



Dear IPSFers!

In this newsletter we are revealing why this congress will be unique and why we all really look forward to it. Prepare to experience some things never seen on the IPSF Congress before! This applies to educational and social part of the programme for we included something new to both of them. In this Newsletter you can find details about:

- Registration (3rd period & PCT)
- Educational programme (SPE)
- Social programme (Auction & International night)
- Novelties during the congress
- Special announcements

REGISTRATION

The second registration period has ended. Now the congress fee is **550€**. The places are already full but you can still register. We will put you on a waiting list and in case someone cancels the registration, you might get his/her place. The last date to sign-up is 15th July.

It is still not too late for you to apply for the **Post Congress Tour**. It will be an amazing trip across our country and you will visit all our most beautiful sights. Think about it and apply now – it's worth it! But we know you will probably regret that you haven't applied for PCT when you will come to Slovenia because you will only want to see more of it :) So, there will be a possibility to apply also during the first days of the congress. More about PCT you can find in Congress Newsletter no. 2.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

Scientific Poster Exhibition

Scientific Poster Exhibition is a tradition to every IPSF Congress and this year will be no exception. The topic for the poster exhibition at the 56th IPSF Congress is »Gene Therapy: Use or Abuse?«

What is gene therapy?

It is the insertion of genes into an individual's cells and tissues to treat diseases. At the forefront of medicine, this therapy is related with the latest genetic and cell-based research. The topic is of broad term and covers types of gene therapy, vectors in gene therapy, gene therapy products as well as potentials and challenges in gene therapy etc.



What can be presented?

We are giving you some ideas on what to present in this topic, however posters' contents are not limited to these ideas only!!!

You could do some research on the status of gene therapy in your region or country. Is gene therapy commonly used in treatments or it is still in development? How do hospitals plan to adopt it in the following years?

Moreover you could present diseases that can be treated with the use of gene therapy (e.g. types of cancer, diabetes, etc.) or you could focus on ethical and social issues related to genetic and gene therapy.

You can use any source of information, as long as it is viable. But try not to



stick only with magazine articles, books and internet. Do some research - speak to your professor or health care practitioners, contact hospitals, laboratories and community pharmacies and ask about real life scenarios in practicing gene therapy. Last but not least, local/national authorities or local/national organizations may have held surveys that would be helpful to develop an idea for your poster.

What should the poster look like?

The poster should be A/1 size and may be hand-made or printed. It needs to be informative and scientific and the only accepted language for the poster is English. There will also be a short poster presentation to the judges.

You also have to submit an abstract of maximum 150 words in English by 1st July 2010 to programme@ipsf2010.org. The abstracts will be included into the Congress symposia booklet.

Certificates will be presented to participants whose abstracts and posters are accepted and the presenter of the best poster will be awarded during Gala Dinner. Poster presentations will be judged by invited speakers of the Scientific Symposium as well as representatives of the Congress sponsors.

For more information check the SPE call sent out or contact programme@ipsf2010.org

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Auction

We will dedicate one evening to charity and raise funds for Development Fund with the auction. That way we will help our colleagues that could otherwise not afford to be as involved in IPSF and come to the congress.

Each country should have one item to auction off. They should be original, unique, funny ... anything that will sell well :) Don't forget them!



International night

Every country will have a couple of minutes to present itself, so prepare some games, choreographies, songs or anything else that will present you the best. Try to be as innovative and entertaining as you can and we will remember your country's presentation for long time. You will also have a stall available to show and serve us gourmet specialties and exquisite drinks from your country.



NOVELTIES DURING THE CONGRESS

Public Health Campaign

The role of pharmacists is very important when it comes to educating people about prevention and healthy lifestyle. That is why, for the first time, **public health campaign** will be carried out during IPSF Congress. We will set the stands in the streets of Ljubljana and Slovenian coast and distribute informational leaflets to remind people about dangers of HPV virus.



Our main message throughout all the campaign will be: **Get informed, not infected!** Don't miss the chance to join us and participate in the biggest and most international campaign ever!





A day before there will also be Campaign preparation workshop. To better present our congress, IPSF and its internationality, we are kindly asking you to think of some small souvenirs to present your country and to bring them with you to Slovenia in order to give it out during the campaign.

Workshops

The Educational programme team has organized very interesting **workshops** for you. For easier decision which of them will you attend, let us just list some of the titles:

“Pharmacy under question” (PPAC workshop), “Smoking cessation” (Anti-Tobacco workshop), “Diabetes – patient’s view” (Diabetes workshop), “Counterfeit Medicines – an Increasing challenge” (ACDC workshop) and many more.

Symposia

Also this year’s symposia will be held a little differently as usual. They will be more interactive as you will be able to actively participate in the discussion. With special technology everyone will be able to express their opinion about a certain topic at the same time. So, we will quickly see how we are thinking and also what and how much differences there are between us.

Sport Activities

As you might already know, we are also preparing some sport activities for you. These sport events will be held after the day programme and before going to party in the evening. Come prepared and take some comfortable clothes and shoes with you. You can already think of your national teams because there will definitely be football, basketball and volleyball tournaments going on. Or choose a partner for dancing lessons :)



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

From IPSF Exec

To all potential future Exec/enthusias that want to continue their way in IPSF as members of Exec - please stay in Slovenia at least one more day after the Congress will finish.

From RC

If your arrival is one day before the start of the Congress and you want us to arrange accommodation for you, please contact the Registration team - registration@ipsf2010.org.

More information on:
<http://www.ipsf2010.org/>

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