

Report on Malaysian Thoracic Society Annual Congress 2013

The annual congress was held at the Hilton Kuala Lumpur from 14th – 16th June 2013, and was co-organised with the Lung Foundation of Malaysia (LFM). A Pre-Congress Postgraduate Workshop was held in UMMC on 13th June 2013. A total of 554 delegates registered for the congress and 84 delegates registered for the Pre-Congress workshop. The Organising committee was headed by Assoc Prof Dr Tengku Saifudin Tengku Ismail. Dr. Fauzi Anshar and Dr. Asiah Kassim chaired the adult and paediatric scientific committee respectively. Dr Chua organized the Pre-Congress workshop in UMMC.

The congress comprised of 4 plenary lectures, 5 concurrent symposia as well as hospital and clinical grand rounds on adult and paediatric respiratory medicine. A debate on Sleep Medicine was held during the last day of the congress. In addition, there were 9 non-concurrent symposia sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry. A record number of abstracts were submitted this year. 67 abstracts were received and the best 5 abstracts were chosen for the oral presentation. There were 62 abstracts displayed as poster presentation divided into 3 groups and one group consisting of case reports. All the poster presentations were judged by 2 judges. The prize money was sponsored by LFM to the total amount of RM6, 650 (Best oral presentation – RM1500, RM1000, RM750, RM500, RM500 and 6 best poster presentations RM 400x6). A pen drive was given for the best case report.

Six pharmaceutical companies took the platinum package and 3 companies took the silver package. Another 30 drug and equipment companies displayed their products in the booth. Altogether there were 48 exhibition booths and one hospitality suite. LFM had a display table to sell souvenirs and collect donations.

The Gala Dinner was held on Saturday evening and was graced by Y Bhg Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah, Director- General of Health Malaysia. Prizes were awarded to the winners of oral and poster presentations. A slide show of the MTS events for the past year was displayed during the dinner and a string quartet provided the entertainment for the night.

A feedback form was emailed to the participants after the congress. The general comments were positive and a few suggestions were made to further improve the future congresses.

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Organising Chairman
MTS Annual Congress 2013.

BEST POSTERS:

1. PP3: Two-minute walk test (2MWT): Measurement properties and cardiorespiratory responses in severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
Fatim Tahirah Mirza, Nola Cecins, Kylie Hill, Sue Jenkins
2. PP7: The effectiveness and safety of mechanical percussor compared with conventional physiotherapy in adults with productive cough.
Punithavathi Narayanan, Ong Loke Meng, Irfhan Ali bin Hyder Ali, Mohd Izmi bin Ahmad @ Ibrahim, Dharminy Thurairatnam, Ang Ah Heong, Hadzlinda Zainal
3. PP24: Bronchiolitis obliterans in children.
Phang Yuk Jean, Asiah Kassim, Norzila Mohamed Zainudin
4. PP26: Cross-cultural translation, adaptation and validation of the Malay language version of the parent proxy cough questionnaire: a quality of life cough questionnaire.
A Wahiba, A M Nathan, J de Bruyne, R Zaki, A Muthusamy
5. PP29: Potential risk factors associated with multidrug-resistant tuberculosis in Malaysia: a retrospective study.
S E Omar, H Habsah, Sarimah A, M J Mat Zuki, N Wan-Arfah, B A Zilfalil, N N Naing
6. PP39: Characteristics and outcome of pulmonary tuberculosis in patients with diabetes mellitus.
Zamzurina A B, Rashidah Y, A Razak A M

BEST CASE REPORT/ SERIES

- PP68: Cystic fibrosis: Pseudo-Bartter as an initial presentation
S C Su, A R Noor Zehan, M Z Norzila

ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

Winner:

Detection rate of pneumococcal pneumonia using urine antigen kit (Binaxnow) in adult community-acquired and health-care associated pneumonia in UKMMC.
Dr. Mohamed Faisal A H, Petrick P, Roslina A M, Andrea Y L Ban, Ramliza R, Anita S, Zalina I, Tzar N K, Zaleha M I

2nd place:

Viruses in children with acute exacerbation of bronchial asthma among children seen in UMMC.
Dr. Rakhee Yadav, Jessie de Bruyne, Anna Marie Nathan, Jamal I-Ching Sam

3rd place:

Distribution of IL-18 SNPS compared in non-asthmatics and asthmatics in the unique population of Malaysia.
Ms Devika Chinayah, V L Raj, C K Liam, M R Mustafa

4th:

Lung function test in metabolic syndrome and obese subjects without metabolic syndrome in a large cohort of Malaysian population.
Dr. M A Mohd Zim, A I Ismail, H Baharuddin, S K Othman, W H Wan Mohammad, H Nawawi, K Yusoff, F Majid, N Abu Bakar, T S T Ismail

5th

Prevalence of airflow limitation among chronic smokers using hand-held spirometer in a primary healthcare clinic.
Dr. S M Ching, Y K Pang, David Price, A T Cheong, P Y Lee, I Irmis, H Faedah, H I Ruhaini, Y C Chia