

REPORT FOR 22nd IPVS 2012 CONGRESS JEJU, KOREA

INTRODUCTION

We were greatly pleased to host the 22nd International Pig Veterinary Society Congress [IPVS 2012] in Korea. The IPVS 2012 was held from Sunday, June 10 to Wednesday, June 13, 2012 in Jeju, Korea under the theme of "Happy Pigs – Happy People." The president and members of the Korean Association of Swine Veterinarians [KASV] participated in the bid to host the IPVS Congress in Korea at the 2008 IPVS meeting in Durban, South Africa.

A total of 3,099 participants attended from 60 countries, and 1,008 scientific abstracts [277 oral and 731 poster presentations] were presented at various scientific sessions after the Tom Alexander Memorial Lecture, Keynote Lecture and lead lectures. In addition, we were able to organize a Pre-Congress Session for swine producers and the general audience.

The IPVS 2012 was highly meaningful for Korean swine industry and an important player for the ever-growing Korean swine-related business including feed, pork and animal health products.

The current report is a short covering of the planning and arrangement of the IPVS 2012.

THE IPVS 2012 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Organizing Committee was composed of swine consultants, university professors, industry representatives and government officials who came together with a passion to hold one of the most successful scientific and social meetings. All of them were KASV members except 2 committee members from abroad.

The members of the IPVS 2012 Organizing Committee and their responsibilities are as follows:

President Chair of Organizing Committee	Won Hyung Lee
Vice-President Chair of Scientific Committee	BongKyun Park
Vice-Chair of Scientific Committee	Choi-kyu Park
Congress Secretary	Hwa Soon Kang
Chair of Financial Committee	Hyun Kyu Jeong Kyoungjin Kim
Chair of Sponsorship & Exhibition Committee	Jaehoon Kim Du Hwan Moon
Chair of the programme Committee	Hyun Jong Eom Jihye Jeong
Chair of Tour & Accommodation Committee	OH Hyung Lee Su-jin Park
Chair of Registration & Public Relations Committee	Dongsoo Min Jong Young Choi Myunghyee Kim
President of Korea Association of Swine Veterinarians	Sung Dae Jung
Chair of Domestic Affairs/Protocol Committee	Jun-young Kim Yean-chul Woo
Chair of Promotion Committee	Hyunil Kim Sang Eog Hoh
Chair of International Advisory Committee	HanSoo Joo Kyung-Jin Yoon

PARTICIPANTS

The congress welcomed a total of 3,099 registrants from 60 countries, including 2,287 delegates, 123 students, 219 accompanying persons and 470 exhibitors and complimentary guests.

Numbers of participants classified by different continents were China 309, Thailand 177, the USA 141, Philippines 123, and Germany 119; these were the countries with the highest representation.

Classification	Participants	Classification	Participants
Delegate	2 287	Volunteer	88
Student	123	IPVS Board Members	9
Accompanying person	219	Local Organizing Committee	20[excl 3 Board members]
Partner/Supporter Full Pass	67	Keynote and Lead Speaker	17 [excl 1 Board member]
Exhibitor area only	189	IPVS 2012 Local Secretariat	13
Media	28	Cancelled	39
Total Registrations : 3 099			

JEJU OLLE TRAIL WALKING PROGRAMME

Participants who joined this programme on June 10, 2012 had an experience with the magnificent ocean views and unique oreum [small inactive volcanoes].

PRE-CONGRESS SESSION

The IPVS 2012 provided a Pre-congress scientific session for swine producers and non-veterinarians in the swine industry had an opportunity to broaden their knowledge through the lectures by prominent professionals in different fields.

There were three lectures for producer line and also three for general audiences during the pre-congress session. The speakers in the Pre-congress Session covered hot topics including FMD, swine dysentery and production and health issues in North American, European and Asian countries.

WELCOME RECEPTION

The Welcome Reception was held in Jeodo Plaza, the outside area connected to the first floor of the convention centre, IXX, Jeju. With the deep blue sea of Jeju Island as background, the participants enjoyed a cocktail party under the refreshing night breeze, greeting with global IPVS friends. The tunes played by the band enlivened the atmosphere even more. 2 500 participants attended the Welcome Reception.

OPENING CEREMONY

We wanted to express our gratitude to the participants for their constant interest in IPVS and present the opportunity for them to regain confidence as swine veterinarians at the Opening Ceremony. After a grand laser show, the President of IPVS 2012 made a welcome remark to the attendees, and moved the letter "V" from IPVS and change it into "VIPS". All our attendees were VIPs at our Congress.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The scientific programme included the high quality Keynote and Lead Lectures, concurrent oral sessions, poster sessions and industrial partner symposia. The Tom Alexander Memorial Lecture and Keynote Lecture were delivered by Dr A W [Dan] Tucker and Dr Julio Pinto respectively.

There were the 12 Lead Lectures for 8 topics.

A total of 1 008 scientific abstracts were presented at 8 different scientific sessions of which 277 were oral presentations and 731 poster presentations.

Seven Satellite Symposia were organized within the Congress programme by our seven industry partners on Monday and Tuesday. Each satellite symposia had invited guest speakers on selected topics and new product introduction with subsequent luncheon or dinner.

FAREWELL BANQUET

In the presence of 1 100 guests, the Farewell Banquet was held on Wednesday evening. The Congratulatory Address was delivered by the Presidents of the IPVS 2012 and the Korean Veterinary Medical Association.

Performances by a *Pungmul* band [traditional Korean percussion band] were arranged and towards the end of the evening, all the guests were led outside by the band leader where the last event with fireworks was waiting for them. Some people enjoyed the cocktails prepared outside while others danced to the music or watched the fireworks.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly included the handover of the presidency of the IPVS to Dr Alberto Stephano, the president of IPVS 2014 Mexico.

In order to select the hosting country for the IPVS 2016 Congress, voting was held during the General Assembly. Prior to the voting, three applicants, Ireland [Dublin], Brazil [Rio de Janeiro] and China [Beijing], first presented their bids at the IPVS 2012 Board Meeting.

Finally Dublin, Ireland, won the bid at the General Assembly with 52% of the votes to host the IPVS 2016.

FINANCES

The Congress was financed by sponsorships and registration fees from the participants. Industry Sponsorship agreements were reached with Bayer; Boehringer Ingelheim; ChoongAng Ltd; HIPRA; Komipharm; MERIAL; MSD; Pfizer; Elanco; Green Cross; Harrisvaccines and PIC for a total of US \$1,535,000.

The total income, including fees from Congress participants was US\$ 3,043,647. Total expenditure amounted to US\$ 2,941,582.

According to IPVS regulations, US\$ 50,000 from the balance of US\$102,065 was sent for the IPVS General Secretary's expense and young scientist awards and the remaining US\$ 52,065 will be returned to pig veterinary-related organizations in Korea.