

# Annual Report on Asian Regional Consortium for Headache (ARCH) in 2017-2018

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## 1. Current Status of the ARCH

The mission and vision of the ARCH are to advance headache science, education, and management in the Asian by: 1) Raising awareness of headache in Asia; 2) Creation of a platform to foster headache specialists and exchange their expertise in Asia; and 3) Enhancement of the partnership and collaboration with the IHS.

The ARCH covers the Asian and Oceanian population which is estimated to be over 4.5 billion. The ARCH is now composed of 14 national headache societies (12 in 2016). They include: Australia, China, India, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand. We are expecting a new national society member from Pakistan to join in November, 2018. Collaboration among the member societies for the study of headache is growing rapidly.

## 2. The ARCH Activities

The ARCH has just opened an internet-based communication platform or the official ARCH homepage(Figure 1) with its first logo(Figure 2). So far its contents are poor but will be filled with time.



Figure 1. The homepage of the ARCH(<http://www.arch-asia.org/index.html>).



Figure 2. The first ARCH logo.

### 3. The 7<sup>th</sup> ARCH Conference

In 2018 the Korean Headache Society (KHS) holds the Asian Regional Conference for Headache (ARCH) on 8-11 November in Seoul, Korea. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> conference following the previous five meetings in Japan(1<sup>st</sup>), Korea(2<sup>nd</sup>), China(3<sup>rd</sup>), Taiwan(4<sup>th</sup>), Thailand(5<sup>th</sup>), and Korea(6<sup>th</sup>). Actually it was decided in 2016 for the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held in India. But because of the unexpected domestic issues of India, the Indian Headache Society handed the meeting over to the KHS. This 7<sup>th</sup> ARCH meeting is held jointly with the 16<sup>th</sup> Asian Oceanian Congress of Neurology (AOCN) (<http://aocn2018.com/>) at the COEX, Seoul (Figure 3). The whole program can be seen at AOCN program site (<http://aocn2018.com/program/>).

And the ARCH conference is allocated on the day 3 (10 Nov 2018)

([http://aocn2018.com/program/detail/day3\\_203.php#arch1](http://aocn2018.com/program/detail/day3_203.php#arch1) &

[http://aocn2018.com/program/detail/day3\\_203\\_1.php#arch2](http://aocn2018.com/program/detail/day3_203_1.php#arch2)) and one workshop on the day 2 (9 Nov 2018)

(<http://aocn2018.com/program/detail/workshop.php#ws4>).

This meeting will be attended and highlighted by Professors Lars Edvinsson and Messoud Ashina, who are the current and future presidents of the IHS. Particularly a significant amount of financial support from the IHS has made a number of members from the economically difficult Asian countries possible to join the meeting. It will be truly a fruitful investment for headache patients in Asia and for a bright future of the ARCH.

During the ARCH meeting there will be a business meeting of the national delegates.



Figure 3. The homepage of 7<sup>th</sup> ARCH meeting in conjunction with the 16 AOCN in Seoul (<http://aocn2018.com>).