

Fourth Conference of the Pulmonary Circulation Task Force of the Polish Cardiac Society

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Fourth Conference of the Pulmonary Circulation Task Force of the Polish Cardiac Society was held on 17–18 October 2014 in Kraków. A total of 260 physicians and nurses participated in this event. The program comprised 10 educational sessions including 3 poster sessions of original papers and 1 session of clinical cases with a total of 36 lectures. On the first day, sessions focused on different aspects of right heart catheterization (6 lectures), current treatment options for patients with pulmonary arterial hypertension (6 lectures with a particular emphasis on novelties of 2014) and controversies in treatment (pharmacological and interventional) of pulmonary hypertension with discussion regarding the use of sildenafil in pulmonary hypertension due to left heart diseases, and the application of Potts shunt in adults. Most of lectures during conference were engaging, but a session dedicated to emergencies in pulmonary hypertension, conducted on second day, triggered a very intense discussion between audience and panellists. The other sessions focused on the new European Society of Cardiology guidelines on pulmonary embolism, chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension. One session was dedicated for nurses caring for patients with pulmonary hypertension.

Of special interest was a meeting with special guest, Prof. Nazzareno Galie from Department of Experimental, Diagnostic and Specialty Medicine, University of Bologna, the first author of the European Society of Cardiology Guidelines on diagnosing and treatment of pulmonary hypertension. Prof. Galie presented

2013 Nice pulmonary hypertension treatment algorithm, and moderated the clinical case presentation session.

During poster sessions, a total of 16 original contributions and clinical studies were presented. The scientific committee of the Conference distinguished the following:

- 1st prize: „Effectiveness and efficacy of percutaneous balloon pulmonary angioplasty in patients with inoperable chronic



Figure 2. Prof. Nazzareno Galie accepting The anniversary album entitled “The Jagiellonian University in Kraków 1364–2014” from Prof. Piotr Podolec and Assoc. Prof. Grzegorz Kopec



Figure 1. Organizing committee members during lecture



Figure 3. Prof. Adam Torbicki, MD, PhD giving a lecture

thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension” (orig.: “Skuteczność i bezpieczeństwo przezskórnej angioplastyki balonowej tętnic płucnych u chorych z nieoperacyjnym przewlekłym nadciśnieniem płucnym zakrzepowo-zatorowym – doniesienia wstępne”). Szymon Darocha, Justyna Pedowska-Włoszek, Łukasz Kijanek, Maria Wieteska, Michał Florczyk, Marcin Kurzyna, Radosław Pietura, Adam Torbicki

- 2nd prize: “Assessment of heart rate variability in patients with idiopathic pulmonary arterial hypertension and in Eisenmenger syndrome.” (orig.: „Ocena zmienności rytmu serca u pacjentów z idiopatycznym tętniczym nadciśnieniem płucnym oraz z zespołem Eisenmenger”). Marcin Waligóra, Grzegorz Kopeć, Patrycja Pieczka, Anna Dyrała, Piotr Podolec.

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