

The Conference of Interns in Pneumology 2014 - A breath of fresh air for Romanian Pneumology -

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Already at its fourth edition, the Conference of Resident Physicians in Pneumology represents an opportunity for future specialists in pneumology to discover the secrets of their career progress. The Conference was organized by the Romanian Society of Pneumology, with the generous support from GSK pharmaceutical company. There were 33 residents from 7 different pneumology centers. All young doctors had an active participation, presenting clinical cases from their personal and clinical experience. The simple fact that this conference is at its fourth edition demonstrates tradition and continuity, which have been built up over the years. Furthermore, the example of the Romanian Society of Pneumology is now followed by other societies that started to organize similar conferences for junior doctors. Over time we searched for the right structure for this type of meeting. We started with a combination between theoretical presentations and case discussions. However, at junior doctors's request, the strategy was changed. So, for the first time, this year there were no more pure theoretical presentations.

The conference took place between 19-20 December in Sibiu and started with 4 practical workshops led by several senior physicians: pressure therapy (CPAP and VNI) with Dr. Oana Deleanu and Ivana Sundov, spirometry with Dr. Roxana Nemeș, inhalers- dr Anca Macri, how to write a scientific article with Dr. Irina Strâmbu. The workshops were stimulating and were focused only on practical aspects. Then, as in every year, all 33 participating junior doctors were actively involved in the meeting with presentations. They presented extremely interesting and very difficult clinical cases, revealing in this way their enthusiasm

for knowledge. The junior doctors were encouraged to present their medical experience in an interactive way, which favored an exchange of ideas and a dynamic debate. Different themes were covered with the presentations during the meeting, such as: pulmonary and extra-pulmonary tuberculosis with its complications, systemic disease and their lung determination, or proliferative diseases.

At the conference there were also junior doctors from the Republic of Moldova; they were thrilled with the possibility to exchange ideas with the Romanian doctors. Thus, the presence of five junior doctors from the other side of the Prut river allowed all of us to compare the two educational systems, each one with its own advantages and disadvantages. But this was not the only "first" at our conference. Unlike previous years, when only a few prizes were given, this year all junior doctors earned a prize. All enriched their knowledge, which we hope will be useful in their future career. This conference is therefore a further evidence that the Romanian Society of Pneumology is actively involved in training new generations of pneumologists. This was the main reason why we started this project four years ago and we demonstrated now once again that we could do it at the highest standards. In addition to the clinical experience gained during hospital shifts, with these types of meetings, the junior doctors now have the possibility to learn how to progress in their career, how to present clinical cases or clinical studies. Mainly, our aim was to exchange ideas and exchange experiences, because in medicine progress means constant updating with information, and we think we achieved this aim. ■

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