

The 36. UMEMPS Congress has been held in Athens-Greece between 1-3 October 2015. During the Congress 39 invited speakers gave 43 lectures. There were 32 oral presentations and 49 poster presentations under the divisions of endocrinology, gastroenterology-hepatology, hematology-oncology, developmental-behavioral medicine, adolescent medicine, general pediatrics, infectious diseases-vaccination-immunology-rheumatology, allergy-pulmonology, neonatology, nephrology, neurology and nutrition-breast feeding-obesity & metabolism. Approximately 280 participants from 20 countries (Albania, Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Iran, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Portugal, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE) participated to the congress.

The opening keynote lecture was presented by Prof. Manuel Moya from Spain. In his speech he presented the nutritional situation of children in the world. He emphasized the nutritional problems of deficiencies as well as excess. He also put forward the role of pediatricians and pediatric association in dealing with the problem.

During the first day there were 4 sessions. The first being oral presentations, the second on infectious diseases, third nutrition and the last on allergy.

The second day also started with oral presentations. After oral presentations the first session was on primary care. In this section Prof. Margareta Seher Zupancic discussed the importance of primary pediatric care and the challenges in the delivery systems (Pediatrician vs GP or FP) all over Europe. She also emphasized the role of Pediatric associations to tackle this subject. Prof. Dr. Enver Hasanoğlu in his speech gave the updated situation of children in Turkey.

Adolescent medicine, dermatology and neurology were the subjects of the other sessions. In the neurology session Prof. Dr. Joseph Haddad emphasized the importance of nutrition, maternal education, stress and socioeconomic status on child development. During the second day there were 2 satellite sessions, one on early child development and the other on PCV13 vaccine.

The last day also started with oral presentations. Infectious diseases, pediatric surgery, respiratory medicine and hot topics were discussed. New methods for TB diagnosis in the

children, children in was and the environmental factors (toxins) effecting child development were a few of the speech topic to mention.

