National Society Meetings

14 national membership societies are affiliated to EACR, giving their members free EACR membership. We are pleased to highlight some of our affiliated national societies’ meetings from the past year.

Portuguese Association for Cancer Research (ASPIC) Conference on The Public Benefit of Cancer Research

The meeting took place in two locations over two days in November 2013: Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, in Lisbon, and Fundação Eng. António de Almeida, in Porto.

The first invited keynote speaker, Nic Jones (UK), gave a talk on “The Joint 34th EORTC-PAMM – BACR Winter Meeting

Cardiff, Wales, UK, 23 - 26 January 2013

The 34th annual meeting was held at the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff, in collaboration with the British Association for Cancer Research (BACR). The organisers were delighted that EACR agreed to support the meeting, and sponsor a prize for the best poster by a young investigator amongst the 40 on display during the conference.

Around 120 delegates participated in the conference, alongside speakers and exhibitors. The conference began on the evening of Wednesday 23rd January 2013 with a welcome reception in the National Museum art galleries.

The second full day of the conference concluded with the traditional conference football match, and delegates then enjoyed the conference dinner and disco held at Cardiff Castle. The morning of Saturday 26th January was given over to presentations by young investigators selected from submitted abstracts, and this highly successful conference concluded with the award of prizes for the best young investigator presentations and award of the EACR Poster Prize to Shridhivya Amarr (National University of Singapore).

The second keynote speaker, Julio Celis (Denmark), gave a talk on “European Cancer Research: Shaping the future through solid science and strategic partnerships”.

Both in Lisbon and in Porto institutional representatives and the scientific community participated in the discussion on the relevant issue of public awareness and support for cancer research sustained activities. Feedback from attendees was supportive of ASPIC activity on promoting policy meetings in addition to the biennial scientific congresses.

55th Annual Meeting of the Italian Cancer Society: “Welcome to the South: Understanding onc-OMICS for patient-tailored cancer therapy”

Catanzaro, Italy, 23 - 26 September 2013

About 400 people attended the meeting that comprised symposia, lectures, oral presentation sessions and poster discussions, covering several exciting topics in basic and translational cancer research. The opening lecture was given by Daniel Peeper (Amsterdam, The Netherlands) on the role of the PI3K pathway in melanoma while the closing lecture was given by John Quackenbush (Boston, USA), who focussed on algorithms to integrate gene expression and sequence data to infer Gene Regulatory Networks from large-scale genomics datasets. A traditional SIC event was the “Giorgio Prodi” memorial lecture that was awarded to Massimo Santoro (Naples, Italy). With his lecture, he extensively revisited about 20 years of research on the role of the RET proto-oncogene in thyroid cancer, reviewing data from its discovery to the first inhibitors used in clinical trials.

The poster from Marta Di Martile (Rome) was awarded the EACR Poster Prize for the best poster.