

Report on Malaysian Thoracic Society (MTS) Annual Congress 2018
12th – 15th July 2018
Zenith Hotel, Kuantan

The annual congress was held at the Zenith Hotel, Kuantan. A total of 484 delegates from all over Malaysia attended the congress. The Organising chair was Dr How Soon Hin and the Scientific Committee was co-chaired by Dr. Aishah Ibrahim and Dato' Dr Ahmad Fadzil Abdullah.

The three Congress workshops held on 12th July 2018 and were well attended by over 100 participants. The workshop topics were Interstitial Lung Disease, Respiratory Infections and The Difficult Paediatric Airway.

The main congress comprised 4 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. Another 9 symposia were sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry. In addition, there were Multidisciplinary Case Discussions for paediatric and adult respiratory medicine, and two sunrise sessions.

There were 5 oral paper presentations, 40 poster presentations on scientific papers and 34 poster presentation on case reports. The presentations were done on the second day of the congress. All 5 oral presenters were awarded prizes while the best 8 posters for scientific papers and best 3 case reports were also awarded prizes which were announced during the Gala Dinner.

The Annual General Meeting of the MTS was held on Friday evening 13th July 2018. The pharmaceutical and equipment companies were invited to become platinum, gold, and silver partners. A total of 27 companies provided sponsorship. Altogether there were 46 exhibition booths, 1 hospitality suite and 2 display tables.

The Gala Dinner was held on Saturday evening. It was attended by Organising Committee members, past presidents, speakers and delegates. Entertainment was provided in the form of music by a local band. The President of MTS gave the welcome speech.