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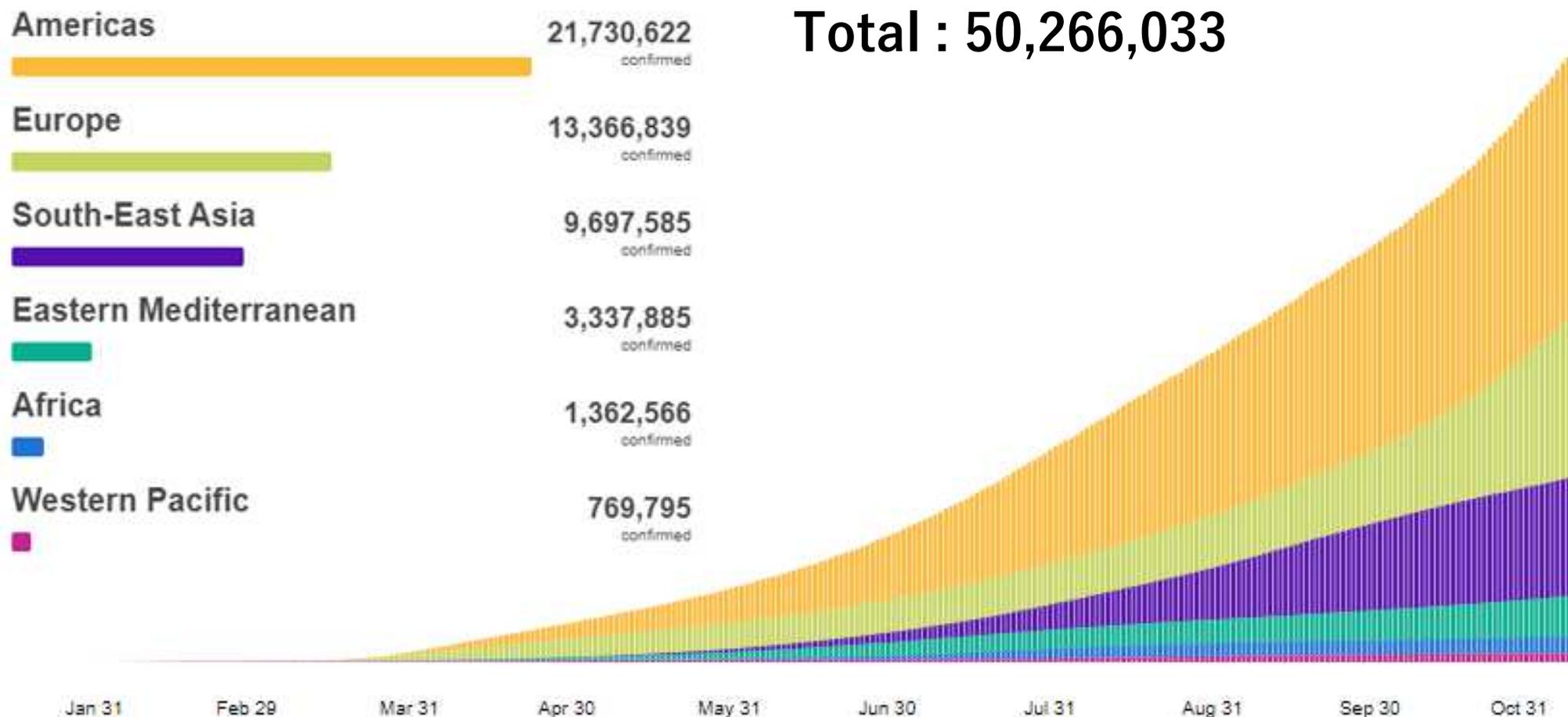


Presented at the panel session on
"Considering the roles of international academic societies under the pandemic crisis".
November 10,2020
ACRS2020 Online

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General Secretary
AARS

Total number of confirmed cases of coronavirus (~November 9, 2020)

Total : 50,266,033



Daily number of confirmed cases of coronavirus (November 9, 2020)

Total : 677,806

360,607 Americas

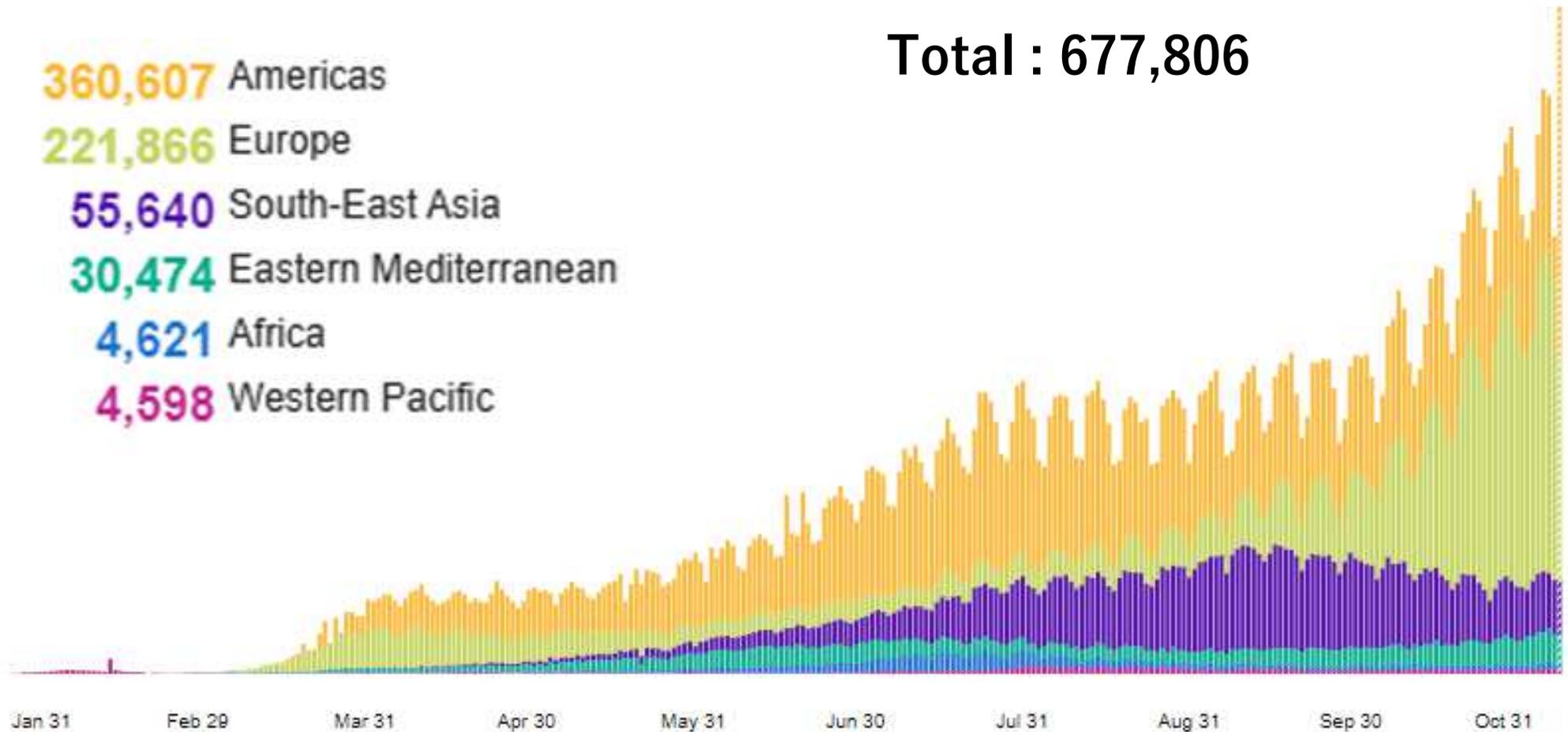
221,866 Europe

55,640 South-East Asia

30,474 Eastern Mediterranean

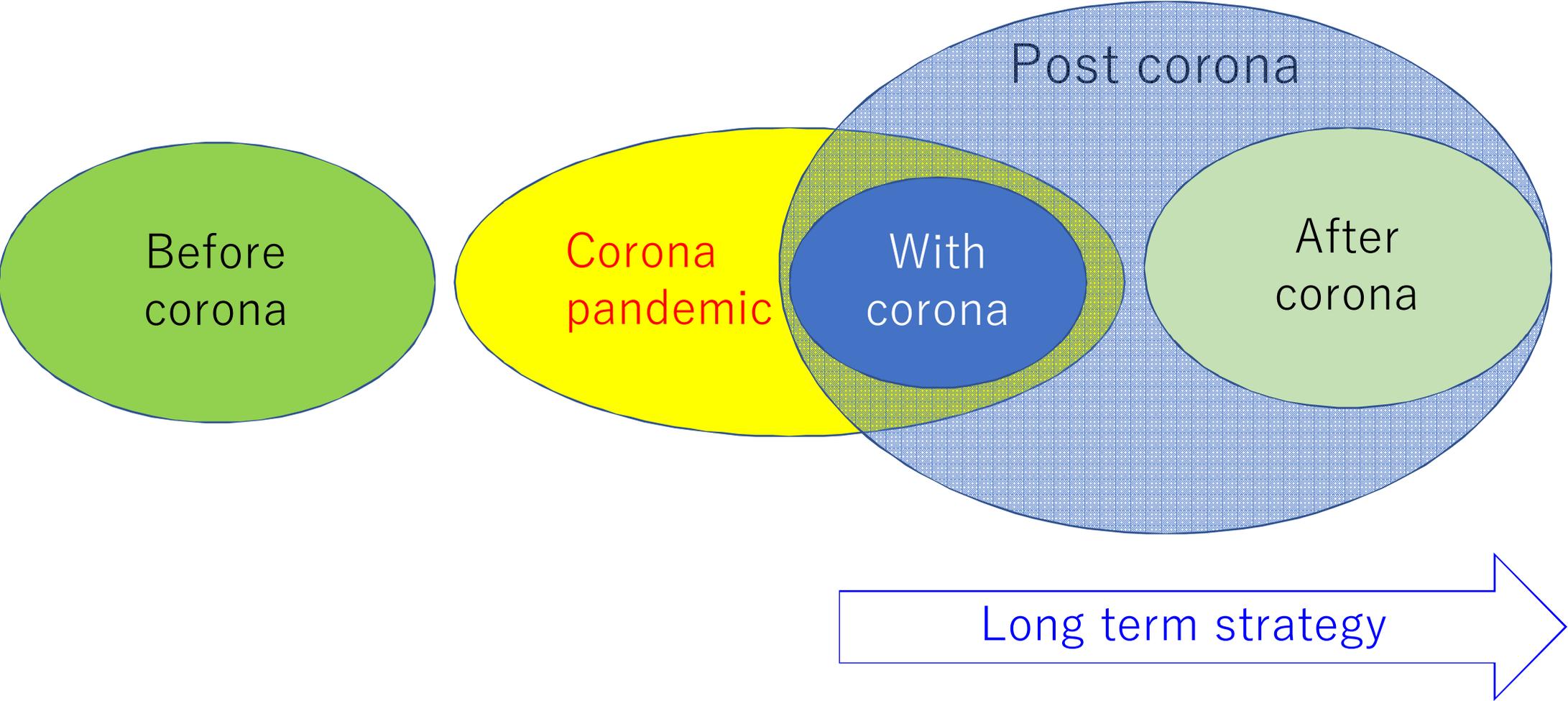
4,621 Africa

4,598 Western Pacific



<https://covid19.who.int/>

Situation with corona



Outline

- The international academic societies such as ISPRS, GRSS and AARS are facing difficult situations under the pandemic crisis.
- Many international and domestic conferences, workshops, meetings were canceled.
- However, we cannot stop the activities of the academic societies.
- For the past several months, we have learned how to manage the situation by effectively utilizing internet technologies.
- In this panel session, the panelists will be discussing about the difficulties and possible solutions of the international academic societies against the pandemic crisis.

1st ACRS (1980, Bangkok, Thailand)



"Beginning of a new era in Asian Remote Sensing"

1st Asian conference on Remote Sensing

Number of participants:159

30th ACRS (2009, Beijing, China)



Dates: October 18 – 23, 2009

Number of participants: 702

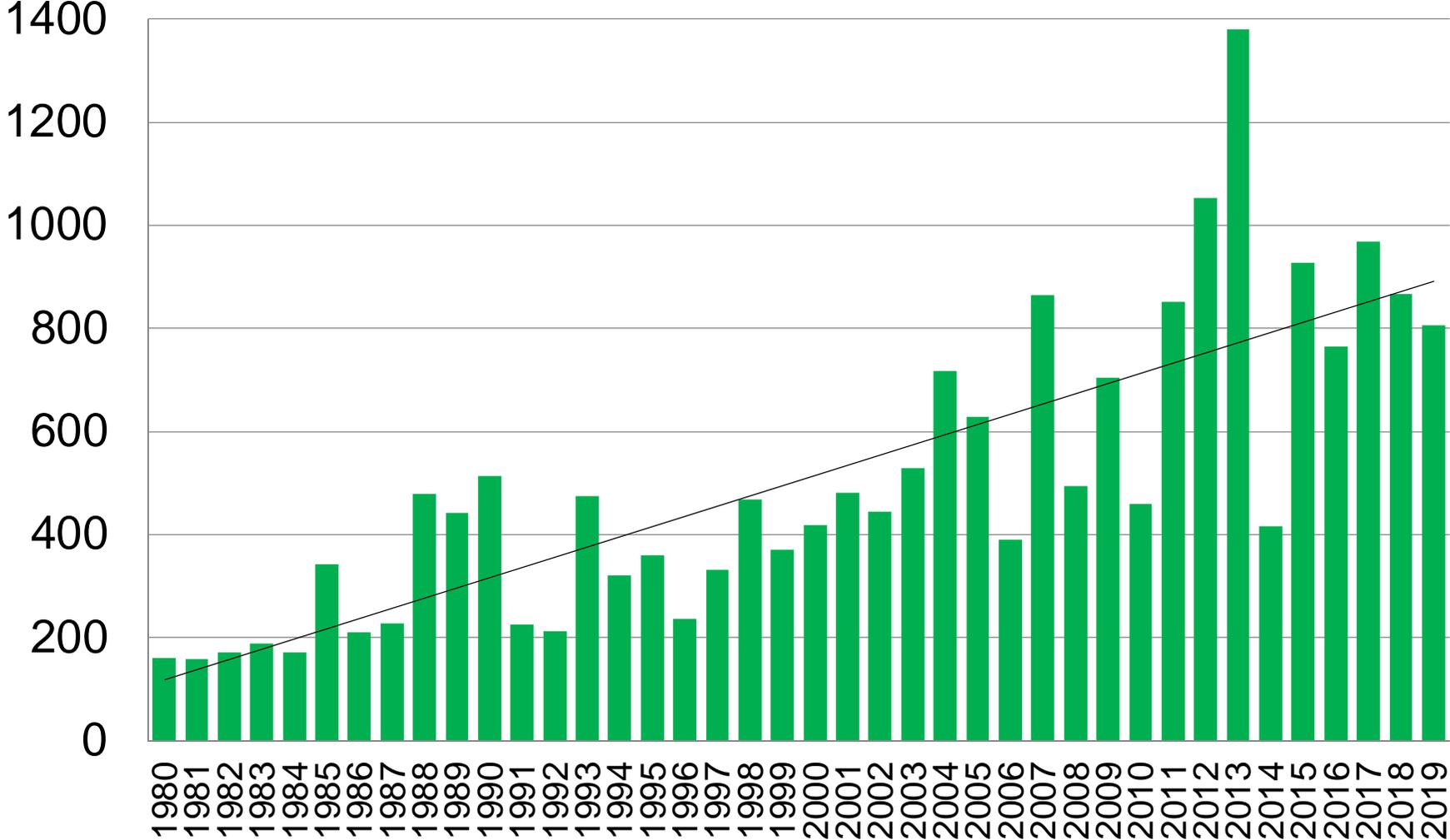
40th ACRS (2019, Deajeon City, Korea)



Date: October 13 – 18, 2019

Number of participants: 8057

ACRS participants record



International conference such as ACRS is **always crowded**



2015, Manila



2018, Kuala Lumpur



2011, Taipei



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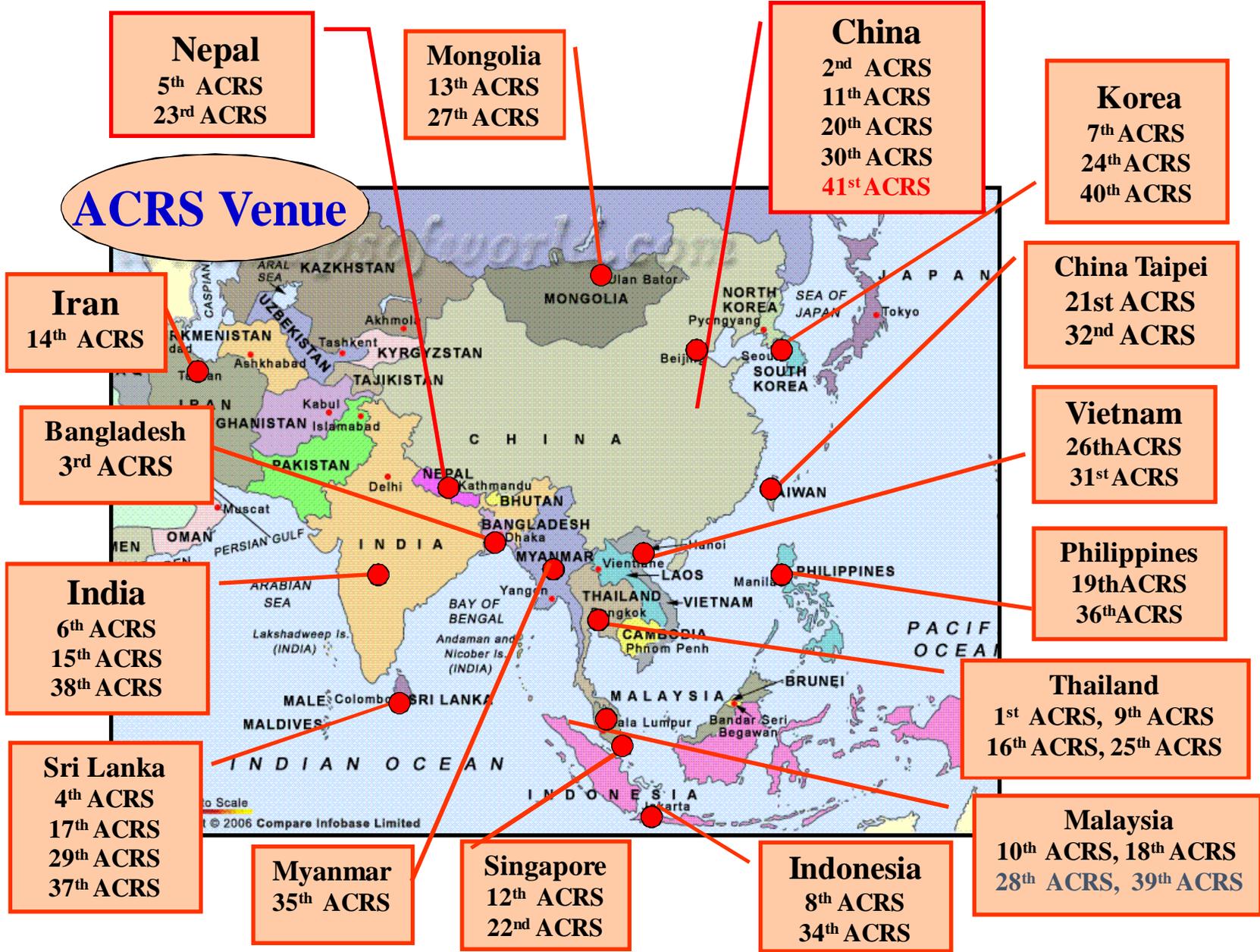


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ACRS Venue

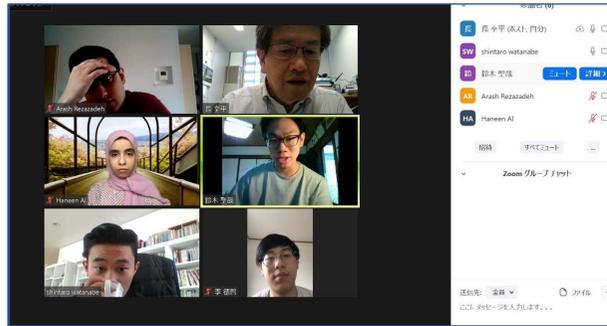
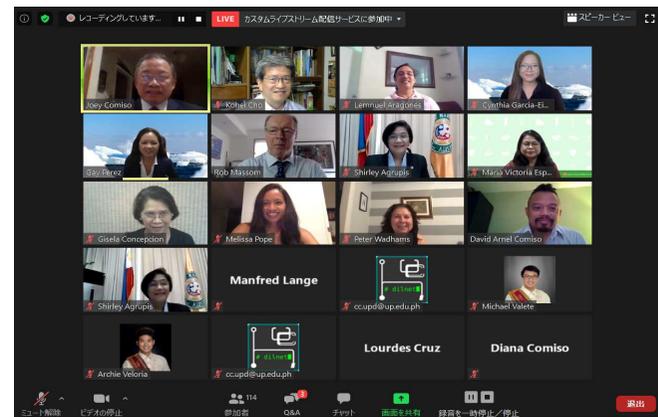
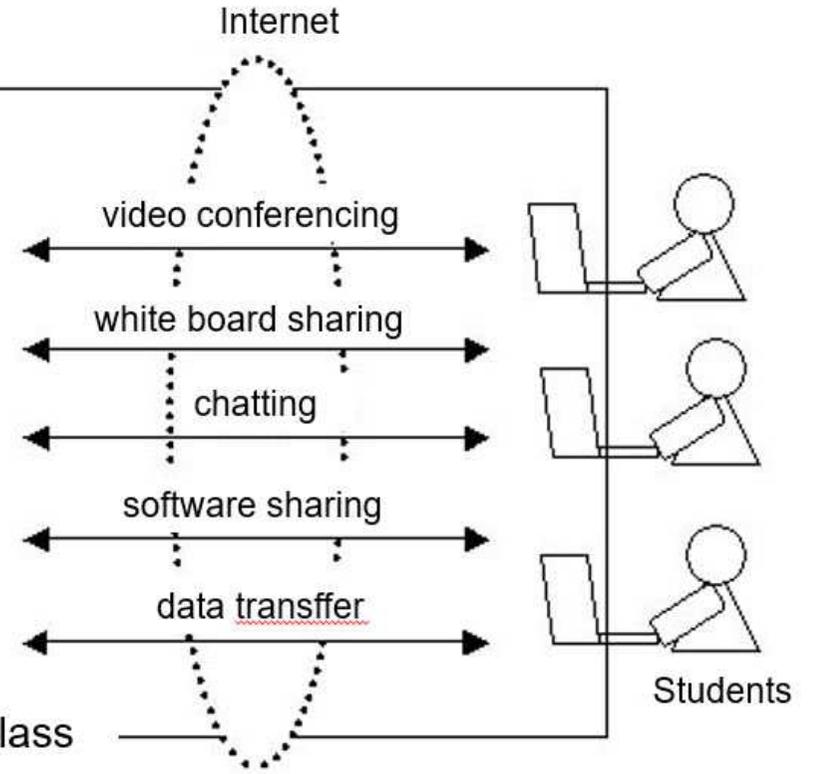


IT technology is realizing flexible online class & meetings

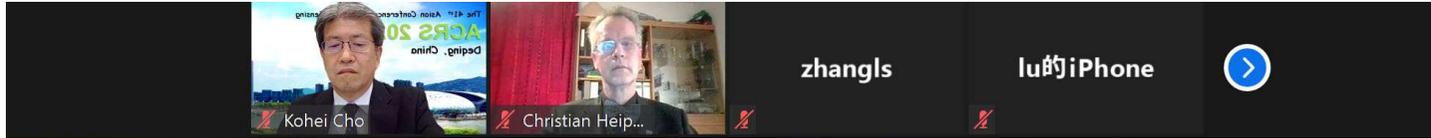


Teacher

Online class



ACRS2020 Online



Advantages & disadvantages of Online conferencing

- **Advantages**

- Allow participants to attend from anywhere.
- Do not have to travel. (save time and cost.)
- Increases the possibility of organizing the conferences.

- **Disadvantages**

- Avoid face to face communication.
- Difficult to share the atmosphere of the participants.
- Network instability
- Local time differences

Local time differences

23:50 - 01:10 USA(Los Angeles)

2:50 - 04:10 USA(Washington DC)

8:50 -10:10 Italy (Paolo Gamba)

Germany (Christian Heipke)

11:20 -13:20 Iran

15:50 -17:10 China (Gu Xingfa)

Philippines (Sheryl Rose)

16:50 -18:10 Japan (Kohei Cho)

18:50 - 20:10 Australia

Within Asia:

5.5hours difference

Remarks

- Conferences, workshops, and meetings are key components of the international academic societies.
- Running the international academic societies under the pandemic crisis is a big challenge.
- We are now learning how to manage the pandemic situation by effectively utilizing internet technologies.
- The online meetings are providing us new possibility of organizing conferences and workshops with low cost and high flexibility.
- However, face to face communications cannot be fully replace by the online meetings. The local time differences is also a problem for organizing live meetings.