

Report from the 20th ESO Summer School

The 20th edition of the ESO summer school took place in at the University Hospital La Paz in Madrid on 18 to 22 July 2016

The Local Organizing Committee was composed of Prof Exuperio Díez-Tejedor (Chair), Dr María Alonso de Leciñana and Dr Blanca Fuentes.

The Madrid ESO Summer School drew a total of 122 applications from 28 european and 6 non-european countries. As recommended by the ESO, we aimed to distribute invitations to applicants from a broad range of European countries. We decided to accept a maximum of 50 participants in order to avoid overcrowding and to ensure more direct interaction with professors and to facilitate active participation, specially during the practical lessons. We accept participants from every European country that sent representatives. Unfortunately due to the large amount of applications received we could not accept people from non-european countries. We sought to select those who could demonstrate evidence of a clear interest in stroke medicine in their applications on the basis of their motivation letters and their CV. After a very strict selection process, a total of 49 applications were accepted. At last minute a total 8 participants apologized themselves and were not able to attend the Summer School, thus finally, the total number of attendees was 41: Austria (1), Belgium (1), Bosnia-Herzegovina (1) Estonia (1), Finland (2), France (2), Germany (2), Greece (1), Italy (3), Latvia (2), Macedonia (1), Moldova (1), The Netherlands (2), England (2), Poland (2), Portugal (3), Romania (2), Slovakia (1), Spain (3), Sweden (2), Switzerland (1), United Kingdom (2).

Retirements were from Ukraine (1), Slovenia (1), Azerbaijan (1), Georgia (2), Greece (1), Hungary (1), Slovenia (1), Ukraine (1).

The high numbers of delegates selected from Italy, Portugal and Spain reflected the greater volume of applicants with strong records from these nations.

The Lecture Program was delivered by an outstanding group of lecturers from local and European centres of excellence, with both clinical and academic backgrounds. The lectures covered a wide range of current issues pertinent to both clinicians and researchers in stroke medicine. There were also practical lessons, workshops and hands-on, the attendees enjoyed very much. Our speakers agreed to lecture at the School despite the pressures of personal and professional commitments and we are most grateful to them for their commitment. The names of lecturers can be seen in the program.

We also are grateful to the following sponsors who generously contributed to the realization of the Summer School: Boehringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Compumedics DWL, Daiichi Sankyo, Medtronic, Penumbra and Toshiba

We would like to thank also the continuous support from the ESO Executive Committee and the ESO educational Committee.

We received back evaluation forms from the attendees. The whole event received a very positive evaluation ranging from very good to excellent

We feel honoured to be able to host such an important event as the 20th ESO Stroke Summer School in Madrid, bringing together stroke experts and young physicians from many European countries.

PHOTOS

Opening Ceremony



Workshops









Participants, faculty and LOC



Cultural Event: Bus guided tour and farewell dinner



Closure

