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11th NR-SIG-WFNR Conference

Report on the 11th Conference of the Neuropsychological Rehabilitation Special Interest Group of the World Federation for NeuroRehabilitation

The 11th annual conference of the Neuropsychological Rehabilitation Special Interest Group was held from July 14th-15th 2014 in Limassol, Cyprus. The venue for the two day meeting was the Elias Beach Hotel. The conference program showcased 29 oral, 21 datablitz and 44 poster presentations and brought together 114 delegates from 21 countries. One of the many highlights of the conference included the conference dinner held at the beautiful Karatello Restaurant at the renovated Carob Mill area adjacent to the Medieval Limassol Castle. The delegates enjoyed the mouth-watering contemporary Cypriot cuisine and plenty of local wine and deserts. The highpoint of the evening was the professional Greek-Cypriot dancers who drew the crowd into an unparalled dancing frenzy.

The program covered a wide spectrum of disorders ranging from developmental to neurological and neuropsychiatric conditions in paediatrics and adults. The presentations were stimulating and depicted major advances in conceptualisation, outcome assessment, psychometric and statistical analysis, treatment approaches and clinical service provision in neuropsychological rehabilitation from around the world. Topics included unusual syndromes such as prosopagnosia, supercomputing and rehabilitation, functional imaging in disease classification, and efficacy research neurological populations. The presentations gave food for lively discussions and provided the backdrop for future collaborations for researchers and clinicians across continents.

The following prizes were awarded for the best datablitz and poster presentations:

Best datablitz prize: Thialda Vlagsma – The Netherlands **Best datablitz prize:** Caroline van Heugten – The Netherlands

Best poster prize: James Gooden - Australia Highly commended: Robyn Stargatt - Australia

Overall, the conference program stimulated great discussions, healthy debates and the exchange of ideas that are so important for moving our field forwards. The Chairing baton has now been passed onto Catherine Haslam, who will chair the 12th conference of the Special Interest Group in Neuropsychological Rehabilitation on Daydream Island, Australia.

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