

THE AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH AN INTER-SOCIETY ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE JAPANESE SOCIETY OF INTENSIVE CARE MEDICINE AND THE KOREAN SOCIETY OF CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE

The agreement between the Japanese Society of Intensive Care Medicine (JSICM) and the Korean Society of Critical Care Medicine (KSCCM) outlines the structure and operations of the inter-society alliance. Both societies will comply with the stipulations contained in this Agreement until its official termination.

SECTION I. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

1. Mission Statement

The organizing committees of JSICM and KSCCM's Joint Scientific Congress (the Joint Committee) will pursue growth and development of intensive/critical care medicine in Japan and Korea by marshalling resources from both countries to better satisfy the professional needs of the staffs of intensive care units. In addition, the Joint Committee will promote understanding between medical specialists in Japan and Korea.

2. Organization of the Joint Committee

Ten members, five selected from each country's organizing committee, will manage the Joint Committee. The president of each society will equally share the presidency of the Joint Committee. The chairman of each society's International Relationship Committee will co-serve as the secretary of the Joint Committee. Meetings for the Joint Committee will normally be held annually during the period of the joint scientific congress. Changes in the meeting times will require consent from all members of both countries' organizing committees. The Joint Committee could be held additionally by the agreement of all members of both countries' organizing committee.

3. Functions of the Joint Committee

- a. Coordinate the annual joint scientific congress.
- b. Foster educational and research initiatives: The Joint Committee will coordinate the collaborative research between JSICM and KSCCM.
- c. Manage the patient referral system: The Joint Committee will aim to facilitate patient admissions by developing a standard referral system that requires patients to have acceptable reason(s) and acknowledge the transferability of legal rights from Japan to Korea and vice-versa.

4. The Joint Scientific Congress of JSICM and KSCCM

- a. The congress will be held annually and the host country will alternate each year.
- b. The host country will be responsible for planning the scientific program of the congress and decide on the scope of financial support for expenses incurred by the invited country's participants. In this case, travel expenses will include airfare (economy class) and two night accommodations for five organizing committee members and three speakers. Moreover, two

night accommodations will have to be provided for ten free paper presenters at a hotel designated by the host country's organizing committee. Changes to these conditions will require consent from both organizing committees.

- c. Participants from the invited country will be exempt from paying the registration fee of the joint scientific congress.

SECTION II. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

By signing this document, both JSICM and KSCCM agree to the following terms:

- a. The organizing committees of JSICM and KSCCM affirm that this agreement will be effective commencing March 4th, 2004.
- b. In the case where either society wishes to extend the agreement in its entirety or in part, that society will notify the other in writing of its intention and both societies will meet to discuss the proposal.
- c. Upon mutual written consent, the agreement may be terminated or extended at any time, without limit as to the number of extensions or renewals.
- d. In the event of a breach of the stipulations of this agreement by one of the parties, the other may choose to terminate the agreement provided a 30 days' written notice is given

IN WITNESS WHEREOF JSICM and KSCCM hereto have duly executed this agreement as of March 4th, 2004.

Signed by:

Signed by:

President
Japanese Society of Intensive
Care Medicine

President
Korean Society of Critical Care
Medicine