Congress report

A total of 678 abstracts were submitted to the congress, from 48 countries. This was a record for the research congresses. All abstracts were reviewed by at least two independent reviewers. 45 abstracts were rejected by the scientific committee based on a low average score.

Abstracts:

- **Total number of abstracts submitted: 678**
  - Pain: 66
  - Symptoms other than pain: 73
  - Assessment & measurement tools: 65
  - Audit & quality control: 34
  - Basic science & translational research: 5
  - Bereavement: 4
  - Education: 42
  - End of life care & quality of death: 118
  - Epidemiology: 15
  - Ethics: 15
  - Family & care givers: 36
  - Sociology & social work: 2
  - Health services research: 61
  - Policy and public health: 24
  - Communication & information: 28
  - Research methodology: 50
  - Mental health: 4
  - Palliative care in older people: 26
  - Palliative care in children and adolescents: 10
- **Abstracts from 48 countries:**
  - Argentina: 1
  - Australia: 29
  - Austria: 14
  - Belgium: 34
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina: 1
  - Bulgaria: 1
  - Cameroon: 1
  - Canada: 31
  - China: 2
  - Croatia: 1
  - Czech Republic: 4
  - Denmark: 12
  - Egypt: 2

- Ethiopia: 1
- Finland: 3
- France: 16
- Georgia: 3
- Germany: 33
- Greece: 2
- Iceland: 1
- India: 2
- Iran: 2
- Ireland: 30
- Israel: 6
- Italy: 18
- Japan: 11
- Kenya: 2
- Korea: 1
- Lebanon: 1
- Netherlands: 58
- New Zealand: 2
- Norway: 35
- Poland: 6
- Portugal: 20
- Russia: 2
- Saudi Arabia: 1
- Slovenia: 1
- South Africa: 2
- Spain: 43
- Sweden: 10
- Switzerland: 11
- Taiwan: 7
- Thailand: 2
- Turkey: 1
- USA: 38
- Uganda: 3
- UK: 170
- Zambia: 1

- 45 abstracts were rejected due to average review score below 1.

The programme:

The scientific programme consisted of a variety of lectures. Three key note speakers were invited to give talks in plenary, and in addition six outstanding abstracts were chosen to present in plenary, as well as the winner of the Early Researcher Award.

The remaining oral sessions consisted of eight themed sessions with invited speakers and 16 free communication sessions that were based on submitted abstracts. In total, 94 of the submitted abstracts were presented in parallel sessions.

476 posters were presented during two poster sets, and the 15 posters with highest review score were presented in poster discussion sessions.

In addition, eight meet-the-expert sessions were arranged with a variety of topics, and two industry sponsored satellite symposia were given.

- 3 plenary sessions
  - 3 invited key note speakers
  - 6 selected abstracts (highest score)
  - Early Researcher Award winner
- 8 themed sessions
  - Invited speakers, 3 per session
  - Including sessions with Research Network and Junior Forum
- 16 free communication sessions
  - Based on abstract categories
  - 94 abstracts presented
- 2 poster discussion sessions
  - 15 abstracts presented
- 8 meet-the-expert sessions
- 2 satellite lunch symposia
  - By main sponsors; ProStrakan and Astellas
- 2 open sessions arranged by research collaboratives
  - IPCFRC and ATOME
- 476 poster presentations

Early Researcher Award:

The Early Researcher Award (formerly known as Young Investigator Award) has been issued by the EAPC since 2009. The award aims to recognise the work of novice scientists and clinicians who have recently made, or are in the process of making, an outstanding contribution to palliative care research and/or academic teaching.

This year 14 applications/nominations were received, from seven countries. The prize was avarded to Lucy Selman, UK, who held the lecture: “How do we measure spiritual outcomes? Lessons from exploring the construct of peace in an African setting” in plenary. Matthew Maddocks, UK and Stephanie Stiel, DE, were awarded joint second prizes.

CME accreditation:

- The congress was granted up to 15 CME credits by the European Accreditation Counsil for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME).

Participants:

A total number of 1172 participants registered for the congress, coming from 49 countries. 19 categories of professions were present, with a predominance of physicians, nurses and researchers.

- Participants from countries:
  - Albania: 1
  - Armenia: 1
  - Australia: 11
  - Austria: 30
  - Belgium: 56
  - Brazil: 1
  - Canada: 23
  - Czech Republic: 13
  - Denmark: 51
  - Egypt: 1
  - Finland: 16
  - France: 35
  - Georgia: 2
  - Germany: 93
  - Greece: 4
  - Hong Kong: 1
  - Iceland: 1
  - India: 2
  - Ireland: 29
  - Israel: 13
  - Italy: 34
  - Japan: 22
  - Korea: 2
  - Latvia: 3
  - Lithuania: 2
  - Netherlands: 99
  - New Zealand: 2
  - Norway: 133
  - Peru: 1
  - Poland: 20
  - Portugal: 15
  - Romania: 1
  - Russia: 1

- Saudi Arabia: 1
- Singapore: 1
- Slovakia: 11
- Slovenia: 2
- South Africa: 1
- Spain: 59
- Sweden: 53
- Switzerland: 38
- Taiwan: 4
- Tanzania: 1
- Tunisia: 1
- Turkey: 1
- Uganda: 2
- UK: 211
- Ukraine: 1
- USA: 16
- *Not specified: 36*

- Professions:
  - Administration: 31
  - Clergy/chaplain: 5
  - Dietician: 2
  - Editor: 3
  - Health economist: 1
  - Nurse: 118
  - Occupational therapist: 4
  - Pharmacist: 16
  - Physician: 576
  - Physiotherapist: 8
  - Psychologist: 15
  - Researcher: 132
  - Sexologist: 1
  - Social scientist: 10
  - Social worker: 4
  - Sociologist: 5
  - Statistician: 5
  - Teacher/professor: 32
  - Volunteer: 3
  - *Other non specified: 198*

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