



## **Successful WASOG 2017 meeting in Beijing**

**WASOG 2017, the international conference on sarcoidosis and interstitial lung diseases, held in October 19-22, 2017, Beijing, China, was very successful. It was the first time that a WASOG International conference was held China. We thank the organizers for hosting this excellent congress.**

**The scientific program was excellent, containing various aspects of interstitial lung diseases, being informative, interesting and challenging. As usual, it started with a nice ‘Meet the professor’ meeting between patients and doctors. Several patients could ask their personal questions and express their worries to international experts on ILD.**

**All slides were also presented in Chinese language, so that presentations were understandable for Chinese doctors.**

**There were 275 attendees from various districts and countries attended the meeting. Of the attendees 86 were from other countries.**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Attendances</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Attendances</b>
<b>China</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>USA</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Greece</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Australia</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Japan</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Sweden</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Poland</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Spain</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>India</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Portugal</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Germany</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Korea</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Ukraine</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Malaysia</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Bahrain</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>UK</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Brazil</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>France</b>	<b>1</b>		



**Communication meeting between Chinese patients and doctors**



**Prof. Drent welcomed everyone and opened the Conference. She asked all to join WASOG and become a member of the ILD network.**

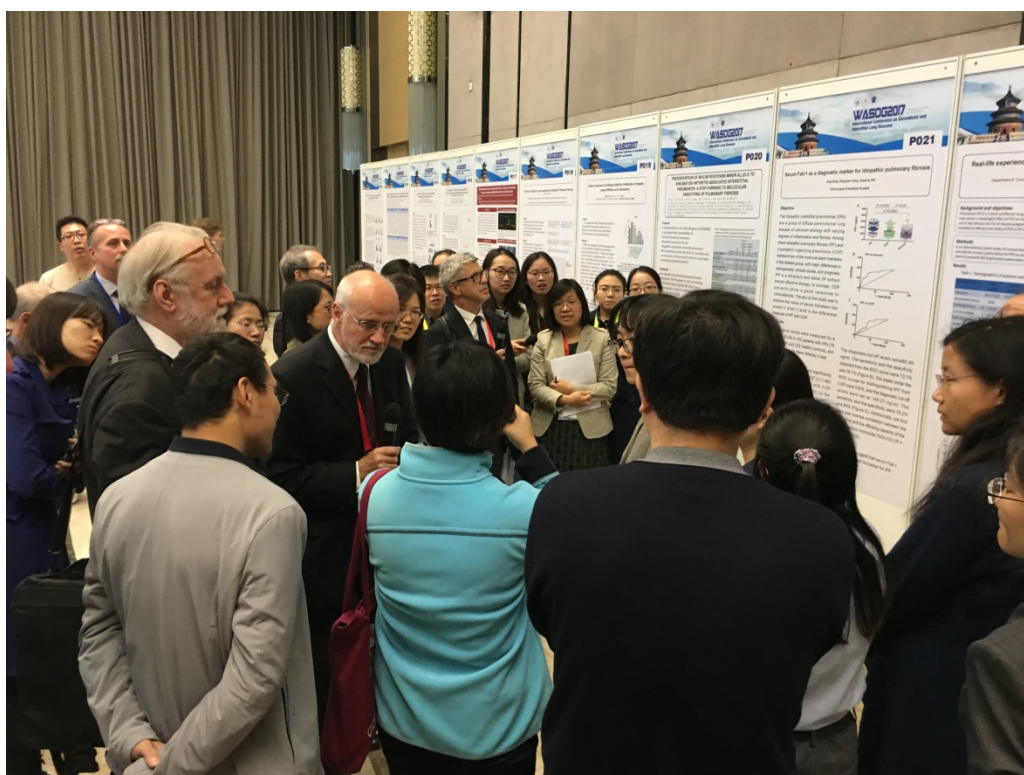
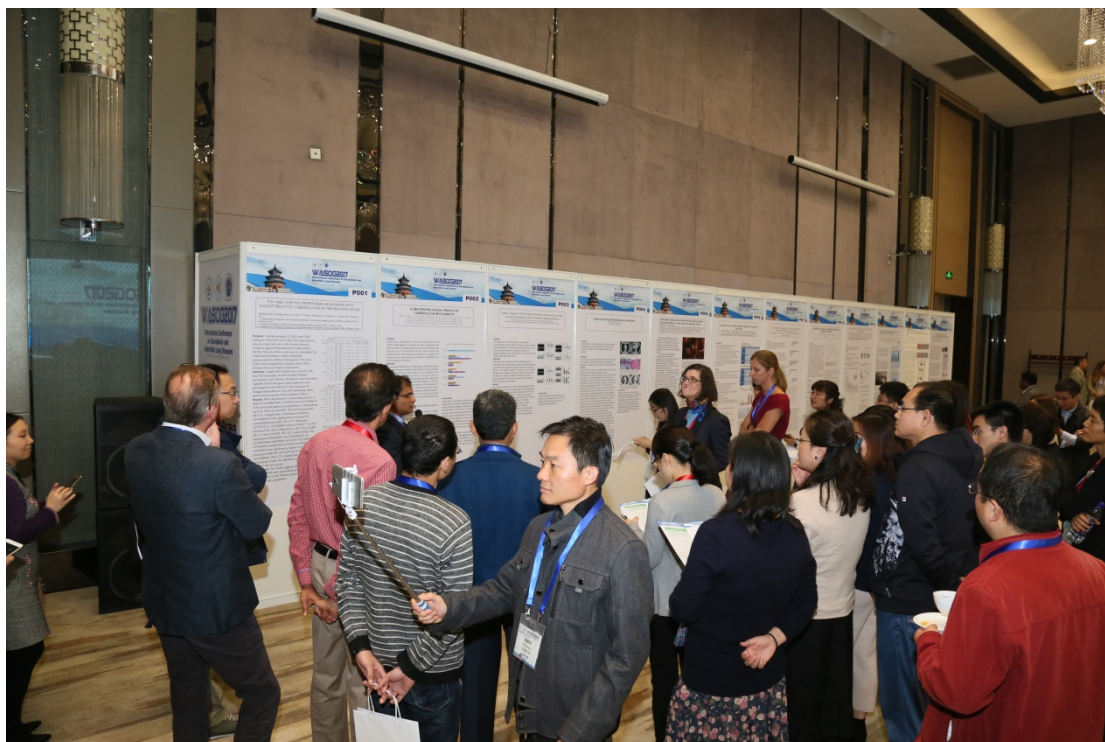




*The organizing and scientific committee of the conference made a toast to the success of WASOG 2017, at the opening ceremony*



*Photos of the attendees at Symposium of WASOG 2017*



*Poster discussion*





*Professor Drent (Netherlands) handed over the WASOG medal to the new president of WASOG professor Azuma from the Japan.*



*Hand-over of the WASOG flag*



*Professor narrated the story of the origin of WASOG and its flag*



*The past presidents, president and president elect of WASOG (Prof. Costabel, Azuma, Drent, Culver, Baughman)*





*Chinese folk music performance at the Dinner Gala*





Group photo with the winners of excellent poster and presentation



*Group photo taken in the happy ending of the Gala dinner*



*Group photo of Japanese, German and Netherlands attendees together with professor Huaping Dai, co-organizer of the WASOG 2017 Conference, after closing ceremony*