

ESMO 2014 Congress Scientific Meeting Report – Young Oncologists Extract

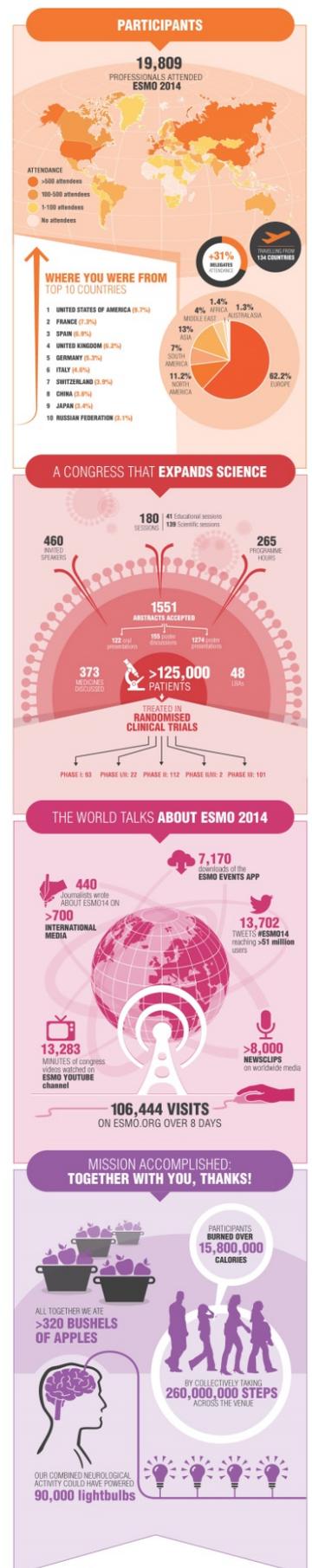
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Summary

The European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) Congress, held September 26 to 30 in Madrid, Spain, was a record-breaker on nearly all levels. It was resounding success and in a dedicated infographic you can find the congress statistics. A primary emphasis in the scientific programme was placed on precision medicine and how it will change the future treatment landscape in oncology. In addition, a number of scientific presentations were dedicated to cancer immunology and immunotherapy across multiple tumour types. This report is an overview of key scientific presentations made during the congress by leading international investigators. It attempts to represent the diversity and depth of the ESMO 2014 scientific programme, as well as advances in oncology.

Infographic (right): ESMO 2014 record breaking Congress



Satisfying Career Needs of Young Oncologists

The Young Oncologist (YO) Track Sessions are specially designed by young oncologists for young oncologists and initiated by the ESMO YO Committee. The sessions are educational and cover topics which are highly relevant to YOs in their daily practice and/or research activities.

The YO Masterclass was organised in collaboration with the European Association for Cancer Research, and featured four talks on exciting areas where basic science is being integrated into clinical research: functional characterisation of tumours using patient-derived models and therapeutic implications, inter- and intra-tumour genetic heterogeneity and challenges for targeted therapy, circulating biomarkers, and next generation of clinical trial design.

The Vesalius Talk is a rare opportunity for a direct discussion between young oncologists and key opinion leaders in the field of medical oncology. This year's Vesalius Talk gave YOs the opportunity to learn about how key opinion leaders carved their own paths to success, and receive frank advice from experts with the aim of inspiring them to make the right professional decisions.

The breakfast sessions were delivered in a relaxed and friendly environment with the opportunity to ask questions and enter in to discussion on how to address the media, how to find the right work-life balance, and risk and boundaries of doctor/patient relationship.

The speakers at the YO Forum gave hints and tips on how to find the perfect mentor, along with writing tricks relevant to early career cancer researchers, in particular writing a clinical trial protocol, the importance of a well written grant application and writing a scientific paper.

The fellowship session this year featured presentations by two previous ESMO fellows, who were chosen from a competition open to recent fellowship recipients. Some practical advice from a former fellow, was added to the detailed overview of available ESMO Fellowship Programme.

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