



Foundation of APRAS

ASIAN FEDERATION OF PLASTIC, RECONSTRUCTIVE AND AESTHETIC SURGERY SOCIETIES (APRAS) is a federation of official plastic surgery societies in Asia, which was founded in January of 2023.



Current APRAS members are 9 societies; Indonesian Association of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons (InaPRAS), Japan Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (JSPRS), Korean Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (KSPRS), Malaysian Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (MSPRS), Philippine Association of Plastic Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgeons (PAPRAS), Pakistan Association of Plastic Surgeons (PAPS), Singapore Association of Plastic Surgeons (SAPS), The

Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons of Thailand (ThPRS) and Taiwan Society of Plastic Surgery (TSPS).



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Council of Delegates in Nagasaki on April 26, 2024

Events

April 27, 2023: APRAS meeting in Nagasaki, Japan
(See the end of NEWS for the scientific program)





General Assembly on April 27, 2023.

Proposed Future Events

- 1) Oct, 2023: APRAS 1-day meeting by ThPRS
- 2) Feb 16 or 17, 2024: APRAS 1-day meeting by PAPS
- 3) Oct 17-19, 2024: APRAS sessions by JSPRS



APRAS member section (KSPRS)

Korean Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons

Since its establishment in 1966, the Korean Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (KSPRS) has developed and grown tremendously thanks to the efforts of many members. It consists of three sub-societies, the Korean Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, the Korean Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association, and the Yeongnam & Honam Regional Society. In addition, the Korean Association of Plastic Surgeons which represents surgeons in private hospitals, and has more than 2,700 members, communicates closely with KSPRS.

Now, with the COVID-19 crisis seemingly nearing its end, we are in the process of regaining our daily lives—likewise, most of the conferences will be held face-to-face this year. We hope this year will be a year of active communication and exchange through which we will prepare for future changes and grow upon them.

2022 Korean Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (KSPRS) Annual Event

APS 2022

The 39th Aesthetic Plastic Surgery 2022 (APS 2022), a conference organized by the Korean Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery has invited distinguished plastic surgeons from around the world to share the latest cosmetic surgery techniques and ideas. The event was held from April 16th to 17th, 2022 at COEX and simultaneously broadcasted online as a hybrid event due to COVID-19 restrictions. The theme for this year was "Rediscovery of Asian beauty: A global conversation," and the conference was successfully held with participation from over 20 countries.



The 12th Research & Reconstruction forum

The 12th Research & Reconstruction forum hosted by the Korean Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons was held for two days on May 20th and 21st, 2022 in Jeju Island. At the conference, presentations and discussions were held on 13 sessions including basic research, craniofacial plastic and trauma surgery, head and neck reconstruction, breast and body reconstruction, and upper and lower extremity reconstruction. Various programs, such as Golden Bell and Young Investigator Award sessions, were also conducted to nurture the next generation of specialists, and received enthusiastic responses.



Korean Society for Microsurgery - Korean Society for Surgery of the Hand Joint Symposium

On May 28th, 2022, the Korean Society for Microsurgery and the Korean Society for Surgery of the Hand Joint were held at BEXCO in Busan. This joint symposium has been held for the fourth time this year. The symposium covered a wide range of topics, from basic microsurgical techniques for beginners to breast reconstruction, lymphedema, and challenging cases in hand surgery.



PRS KOREA 2022

The Korean Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons successfully held the 80th International Congress of the Korean Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons for three days from November 11th to 13th, 2022 at the Grand Intercontinental





Seoul Parnas. The academic conference, held face-to-face for the first time in three years since the outbreak of COVID-19, was registered by 1,300 participants from 31 countries (including Korea). Under the theme of 'Humanity, Beyond Technology,' renowned professors and directors from both domestic and international backgrounds gave lectures on a total of 103 sessions, ranging from craniofacial surgery to robotic surgery, lymphedema, and homologous transplantation.

Korean Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons 2023 New Year's Meeting

To celebrate the new year, the Korean Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons held a New Year's meeting. As the event had not been held offline due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was a valuable opportunity for face-to-face interaction, and lively discussions took place to promote the development and growth of plastic and reconstructive surgery in the future.



Chang Hak appointed as the 29th Chairman of the Korean Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons

Professor Chang Hak from Seoul National University Hospital has been inaugurated as the 29th director of the Korean Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons. His term will last for two years, starting from November 2022.

Professor Chang Hak said, "We will pursue projects with the main objectives of reestablishing the role of plastic surgery, maintaining a balanced globalization, revising the training environment for educating and producing excellent professionals, providing safe cosmetic surgery guidelines, and enhancing public nature through the establishment of a new corporation."

Professor Chang is highly regarded for his expertise in breast reconstruction and facial paralysis reconstruction. He graduated from Seoul National University College of Medicine and the Department of Plastic Surgery at Keio University in Japan. He has completed his residency in not only plastic surgery but also in neurosurgery at Seiguchikai Hospital, general surgery at National Osaka Hospital. He also served as a research fellow at the Microsurgery Research Laboratory of New York University's Plastic Surgery Department, a resident in the Department of Plastic Surgery at Kyorin University Hospital in Japan, a clinical medicine research fellow at Seoul National University Hospital, and an assistant professor in the Department of Plastic Surgery at Seoul Asan Medical Center. Currently, he serves as an associate professor in the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Seoul National University Hospital.





Korean Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons' Domestic Academic Schedule for 2023

- 1. Korean wound management society 2023 annual meeting**
 - Date: March 25, 2023, Location: Maria Hall, Seoul St. Mary's Hospital and Grand Auditorium, Medical Research Institute
- 2. Korean Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery APS 202**
 - Date: April 1-2, 2023, Location: Grand InterContinental Seoul Parnas
- 3. Skin Cancer Research Society Webina**
 - Date: April 13, 2023, Location: Online
- 4. CMFS KOREA 2023**
 - Date: April 21-23, 2023, Location: Seoul Asan Medical Center
- 5. The 13th Research & Reconstruction forum**
 - Date: May 12-13, 2023, Location: Hwabaek International Convention Center (HICO), Gyeongju
- 6. The 15th Korean-Japanese Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery**
 - Date: May 29-31, 2023, Location: Gotuca, Japan
- 7. Joint Symposium of Korean Society for Microsurgery and Korean Society for Surgery of the hand**
 - Date: May 27, 2023, Location: TBD
- 8. Seoul Rhinoplasty forum 2023**
 - Date: July 15, 2023, Location: TBD
- 9. The 42th Korean Society for Microsurgery**
 - Date: October 28, 2023, Location: Seoul
- 10. The 41th Korean Society for Surgery of the hand**
 - November 3-4, 2023, Location: TBD
- 11. PRS KOREA 2023**
 - Date: November 10-12, 2023, Location: Grand InterContinental Seoul Parnas

In Memoriam: Donna Savitry (InaPRAS News Committee member)

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of our esteemed committee member, Donna Savitry. She was a beloved surgeon of our community and her contributions to our organization will be deeply missed.

The second issue of APRAS News will be distributed this July, featuring articles from the societies of Philippines and Japan.