

Trilateral Symposium by Radiation Oncology Societies in China, Japan and Korea

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History is started in 2000

- The society-based collaborations started to discuss in 2000 by bilateral approach between Korea and Japan, and between China and Japan.
- The KOSRO-JASTRO meeting on May 1, 2000 at Palace Hotel in Seoul, Korea.
- The CSRO-JASTRO meeting on November 11, 2000 during the 13th annual meeting of JASTRO in Niigata, Japan.
- Agreed to have Bilateral exchange programs, and basis of discussion of Trilateral symposium



Consensus Meeting in 2001

- Based on agreements on the 2 bilateral collaborations, Toshihiko Inoue, President of JASTRO held the business and academic meeting where representatives from 3 societies join one day before the 14th annual meeting of JASTRO in Osaka, Japan in 2001.
- Agreements were;
 - 1) Trilateral symposium will start in Japan in 2004, and each society will host trilateral symposium at every 2 years' interval in turn.
 - 2) The hosting society is responsible for accommodations and registration fees of 2 invited representatives from each society



Preparatory Meetings in 2002

- Jun Wan hosted the academic meeting in Shijiazhuang, China in conjunction with International Seminar on Thoracic Neoplasms in September 2002.

Management of esophageal carcinoma and lung cancer was presented and discussed.

- Two special academic sessions were organized in October 2002 during the 20th annual scientific meeting of KOSRO in Seoul.



Supporting Societies of Trilateral Symposium

- Three radiation oncology societies in the far eastern Asia
- Chinese Society of Radiation Oncology (CSRO)
- Japanese Society of Radiation Oncology (JASTRO)
- Korean Society of Radiation Oncology (KOSRO)



Trilateral Symposium

- ● 1st symposium Nov. 17,18 2004 in Chiba by JASTRO
- President: Tsujii Hirohiko
- Theme: Towards improving the Quality of Life
- 34 presentations including 17 invited talk
- Topics
 - Current status of radiation oncology
 - Current status of chemoradiotherapy
 - Radiotherapy for uterine cervical cancers
 - High-tech radiotherapy



Trilateral Symposium

- 2nd symposium by CSRO with annual meeting of CSRO in 2007
- 3rd symposium in Seoul on Oct. 9 2009 by KOSRO with annual meeting of KOSRO.
- President: Prof. Suh
- Topics
 - National/International clinical trials
 - Application of hypofractionated radiotherapy



Trilateral Symposium

- 5th symposium in Tokyo on Nov. 23 2012 by JASTRO with the annual meeting of JASTRO.
- President of JASTRO : Prof. Mitsuhashi
- President of Trilateral symposium: Prof. Hiraoka
- Topics
 - High-precision radiation therapy
 - Chemoradiotherapy



Trilateral Symposium

- Changes in Policy
 - Young faculties recommended from each society were invited in addition to senior faculties to facilitate communications and collaborations among 3 societies.
 - Symposium every year not every 2 years as used to be.



Trilateral Symposium

- Leaders from Indonesia, Philippines, and India were invited and worked as co-chair of the symposium. This provided a good opportunity for set up a brain storm meeting among societies in far eastern Asia, east-southern Asia and India.
- It was agreed among participants to have Federation of Radiation Oncology Societies in the Asia. Takashi Nakano has been elected as Secretary General of the Federation and a preparatory meeting to realize this organization has been initiated.



Trilateral Symposium

- 5th symposium in Chengdu, China on Nov. 21, 2013 by CSRO.
- Topics
 - Esophageal cancer
 - Prostate cancer
- 6th symposium in Seoul, Korea in 2014 by KOSRO.
- Topics
 - Stage III non-small cell lung cancer
 - Management of spine metastasis



Current Rule

- Held every year JASTRO, CSRO, KOSRO in turn.
- Usually one day symposium which is linked to an Annual Meeting of CSRO, JASTRO and KOSRO
- President of the Annual Meeting usually host the symposium
- The topics of symposium is generally decided by the host



Current Rule-2

- 2 representatives from each society, two nights accommodations supported by the host society
- Since 2012, approximately 10 selected papers of young faculties from each society are encouraged to participate.
- No financial support from the host society
- Asian branch of Varian, Elekta and Accuray used to agree to support this symposium



Actual Activities

- Presentations of clinical results from each society, modality-based or disease site-based from star players (mostly senior faculties)
- No clinical trials have been proposed
- No accumulation of clinical data
- No education and training programs



Problems

- Neither secretariate nor joint committee which is responsible for management of trilateral symposium
- No comprehensive program
- No endpoints
- No assessment of each symposium



How to Co-operate with FARO

- Education and Training Activities
 - Trilateral symposium may provides the platform for the program.
 - Education seminar in far eastern Asia, in south western Asia, in India each place every year?
- Scientific and Academic Activities
 - Joint meeting
 - Joint clinical research

