

Korea Hosts Third ARISE with APLAR Meeting



The ARISE (Asia Pacific Rheumatology Intensive Scientific Education) with APLAR (Asia Pacific League of Associations of Rheumatology) medical education program has continued to gain momentum this year with a third successful meeting that took place 27-28 September in Seoul, Korea. This followed the launch in Jordan an inaugural meeting meeting in China last year and a major meeting Guangzhou China earlier this year.

The agenda for the Korea meeting was developed by a Scientific Committee of national medical researchers, and speakers included :

- Professor Pyong Woo Park, Harvard Medical School, USA;
- Professor Yoshiya Tanaka, University of Occupational Therapy and Environmental Health, Japan;
- Professor Gary S. Firestein, School of Medicine, University of California, San Diego,
- and Eric Boilard, Université Laval, Quebec, Canada.

Topics ranged from fundamental research to clinical medicine, including *Immunomodulatory Functions of Syndecan-1, The Potential of Human Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSC) for the Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis, Epigenetics in Rheumatoid Arthritis and Roles of Platelets and Microparticles in Inflammation.*

The 80 rheumatologists who attended and participated in lively panel discussions accounted for one third of all rheumatologists in Korea.

“It was a very valuable meeting that featured world-renowned experts and Korean rheumatologists who shared and discussed the latest data regarding rheumatic disease,” said Professor Dae-Hyun Yoo, from HanYang University, Seoul Hospital, who served as chairman of the symposium. *“This approach helped attendees to better understand rheumatic diseases.”*

More ARISE with APLAR events are scheduled to take place in throughout Asia Pacific countries in 2014.

