

## **Final scientific report**

### **Scientific programme**

#### **Plenary sessions**

There were the plenary sessions during the congress, which consisted of lectures from two invited speakers and the Early Researcher Award winner. In addition, five outstanding abstracts were selected for presentation in plenary.

#### **Themed sessions**

10 sessions consisted of speakers invited by the scientific committee, including the EAPC Research Network session.

#### **Free communication sessions**

95 abstracts with high average review score were selected for oral presentation. In total there were 15 free communication sessions based on abstract themes.

#### **Poster discussion sessions**

The 12 highest ranked posters were selected for two poster discussion sessions. For the first time these sessions were arranged as panel debates, where two chairs prepared questions for the presenters.

#### **Poster presentations**

445 posters were presented in one poster set.

#### **Meet-the-expert sessions**

Twelve meet-the-expert sessions were held during the congress, six on each morning on Friday and Saturday.

#### **Company-sponsored satellite symposium**

One satellite symposium was arranged by Grünenthal.

#### **Print only**

187 abstracts were accepted for this new category. The abstracts were printed in the June edition of Palliative Medicine by Sage.

## **Awards**

### **Early Researcher Award:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Lieve Van den Block, BE
- Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Daisy Janssen, NL
- Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Oliver Minton, UK

### **Special award winner:**

- Andrew Olagunju, Nigeria

## **Participant numbers**

- Registered participants: 1073
- Countries: 55
  - Afghanistan: 1
  - Algeria: 1
  - Andorra: 1
  - Argentina: 1
  - Australia: 38
  - Austria: 37
  - Azerbaijan: 1
  - Bahrain: 7
  - Belgium: 75
  - Botswana: 2
  - Brazil: 8
  - Bulgaria: 1
  - Cameroon: 2
  - Canada: 23
  - Chile: 1
  - China: 1
  - Costa Rica: 2
  - Czech Republic: 6
  - Denmark: 53
  - Egypt: 3
  - Finland: 54
  - France: 28
  - Georgia: 1
  - Germany: 78
  - Greece: 6
  - Hungary: 4
  - Iceland: 5
  - India: 2
  - Indonesia: 1
  - Iran: 1
  - Ireland: 30
  - Israel: 15
  - Italy: 40
  - Japan: 31

- Jordan: 2
- Kuwait: 1
- Latvia: 5
- Lebanon: 1
- Mexico: 2
- Netherlands: 96
- New Zealand: 8
- Nigeria: 1
- Norway: 53
- Pakistan: 1
- Peru: 1
- Poland: 17
- Portugal: 19
- Qatar: 1
- Korea: 3
- Romania: 11
- Russia: 1
- Saudi Arabia: 3
- Singapore: 3
- Slovenia: 2
- Spain: 112
- Sweden: 42
- Switzerland: 23
- Taiwan: 3
- Turkey: 1
- United Kingdom: 192
- United States: 27

### **Professions**

- Administration: 20
- Biostatistician: 1
- Dentist: 2
- Dietician: 2
- Economist: 3
- Editor: 1
- Ethicist: 5
- Health economist: 1
- Local association: 1
- Neurobiologist: 1
- Not specified: 745
- Nurse: 108
- Occupational therapist: 3
- Other: 149
- Para-medical: 2
- Pharmacist: 10
- Physician: 400
- Physiotherapist: 9
- Politician: 1

- Psychologist: 26
- Researcher: 146
- Social scientist: 6
- Social worker: 6
- Statistician: 1
- Student: 49
- Teacher: 5

### **Abstract statistics**

- Abstracts submitted: 815
- Countries: 55
- Rejected: 17

<b>Category</b>	<b>No. submitted abstracts</b>
Pain	53
Symptoms other than pain	75
Assessment, measurement and research methodology	124
Bereavement and family care givers	66
Education research	50
End of life care and quality of dying	172
Epidemiology and public health	45
Ethics	15
Psychosocial care and spirituality	56
Communication and information	48
Palliative care in specific groups	111

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