

Welcome message from the Honorary President

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Dear Colleagues,

I'm Dr. ZHENG Min from Hangzhou, China serving as the honorary president of the Asian Society for Psoriasis (ASP). I'd like to express my hearty thanks to our members, board of directors and respectable colleagues to have a chance serving our own contribution for ASP.

Psoriasis is a common chronic inflammatory skin disease with a spectrum of clinical phenotypes and results from the interplay of genetic, environmental, and immunological factors. Decades of both clinical and basic researches on psoriasis have elucidated many of the pathogenic mechanisms underlying disease and paved the way to more effective targeted therapies. We come here together to build and serve an Asian Psoriasis Society, to review this progress and to identify future directions in order to have a more integrative research approach and to aim at further improving the patients' life. Future directions call for a refinement of the current knowledge through a more integrative approach. As the technologies produce a vast amount of data ("omics"), the collection of genetic variations, gene expression, proteomics, and clinical information call for integrative computational methods, or "translational bioinformatics," to develop and improve methods for storing, retrieving, organizing, and analyzing biological data. The derivation of molecular signatures using omics data is increasingly expanding and can be further implemented by mining publically available data sets.

We live in a era of digital communication. All those progresses could not be achieved without the good organization of APS. We will serve the ASP heart and soul and hope ASP will finally develop into a leading Asian region for new knowledge of research, education and medical care in patients with psoriasis.

Sincerely yours.