

The XX Congress of European Rhinologic Society (ERS) and XXIII International Symposium of Immunologic and Allergic Diseases of the Nose (ISIAN)

Venue: Istanbul, Turkey. Date: 18-25 June 2004

The 20th ERS and 23rd ISIAN Congress (Rhinostanbul) was held between 18-25 of June, 2004 in İstanbul. In the emblem and the logo of the Congress "Rhinostanbul" the multicultural structure of the city is given as the silhouette of the minarets and the cross. The blue colors represent the Bosphorus whereas the orange colour represents sunset behind the minarets and churches.

The Opening Ceremony in Hagia Eirene Church was followed by the Presidential Reception at the Archaeological Museum in the Topkapı Palace. The church was decorated with candles and the walls were lit with the colours of Rhinostanbul for the opening ceremony. Metin Önerci welcomed all the guests and thanked the Ministry of Culture for giving permission to have the opening ceremony in this unique building. He stressed the importance of this meeting as the XLth (40th) anniversary of the ERS. He said Istanbul was the right choice for this 40th anniversary of ERS at the meeting point of Asia and Europe and looked forward to bigger meetings in the future. Gerhard Rettinger and David Kennedy gave talks on behalf of the ERS and ISIAN and Bert Huizing made a 20 minute speech on "ERS, Why do we need this Society". Yücel Tanyeri, professor in otorhinolaryngology and artist who created the Rhinostanbul logo, made a short presentation on "Nasal Traumas in Anatolian Statues" and the opening ceremony ended with a piano concert of Tuluyhan Uğurlu, a well known pianist in Turkey. The theme of the piano concert was "the Holy Temples of the East" and was illustrated with a slide show.

After the opening ceremony the presidential reception was held in the antiquities garden of the Archaeological Museum decorated by light shows.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The Congress was held at the Swissotel Convention Center on the Bosphorus just above the Dolmabahçe Palace. The conference included pregress courses, the Congress itself and a post congress septorhinoplasty course.

PRECONGRESS COURSES

These were organized on three themes: otorhinolaryngologic allergy, endoscopic sinus surgery, and rhinoplasty.

The first two day course was on Otolaryngologic Allergy given by the American Academy of Otolaryngologic Allergy. On



Figure 1. The Congress venue at the Swissotel Convention Center on the Bosphorus just above the Dolmabahçe Palace.

Saturday, June 19, 2004 in addition to the continuing ORL Allergy Course there were 4 more courses. Two of them were given by Heinz Stammberger and Wolfgang Draf with cadaver dissection in morning and afternoon sessions on "Endonasal sinus surgery". The other courses were on Rhinoplasty. In the morning the first course was given by Pietro Palma on "Common Problems in Rhinoplasty, how to combine safety and efficacy". In the afternoon the Course was given by Tom Wang on "Finesse in Rhinoplasty".

On Sunday June 20, 2004, "Everything you always wanted to know about allergic rhinitis" was covered by Wytse Fokkens, Glenis Scadding, Claus Bachert and Herbert Riechelmann. The endoscopic sinus surgery courses were given by Paolo Castelnuovo on "Advanced endoscopic sinus surgery" in the morning and Ranko Mladina on "Endoscopic Sinus Surgery-How to avoid complications" in the afternoon. The rhinoplasty courses were given by Danniell Simmen and Nick Jones "Reconstructive Rhinoplasty Techniques" in the morning and by Ted Cook "Rhinoplasty-Functional and aesthetic surgery" in the afternoon.

THE CONGRESS

The first day started with the Plenary session moderated by Heinz Stammberger and mediated by Valerie Lund. The topic was "CRS and Polyposis: Staph aureus meets fungus". The speakers were Claus Bachert and Jens Ponikau. For one and half an hour they hotly debated various aspects of the underly-

ing mechanism of CRS and nasal polyposis with Valerie Lund at the ready with her first aid bag. The keynote speaker, Valerie Lund talked on “ESS-Past, Present and Future” after which the miniseminars and panels started. These included panels on “Endoscopic Sinus Surgery Failures : What to do next” moderated by Roger Jankowski, “ Surgery for benign tumours of the nose” moderated by Manuel Bernal Sprekelsen, “ Malignancies of the anterior and central skull base - Endonasal or external approach?” moderated by Wolfgang Draf, “Current concepts in diagnosis and treatment of anterior skull base dura lesions” moderated by Aldo Stamm and Yücel Anadolu, “Something I have learned to do and not to do in the last 5 years in ESS” by Heinz Stammberger, “CRS and endoscopic sinus surgery in children” by Andrey Lopatin, “Outcome and postoperative care for endoscopic sinus surgery for sinusitis” moderated by Valerie Lund, and “The future of navigation systems” moderated by Wolf Mann. The day ended with miniseminars.

The second day was devoted for the first time to ISIAN and thus concentrated on allergic and inflammatory diseases of the nose. Desiderio Passali moderated the plenary session on “Recurrent diffuse nasal polyposis, solutions apart from surgery” and the Keynote speaker was David Kennedy on “ESS:where have we come and where is it going”. The panels were “Recent and future treatment of allergic rhinitis” moderated by Wytske Fokkens, “Assessment and medical management of sleep apnea” moderated by Henrik Malmberg and Philippe Rombaux, “Complications and their management in ESS” moderated by Hiroshi Moriyama, “Immunotherapy vs medical therapy” moderated by Claus Bachert, “OSAS Surgery, What is new in 2004?” moderated by Bernard Bertrand, “Electronic nose” moderated by David Kennedy, “The surgeons view on olfaction” moderated by Daniel Simmen and “Mucosal immunity its clinical application for future goals for inflammatory diseases such as rhinitis and allergy” moderated by Hediaku Kawauchi.



Figure 2. Professor Metin Önerci receives the ISIAN medal from Professor Yang-Gi Min during the Gala Banquet.

The third day concentrated on functional and aesthetic surgery of the nose beginning with the plenary session on “Pitfalls on Rhinoplasty” moderated by Gilbert Nolst-Trenité. The keynote speaker of the day was Gerhard Rettinger with the title of “Inventory of old concepts in septorhinoplasty” and the panels covered “Something I have learned to do and not to do in the last 5 years in Rhinoplasty” moderated by Ted Cook, “Trauma to the growing nose” moderated by Herbert Riechelmann “Facial Pain” moderated by Nick Jones, “Progress in tissue engineering” moderated by Archana Vats, “Turbinate surgery” moderated by Ranko Mladina, “Mistakes in aesthetic rhinoplasty and medicolegal consequences” moderated by Gerhard Rettinger, “Use of non-biological material in nasal and sinus surgery” moderated by Adrian van Olphen, and “Nasal valve surgery” moderated by Koen Ingels. The day ended with the General Assembly of the ERS.

THE GALA DINNER AT THE ÇIRAĞAN PALACE



Figure 3. Professor Metin Önerci receives the ERS medal from Professor Gerhard Rettinger.

The last night was a fabulous experience. The exquisite dinner was served at the reception hall of the palace decorated with candles and special fabric in the colours of Rhinostanbul, orange, blue, and yellow. Gerhard Rettinger presented the best poster prizes to Dr. Young-Dae Kim from South Korea (first prize) and Dr. Yasar Çokkeser from Turkey (second prize). After thanking the ex-officials of ERS, the traditional passing of the presidential medal ceremony started. Gerhard Rettinger passed the ERS medal to Metin Önerci who also received the ISIAN medal from Yang-Gi Min. The guests danced and enjoyed the rest of the evening to carry the happy memories with them to different parts of the world.

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