew Bowker, New Zealand
Andrew De Beaux, UK
Asim Shabbir, Singapore
Barliant Sutedja, Indonesia
Berger Dieter, Germany
Bernd Klosterhalfen, Germany
Chen Jie, China
Cheng Chung Tsai, Taiwan
Ching Shui Huang, Taiwan
Davide Lomanto, Singapore
Deepraj Bhandarkar, India
Ferdinand Koeckerling, Germany
George Yang, Hong Kong
Giampiero Campanelli, Italy
Hae Chang Choe, Korea
Jaideep Raj Rao, Singapore
Jan Kukleta, Switzerland
Jimmy Bok-Yan So, China
Kuo Hsin Chen, China
Li Jianwen, China
Manish Baijal, India
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Michael K.W. Li, Hong Kong
Qin Changfu, China
Raad Usama Almehdi, Oman
Rajesh Kullar, India
Rakesh Gupta, Nepal
Reinhard Bittner, Germany
Rene Fortelny, Austria
Sarder Nayeem, Bangladesh
Sathien Tumtavitikul, Thailand
Shen Yingmo, China
Shintaro Sakurai, Japan
Salman Al-Sabah, Kuwait
Song Zhang Ma, China
Steven Yao, China
Sul Ji Young, Korea
Suthep Udomsawaengsup, Thailand
Takehiro Hachisuka, Japan
Tang, Jianxiong China
Tim Tollens, Belgium
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Dr. Alfred Allen Buenafe, Philippines  
Dr. Anil Sharma, India  
Dr. Barlian Sutedja, Indonesia  
Dr. Chen Jie, China  
Dr. Cheng Chung Tsai, Taiwan  
Dr. Chin Shui Huang, Taiwan  
Dr. Davide Lomanto, Singapore  
Dr. Dierk Schwender, Germany  
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Dr. Giampierro Campanelli, Italy  
Dr. Jan Kukleta, Switzerland  
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Dr. Klosterhalfen, Germany  
Dr. Zhonghuan Ma, China  
Dr. Marc Miserez, Belgium  
Dr. Pradeep Chowbey, India  
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Dr. Shintaro Sakurai, Japan  
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### Topics:

- Anatomy of Hernia
- Elasticity of Abdominal Wall
- Metabolic Aspects of Hernia Development
- Biodynamics and Biocompatibility of Biomaterial
- Histopathology of Meshes
- Imaging of Hernias
- Insurance Coverage of Hernia Repair
- Hernia Registry
- Hernia Repair and Innovation
- 3D Printing in Herniology
- Fixation Techniques for Mesh Placement
- Ventral Hernia Repair
- New Techniques in Inguinal and Incisional Hernia Repair
- Controversies in Inguinal, Incisional and Ventral Hernia - Debates
- What would you do? Expert Panel
- Management of Internal Hernia
- Diaphragmatic Hernia
- Divarication of Recti Muscles
- Cosmetic Aspects in Hernia Repair
- Parastomal Hernia Repair
- Robotics
- Hernia Prevention
- Complicated Hernias
- Hernia and Contamination
- Pediatric Hernia Repair
- Complex Abdominal Wall Reconstruction
- Preparation of Patients in Loss of Domain
- Minimal Invasive Component Separation Techniques
- TAR
- MILOS
- Disasters in Hernia Surgery
- Management of Postoperative Complications
- Pain Treatment After Hernia Repair
- Education and Skills Acquisition
- Requirements for Hernia Center
- Publication of Hernia Articles
- Hernia and Economics
- Outcomes in Hernia Healthcare

### Pre Conference Workshops:

- Hernia Essentials
- Animal Lab
- Simulation
- Live Transmission
- Video Sessions
- Poster Presentations and Awards
- Recurrence and Prevention for IH and VH
- Patient Optimization and Value-driven Outcomes
- Reduced Access to Hernia Repair (single port, Milos, etc)
Registration Fees:

### Registration Fees include:
Access to scientific sessions (except workshops), conference bags, conference lunches and coffee breaks, access to the exhibition and certificate of attendance with accredited CME hours.

### Registration Fees

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<td>GCC Member</td>
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| Gala Dinner (Safari)              | AED 295 ($80)                                   |

5% VAT will be added to the total amount of Registration Fees.

We will offer a discount based on the number of people in the group:

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<td>101 and above</td>
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Deadline for registration discount is May 1st 2018.
Accommodation:

The conference venue will take place in Raffles Hotel, Dubai - UAE

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We also offer other hotel options such as:

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<td>440 AED ($120)</td>
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Rates are valid until May 1st 2018

The above rates are Inclusive of:
- Breakfast and all taxes
- Shuttle Buses between the Hotel and conference venue

Live transmissions

To be Announced
Deadline for Abstract Submissions:

8th July 2018

Email: secretary@aphsdubai2018.com
For more information, please visit the conference website:
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To be Announced
Location: Oud Metha, Wafi City Development, Right of Sheikh Rashid Road. Close to Wafi Mall, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Distance from Dubai International Airport (DXB): 6 kilometers, 10 minutes by car.

The Raffles Hotel Dubai stands out as a stunning 19-storey pyramid, rising up in the heart of Dubai, a new landmark for the 21st century.

Promising the exceptional standards of service inherent to its name and which are enhanced by the traditional values of Arabian hospitality. This award-winning hotel features 252 rooms and suites, 6 restaurants, a fitness center, an outdoor pool, an extensive spa and free WiFi throughout. The air-conditioned hotel features a spacious lobby with 24-hour reception and lobby bar.

Each of the hotel’s 252 guestrooms is equipped with an en suite bathroom with hot tub, shower hairdryer, 24-hour satellite TV, iPod Docking Station, Wireless Internet Free of Charge, a spacious private balcony, daily newspapers, 24-hrs In-Room Dining, minibar, Lavazza espresso machines and Butler Service.
Hotel Features:
- 252 luxury Rooms & Suites
- 9 elegantly furnished, private meeting rooms
- Major shopping, cultural and tourist attractions are just minutes away
- Winner of six Trip Advisor Travelers’ Choice Awards
- Dining in one of our 7 restaurants and bars
- Library
- 24-hour in-room dining, serving an array of food and beverage
- Complimentary wireless internet in all areas
- An outdoor pool
- Wellness area with full fitness facilities
- Exceptional Raffles Spa - with 6 treatment rooms
- 13 Restaurants and Bars
- Raffles Garden
- Beauty & Hairdressing salon
Welcome to Dubai: one of the world’s most exhilarating destinations, a glittering city home to golden beaches, sparkling sea, endless desert dunes, an unmistakeable skyline of record-breaking landmarks, and world-class attractions, shopping and dining. Also home to electrifying events and sporting championships, Dubai is one giant, adventurous playground for all the family. At the same time it’s a place where tradition meets ambition, where the past meets the future, and the visionary city is proud to display its rich heritage and culture.

The pace of Dubai’s progress has been phenomenal, and it’s hard to imagine that just 50 years ago the emirate was little more than a fishing village beside the Creek. Yet today, Dubai is the fourth most visited city in the world, drawing visitors from all across the globe. Whatever your passion, whatever your age, Dubai is sure to exceed your expectations. And with new attractions, activities and experiences added almost on a daily basis, there is always a host of reasons to keep coming back year after year.
Geography: Dubai is located on the shores of the Arabian Gulf. It is the UAE’s second largest emirate covering an area of 3,885 sq kms, with the city itself covering roughly 35 sq kms. The latter doubles, however, when you take into account Dubai’s numerous manmade islands and desert developments.

Climate: With the Tropic of Cancer passing through the UAE, the weather in Dubai is warm and sunny. In winter, the average daytime temperature is 25°C, with nights being relatively cool. Near coastal areas, humidity can average between 50 and 60%. In high summer, the weather in Dubai is hot and humid, with temperatures approaching 50°C. Rainfall in Dubai is infrequent, mostly occurring in winter including the occasional thunderstorm. On average, rain falls only five days a year.
Visa:

• The kind of visa you need to enter the UAE depends on several factors such as your nationality, the purpose of your planned visit and its duration. Currently, citizens of 47 countries apart from the GCC nations, can get visa on arrival.

Citizens of the following countries do not require advance visa arrangements to enter the UAE and can obtain a visa upon arrival for 90 days:

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Please note:
• Citizens of the countries listed before can obtain a visa upon arrival for 90 days from the date of entry with their normal passports.
• It is not possible to extend this visa.
• Passports should be normal and valid for more than six months.
• The visa holder can use the 90-day visa upon arrival to be consumed within 180 days from first entry.

Citizens of the following countries do not require advance visa arrangements to enter the UAE and can obtain a visa upon arrival for 30 days with a 10-day grace period:

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Please note:
• Citizens of the countries listed above can obtain a visa upon arrival for 30 days from the date of entry with their normal passports.
• The visa is extendable and the total validity, if extended, would be 60 days from the date of entry.
• Passports should be normal and valid for more than six months.
• This visa is considered a multi-entry visa, which allows the visa holder to consume the 30-day visa validity regardless of whether the visa holder is inside or outside the UAE. Any number of days the visa holder stays outside the UAE would be calculated from the 40-day validity of the visa.

For more information regarding your visa and entry information, kindly visit the following website:
The name of the currency in Dubai and United Arab Emirates is the dirham (AED or Arab Emirates Dirham Also commonly abbreviated to Dhs or DH).

There are 100 Fils in a dirham.

Notes come in denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100,200, 500 and 1000 dirhams. The writing on the front of the note is in Arabic while that on the reverse is English.

There are 1 dirham and 50 and 25 fil coins in common circulation.

UAE dirham Exchange Rate:

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