

**JADA Hosts the 2013 International Anti-Doping Seminar in Asia:  
“Therapeutic Use Exemptions and Anti-Doping Programs”**

The 2013 International Anti-Doping Seminar in Asia, which included the participation of 27 countries, successfully closed on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2013. The two-day seminar was organised by the Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA) in partnership with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of the Japanese Government.



The theme this year was “Therapeutic Use Exemptions and Anti-Doping Programs”. The objective was to increase the understanding of the TUE process and improve the abilities of physicians and managers of RADOs and NADOs to effectively operate and manage the TUE process.

The RADOs and NADOs' TUE/medical specialists and administrative officials were invited and around 80 officials participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> day session. Dr. Alan Vernec, WADA Medical Director, Mr. Joseph de Pencier, CEO of Institute of National Anti-Doping Organisations (iNADO), and Ms Natanya Potoi-Ulia, Executive Officer of Oceania Regional Anti-Doping Organisation (ORADO), were the guest speakers. It became an excellent networking opportunity and the participants shared their knowledge and expertise on TUE.

The second day seminar was open to JADA's stakeholders for the first time and 150 people participated in the seminar.

Professor Hidenori Suzuki stated: "I was delighted to see a large number of participants actively engaged in discussions, especially during the first-day breakout session. We hope that we continue our collaboration and strengthen our activities."

Dr. Alan Vernec, WADA Medical Director, explained the development of TUE program and some challenges it has faced. Dr. Alan said, "I was very pleased with the opportunity to discuss TUE issues with our Japanese and Asian colleagues. We had particularly lively sessions with challenging TUE cases in the small group sessions."



There was also a very timely introductory session on the Athlete Biological Passport to familiarize the participants with this increasingly important aspect of Anti-Doping Programs.

Ms Potoi-Ulia highlighted the activities undertaken at the Regional Anti-Doping Organisation in Oceania. She explained how they try to maximise the resources available and how ORADO intends to be creative to implement the anti-doping program, including TUE.

Along with Dr. Vernec, Dr. Takao Akama, JADA Vice President and TUE Committee Chair, led the breakout session on TUE cases in the first day. In the second day, he gave an outline on TUE process in Japan and illustrated the changes of TUE applications since 2004.

Following the two-day seminar, Mr. Pencier stressed that: "JADA's initiative and leadership, with the support of the Japanese Government Ministry in charge of Sport, has become fundamental in developing the capacity of RADOs and NADOs in Asia. This TUE Seminar was a terrific opportunity to communicate ideas on the revisions of the Code and ISTUE."



"Such exchanges of views and experiences are vital to improving our fundamental documents in anti-doping. I hope that JADA's important annual seminar will continue in the future to encourage such sharing. INADO looks forward to supporting this sort of collaboration between NADOs and RADOs", stressed Mr. Pencier.

The International Anti-Doping Seminar in Asia is annually held with the support of MEXT and it is aimed to increase the development of anti-doping activity in Asian region.

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