

## The Japanese Circulation Society (JCS)



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### The history of the JCS

The JCS is recognised as one of the most influential medical associations in Japan with 26,065 members including 14,000 cardiovascular specialists certified by the society as of June 2017.

The JCS has a long history stretching back over 80 years. The Journal entitled “The Nippon Journal of Clinical Angio-Cardiology” was first published in 1935, and the first general meeting was held in the following year, 1936, which was the beginning of the JCS. For cardiovascular interventionists, we now also have the Japanese Association of Cardiovascular Intervention and Therapeutics (CVIT), which is considered a sister association of the JCS. Many collaborative activities in the field of cardiovascular intervention are organised jointly by both societies.

### The current issue of JCS in Asia

Faculty members of the JCS strongly believe that it is necessary to promote the further internationalisation of the JCS. We hope that the JCS will become one of the main internationally recognised societies along with Western medical societies such as the AHA/ACC and the ESC. We would be very happy if many Asian countries would kindly support the JCS to be an Asian representative society, similar to the ESC for European countries. The activities of the JCS are wide-ranging, including the publication of “Circulation Journal” and “Guidelines in Japan”, and several scientific meetings. More than 1,400 articles are published per year in Circulation Journal. The editorial members of the journal are working hard to increase the scientific level and impact factor of the journal significantly, and anticipate more submissions of manuscripts from all over the world in order to share our knowledge with one another. At the annual scientific meeting of the JCS we have around 20,000 participants, including over 300 participants from abroad. There are many joint symposia with foreign cardiology societies such as the APSC, AHA, ACC, ESC, KSC and CSC. We have around 300 special sessions with more than 2,500 scientific abstracts each year, with half of these being presented in English. The meeting is held every March in Japan.

The JCS will also start a new forum, namely The 1<sup>st</sup> JCS Council Forum on Basic CardioVascular Research (The JCS Council-BCVR) on 6 to 7 January 2018. All sessions in this forum will be presented in English.

Furthermore, the JCS has successfully invited the Asian Pacific Society of Cardiology to hold its congress in Kyoto in 2020.

We aim to increase the number of overseas participants at JCS scientific meetings and to encourage foreign medical students and young investigators to carry out their clinical trials and scientific research in cooperation with Asian countries.

We look forward to meeting Asian friends at the annual JCS meeting where we will all share our knowledge.



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#### Next meetings

Annual Scientific Meeting of the JCS:  
March 2018  
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