

ASEAN Movement in Radiology

A summary from AOOCR2023, Bangkok, Thailand

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The Asian Oceanian Congress of Radiology (AOOCR) was held in Bangkok, Thailand, by the Royal College of Radiologists of Thailand (RCRT) and the Radiological Society of Radiology of Thailand (RST) in a hybrid format, offering an opportunity for participants to attend the meeting virtually or in person and meet international colleagues face-to-face (Figure 1). It was well-attended by 1,162 participants from 29 countries around the world with 241 overseas participants and 921 local participants. There were 785 people attending the conference in person and 377 participating via the online channel. The countries with the highest number of participants included Thailand, South Korea, the Philippines, and Singapore, respectively (Table 1).



Figure 1. The boards of directors from RCRT and RST at the AOCR2023.

Table 1. Participants of AOCR2023.

NO.	COUNTRY	TOTAL	NO.	COUNTRY	TOTAL	NO.	COUNTRY	TOTAL
1	Australia	7	11	Japan	11	21	Serbia	1
2	Bhutan	1	12	Kazakhstan	4	22	Singapore	20
3	China	5	13	Kuwait	1	23	South Korea	76
4	Chinese Taipei	17	14	Malaysia	14	24	Switzerland	1
5	Finland	1	15	Nepal	5	25	Thailand	921
6	France	1	16	The Netherlands	1	26	Turkey	3
7	Hong Kong	4	17	Pakistan	1	27	United Kingdom	1
8	India	11	18	The Philippines	20	28	United States	4
9	Indonesia	15	19	Russia	1	29	Vietnam	11
10	Italy	2	20	Saudi Arabia	2			

The conference invited 139 speakers with exceptional expertise and experience in the radiological field from both Thailand and overseas countries to ensure that participants received an opportunity to explore new ideas and share knowledge in a welcoming and cordial atmosphere (Table 2). Furthermore, the organizing committee had carefully selected interesting and thought-provoking academic topics, which were organized into various sessions, for instance, 45 scientific sessions, an honorary lecture, a keynote lecture, three plenary sessions, AI Lectures and Workshop , an ultrasound workshop, 33 conjoint sessions and lunch symposia (Table 3).

Table 2. *Invited faculties of AOCR2023.*

NO.	COUNTRY	TOTAL
1	Australia	3
2	Austria	1
3	Canada	1
4	Chinese Taipei	5
5	India	5
6	Japan	3
7	Malaysia	5
8	Singapore	5
9	South Korea	11
10	Thailand	90
11	USA	9
12	Uzbekistan	1

Table 3. *Scientific sessions in AOCR2023.*

Scientific Program		
45 Scientific Sessions	8 AI Lectures	6 Lunch Symposiums
3 Plenary Sessions	1 AI Workshops	1 Honorary lecture
33 Conjoint sessions	2 Ultrasound Workshops	1 Keynote Lecture

In addition to various stimulating scientific sessions, the conference accepted a total of 221 abstracts submitted by our colleagues, with 46 being oral presentations and 165 as poster presentations (Table 4).

Table 4. *Accepted abstracts presented in AOCR2023.*

Category	Oral	Poster	Total
Domestic	11	31	42
Foreign	35	134	169

There were five categories of awards to the authors of selected abstracts, including The Best Oral Presentation Awards, The Best Poster Presentation Awards, The Best Young Researcher Awards, The Best ASEAN Researcher Awards and The Best Researcher Award Relevant to SARS-CoV-2.

Apart from the new knowledge and innovations to be presented, the 21st AOCR featured official programs with social functions, as the Opening Ceremony, the Welcome Reception, the Presidential Dinner, the Gala Dinner and the AOSR Banquet, for the radiology community to engage in meaningful conversations and forge new relationships among its members (Figure 2-4).



Figure 2. *The colors and smiles of Asia before the Gala Dinner.*



Figure 3. *International faculties of AOCR2023 dressed in national costumes in the Gala Dinner.*



Figure 4. *When it comes to party, Bangkok never disappoints her visitors.*

Visitors were welcomed to take a stroll around the Exhibition Hall for the many intriguing pieces of information and innovations at various exhibitions (Figure 5). AOCR2023 was supported by sponsors and exhibitors in a row as shown in Figure 6.



Figure 5. *There are not only latest technologies introduced in the area of exhibitions, but also contemporary performing art.*



Figure 6. Sponsors and exhibitors of AOCR2023.