

Report from the 11th ESGENA / GIFE Conference in Paris 27-29 October 2007

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Even though we have only just left Paris, the ESGENA Board are now busy preparing for the next conferences 2008 in Vienna and 2009 in London.

The 11th ESGENA / GIFE Conference took place at the Palace des congress de PARIS, an excellent venue and good location, which was accessible by train, metro, bus and taxi. Once again delegates were fortunate to have a metro pass as part of registration for the duration which is very useful.

There were 610 delegates registered for the ESGENA Meeting in Paris from 49 different countries including USA and Japan. This was a very well attended meeting.

The quality of the programme seems to go from strength to strength with topics to suite everyone's needs. It is a chance to meet up with friends from different countries and catch on up on what has been happening.

On the Saturday the ESGENA Workshops were very well attended , some of the areas covered : The importance of the Nurse in GI bleeding: Hygiene: How to improve communication

The ESGENA welcome party and opening of the ESGENA Conference was held in the Le Meriden Hotel which was next to the conference centre. The venue was exceptional and well organised, with a buffet of lovely French cuisine. This must be one of the best opening receptions I have attended in the 11 years of esgena, it was very well attended.

The standard of the free papers this year was very high. With 12 oral presentation and 30 posters .This was the highest amount of posters at an ESGENA meeting. The posters were grouped into categories Management, Upper GI, Lower GI, Hygiene.

The presentation of all the posters were of a very high quality , the same standard as our medical colleagues .As one of the markers of the posters it was a very difficult decision to choose the best poster as the standard was so high and all the hard work everyone had put it to the poster.

The best poster was:

Simple enemas... not always so simple

Rachel Leshem Namdar RN, MPA, Sheba Medical Center, Tel-Hashomer, Ramat-Gan, Israel

The quality of the free paper sessions looked at nursing issues and change in practice. These were presented at a very high standard with some of the authors presenting an oral presentation for the first time.

The best free paper was:

The placement of nasoduodenal feeding tubes by nurses with the assistance of an electromagnetic system (Cortrak™)

Ann Dufloou , Bwm Spanier, Emh Mathus-Vliegen, Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, NL

The programme for the meeting covered different topical Lower GI, Education and Training, Ethics, Management of endoscopy and an update in endoscopic techniques.

The ESGENA General assembly took place on Sunday 28 with the election of new board members, I was very honoured to be elected to join the ESGENA board.

The meeting in Paris was very well attended, with a very high standard of oral and poster presentations I am now looking forward to Vienna?