1st UGIRA Congress

in conjunction with the

6th Annual Meeting of the Taiwan Society of Thoracic Surgeons

June 9-11, 2023, Taipei, Taiwan

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First Announcement

A Leap in Technology,
A Leap of Faith

UGIRA
The Upper GI International Robotic Association

台灣胸腔外科醫學會
Taiwan Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is an honor and a great privilege for us to welcome you to the first congress of the Upper GI International Robotic Association (UGIRA) on 9-11 June, 2023. This congress will take place in conjunction with the 6th Annual Meeting of the Taiwan Society of Thoracic Surgery, to be held in Taipei, Taiwan.

We are delighted to present to you an innovative program that will mean a great leap ahead into the future of robotic Upper GI surgery, including new technologies, image-guided surgery and artificial intelligence. The industrial exhibition will feature all new robotic companies currently emerging.

After 3 years of on-line events, we are convinced that you will enjoy the scientific program, as well as meeting friends, senior researchers and top-notch experts from all relevant fields in person. We are equally sure you will enjoy the great hospitality of the local organizers in Taiwan. Throughout spring and summer, the island of Taiwan is in full bloom, with many places to visit and marvel at the see gorgeous flowers. The venue of the congress, is located in the very center of Taiwan's capital, from which there are many options to explore this attractive city and the rest of the beautiful country.

Taiwan is easily accessible for foreign travelers with 700+ flights arriving and departing every day. Also, Taiwan consistently scores high in international report about safety to travel.

Join us in Taipei, Taiwan, on 9-11 June 2023. We are looking forward to an inspiring congress! The UGIRA2023 Congress is an event not to be missed!

Yours sincerely,

Yin-Kai Chao

Richard van Hillegersberg, MD, PhD
President of
Upper GI International Robotic Association

Han-Shui Hsu, MD, PhD
President of
Taiwan Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Yin-Kai Chao, MD, PhD
Chair of
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Speakers

President of Upper GI International Robotic Association

Richard van Hillegersberg
University Medical Center Utrecht
- The Netherlands -

President of Taiwan Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Han-Shui Hsu
Taipei Veterans General Hospital
- Taiwan -

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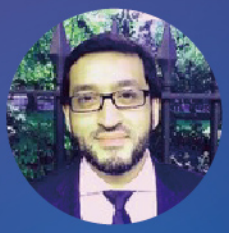
Yin-Kai Chao
Chang Gung Memorial Hospital
- Taiwan -

Abbas E. Abbas
Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
- United States -

Ivo A.M.J. Broeders
Meander Medical Center
- The Netherlands -



Asif Chaudry
The Royal Marsden
- United Kingdom -

Philip Chiu
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong -

Hiroyuki Daiko
National Cancer Center
- Japan -

Peter Grimminger
Universitätsmedizin der Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz
- Germany -

Zhigang Li
Shanghai Chest Hospital
- China -

James D. Luketich
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
- United States -

M. Blair Marshall
Brigham and Women's Hospital
- United States -

Daniela Molena
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- United States -

David Rice
MD Anderson Cancer Center
- United States -

Jelle Ruurda
University Medical Center Utrecht
- The Netherlands -

Inderpal (Netu) Sarkaria
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
- United States -

Elliot Servais
Lahey Hospital & Medical Center
- United States -

Appear in the alphabetical order.

Topics

1. *Current Evidence and Ongoing RCT of RAMIE or MIE*
2. *RAMIE: How Do I Teach It / How Do I Learn It*
3. *Difficult Cases (Both for Benign and Malignancy)*
4. *Nightmare Cases (Both for Benign and Malignancy)*
5. *New Technologies*
6. *Different Robotic Systems*

Participants

Highly qualified participants, specialists in the field of Upper GI, thoracic surgery and endoscopic surgery, including surgeons, researchers in the field, other health professionals and members of related industries. Estimated number of participants are about 300 participants, both international and domestic.

Important Dates

Sep. 15, 2022	**Call for Abstracts**
Nov. 30, 2022	**Abstract Submission Deadline**
Feb. 1, 2023	**Notification of Abstract Acceptance/Rejection**
Feb. 28, 2023	**Travel Grants Submission Deadline**
Mar. 15, 2023	**Notification of Travel Grants**
Mar. 25, 2023	**Early Bird Registration Deadline**

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