

24th EASDec General Assembly

16th May 2014, Padova, Italy

Present: Board of EASDec and attendees of the 24th EASDec conference

Apologies: Professor Massimo Porta

Minutes:

1, Summary of the 2014 Conference:

There were 120 attendees of the conference plus 7 accompanying persons

49 abstracts were received, 24 were accepted for paper presentation, 21 for posters, 1 special interest group was created from the remaining abstract.

The yearly Thursday symposium was a success. It was entitled: "Diabetic macular oedema: a comprehensive approach"

The abstracts were of good standards and these must be maintained as the abstracts are published in the European Journal of Ophthalmology and will allow us to retain this valuable option.

2, Awards and prizes:

The Professor Anne Katrin Sjolie award for the best abstract was awarded. The winner was Miranda Buckle, UK with the abstract entitled: "OCT/photographic clinics for screen positive maculopathy patients"

The Eva Kohner Lecture was given by Professor Elizabet Agardh with the title of "Diabetic maculopathy: more than just a microvascular disease"

The best poster prize was awarded to Malin Rasmussen from Denmark: Including steered images gives a new perspectives to ultra-wide field photography for screening for diabetic retinopathy to be presented on 17th May 2014

The potential for "Skills transfer award" was discussed and attendees voted in favour for setting this up. The Board will work on the details and will present it to members. In summary, the award will allow for young members to take up positions in eminent laboratories and clinical sites to learn new skills. Details will be presented at a later date.

3, Next meetings: 2015: Istanbul, Turkey; 2016: Manchester, UK

Prague and Belfast expressed interest in hosting the 2017 and 2018 conferences. Both locations were voted as acceptable by all.

4, Website: www.easdec.org – all were reminded to visit regularly for updates, especially as updates are planned for before the 25th meeting to be held in Istanbul, Turkey next year.

5, Any other business: NONE