Final report

Scientific programme

Plenary sessions
Three plenary sessions were held during the congress, one each day. Five outstanding abstracts were chosen for presentation in the first and last plenary sessions. The Ventafridda lecture was also presented in the first plenary session, while all three Early Researcher Award winners were introduced in the second plenary.

Themed sessions
Seven sessions were based on topics chosen by the scientific committee. International researchers were invited as lecturers in these sessions.

Free communication sessions
Seventeen parallel sessions were based on submitted abstracts. In total 102 abstracts were presented in these sessions.

Poster discussion sessions
Two parallel sessions were dedicated to poster discussions. These sessions were arranged as panel debates facilitated by two experts.

Poster presentations
342 posters were presented in one poster set, which was displayed throughout the congress.

Print only
288 abstracts were accepted by the scientific committee, but did not reach the cutoff score for poster presentations. These abstracts were published in the online abstract book.

Meet-the-expert sessions
For the first time there were no meet-the-expert sessions in the morning. Instead the scientific committee introduced a new category in the abstract submission system, allowing for researchers to submit their research protocols. In these sessions, challenges regarding methodology and study design were raised in a discussion facilitated by two members of the scientific committee.

Company-sponsored satellite symposium
One satellite symposium was arranged during the congress.