Postgraduate Symposium on General Thoracic Surgery

Sunday, 29 May 2016 08:00 – 12:00 & 14:45 – 18:20

Organisers: Jaroslaw Kuzdzal (Krakow/PL), Alan Sihoe (Hong Kong/CN)

Format

- Teams compete to answer questions on clinically relevant scenarios
- Questions are designed to be thought provoking, challenging to practising surgeons, and based on solid clinical evidence.
- Focus is on education via an entertaining competition format, with plenty of audience interaction through real-time case discussion and voting.

Teams

- Teams from Europe, The Americas and Asia will compete to win the Masters Cup.
- Teams go head-to-head in 3 rounds of competition, with the top 2 teams advancing to the Final Round.
- In each Round, each Team fields 3 Trainees supported by 3 leading Thoracic Surgeons from that continent.
- As an added incentive, the Trainee with the Best Performance in the competition wins the AME-ESTS Prize: an expenses-paid attachment to a leading Thoracic Surgery Unit in China.

Audience

- The Postgraduate Symposium is aimed at surgeons and nurses at all levels of experience: from trainees to experts
- To stimulate active interaction, the audience is randomly allocated to support one of the 3 competing Teams
  - o Audience members can make suggestions and comments to the team they support via an app on their own mobile phones or tablet computers: *your* opinion can make a difference
  - o All audience members supporting the eventual winning Team will win a 'surprise' – so make sure you get behind your Team!
- The app will also allow audience members to vote on their own choice of the correct answer: the audience members with the most correct answers at the end of the day will also win a prize

Teams

EUROPE:
Captain: Michael Mueller (Wien)
Hasan Batirel (Istanbul), Kirill Gestkov (Moscow), Gilbert Massard (Strasbourg), Isabelle Opitz (Zurich), David Waller (Leicester)

Residents: Claudio Caviezel (Zurich), Berk Cimenoglu (Istanbul), Anna Frick (Berlin), Francesco Guerrera (Torino), Lucile Gust (Marseille), Sebastian Penafiel Guzman (Valencia), Stephane Renaud (Strasbourg), Mohamed Salama (Wein), Katarzyna Zanowska (Krakow)

THE AMERICAS:
Captain: M Blair Marshall (Washington)
Rodrigo Pablo Aparicio Ramirez (Santiago), Stephen Cassivi (Rochester), Sean Grondin (Calgary), Fernando Vannucci (Rio de Janeiro), Douglas Wood (Seattle)

Residents: John Agzarian (Hamilton), Maria Cattoni (Seattle), Wiley Chung (Calgary), Conor Hynes (Washington), Matthew Inra (Rochester), Daniel McCarthy (Seattle), Philip Rowse (Rochester), Guillermo Puchulo (Derqui)

ASIA:
Captain: Ali Zamir Khan (Gurgaon)
Diego Gonzalez Rivas (Shanghai), Chang Hyun Kang (Seoul), Jang Ming Lee (Taipei), Rajiv Santosham (Chennai), Punnarerk Thongcharoen (Bangkok)

Residents: Kamran Ali (Gurgaon), Jie Dai (Shanghai), Sidharth Garg (Chandigarh), Su Kyung Hwang (Seoul), Jiagen Li (Beijing), Ranjeetha Shenoy (New Delhi), Jinbo Zhao (Xi'an), Fangyu Zhou (Shanghai), Ying-Fang Tseng (Taipei)

Programme

08:00 – 08:15   **Introduction**
- Alan Sihoe (Hong Kong/CN), Jaroslaw Kuzdzal (Krakow/PL)

08:00 – 08:15   **Address by the winner of the 2015 AME-ESTS Special Prize**
- Lieven Depypere (Leuven, Belgium)

08:30 – 10:00   **Round 1: Asia vs Americas***
➢ Europe to present 15 questions

10:00 – 10:30   Coffee break

10:30 – 12.00   **Round 2: Europe vs Americas***
➢ Asia to present 15 questions

12:00 – 13:00   Lunch
Opening Ceremony
Database & Quality Certification Session

14:45 – 16:15   **Round 3: Europe vs Asia***
➢ Americas to present 15 questions

16:15 – 16:45   Coffee break

16:45 – 18:00   **Round 4: FINAL**
➢ 2 winning teams from the first 3 Rounds will compete
➢ Organisers to present 12 questions

18:00 – 18:20   **Announcement of Winners**
- Masters Cup
- Top scoring audience members
- Surprise prize for Audience Sector supporting winning team

* In each of the Rounds above:
- Each competing team fields 3 Seniors and 3 Juniors (ESTS Trainee Members)
- The format for each question is:
  - Presenting team Junior member asks question   1 minute
  - Discussion & Audience interaction   1 minute
  - Competing team A explains choice of answer   1 minute
  - Competing team B explains choice of answer   1 minute
    (teams A and B will alternate to explain choice of answer first)
  - Presenting team reveals and explains correct answer   1 minute
- The team with most correct answers wins (2 points for a Win; 1 point for a Draw; 0 points for a Loss)
  - 2 teams with most total points go to Final Round (in the event of a Tie: total number of correct answers from the first 3 Rounds will be counted as tie-breaker)