

Report on Malaysian Thoracic Society (MTS) Annual Congress 2014
12th- 15th June 2014
Holiday Inn, Melaka

This year's congress was co-organised with the Lung Foundation of Malaysia (LFM). A total of 368 delegates registered for the congress. The Organising committee was headed by Dr. Kauthaman Mahendran. The Scientific Committee was co-chaired by Prof Dr. Roslina Manap and Dr. Asiah Kassim.

5 workshops were held on the first day of the meeting and attracted a total of 198 registrants. The feedback from the participants was very encouraging (Appendix 1: Evaluation report for workshops.)

The main congress comprised 3 plenary lectures and 16 symposia covering a wide spectrum of respiratory diseases in adults and children. In addition, there were 10 symposia sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry. An early morning "Meet the Professor" Breakfast sessions was held on Saturday morning and 'Grand rounds' were held in the afternoon. The congress debate this year was "The National TB control program should be a vertical Program'. The audience generally voted against the motion.

The Annual General Meeting of the MTS was held on Friday evening and The Respiratory Medicine Subspecialty meet the Trainers and Trainees was held on Saturday evening.

There was only one session for oral paper presentation. A total of 5 free papers were presented and there were 53 poster presentations.

The faculty of speakers consisted of eminent local and overseas experts. The sessions were well attended and the audience participated actively. The local organising committee members made everyone feel welcome with their attention and hospitality.

On Sunday morning a public event was organised in front of the 'Memorial Kemerdekaan Melaka.' It had the involvement of Klinik Kesihatan Tenggera, Klinik Dada Hospital Melaka and the Malaysian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. There were activities related to smoking cessation, lung function testing and awareness of Tuberculosis.

The pharmaceutical and equipment companies were invited to become platinum, gold, silver and pewter partners. There were 4 platinum, 4 silver and 2 pewter sponsors. A total of 30 drug and equipment companies provided sponsorship. Altogether there were 41 exhibition booths. LFM had a display table to sell souvenirs and collect donations. There was also a display table to promote the Asia Pacific Lung Cancer Conference 2014. Lung Foundation of Malaysia donated the cash prizes for best oral and poster awards totaling RM6650/-.

The Gala Dinner was held on Saturday evening. It was attended by Organising Committee members, members of the board of trustees of LFM, past presidents, faculty of speakers and delegates. The Clinical Practice Guideline for the management of Childhood Asthma, endorsed by the MTS, was launched with fanfare. A book entitled 'Gaya Hidup Sihat Mengatasi Asma' by Dr. Che' Wan Aminud-din Hashim was also launched that evening. Prizes were awarded to the winners of oral and poster presentations. The evening was themed "Heritage Night" and prizes were given out to the best heritage dressed guests. Entertainment was provided in the form of games by a local entertainer.

The chair wishes to thank all the council members, local organising committee members and the secretariat for their hard work and the active participation of various pharmaceutical and equipment companies.

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Evaluation report for workshops

Item	WS1 ETLUS	WS2 Imaging	WS3 Inhalers	WS4 Pulm Rehab	WS5 Smoking Cess
No of participants	35	54	31	33	45
No of evaluation forms returned	30	42		24	24
WS has improved my knowledge: agree and strongly agree	100	85.8		91	83.2
WS is useful for my daily practice : agree and strongly agree	96	80		95.1	83.2
Food : Satisfactory, Good and Excellent	97	73.8		100	66.3
Hall : Satisfactory, Good and Excellent	100	95.3		100	90.8
AV system: Satisfactory, Good and Excellent	100	93		100	100
Interaction of Org Comm. with participants: Satisfactory, Good and Excellent	100	92.8		100	92
Overall performance of organising committee: Satisfactory, Good and Excellent	100	95.2		100	92
Duration of workshop: Just nice	95	45.2		58.3	62.5
I would recommend workshop to other	97	85.7		71	96
Comments		Notes/CDs not provided		More time for practical	
		Short forms used		Cover paediatrics	
		Make it a whole day			

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