

Report of MTS 2011 Congress - Scientific Programme

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Brief summary:

By and large, the format of the scientific programme did not change much compared to that of the previous years. However, the concurrent sessions had been expanded to accommodate the inclusion of more topics and wider coverage in respiratory medicine. The table below shows the summary of the sessions:

	Sessions	Numbers
1	Lectures	5 plenary lectures
2	Concurrent symposia	5 (13 lectures)
3	Debate	1
4	oral scientific presentation	2 sessions (5 papers presented for each session)
5	poster presentation	2 sessions (31 posters presented)
6	Satellite lunch symposium	3
	Satellite dinner symposium	3
	Clinical grand round	2 (adult and paediatric sessions), 3 cases each.

A faculty of speakers consisted of eminent foreign (9) and local (32) experts partook in the event. It was attended by 317 delegates - majority come from within the country and a few from overseas countries.

Oral and poster presentations:

There were 41 abstracts received this year - a slight increment from last annual congress submission (38). All of the them were accepted for either oral (10) or poster (31) presentation. This year we have expanded the oral presentation session to 2 slots as a move to encourage and sharpen up the oration skill of the participants.

The prizes for oral and poster presentations have also been increased compare to those of the previous years. They are as follows:

	Oral presentation 1	Oral presentation 2
1	1st RM 1500	1st RM 1500
2	2nd RM 1000	2nd RM 1000
3	3rd RM 750	3rd RM 750

Poster presentation 1 & 2 (best 5, in no particular order)	RM 500 each
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The winners were announced during Gala Dinner and the prizes were presented by HRH Sultan of Selangor

The following are the winners for the oral and poster presentation sessions:

Oral scientific presentation 1:

- **1st prize:** *Beni Isman Rusani, Fauzi Md Anshar, Norzailin Abu Bakar, Shamsul Azhar Shah, Nor Aini Umar, Roslina Abdul Manap*
 - Title: Procalcitonin-Aided Antibiotic Therapy Management In Hospital-Acquired Pneumonia And Healthcare-Associated Pneumonia: A Randomised Controlled Trial.
- **2nd prize:** *Tg Fatimah Murniwati bt Tengku Muda, Shaharudin bin Abdullah, Zul Izhar bin Mohd Ismail, Safiya @ Thin Thin Win*
 - Title: The Effects Of Honey On The Inflammatory Process Of The Respiratory Tract Of Cigarette Smoke-Exposed Male Rats
- **3rd prize:** *Nur Shukriyah Mohamad Hazir, Pang Jyh Chyang, Isa Rose, Roslina Abdul Manap, Fauzi Md Anshar, Nor Adina Ahmad Tajudin, Andrea Ban Yu-Lin, Roslan Harun*
 - Title: DREV1 Silencing Promotes Cell Proliferation and Invasion in Lung Adenocarcinoma

Oral scientific presentation 2:

- **1st prize:** *Norzila Mohamed Zainudin, Norrashidah Abd Wahab, Rus Anida Awang, Hasniah Abdul Latif, Asiah Kassim, Ahmad Fadzil Abdullah, Jamalludin Ab Rahman, Ramli Zainal, Samsinah Hussain*
 - Title: Prevalence And Risk Factors Of Sleep Disordered Breathing Symptoms In Primary School Children In Malaysia

- **2nd prize:** *Nurhuda Ismail, Awang Bulgiba Awang Mahmud, Nicolaas J D. Nagelkerke, Omar Awang, Jiloris F Dony, Suzana Mohd Hashim*
 - Title: Assessing Impact On Tuberculosis Interventions In Malaysia: A Mathematical Modelling Application For Outbreak And Control

- **Joint 3rd prize:** *Ooi Shin Yin, Pang Yong Kek, Chua Keong Tiong, Liam Chong Kin, Lee Chee Hong, Lim Boon Khaw and Lai Nai Lang*
 - Title: Correlation Between GINA-defined asthma Control, Asthma Control Test and Lung Function Tests

- **Joint 3rd prize:** *Hazman Jalil, Alia Suzana Asri, Huan Kai Poh, Ng Sock Wen, Ramlah Mohamad Kutty, Roslina Abdul Manap*
 - Title: Health-Related Quality Of Life Among COPD Patients In Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Medical Center (UKMMC) Using New Assessment Tool - COPD Assessment Test (CAT™)

Poster Scientific Presentation (best 5):

1. *Alex Leow Hwong Ruey, Liam Chong Kin, Pang Yong Kek, Chua Keong Tiong, Lim Boon Khaw, Lee Chee Hong, Lai Nai Lang, P Jayalakshimi, Pathmanathan R*
 - Title: Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Mutations in Malaysian Patients with Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

2. *Azahirafairud bt Abdul Rahim, Syed Mohamed Aljunid, Saperi Sulung, Aniza Ismail, Roslan Harun, Andrea Ban Yu Lin*
 - Title: UKMMC Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Clinical Pathway; Development, Implementation And Effectiveness For In-Patient Management

3. *Izzurina Bashah, Anna Marie Nathan, Jessie A de Bruyne*

- Title: Prevalence Of Snoring And Obstructive Sleep Apnoea In Overweight Children In A Tertiary Hospital

4. *Chua Keong Tiong, Pang Yong Kek, Lim Boon Khaw, Lee Chee Hong, Lai Nai Lang, Liam Chong Kin*

- Title: Effect Of Body Mass Index (BMI) On Asthma Control And Treatment

5. *Nur Syazmin bt Seis, Mohd habib Mustafa b Mohamad, Raja Nor Intan Safinaz bt Raja Mat Yassin, Muhammad Khair b Mohamad Yunus, Siti Nor Zafran bt Madrisan, Justin Gnanou, Brinnell Caszo*

- Title: Perception, Knowledge And Attitude Of Secondary School Students In Shah Alam, Selangor Towards Tobacco Smoking

The prizes were sponsored by Lung Foundation of Malaysia (LFM). We would like to thank LFM for this gesture.

Following the Congress, we have conducted an online survey to gather the feedback of the delegates/speakers on the event. Out of 183 survey forms sent, there were 43 who replied. The following sections elucidate the feedback received:

Feedback on Scientific sessions:

Overall, the vast majority of those replied were satisfied with the scientific sessions and they thought the topics were well selected and comprehensive. The following are some of their comments:

- “The topics are appropriate for daily practice at primary and secondary health care levels”.
- “I feel that COPD management and sleep disorder symposium were very useful”
- “I also gained a lot from opportunistic lung infection in HIV lecture”.
- “Good line-up. Not too much to swallow in a day”.
- “I like the "debate" session.....”

Nonetheless, there were some shortcomings highlighted - some of these are quoted below:

- “Some speakers tend to rush through the lectures. I suggest speakers to provide handouts for participants if they have have so much to present, rather than skipping through the slides when they realized that time has run out”
- Speakers should be selected based on their personal experience in managing the problems, .e.g. for the air travel symposium, the organiser could have looked for someone in the aviation industry.
- “Some speakers were monotonous in their lecture. This made the lecture content less interesting”.

- "The poster sessions should be given more prominence and possibly a poster presentation session should be held in one of the congress rooms with each poster author being given two minutes to speak on their poster and the judges could simply be in the audience".
- "I think it may be worth having some question time for plenary sessions".
- "Less wording more action kinda presentation and more interactive sessions"

Other comments:

- "There was a good spread of pharma booths which was good - one stop centre for information"
- "Need more buffet tables during tea breaks, can eat faster....better to spread out the booths as it was a bit cramped, maybe use 2 floors? otherwise good congress and my congratulations and thanks to the committee for an excellent job"
- "Reduce the registration fees and encourage more non-pharma sponsored attendees. Find a venue that is cheaper so that cost can be saved to benefit more attendees.
- "Weekend programme should start a bit later i.e 9am since not many participants at 8.30 am"
- "The food served during teabreaks somehow were always disproportionate with the number of participants. It ran out really quickly, and the refilling was very slow. This is not an acceptable conduct by a 5-star hotel, there should be continuous flow. The lunch and gala dinner was ok."
- It is always convenient to have conventions in KL (as it is closer to a lot of participants), but I find that the attendance is quite poor esp. on the Sunday. I would suggest to have it out of KL, whereby participants will be staying at the venue where the convention is being held, as opposed to when it is held in KL, everybody just goes home and stays at home.

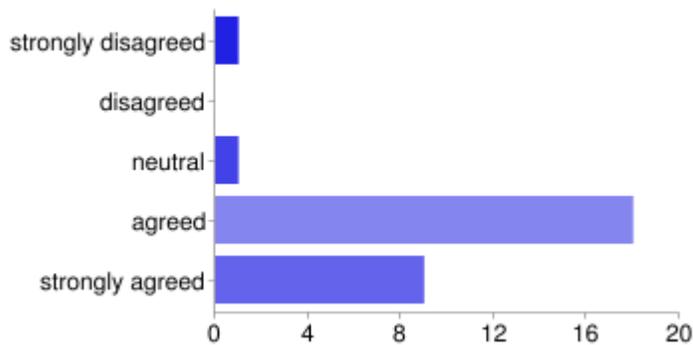
Topics suggested for future congresses

- Smoking cessation programmes and success stories
- Some science based topics, e.g.
 - update on genetics and lung disease
 - update on our understanding of lung fibrosis and repair
- Fungal lung diseases
- Acute emergencies in chest medicine.
- More topics on sleep disorders, such as insomnia and parasomnia,
- Non-invasive ventilation in chronic lung diseases (beside OSA).
- Common procedures in chest medicine e.g. insertion of chest drain, performing ABG, performing pleural biopsy etc.
- Managing ventilated patients in ICU.
- Revision course for the fellows in year one and two, to prepare them for the exit viva.
- MRCP Part1/2a respiratory course (half day)"
- Nursing topics
- Travel vaccinations.

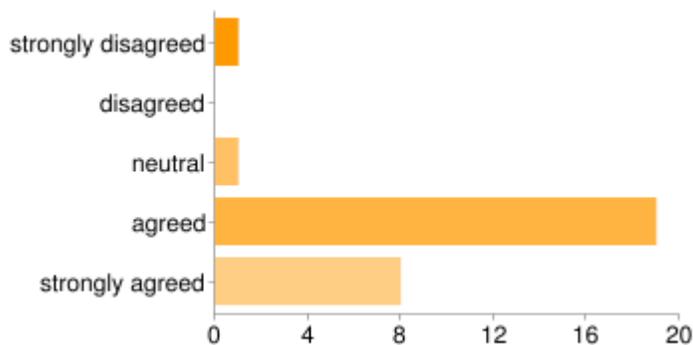
- Respiratory issues of divers.
- Drugs and the lung (Adverse reactions/Over doses)
- Update on carcinoma of lung
- OSA update in Malaysia
- More topics for respiratory technicians, especially lung function testing and sleep polysomnography
- Advanced lung function tests.
- Indications of long term oxygen therapy
- Sessions on inhaler education.
- Management of pneumothorax, especially those with recurrence.
- Some updates on fixed combination anti-TB drugs.

Feedback depicted on graphs

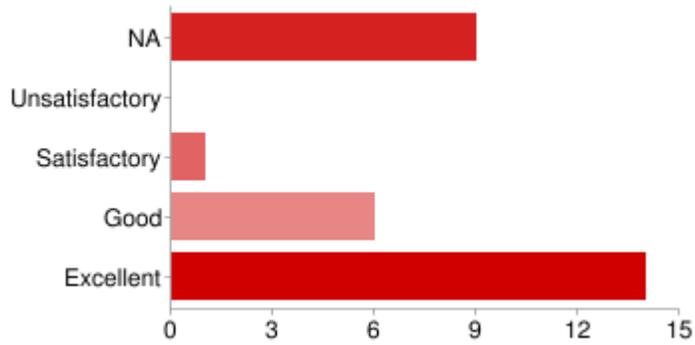
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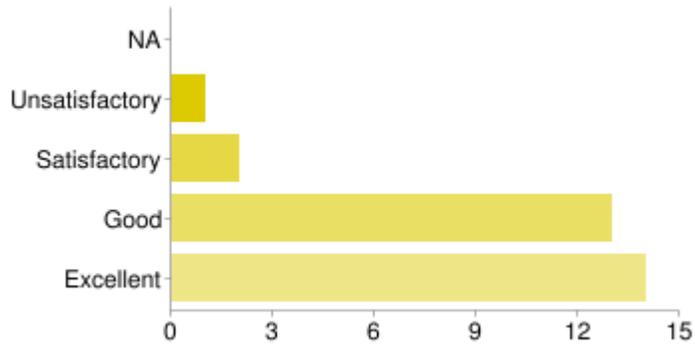
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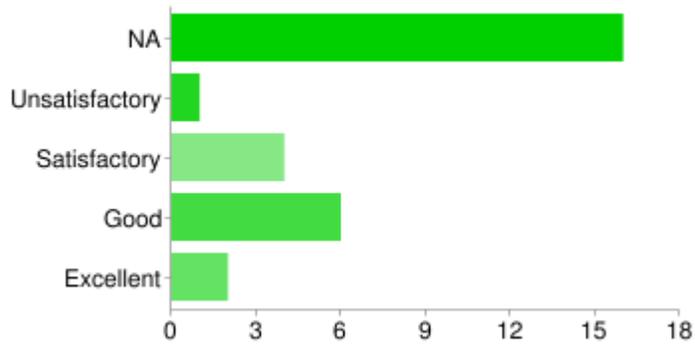
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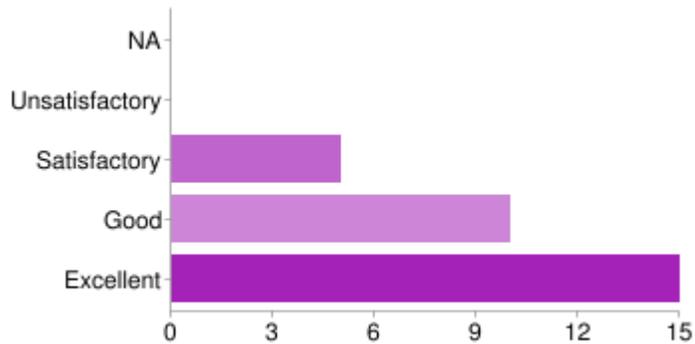
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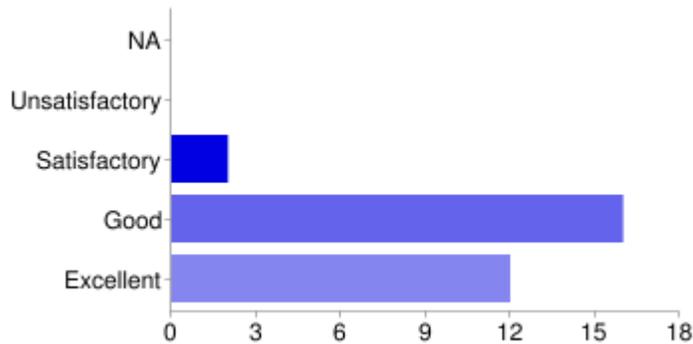
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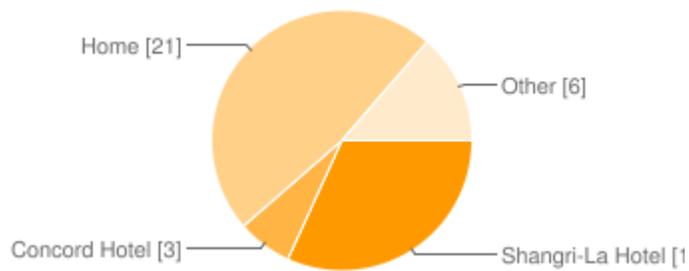
2d. Please indicate the levels of satisfaction of the facilities below - Congress halls



2e. Please indicate the levels of satisfaction of the facilities below - Audio-visual system

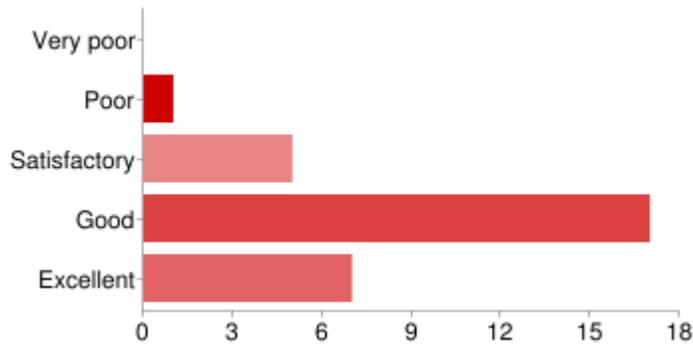


3. Please let us know your accommodation during the congress

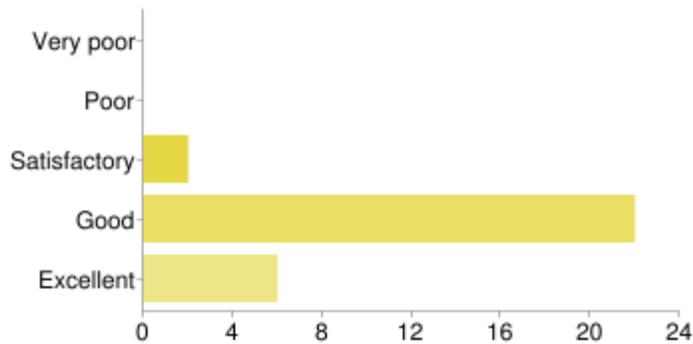


Shangri-La Hotel	14	32%
Concord Hotel	3	7%
Home	21	48%
Other	6	14%

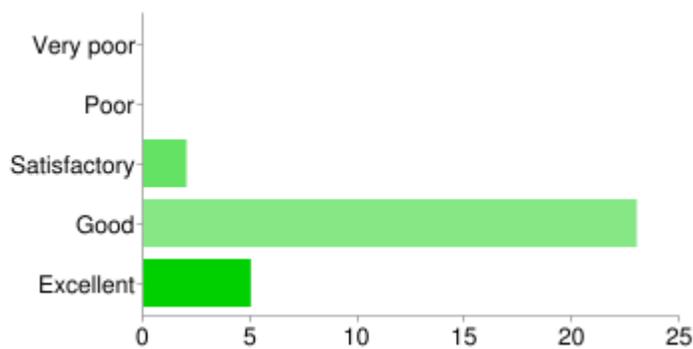
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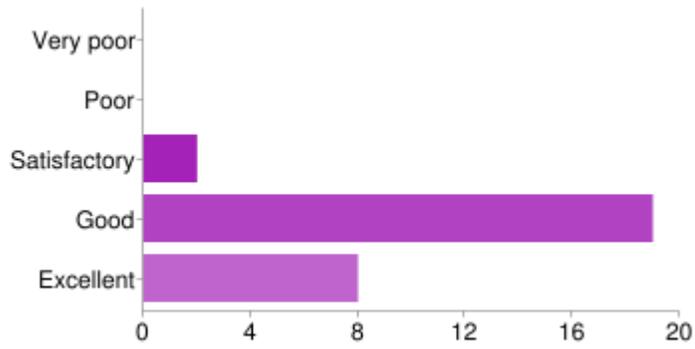
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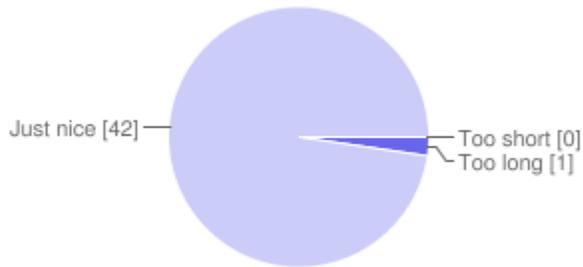
4b. What do you think of the levels of performance of the organising committee in terms of the following fields? - Willingness to act on feedback



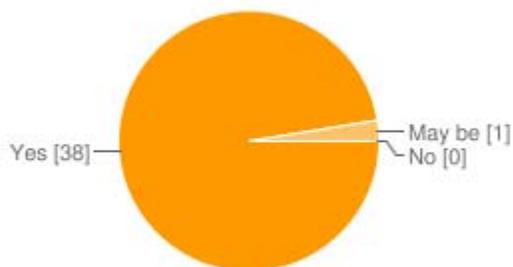
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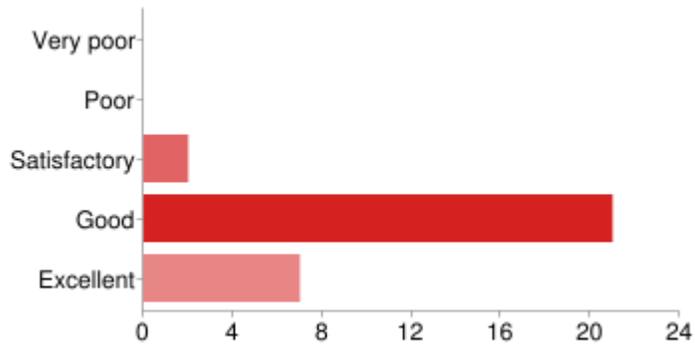
5. Duration of the Congress?



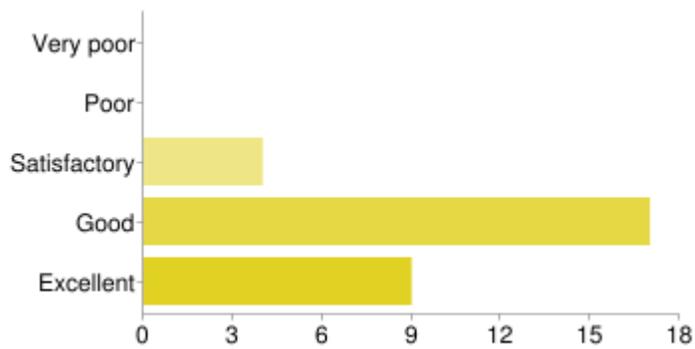
6. Would you recommend this Congress to others in future?



7a. What do you think of the choices of topics for the scientific sessions? – Lectures



7b. What do you think of the choices of topics for the scientific sessions? – Symposia



End of report. Thank you for reading.