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Letter from the Chairman

This issue of the ENETS Newsletter offers readers a glimpse of both the past and the future. To put both in perspective, I would like to first share with you that the Society, as of August 2011, claims close to 900 members. For a medical society dedicated to a rare disease, we can certainly be proud of our growth in membership. As well, in looking at the Newsletter’s inside feature, you can note that our annual conference this year greatly surpassed our estimates: we planned for around 1,500 delegates, and ended up welcoming close to 1,800. The photos inside tell it all, and I hope it will encourage you and your colleagues to attend next year’s conference, which will be held in Copenhagen, 7–9 March. Please see the back page of this Newsletter for details.

One of the highlights of this year’s conference was the certification ceremony that recognized 10 new Centers of Excellence. They join the six that were part of this ENETS program’s pilot phase. Inside the Newsletter, you’ll see snapshots of the ceremony, with the proud certification recipients. They had reason to be delighted with the certification, as the process to be designated a Center is rigorous and requires dedication. For this year’s round, ENETS has invited three hospitals in Europe to work toward certification in the coming year. These centers will be announced in Copenhagen.

Meanwhile, ENETS is preparing to hold its annual Advisory Board Conference. The ENETS Advisory Board consists of 40 members, and the group reflects a balanced mix of disciplines and nationalities. The ENETS Executive Committee relies on Board members to steer the Society so as best to serve not only members but, as well, the state of research. Toward this end, the conference, which will be held in London, will focus on educational NET cases; translational research and clinical trials; and the ENETS Registry. At the Copenhagen conference, we plan to share with Society members the results of the Board conference.

I would also like to make a special announcement for all young investigators who are ENETS members. The Society is pleased to announce the “Excellence in Translational Medicine in GEP-NET Disease” fellowship. The deadline to apply is 31 October 2011, and I would like to personally encourage all eligible candidates to consider this valuable opportunity. Criteria can be found on the back page of the Newsletter.

Again, I thank you for your support and interest in ENETS, and in making it a viable and worthwhile medical society.

Philippe Ruszniewski, MD, PhD, Chairman ENETS
The 8th Annual ENETS Conference was held in Lisbon, 9–11 March 2011. As with every annual conference the Society has held, this year’s attendance far surpassed our expectations: the organizers planned for 1,500 participants but ended up welcoming close to 1,800. Delegates came from more than 60 countries.

The Society also attracted corporate support, with both Sirtex and Covidien joining this year as bronze sponsors. Novartis supported the conference as a platinum sponsor, Pfizer as gold and Ipsen as silver. Also represented at the Lisbon meeting were Biomedica Life Sciences, CISBIO Bioassays, and ITG Technologies. The North American Neuroendocrine Tumor Society and various patient advocacy groups also exhibited at the conference.

This photo collage illustrates numerous aspects of the conference, including especially the first-ever ENETS Postgraduate Course, which also exceeded our expectations – 100 attendees were planned for, but 200 in fact participated in the event, and moreover, enthusiastically encouraged planners to offer the same event at the 2012 conference. We can assure ENETS members that that will be the case.

Martyn Caplin presides over the first-ever ENETS Postgraduate Course. The course was exceptionally well-attended and will be repeated at ENETS 2012.
Ashley Grossman spoke at the Postgraduate Course on familial syndromes and NETs.

Beata Kos-Kudla presented on epidemiology of NETs, during the Postgraduate Course, and also in reference to the ENETS Registry.

Ulrich Knigge, left, and Anders Sundin, of Copenhagen and Stockholm, respectively, chat during a conference break. Both ENETS members were elected to the Society’s Advisory Board during the Lisbon conference.

Jann Mortensen delivered a lecture on NET nuclear medicine imaging.

Maxime Palazzo discussed a case study on imaging for NETs, together with Dermot O’Toole. ENETS seeks to include young investigators in its annual conference program, and also to develop learning tools for younger clinicians interested in NET diagnosis and treatment.

Jose Lopes poses a question during the Postgraduate Course. Prof. Lopes is a former ENETS Advisory Board member.
Pfizer was the conference’s gold sponsor, and has taken an increased interest in ENETS work and programs.

Ipsen was the conference’s silver sponsor, and has been a long-time supporter of ENETS.

Novartis, this year’s platinum sponsor of the conference, provided an exhibit on their NET Alliance program.

Rocio Garcia Carbonero discussed Spanish NET patients in the context of epidemiology and classification.

Bill Maples, chairman of the North American Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (NANETS) presented on the USA’s perspective on epidemiology, national considerations and classification.

Tetsuide Ito of Fukuoka, Japan, discussing NET epidemiology and classification in Japan.

Tim Meyer presented on chemotherapy during the Postgraduate Course.

Henning Jann, together with Bertram Wiedenmann, presented a case study on medical therapies.

Diego Ferone co-presented a Meet the Professor session with Anna-Maria Colao on MEN-1.
ENETS chairman Philippe Ruszniewski opened the conference with a glance at annual conference participation through the years. It has steadily increased and is projected to attract even more participants.

Laura Tang discussed GEP-NET classification. Mark Kidd presented his abstract on cell cycle phase expression and proliferative markers.

Richard Baum, left, and his colleague, Dieter Hoersch, both of the NET center in Bad Berka, Germany, receive certification certificates. Their center was named an ENETS Center of Excellence.

Ulrich Knigge, left, and Massimo Falconi co-presented on pancreatic surgery during a Meet the Professor session.

Cristina de Martino, this year’s winner of the ENETS Translational Medicine Fellowship, presented the work she has done recently as a research fellow.

William Travis co-chaired, together with Martyn Caplin, a session on bronchial carcinoids, and their similarities and differences compared to GEP-NETs.
Results of the Evaluation of the 8th ENETS Annual Conference

General
Did the meeting provide the following goals and learning outcomes?
To present recommendations in the treatment of neuroendocrine tumors/Average: 2.09

To present the treatment planning: medical, physical, biological aspects. Different approaches within the realm of neuroendocrine tumor research/Average: 2.16

To present the results of large studies and ongoing activities in research and development/Average: 2.16

Your overall rating
Please provide your overall rating of the quality of the education offered at this meeting/Average: 2.25

Content
Was the information useful and relevant to your work and practice techniques?/Average: 2.15

Do you feel that the presented information was well balanced and supported by adequate evidence?/Average: 2.21
How do you rate the effectiveness of the conference for CME purposes?

Logistics and organization

How do you rate the logistics and organization?
How do you rate communication prior to the conference?/Average: 2.22

Note: Most participants communicated with their operators, not with ENETS directly.

How do you rate the registration procedure?/Average: 2.10

How do you rate communication during the conference?/Average: 2.22

How do you rate the venue location?/Average: 2.28

How do you rate the hotel rooms?/Average: 2.21

How do you rate the catering?/Average: 2.41
Lecture topics include:
- Imaging
- Pathways and New Molecular Targets
- Management of GEP Grade 2 and 3 Neoplasms
- MEN-1
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To register and learn more about the conference, please visit the ENETS website at www.neuroendocrine.net
Online registration opens on 1 September 2011.

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