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# **GREETINGS**



Dear Colleague and Friends,

As the covid-19 epidemic is coming to an end, I am very glad that everyone can meet in person and visit a tropical and intelligent city-state like Singapore. I am personally fond of this country very much, and I believe you will be likewise.

The reason why APAGE is important is that there are many insights in both innovation and research. For example, the development of vNOTES and the guidance of the MITOR study have awakened the sympathetic response of physicians like the morning bell and evening drum. This is all thanks to the APAGE Board members' and faculty's hard work.

The ongoing outbreak does not stop our path of the development of gynecologic endoscopy. In 2022, APAGE held two physical hands-on workshops related to Reproductive and Endometriosis. Not only on-site events but also thirteen webinars in cooperation with hospitals and universities in China and societies around the world. The feedback we received from audience were always encouraging and positive.

The Annual Congress will provide the ideal platform to stimulate ideas and exchange knowledge. There will be hands-on workshops and keynote lectures. The topics of the Annual Congress reflect the current trends, new approaches, and latest researches in the field of gynecologic minimally invasive or non-invasive therapy, which we believe that it will be fruitful to the participants.

We hope that this Annual Congress will provide a great opportunity to meet experts from around the world in the laparoscopic gynecology area. And we sincerely hope that the participants would obtain significant new insights in minimally invasive and non-invasive surgery by sharing and exchanging ideas with friends worldwide.

See you in Singapore!

Chyi-Long Lee, M.D., Ph.D.

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Chairman of Board of Trustees, APAGE

# **GREETINGS**



Dear Colleague and Friends,

We are so excited to welcome you to our 23rd Annual Congress of Asia-Pacific Association for Gynecologic Endoscopy and Minimally Invasive Therapy (APAGE) in Singapore on 25th October to 28th October, 2023.

I am proud to be the president of APAGE and MIT. We will always have participants from all over the world to join us for APAGE conference. As female consciousness rises, the topic of OBS/GYN has grown its importance in recent years. The minimally invasive surgeries are booming all over the world. Using one hole or natural orifice, such as vagina during the operation to remove the tumor has become the main trend nowadays.

This is truly a not-to-be-missed meeting for anyone seeking state-of-the-art updates in diagnosis and treatment of patients with gynecologic diseases. We will also have exceptional scientific contents featuring the latest innovations in clinical care and research breakthroughs in the Gynecology field from experts all over the world. The scientific programme of the meeting has always reflected the multidisciplinary nature of our field, and this year is no exception. The format once again included keynote lectures, workshops, and parallel sessions which will stimulate further discussions and debates.

Beside the high-quality programme of the meeting, we hope that you will have the opportunity to enjoy Singapore's rich history and beautiful sights. Singapore is one country that will never cease to keep surprising its visitors. It's a melting pot of culture and history and an extravaganza of culinary delights. Moreover, there are many fun facts about Singapore that might blow your mind. For example, Singapore has changed its time zone 6 times since 1905, it is prohibited to chew gum in the country and you can find the National Anthem of Singapore on the back of the SGD1000 note.

After a very difficult period for global health and peace, we look forward to seeing you in person in Singapore to continue learning, make new friends and strengthen our bonds of collegiality.

APAGE President,

Chi-Chang Chang, M.D., Ph.D.

# **GREETINGS**



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We warmly invite you to the 23<sup>rd</sup> APAGE Annual Congress 2023 in Singapore. This annual event is hosted by the Society for Gynaecological Minimally Invasive Surgery Singapore (SGMIS) in conjunction with College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Singapore and KK Women's and Children's Hospital. This Congress will be held from the 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

Our team is excited to bring you this year's theme; "Minimally Invasive Therapy in Women's Health: Insights, Innovations, Impacts". As the field of minimally invasive surgery advances, we often challenge ourselves to more complicated surgeries such as cases of large uteri, frozen pelvis secondary to endometriosis, severe adhesions from previous surgery and advanced pelvic cancers.

This year, we are honored to have esteemed leaders in the gynaecological field delivering a series of key lectures and sharing their invaluable experiences and knowledge. The congress acts as a platform for experts and delegates to exchange their practice on techniques and approaches in challenging surgeries. There will be a showcase of the latest medical and surgical innovations that can help us overcome these difficult situations.

The event will start off with the pre-congress workshops namely; vNOTES Workshop, Electrosurgery Workshop, Advanced Laparoscopy Porcine Workshop, Robotic Workshop and Hysteroscopy Workshop. These workshops would entail a myriad of interactive demonstrations and discussions with world-renowned faculty. Delegates would be able to hone their surgical skills via hands-on animal or dry lab sessions and gain exposure to the latest surgical innovations.

We thank our industry partners who have generously continued to support us in making this a successful event. We hope that this congress will present an opportunity for delegates to learn, forge relationships and enjoy what Singapore has to offer!

We look forward to welcoming you personally in Singapore!

Best Regards,

A/Prof Bernard Chern Congress President

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23rd APAGE Annual Congress

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Deadline of Abstract Submission 30 June 2023

**Abstract Acceptance notification 20 July 2023** 

Deadline of Early Bird Registration 31 July 2023

Deadline of Online Registration 20 October 2023

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# **VENUE**

#### **WORKSHOPS:**

25 October 2023

vNOTES & Electrosurgery Workshops

KK Women's and Children's Hospital

100 Bukit Timah Road Singapore 229811

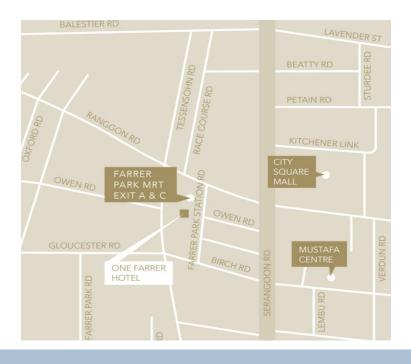




26 October 2023
Laparoscopic Porcine,
Robotics &
Hysteroscopy Workshops
Academia SGH Campus
20 College Road
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#### CONGRESS: 27 & 28 October 2023 One Farrer Hotel

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# **PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE**

Wednesday, 25 October 2023, KK Women's and Children's Hospital

Time	Lecture Theatre	Conference Room
0900 – 1700	vNOTES Workshop	Electrosurgery Workshop

### Thursday, 26 October 2023, Academia, SGH Campus

Time	PSL 1	PSL 1	PSL 2
0830 – 1800	Laparoscopic Porcine Workshop	Robotic Workshop	Hysterscopy Workshop

### Friday, 27 October 2023, One Farrer Hotel

Time	Ballroom 1	Ballroom 2	Napier & Read Room
0700 – 0830	Registration		
0830 - 0845	Opening Ceremony		
0915 - 0930	Guest of Honour		
0930 - 1030	KEYNOTE LECTURES		
1030 – 1050	BREAK		
1050 – 1205	Endometriosis	Fertility Sparing Surgery	UroGynaecology Surgery
1205 – 1255	Lunch Symposium		
1330 – 1430	KEYNOTE LECTURES		
1430 – 1545	Non-Invasive Therapy	Surgical Techniques 1	Surgical Techniques 2
1545 – 1610	BREAK		
1610 – 1800	Fibroids & Adenomyosis	Hysteroscopy	YAG Sessions
1700	Closing for Day 1		

### Saturday, 28 October 2023, One Farrer Hotel

Time	Ballroom 1	Ballroom 2	Napier & Read Room
0830 - 0900		Registration	
0900 - 1000	KEYNOTE LECTURES		
1000 – 1030	BREAK		
1030 – 1145	GynaeOncology Surgery	AAGL Session	Video / Oral Presentations
1145 – 1235	Lunch Symposium		
1315 – 1415	KEYNOTE LECTURES		
1415 – 1530	Novel Adjuvants	ESGE Session	Video / Oral Presentations
1530 – 1600	BREAK		
1600 – 1715	Complications	New Innovations	Video / Oral Presentations
1715 – 1730	Award Ceremony & Closing		