

Scientific and Educational Round-Up

Berlin Congress Scientific Programme

The Scientific Programme Committee met in Venice on February 7, 2008, to finalise the Symposia lectures for the 2008 Congress in Berlin. After the success last year, lunchtime sessions and Clinical Trial proposals will once again feature in the Scientific Programme. The deadline for submissions is April 10, 2008. The official submission form can be downloaded from:

www.ersnet.org/ClinicalTrial

As usual the Programme Committee reserves the right to change, merge or modify the proposals received. Some topics which are not selected for Berlin might be used for future congresses.

Fellowships

At the Executive Committee meeting in Venice, the Scientific Committee awarded seven new short-term fellowships to:

- J. Soliz (Switzerland)
- S. Cerri (Italy)
- G. Feketea (Greece)
- K. Y. Vermaelen (Belgium)
- M. Encheva (Bulgaria)
- B. Zaric (Serbia)
- M. Bezzi (Italy)

The next deadline for short-term fellowship applications is April 1, 2008. For more information about

the fellowship funding programmes please visit the ERS website:

www.ersnet.org/fellowships

The deadline for long-term fellowship applications was January 15, 2007. Approximately 30 applications were received. Each application will be peer-reviewed. If you are requested to review one or several applications please respond promptly. Your input is essential in selecting the best applications and in making sure ERS funds are used to support excellent research and training projects. The Scientific Committee will meet in Zurich on April 25, 2008, to discuss the applications and select the awardees. Candidates will be notified by the middle of May.

Research Seminars

A Seminar on "Pulmonary circulation: scleroderma-related pulmonary arterial hypertension" will take place on April 14–15, 2008, in Paris, (France). The aim of the Seminar is to enable better understand of the vasculopathy characteristics in scleroderma that lead to PAH and to discuss current and future therapy for this devastating disease. More information can be found at: www.ersnet.org/RS-pulmonary-circulation

This Seminar is the second in the series, following on from the successful

seminar organised in Paris in 2005 on "Pulmonary circulation: molecular determinants of pulmonary vascular remodelling", which was attended by more than 80 participants. The slides presented at past ERS seminars are available at www.ers-education.org

Vienna Congress First Round Symposia

The Scientific Programme Committee will meet in April to select the 1st Round Symposia for the 2009 Congress in Vienna. All ERS members are encouraged to submit proposals by March 31, 2008. Instructions and the submission form for 1st Round Symposia submissions can be found at: www.ersnet.org/vienna-symposia

New Task Forces approved by the Scientific Committee:

- **Management of the lung transplant recipient.**
ERS/ATS joint Task Force.
K. Mezei, G. Raghu, J. Egan, P. Corris, G. Verleden
- **Consensus statement for the management of patients with OSAS and hypertension.**
ERS/Cost Action B26/ESH joint Task Force.
P. Levy, G. Parati



European Respiratory Journal: Editors' Selection

Selection for March: Volume 31; No. 3

1. Neoalveolarisation contributes to compensatory lung growth following pneumonectomy in mice. H. Fehrenbach, R. Voswinckel, V. Michl, *et al.* pp. 515–522.
2. Effects of allergen on airway narrowing dynamics as assessed by lung-slice technique. A.D. Chew, J.A. Hirota, R. Ellis, J. Wattie, M.D. Inman and L.J. Janssen. pp. 532–538.
3. Multidisciplinary interobserver agreement in the diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. M. Thomeer, M. Demedts, J. Behr, *et al.* pp. 585–591.

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