



## Newsletter for the third day of the 45th Asia Pacific Dental Congress(APDC)

## **Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception**

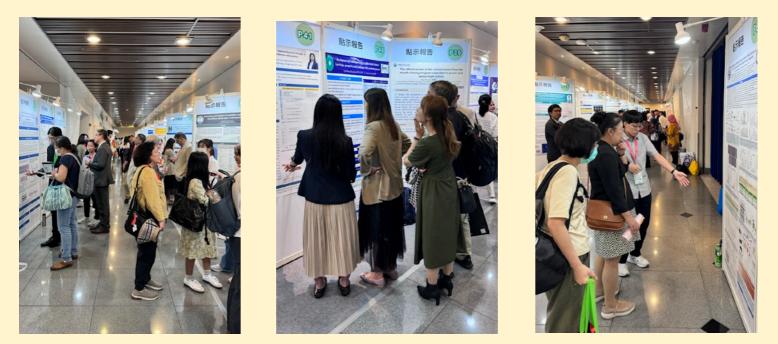
Today marks the third day of activities at the 45th APDC. Before the Opening Ceremony, the highlight event was a keynote speech delivered by Edmond Bedrossian.

Edmond Bedrossian is a prominent figure in implant dentistry, having earned his DDS from the University of the Pacific and completing his Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency at Alameda Medical Center. He holds diplomate status from the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and is an honorary member of the American College of Prosthodontists. Dr. Bedrossian's expertise is further demonstrated through his fellowship in the ITI and the Academy of Osseointegration. Previously, he served as a professor in the Department of OMS at the Dugoni School while maintaining a successful private practice.





As an expert in implant dentistry, Dr. Bedrossian has authored numerous articles and chapters on topics such as zygomatic implants, bone grafting, and treatment planning. He is the author of textbooks like "Implant Treatment Planning for the Edentulous Patient" and "The Immediacy Concept." Notably, he collaborated with Professor Brånemark on achieving FDA approval for the use of endosseous implants in maxillofacial defects and serves on the editorial review boards of multiple journals in OMS and implant dentistry.



In his keynote address, Dr. Bedrossian discussed the integration of the Immediacy Concept and digital workflow in contemporary implant practice, focusing on the DigilogTM Planning. He emphasized the predictability of preserving alveolar tissues through immediate loading compared to traditional delayed approaches. The speech covered various clinical scenarios, from single teeth to full arch rehabilitations, demonstrating the efficacy of the approach through case presentations.

The multitude of exciting academic presentations and poster sessions have left attendees feeling inspired.



## **Opening Ceremony** TICC 3F Plenary Hall at 5 PM

After the fascinating academic lectures in the morning, it's time for the grand Opening Ceremony of the conference. The Taiwan International Convention Center's (TICC) Grand Hall on the third floor was buzzing with excitement as it played host to the much-anticipated Opening Ceremony of the 45th Asia-Pacific Dental Congress (APDC). Packed to the rafters, attendees from around the globe came together to inaugurate this extraordinary event in style.



The highlight of the day was the passing of the torch in the APDC presidency, as Nelson Wong from Hong Kong handed over the reins to Professor Lin Chun-Pin from Taiwan. With cheers and applause, Professor Lin stepped up to lead the APDC into its next chapter, promising innovation and progress for the dental community.

The heartfelt speeches delivered by key figures resonated with attendees from over 40 different countries, showcasing Taiwan's warmth and dedication to hosting stellar events. But it wasn't all business - sprinkled throughout were dazzling performances that uplifted spirits and added an extra dose of excitement to the festivities.

The Taipei Children's Philharmonic Choir stole the show with their captivating renditions of indigenous songs and Taiwanese classics, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the region. Kicking off the proceedings with a bang was the mesmerizing drumming spectacle by the Nine Heavens Folk Art Troupe, setting the stage for the breathtaking lion and dragon dances that brought the ceremony to a close, symbolizing Taiwan's abundant blessings for the Year of the Dragon and to the whole world.



At the end of the Opening Ceremony, Dr. Yang Chun Chieh, Co-Chairman of the 45th APDC LOC and Treasurer of APDF/APRO, also extended warm wishes to everyone for an enjoyable feast and rewarding stay in Taiwan.



## Welcome Reception TICC 3F Banquet Hall

Following the exhilarating Opening Ceremony, today's festivities culminated in a delightful Welcome Reception, setting the stage for camaraderie and scholarly exchange among attendees.

The evening's highlight, the Welcome Reception, offered a lavish buffet featuring a delectable array of options, including vegetarian and meat dishes, alongside traditional Taiwanese delights such as gua-bao. The abundance of alcoholic beverages further facilitated networking and discussion, fostering an atmosphere of relaxation and conviviality, to further enhance and strengthen our international exchange and friendship.



Amidst the mingling, attendees were serenaded by the enchanting melodies of a violin performance, adding an extra touch of elegance to the occasion.

In a heartwarming gesture symbolizing the enduring friendship between Japan and Taiwan, the Chairman of the Hualien County Dental Association accepted a donation from Japan's Tohoku University, particularly poignant in light of recent seismic activity in the region.



As the evening drew to a close on a note of conviviality, attendees eagerly anticipated the enlightening lectures scheduled for tomorrow, bidding one another goodnight and looking forward to a restful and pleasant evening ahead.



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