The XIIIth International Congress of Pediatric Laboratory Medicine (ICPLM)

The XIIIth International Congress of Pediatric Laboratory Medicine (ICPLM) took place in Istanbul, Turkey, June 20-22nd, 2014, and drew more than 200 registered participants from over 40 different countries. The Congress, a satellite meeting that preceded the IFCC WorldLab, took place at the same venue. Four Plenary Lectures and twelve Symposia offered more than 30 speakers, and presentations were well acclaimed. The symposia on nutrition, cancer, reference intervals, and panel discussion included speakers from McMaster University and Hospital for Sick Children. Our own CSCC members in attendance as speakers and/or organizers included: Andrew Don-Wauchope, Joseph Macri, Li Wang, Khosrow Adeli, Vijaylaxmi Grey (chair of the congress). Additionally, more than 50 scientific posters were exhibited across the spectrum of pediatric laboratory medicine. Li Wang (BC Children’s hospital) was one of 2 poster award winners. Jakob Zierk of Germany was the second winner.

Under the dynamic leadership of the IFCC Task Force of Pediatric Laboratory Medicine, Chair Vijay Grey (Canada), Past Chair Klaus Kohse (Germany), Vice-Chair Michael Metz (Australia), and members Tim Lang (UK), Patti Jones (USA), Sharon Geaghan (USA), the ICPLM raised enough monies from both sponsorship and registration fees, to make this a financially successful Congress. The CSCC was generous not only in its sponsorship support but also the publication of the proceedings of the congress in Clinical Biochemistry. We thank Pete Kavsak and the editorial staff of Clinical Biochemistry for their efforts. Other national societies also contributed monies towards speakers. If you weren’t fortunate enough to attend, the short papers proffered are to be found in a special edition of Clinical Biochemistry (Volume 47, Issue 9, Pages 691-864 (June 2014) http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/00099120 ) devoted to the XIIIth International Congress of Paediatric Laboratory Medicine, thanks to the work of Guest Editors, Vijaylaxmi Grey and Klaus P. Kohse, Tim Lang and Michael Metz.

The XIVth ICPLM will be held in Durban, South Africa, October 2017. Do plan to be there, the preparation has already begun. Pediatric Laboratory medicine is more than about little adults!

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