

Tel Aviv, Israel

Highlights from EUROSON 2014

This year's EUROSON was held in Tel Aviv from 26 to 28 of May at the David Intercontinental Hotel close to the oceanfront in Tel Aviv. The organisers had made a varied program with leading experts within several fields, and many sessions were occupied to the last chair. Some of the highlights are covered below.

The Hans Henrik Holm lecture was introduced at EUROSON 2003 in Copenhagen in honour of Professor Holm, who was one of the pioneers in interventional ultrasound. Dr. Torben Larsen (DK), who covered interesting topics on obstetrical ultrasound – possibilities and responsibility, held this year's lecture. In the same session Dr. Christian Jenssen (DE) held the DEGUM-lecture entitled "Cystic pancreatic lesions: the role of EUS".

A combined session between the European Society of Radiology and EFSUMB was a repetition of a similar session at the European Congress of Radiology this year. The joint session between the 2 societies was introduced in 2013. A highlight from this year's session was the presentation of results from dynamic contrast enhanced ultrasound in tumours compared with CT, MRI and PET/CT, by Dr. Nathalie Lassau (FR).

Prof. Dieter Nürnberg (DE) and Dr. Peteris Prieditis (LV) covering bowel ultrasound and thyroid ultrasound respectively, held the WFUMB and EUROSON lectures this year.

Another interesting and well-visited session was the EFSUMB joint session between the Publication Education and Safety Committees about elastography. The session included live-demonstration of thyroid ultrasound including elastography and also theoretical aspects from safety to applications in the liver and breast.

72 electronic posters were displayed in the exhibition area, and the winner of the prize for the best poster was Gordana Ivanac (HR) with the poster: "Elastographic E-values of benign and malignant breast lesions and surrounding tissue". Several other interesting posters were presented, making the competition close.

The Young Investigator's session was also a very interesting session, where new research around Europe was covered. This year 8 shooting stars joined the competition for the 1000 € prize and the title „Young Investigator 2014“. Ass. Prof. Vito Cantisani (IT) and Prof. Odd Helge Gilja (NO) were chairmen of the sessions, and the presentations were judged in terms of relevance, comprehensibility, study design and performance.

Maarten Kuenen (NL) won the competition and the 1000 € prize for his presentation entitled "Contrast ultrasound dispersion imaging for prostate cancer localisation: comparison between imaging and histopathology". David Kenwright (UK) was second and Natalia Buda (PL) third.

The prizes for the Young Investigator competition and the poster competition were presented at the congress dinner held on Tuesday 27 of May. The congress dinner took place at the Tel Aviv port, and started with aperitifs being served on a beach terrace overlooking the sun set on the Mediterranean Sea. As the evening progressed, speeches were given by EFSUMB-President Prof. Christoph F. Dietrich (DE) and Congress President Prof. Diana Gaitini (IL) and afterwards entertainment was abundant with both traditional Israeli dancing and singing.

Apart from the scientific program it was possible to participate in guided tours to Jerusalem and other parts of Israel.



Prof. Andreas Schuler scanning Dr. Maija Radzina.



From the left, Prof. Dietrich, Maarten Kuenen (YI winner), David Kenwright, Natalia Buda and Prof. Gilja.



A presentation to Diana Gaitini for her successful Congress organisation.

We thank the organizers for a very interesting congress in the fascinating country of Israel.

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