

# International Society of Cryosurgery

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Dear Members of the International Society of Cryosurgery,  
Dear Colleagues,  
Dear Friends,

We are delighted to inform you about the 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Society of Cryosurgery, in collaboration with 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Japan Society for Low Temperature Medicine, which took place in Kanazawa, Japan on November 26-28, 2015 with the motto "*Hot topics for a bright future in Cryosurgery and Cryomedicine*".

All congress delegates were satisfied with the successful preparation and organization of the combined international and national congresses in Kanazawa. Now more details about this historical scientific event of the International Society of Cryosurgery.

Founded in Vienna, Austria in 1972, the International Society of Cryosurgery (ISC) has already held eighteen world congresses. In the past two years, many countries have launched a series of cryosurgical academic activities. Modern CryoSurgery has been used in more and more hospitals in the USA, Europe, Japan and China. In the past two years alone, over 150 new scientific papers have been published in the field of cryosurgery worldwide, and these can be found in PubMed.

Prof. Dr. Kecheng Xu, 18<sup>th</sup> President of the International Society of Cryosurgery, and Prof. Dr. Hiroyuki Tsuchiya, Congress President of the 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Society of Cryosurgery, made a significant contribution to the most recent ISC 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress. Honorary Presidents of the ISC Prof. Dr. Sajio Sumida, Tokyo, Japan and Prof. Dr. Nikolai N. Korpan, Vienna, Austria also made a significant impact on the advancement, reform and evolution of the International Society of Cryosurgery, as well as preparation for previous ISC congresses.

The 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the ISC offered plenty of learning opportunities in every subspecialty of cryosurgery, cryomedicine, and cryotechnology by way of gold and educational lectures, plenary talks and oral communications together with symposia.

For the first time since 1972, the Gold Lectures were held by Prof. Dr. Nikolai N. Korpan, Vienna, Austria entitled "CryoScience and CryoSurgery: Current Evolution with Focus of Future", GL-1; Prof. Dr. Kecheng Xu, Guangzhou, China entitled "A great advance of tumor ablation: pancreas cryosurgery", GL-2; and Prof. Dr. Sajio Sumida entitled "Cryomedicine in the 21<sup>st</sup> century to promote regenerative medicine, and to enhance minimum invasive destruction of disease", GL-3. Please take a look at the lecture:

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B0ng5ddrXlugZmRtX2FrYXNsZkU&usp=sharing>

The 6<sup>th</sup> Educational Lecture of Cryosurgery was organized by the Japan Society for Low Temperature Medicine 2015, totally of EL 9.

After the opening ceremony, there were 6 sessions with 34 oral presentations and 7 symposia on modern cryosurgery and cryomedicine, as well as lunch in the seminar at the ISC meeting place. The congress participants enjoyed the evening reception, cultural gala dinner and traditional Japanese food which they will not forget in a hurry.

The 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Society of Cryosurgery was introduced by Prof. Dr. Lyubov A. Igolkina, department of surgery, National State Medical University, Volgograd, Russia as follows: “*Dear Colleagues, associates, members of the Presidium of the Congress! We hope that this Congress in Japan, land of the rising Sun, will help to subdue the permafrost of cryosurgery. Health! Health! Health! Best collegial wishes, Prof. Dr. Lyubov A. Igolkina*”.

Before the convivial closing ceremony, on behalf of and at the request of the board of governors of the International Society of Cryosurgery, the former President of the ISC Prof. Dr. Kecheng Xu, Guangzhou, China was awarded he special *Platinum Prize* for “*his excellent work as the President of the ISC during the last two years from 2013 to 2015, with the aim of the progression and development of the International Society of Cryosurgery*”.

Furthermore, the ISC Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards were presented. The *ISC Gold Award* went to Prof. Dr. Hiroyuki Tsuchiya and his research team from Kanazawa, Japan. The *ISC Bronze Prize* was awarded to Prof. Dr. Yaron Har-Shai, Haifa, Israel.

Likewise, the *2015 Nikolai N. Korpan Gold Medal* was awarded for the 10<sup>th</sup> time since 2006. This time the prize was presented to young scientist from Japan Dr. Mohammed Shurrab in recognition of his contribution to the advancement of Cryosurgery.

The ISC Flag was hoisted at the opening congress ceremony, for the second time in the history of ISC since 1972, and lowered at the closing congress ceremony. Also, the seal of the ISC was handed over from the former ISC President Prof. Dr. Kecheng Xu to the new elected ISC President Prof. Dr. Haruo Isoda, University Nagoya, Japan.

The international guest’s tour was organized and carried out wellin the Kanazawa region, especially the Shirakawa-go and Kenrokuen Garden.

The Shirakawa-go is famous for its lovely views with traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses, and was registered as a UNESCO world heritage site in 1995.

The Kenrokuen Garden is one of Japan’s three most beautiful gardens, created over many years by the Kaga clan lords. The Kenrokuen Garden is a beautiful Japanese garden with an area of 11.4 hectares located on the heights of the central part of Kanazawa and next to Kanazawa Castle. The seasonal beauty of the garden can be enjoyed throughout the year.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Body of the International Society of Cryosurgery was elected by the General Assembly of the ISC on November 27, 2015 in Kanazawa, Japan as follows:

- **Honorary President of the ISC**  
Prof. Dr. Sajio SUMIDA, Japan
- **Honorary President of the ISC**  
Prof. Dr. Nikolai N. KORPAN, Austria
- **ISC Board of Governors**
- *Past President of the ISC*  
Prof. Dr. Kecheng XU, China
- *President of the ISC*  
Prof. Dr. Haruo ISODA, Japan

- **Vice President**  
Prof. Dr. Lizhi NIU, China
- **Secretary General**  
Dr. Patrick J. Le PIVERT, USA
- **Full Members**  
Dr. Juana Elida MAURO, Argentina  
Prof. Dr. Masashi WATANABE, Japan  
Sergey V. KUNGURTSEV, Russia  
Prof. Dr. Yueyong XIAO, China
- **Councillors**  
Prof. Dr. Hiroyuki TSUCHIYA, Japan  
Prof. Dr. Yaron HAR-SHAI, Israel  
Prof. Dr. Dingang LI, China  
Dr. Andrew WILLIAMS, United Kingdom  
Dr. Barlian SUTEDJA, Indonesia  
Prof. Dr. Wentao LI, China  
Dr. Juozas PRUŠINSKAS Lithuania  
Prof. Dr. Junta HARADA, Japan  
Dr. Tze Min WAH, United Kingdom  
Prof. Dr. Tadashi SHIMIZU, Japan  
Prof. Dr. Zhen Lin ZHAO, China  
Esther Lee Poh LAW, Malaysia

The new elected ISC President and ISC Board of Governors are listed on the ISC web site too: [www.isc.cryosurgery.at](http://www.isc.cryosurgery.at), main menu: 19<sup>th</sup> ISC Body.

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Immediately, President of the ISC Prof. Dr. Haruo Isoda, Nagoya, Japan gave an Inaugural address as the newly elected and 19<sup>th</sup> voted President of the International Society of Cryosurgery.

The Congress Avenue of the upcoming 19<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the ISC will previously be held in Haifa, Israel in 2017.

**The final decision about the Congress Avenue of 19<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the ISC was met to hold the coming 19<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the ISC in September 2017 in Kaunas, Republic of Lithuania.**

We are much delighted to cordially congratulate the newly elected and 19<sup>th</sup> voted President of the ISC Prof. Dr. Haruo Isoda, MD, PhD



*and*

all of the newly elected and 19<sup>th</sup> voted Board of Governors of the ISC!



Finally, we are pleased to be able to send you a number of pictures of the 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the ISC on November 26-28, 2015 in Kanazawa, Japan. Please have a look at the congress photo shoot:

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B0ng5ddrXlugRW1DMXRIdVFESG8&usp=sharing>

What's more, we look forward to continuing our friendship and scientific collaboration in the field of modern CRYO!



On this special occasion, we wish all of you and your families good health, extensive scientific success and all the best in your professional and private life.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 2016!**



Kind regards,

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