

ISPAD Postgraduate Courses Form 2 (post meeting) Report

IVth ISPAD Postgraduate Course: “CHANGING DIABETES”



ISPAD Facilitated	YES
ISPAD Organized	NO
Date of the Course	20 – 22 April, 2017
Place	Varna, Bulgaria
Local organizer:	Varna Pediatric Endocrine Society (VAPES)

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Objectives of the meeting: This year our educational event was excellent. The Program (attached) was concentrated on diabetes, rare forms of diabetes, and as always, with additional focus on rare diseases. There were 10 speaker, most of them ISPAD and/or ESPE members. They were renowned experts in the field of childhood diabetes and its complications (e.g. Franco Chiarelli), rare forms of diabetes, type 2 diabetes mellitus, everyday care and pump therapy. There were also talks on other rare diseases – bone diseases, DSD and Prader-Willi syndrome. The event attracted 122 registered participants (doctors, nurses, last year medical students with interest in Pediatric Endocrinology). They listened to 6 scientific sessions, 1 oral presentations session of young scientists, 1 MTE session, 1 poster presentation session, and 5 high quality pharma symposia. We did a special effort to attract participants from surrounding countries and Romania, where still Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetology are not recognized as specialties, and adult doctors treat pediatric patients. There was also a lay public lecture that attracted more than 60 participants, predominantly parents and relatives of children with diabetes. Again, the presentations are available to the participants through the VAPES web-site (www.vapesbg.org)

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Anonymous evaluation performed YES

Were the Objectives met?

View of

- Organizers YES
- Participants YES
- ISPAD representative(s) YES

To be repeated YES

Draft Program and list speakers Attached

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Participants	final number		122 /incl. speakers/
Professions:	Healthcare professionals	YES	15 (12.3%)
	Pediatric endocrinologists	YES	53 (43.4%)
	Pediatricians	YES	19 (15.6%)
	Internists	NO	
	Fellows ped endo	YES	9 (7.4%)
	Pediatric fellows	YES	12 (9.8%)
	Graduating students	YES	14 (11.5%)

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Further comments:

The Course and Program were very much appreciated by the participants, especially MTE and young scientists' sessions. The local organizer (VAPES) with the help of educational grants from the industry was able to cover all accommodation costs for the participants and to reduce registration fees to all participants (keep the early rate). A total of 90% of the participants will recommend the next Course (2019) to their colleagues.

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