

Report on Malaysian Thoracic Society (MTS) Annual Congress 2017
20th – 23rd July 2017
Sunway Putra Hotel

The Annual Congress was held in Sunway Putra Hotel from 20th to 23rd July 2017 and was co-organised with the Lung Foundation Malaysia (LFM). The Organising committee was headed by Dr. Nurhayati Mohd Marzuki. The Scientific Committee was co-chaired by Dr Helmy Haja Mydin, Dr Asiah Kassim and Assoc Prof Dr Surendran Thavagnanam. A total of 484 delegates registered for the congress.

In collaboration with the Pulmonary Vascular Research Institute, MTS held the congress workshop On Acute Pulmonary Embolism to Chronic Thromboembolic Pulmonary Hypertension: State of The Art Management on 20th July 2017. 70 delegates attended the workshop.

The main congress comprised 3 plenary lectures and 18 symposia covering a wide spectrum of respiratory diseases in adults and children. The faculty of speakers consisted of eminent local and overseas experts. The total number of lectures within the 18 symposia was 54. In addition, there were 10 symposia sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry. The Multidisciplinary Case Discussions were held on the second day afternoon, and voting was done via a voting app. There were 2 early morning or sunrise sessions. A forum on patient advocacy titled The Role of Clinicians in Patients Advocacy was held on the last day.

There were 5 oral paper presentations, 39 poster presentations on scientific papers and 54 poster presentations on case reports. The presentations were done on the second day of the congress. All 5 oral presenters were awarded prizes while the best 6 posters for scientific papers and best-case report were also awarded prizes which were announced during the Gala Dinner. Five consolation book prizes were awarded to case report presenters.

The pharmaceutical and equipment companies were invited to become platinum, gold, silver and pewter partners. A total of 28 companies provided sponsorship. Altogether there were 39 exhibition booths, 1 hospitality suite and 2 display tables. LFM had a display table to sell souvenirs and collect donations, which was shared with Asthma Malaysia.

The Gala Dinner was held on Saturday evening. It was attended by Organising Committee members, members of the Board of Trustees of LFM, past presidents, speakers and delegates. The evening was themed “The Great Gatsby.” Entertainment was provided in the form of music by a local band. Asthma Malaysia and LFM coffee table book were launched during the GALA dinner.