

## **Report on the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference for Headache (ARCH) in Seoul**

The 6<sup>th</sup> ARCH was held in Seoul on October 15-16, 2016. The venue was Seoul St. Mary's Hospital, one of the largest medical institutions in South Korea. Prof. Byung Kum Kim at Seoul Eulji Hospital served as President. The ARCH initiative is an activity of the IHS with a view to raising the standard of headache medicine in the Asia–Pacific region. The total number of participants was 249, and the delegates came from 19 countries, including Laos and Nepal. Prof. David W. Dodick and Prof. Lars Edvinsson joined the conference as faculty members dispatched from IHS. The conference was commenced with Prof. Dodick's lecture entitled "Diagnosis of Headache: Pearls and Pitfalls." He gave another lecture entitled "Neurostimulation for Headache: Current and Future Applications" on Day 2. Prof. Edvinsson talked about CGRP and its role in migraine pathophysiology on Day 1, and he delivered another lecture about migraine pathophysiology on Day 2. The audience was very active, and there were many discussions and opinion exchanges between the speakers and the audience. It seemed that CGRP-based migraine therapies attracted most attention. There were 31 oral presentations and 68 poster presentations in total. In addition, there was a banquet at a Korean restaurant, where all the participants enjoyed personal interactions as well as Korean food. The hospitality from the local organizing committee was very splendid. There is a consistent trend that the activity of the ARCH initiative is more and more animated. At the Business Meeting, it was announced that Prof. Fumihiko Sakai, who made a tremendous contribution to the development of the ARCH initiative for a long time, resigned as President. Prof. Ching-Sang Chung at Samsung Seoul Hospital, South Korea, was appointed as new President. It is hoped that this IHS-associated activity will continue to grow steadily under his new leadership.

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