

REPORT

3rd Congress of European ORL-HNS

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The 3rd Congress of European ORL-HNS, the largest ENT conference in Europe proved once more to be an immense success attracting more than 4,000 participants from all over the world. In addition to the congress itself, the venue was excellent, as Prague is a beautiful, medieval city, rich in history and culture.

Keynote speakers included international authorities in otorhinolaryngology - head and neck surgery (ORL-HNS) such as Professors Marc Remacle (Belgium) who is also the President of the Confederation of European ORL-HNS (CEORL-HNS), Patrick Bradley (UK), Jatin Shah (USA), Javier Gavilan (Spain), Mario Sanna (Italy) and Kyung Tae (South Korea), to mention just a few.

The congress covered all subspecialties of ORL-HNS, in addition to basic science, surgical technology and innovation, surgical education, audiological medicine, and speech and language therapy. The scientific programme was carefully designed and balanced consisting of keynote lectures, round table discussions, instructional courses, free papers and poster presentations.

Prior to the opening ceremony, state of the art live cadaveric dissections were given in head and neck surgery, FESS and mastoid surgery by international authorities in their corresponding fields



Group shot of the delegates

(Professors Remacle, Castelnovo, and Huttenbrink respectively).

Professor Patrick Bradley gave a series of outstanding keynote lectures, and chaired round table discussions covering a broad variety of subjects including hypopharyngeal cancer, pleomorphic adenoma, surgical preservation of laryngeal functions in head and neck cancers, and juvenile nasopharyngeal angiofibroma.

Professors Jatin Shah and Ashok Shaha delivered numerous excellent keynote lectures related to thyroid cancer and neck dissection. They also chaired and moderated respectively a particularly interesting round table discussion on global education in head and neck surgery and oncology respectively.

Another session that proved very popular was the instructional course by

Professor Kyung Tae on extracervical endoscopic and robotic approaches to the thyroid gland complemented by exceptional video demonstrations.

With regards to the associated expo, this was of great interest providing the delegates and faculty with the opportunity for first hand experience of surgical innovations including the novel robotic system manufactured by Medrobotics® with a flexible camera overcoming the line-of-sight limitations of existing robotic technology. The congress saw unprecedented success and we can't wait for the next one in two years! The next meeting will be held in Antalya, Turkey from 19-22 October, 2017.



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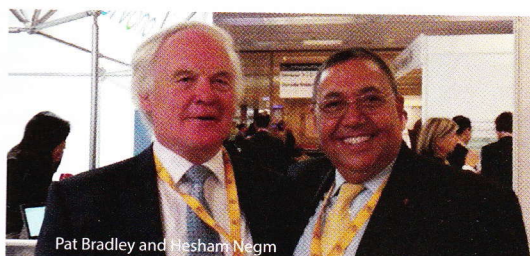
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(L-R) Dr Mriganka De (Royal Derby Hospital), Professor Marc Remacle (Louvain University Hospital, Belgium) President of the Confederation of European ORL-HNS (CEORL-HNS), Ms Kate Young (Royal Derby Hospital), and Dr George Garas (Imperial College London).



Pat Bradley and Hesham Negm



Jatin Shah