

The President

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Welcome to the Asian Society for Psoriasis!

The ASP Tokyo 2021 was postponed for one year by the extraordinary board meeting (deliberation by e-mail) on August 1, 2021.

Therefore, The ASP Tokyo 2022 will be held on November 2022 in Tokyo, Japan.

How are you?

First, I really want you and your family to be healthy.

By the way, the holding of "The ASP Tokyo 2020", which was scheduled to be held last year, has been postponed for one year, and we had currently prepared for "The ASP Tokyo 2021" in November 2021.

However, "COVID-19" is still spreading all over the world, and we are having a hard time in each country.

Currently, in Japan, the vaccination rate is gradually increasing, but we still must clear the flow of people from Japan and abroad in preparation for the "Tokyo Olympics & Paralympic 2020". There are a lot of problems that cannot be solved, and there are concerns about the cancellation of the event and the spread of the fifth epidemic after the Olympic Games.

Even now, at annual general meetings and academic societies in Japan, WEB-style academic societies (social gatherings, dinners, etc. are prohibited) are being held little by little under strict infection control measures ("Japan". Annual Meeting of the Dermatological Association (JDA in June)", etc.; To date, there have been no reports of cluster occurrence at academic societies or lectures). However, regarding invitations from overseas and participation in academic societies, national regulations continue, and measures such as quarantine measures for a certain period (2 weeks) and restrictions on behavior within Japan are still being taken when entering Japan.

First, on the beginning of this July, I already asked the Honorary Chairmen, Honorary Advisors, Special Advisors, Vice Chairmen, and Secretaries for giving opinion and advice of regarding the holding of "The ASP Tokyo 2021".

And based on their opinions and advice, I considered holding the ASP Tokyo 2021 with Dr. MABUCHI Tomotaka (Vice President of the ASP), the President of the ASP Tokyo 2021.

1. When it comes to the form of web conferencing, the concept of the Asian Society for Psoriasis (ASP) is that "participants from each country gather in one place, and everyone talks openly and friendships in" Face to face ". Therefore, it does not fit the ASP concept of "established to deepen".
2. The COVID-19 is currently expanding not only in Japan but also in South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand, again.
3. From July 12, the 4th state of emergency (scheduled until August 22nd) has been announced in Tokyo. And moreover, its term was now prolonged till the end of August.
4. Tokyo Olympics games has been held from July 23 to August 9 and after that, the Paralympics Games are also scheduled to be held until the beginning of September, and there is even a concern that the number of infected people will increase sharply in November. In fact, in Tokyo, more than 4,000 patients/day (including more than 125 Olympic athletes) were infected in this week and will be more than more and day by day as the 5th big wave.
5. It is unclear whether the quarantine situation at the time of entry into Japan (Currently two weeks of quarantine, behavioral restrictions, etc.) will improve in the fall.
6. As of July 30, the COVID-19 vaccination rate in Japan is 37.6% for the first dose and 26.0% for the second dose (Japanese population: 125.47 million). The Japanese government says that the vaccination for Japanese people will be completed by the end of November this year, but there are concerns about the shortage of the planned vaccine supply at present.
7. 8 out of 10 respondents of the ASP special officers advised to postpone it.

From the above points of view, as the president, I would like to make the following proposals.

1. The ASP Tokyo 2021 will be postponed for another year and will be held as The ASP Tokyo 2022 (President of the ASP Tokyo 2022: Dr. MABUCHI Tomotaka, Vice President of ASP).

2. The term of office of all The ASP special officers and all directors (including the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary-General, and Secretaries in each Country) will be postponed for one year until December 31, 2022.

Therefore, I requested to hold an ASP extraordinary board meeting to discuss this proposal and its deliberation by e-mail from all ASP directors.

In result, as follows. The agenda item in this meeting were approved because there was more than half voting for agreement according to the rule of the ASP "VI. Meeting Article 18."

1. The ASP Tokyo 2021

1. Postponed: Will be held in the fall of 2022.
2. Meeting Title: The ASP Tokyo 2022
3. Venue: Tokyo, Japan
4. The President: Dr. MABUCHI Tomotaka (The Vice President of the ASP, Tokai University, Japan)

2. The Special Officers & Directors of the ASP

Term of All Special Officers & Directors in 2021: Extend until 2022.

In detail of the results of this extraordinary board meeting, ASP member and Supporting member can checked at "The Board Meeting Reports" in the Menu Index on this Home Page.

I appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

We are also looking forward to the participation of many people from each country in "The ASP Tokyo 2022".

Sincerely yours

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