The 11th Asian

Association of Schools of Pharmacy Conference

Date:	4-6 August 2023
Venue:	Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST), Macau, China

Organized by:

Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP)

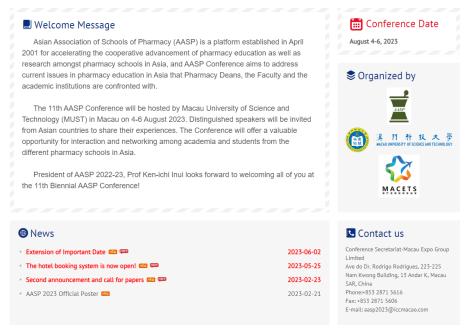
Medical Sciences Division, Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST)

Associated with:

Macao Association of Convention Exhibition & Tourism Sectors

Coordinated by:

Macau Expo Group Limited



Conference website

1. Main achievements

The 11th Asia Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP) Conference (AASP 2023) was successfully held at the Macau University of Science and Technology from August 4th to 6th. The conference encompassed thematic presentations, oral sessions, and poster presentations. At the event, Dr. Yi Zhun Zhu, Associate Vice President, and Dean of the Medical School (School of Pharmacy) at the Macau University of Science and Technology, served as the chair of the organizing committee. A team from Macau University of Science and Technology won the Young Scholars Competition.

Established in April 2001, AASP was co-founded by universities including the National University of Singapore, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and National Taiwan University. Its membership comprises pharmacy schools, departments, and independent pharmacy universities across Asia, including Japan, South Korea, Singapore, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Iran, New Zealand, Australia, and China. AASP is a non-profit professional organization dedicated to serving its member institutions, fostering the advancement of pharmacy education and research in the Asia-Pacific region. The 2023 conference facilitated valuable interactions and exchanges among academia and students from various Asian pharmacy schools.

During the conference, a competition for young scholars was held, attracting over 60 participants from universities across Asia, including Japan, South Korea, Singapore, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, mainland China, as well as Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan. Fifteen finalists were selected for the on-site final competition. Dr. Ding Qian from the team led by Dr. Yi Zhun Zhu of the Macau University of Science and Technology presented on "A First-in-class SMYD3 Inhibitor ZYZ384 Impairs Hepatocellular Carcinoma Tumor Growth in vivo via Reducing H3K4 Trimethylation of Rac1 Promoters" and received the championship for the Best Oral Presentation Award. The second prize went to a young scholar from Hong Kong Baptist University, while the third prize was awarded to a graduate student from Peking University. Dr. Lin Zhongxiao from Macau University of Science and Technology received the fourth prize, and PhD student Wang Yuchun tied for the fifth prize, with graduate student Song Wu receiving the Best Poster Award. The championship awards were presented by AASP President Professor Ken-ichi Inui from Kyoto University and AASP founder, Professor Paul Heng from the National University of Singapore.

During the event, Dr. Zun proposed plans to further promote exchanges among educators in pharmacy education across Asia and Oceania. AASP aims to facilitate greater resource sharing and provide more opportunities for teachers and students in teaching, research, and service, advancing pharmacy education and development in the Asia-Pacific region. This includes fostering exchanges and collaborations between the Asia-Pacific and various global pharmacy associations, contributing more to the overall health of humanity.

The vibrant and inspiring academic competition provided a platform for participants to engage in knowledge exchange and brainstorming, deepening scholarly discussions,

enhancing mutual understanding, and fostering collaboration. It addressed numerous crucial topics, sharing innovative concepts and cutting-edge research, serving as an opportunity for young scholars' collective growth and advancement. Looking ahead, participants aspire to sustain active academic exchanges, upholding an ethos of openness, collaboration, and innovation to drive the development of the pharmaceutical discipline, collectively facing new challenges.

As an ICCA-accredited international conference, this event held in Macau contributes to elevating Macau's ranking in the ICCA database, attracting more exhibition projects and business travelers to the region. Moreover, choosing Macau University of Science and Technology as the venue and arranging a half-day tour for attendees also contributes to the local economy.



Group photo

2. Advancing the quality development of the exhibition and conference industry

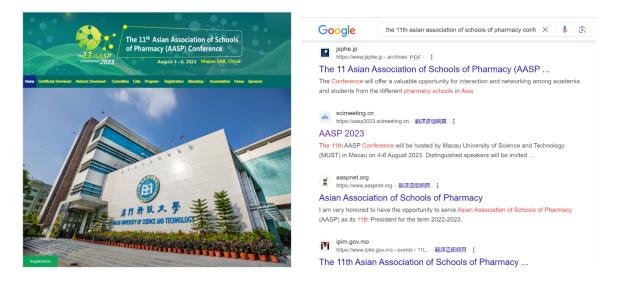
The event significantly contributed to enhancing the quality and development of the exhibition and conference industry, particularly in terms of its internationalization efforts.

Internationalization Strides

Dr. Yi Zhun Zhu highlighted plans to further facilitate increased exchanges among educators in pharmacy education from Asia and Oceania. AASP aims to enhance resource sharing and provide more opportunities in teaching, research, and service, thereby propelling collective progress and development in pharmacy education across the Asia-Pacific region. Additionally, the conference served as an ICCA-certified international event, elevating Macau's international recognition and bolstering its position and influence in the global conference industry.

With participants from 14 countries and regions, this collaborative conference

significantly heightened Macau's visibility and exposure on the international stage. Information about the academic conference held in Macau is readily accessible online, greatly amplifying Macau's prominence and exposure to the international community. The event's wide-reaching participation and its recognition by the ICCA underscore its pivotal role in establishing Macau as a hub for international conferences, fostering global connections, and promoting Macau as a favorable destination for such academic and professional gatherings.



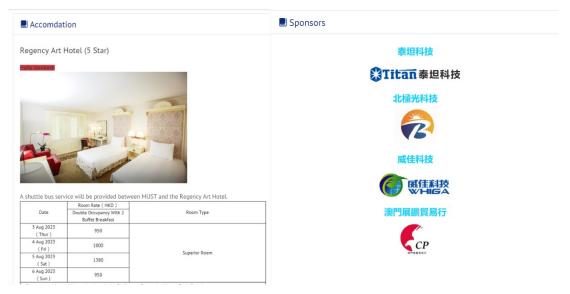
Search hits

Marketing Strategies

Apart from collecting exhibition fees, the event obtained financial, product, or service support for the event's expenses or equivalent value through the following commercial forms:

- Attendance fees
- Hotel room sales
- Corporate sponsorships

This conference operated on a market-oriented model by charging attendance fees and selling hotel rooms. Additionally, the conference's reputation and the high-quality attendees attracted numerous corporate sponsorships. The expansion of brand recognition was facilitated through on-site promotion, exhibition displays, and brand logo showcases. The enthusiastic registration of participants significantly contributed to the effective market operation of the conference.



Sponsors

Specialization Orientation

The conference featured keynote presentations, oral sessions, and poster presentations covering fields such as pharmacy practice/clinical practice, pharmaceutical technology, pharmacology/pharmaceutical chemistry, and pharmacy education. Over 130 scholars from around the world participated in this conference. A competition for young scholars was held during the event, with over 60 young scholars selected from universities across Asia, including Japan, South Korea, Singapore, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, mainland China, as well as Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan. Among them, 15 finalists competed in the on-site finals.

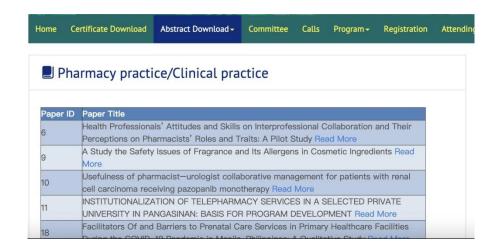
Dr. Ding Qian from the team led by Dr. Yi Zhun Zhu at Macau University of Science and Technology presented an oral report titled "A First-in-class SMYD3 Inhibitor ZYZ384 Impairs Hepatocellular Carcinoma Tumor Growth in vivo via Reducing H3K4 Trimethylation of Rac1 Promoters" and won the championship for the Best Oral Presentation Award. The second prize was awarded to a team member from Hong Kong Baptist University, and the third prize went to a team member from Peking University. Dr. Lin Zhongxiao from Macau University of Science and Technology secured the fourth position, while PhD student Wang Yuchun tied for fifth place. And graduate student Song Wu received the Best Poster Award. The championship awards were presented by AASP President Professor Ken-ichi Inui from Kyoto University and AASP founder, Professor Paul Heng from the National University of Singapore.



The Best Oral Presentation Award

Digitization Empowerment

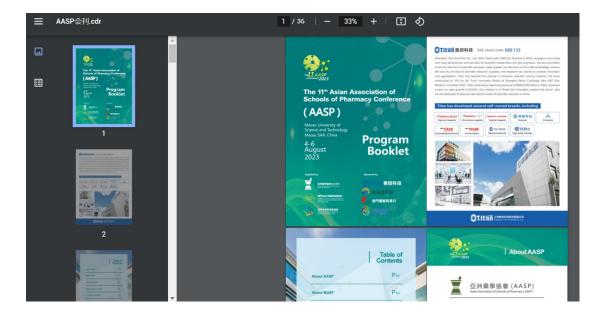
This conference adopted a digital submission model, allowing participants to submit the reports they intended to present online. The conference schedule was entirely digitized, enabling attendees to access the agenda using their electronic devices. The use of digital methods provided significant convenience to participants, thereby effectively enhancing their engagement and involvement in this conference. Digitization was instrumental in streamlining the submission process and facilitating easy access to conference schedules, ultimately improving the overall participation experience for attendees.



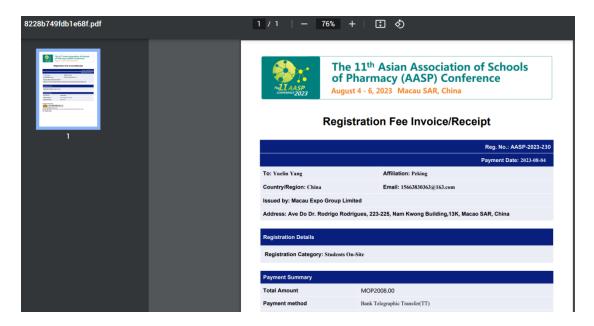


Green Development

This conference adhered to the principles of energy conservation, environmental protection, and a low-carbon footprint, aiming to reduce the use of consumables like printed materials. By digitizing conference information and employing other ecofriendly means, the conference elevated its green standards. The reduction in the use of paper and similar materials minimized the conference's environmental impact. Furthermore, digital conference information facilitated easy access and usage for attendees, enhancing the conference's efficiency and convenience. This approach aligns with the current global trend of green development, contributing to the promotion of Macau's exhibition and conference industry towards a greener direction. It enhances the conference's sense of social responsibility and contributes positively to society.



Electronic Conference Proceedings



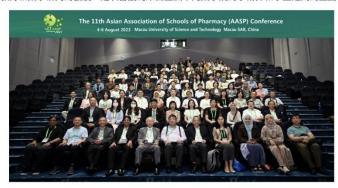
Electronic Receipts

2023年08月07日

「第十一屆亞洲藥學院校聯合會會議」於澳科大圓滿舉行

2023年8月4日至5日,由澳門科技大學主辦的「第十一屆亞洲藥學院校聯合會會議」在澳門科技大學順利舉行。會上,澳科大協理副校長、醫學院(藥學院)院長朱依諄院士當選亞洲藥學院校聯合會(AASP)主席,同時澳科大學子獲得會議青年學者比賽冠軍。

亞洲藥學院校聯合會(Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy,簡稱AASP)成立於2001年4月,由新加坡國立大學、香港中文大學和臺灣大學等聯合創立。成員為來自亞洲的日本、韓國、新加坡、印度、印尼、菲律賓、馬來西亞、泰國、越南、伊朗、紐西蘭、澳大利亞以及中國的各大學的藥學院、系和獨立的藥科大學,亞洲藥學院校聯合會是一個非營利的民間專業組織,致力於服務各個成員單位,以促進亞太區域藥學教育和藥學研究的發展。是次會議為來自亞洲不同藥學院的學術界和學生之間的互動和交流提供寶貴的機會。



AASP參會人員合影

Macau University of Science and Technology Press Release











To present certificates to outstanding speech award recipients





Dinner banquet at the Macau Tower





Pull-up banner at the venue



Posters



Processing Conference badge



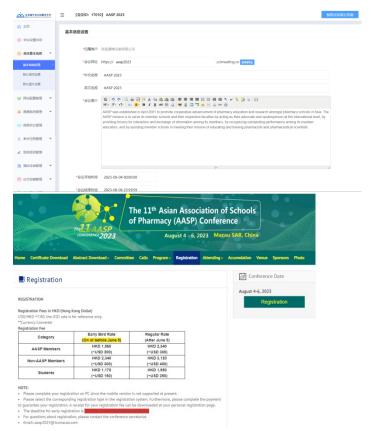
Environmentally friendly bag



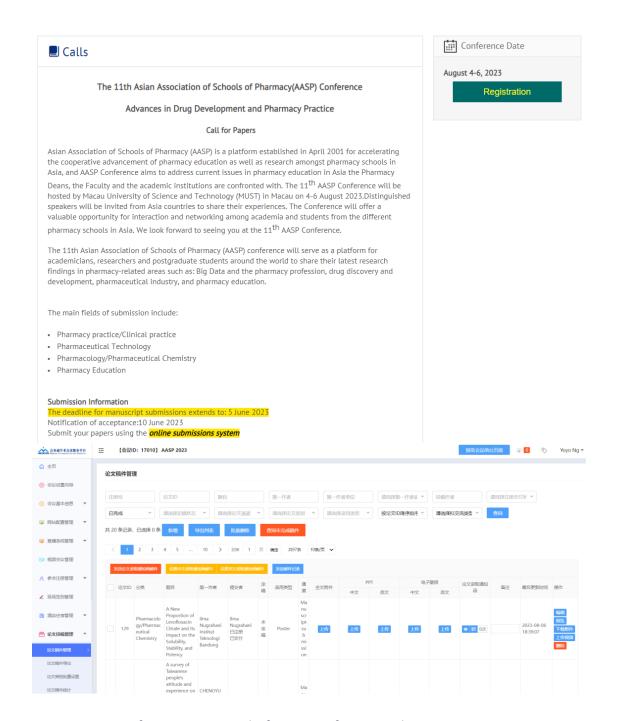
Preparation of venue signage and conference-related materials



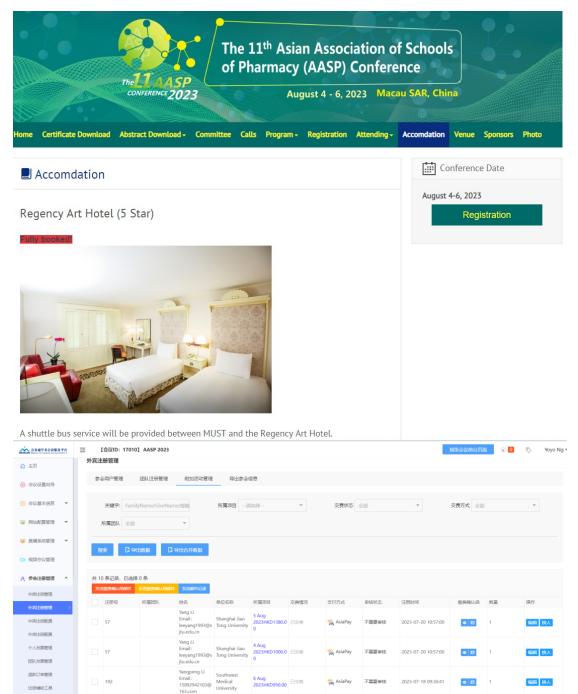
Backdrop and television screen



Conference Technology Platform - Intelligent Exhibition System: Attendee registration, payment platform, platform maintenance, setup, and operation



Conference Review Platform - Conference submission, peer review



Conference Hotel Booking Platform - Conference hotel reservation platform













Tour of key laboratories and attractions in Macau



Attendees pausing to peruse posters during the conference