

World Congress on Osteoporosis, Osteoarthritis and Musculoskeletal Diseases – the “WCO-IOF-ESCEO Congress”

The 18th edition of the WCO-IOF-ESCEO Congress – Krakow 2018

On 19–20 April 2018, the 18th edition of the World Conference on Osteoporosis, Degenerative Disease and Musculoskeletal Disorders was held in Krakow, gathering medical specialists dealing with osteoporosis – rheumatologists, orthopedists and internists – from all over the world. As many as 3,965 participants were registered, with a record number of submitted abstracts (as compared to previous editions of the conference). 1513 abstracts were selected by the Scientific Advisory Committee – co-chaired by Professor René Rizzoli and Professor Cyrus Cooper – for oral or poster presentations, being subsequently published in the supplement of the scientific journal of *Osteoporosis International with other metabolic bone diseases* (Volume 29, Supplement 1).

The participants included representatives of the Polish medical community, with Prof. Edward Czerwiński, Prof. Piotr Głuszko, Prof. Ewa Marcinkowska-Suchowierska, Prof. Paweł Płudowski, Prof. Piotr Leszczyński, Prof. Wojciech Pluskiewicz and Dr. Przemysław Borowy speaking at and chairing scientific sessions. The posters were presented by Prof. Brygida Kwiatkowska, Prof. Wojciech Glinkowski, Joanna Dmowska-Chalaba, Kinga Kostyra-Grabczak, Małgorzata Mańczak and Maria Maślińska.

The participants were not only able to enjoy interesting lectures, but could also meet experts in the field during additionally organized events, discussing particular problems with them directly. Sessions with experts such as Etienne Chevalier, Nicolas Harvey, Emmanuel Biver, Roland D. Chapurlat, Francois Rannou, Bess Dawson-Hughes, Stefan Maggi and Edward Czerwiński were particularly fascinating.

Kraków welcomed the participants of the Congress with a gala at the Juliusz Słowacki Theatre. The beautiful weather and a new modern congress center – where all the other activities took place – located on the Vistula riverbank, with a magnificent view of the Wawel Castle, made taking part in the congress even more enjoyable.

In 2019, the organizers invite you to the WCO-IOF-ESCEO Congress in Paris.

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In the photo from the left: Prof. Piotr Głuszko, Prof. Wojciech Pluskiewicz, Prof. Edward Czerwiński, Prof. Ewa Marcinkowska-Suchowierska, Prof. Paweł Płudowski

