



HYOSPADIAS INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY

Dear Friends and colleagues,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and thriving in the new year. As we reflect on the success of our 5th World Congress of HIS held in Izmir, Turkiye, from September 27th to 30th, 2023, I would like to share with you the highlights and advancements during this International Hyospadias Congress.

Record-Breaking Attendance and Global Collaboration

There were 241 participants from 43 countries in 6 continents setting the highest attendance record for HIS congresses. Delegates from Australia to Canada, from South Africa to Norway, from Brazil to Taiwan, contributed to the exchange of scientific and clinical knowledge with reference to hyospadias.



Innovative Hands-On Training Course

For the first time in HIS congresses, there was a pre-congress hands-on training course on calf penises. Twenty trainees learnt and practiced the different skills required to achieve successful hyospadias operations. This included basic dissection, suturing, anastomosis, plication, and flap preparation and repair techniques, with the added dimension of using microsurgical instruments and principles.



Advanced Research Session

One of the main goals of HIS is promoting basic scientific research in the field of hypospadias. Day two started with the Research Committee Panel "Paving the Way for Hypospadias Research" lecture series, covering topics such as tricks of the trade, pre-clinical animal experiments, and systematic reviews regarding hypospadias. We had productive discussions on urethral biomechanical profiles, genetic susceptibility, platelet-rich plasma, and tissue engineering urethral replacement grafts.

Advancing Excellence in Hypospadias Surgery

Discussions on the intricacies of hypospadias surgery, the use of microscopes to improve techniques, and the goal of providing a "**normal looking penis**" were of great interest. Experienced hypospadias surgeons presented their work and techniques, with critical discussions shaping the future of Hypospadias Surgery.

Scientific Presentations

A total of 78 presentations (42 oral and 36 poster presentations) enriched the congress, covering topics from basic research to improving repair techniques and addressing various aspects of distal and proximal hypospadias. There were lively discussions following the interesting Panel on "**Correction of recurrent or residual curvature**" featuring renowned experts such as Zaontz, Snodgrass, and Hadidi.

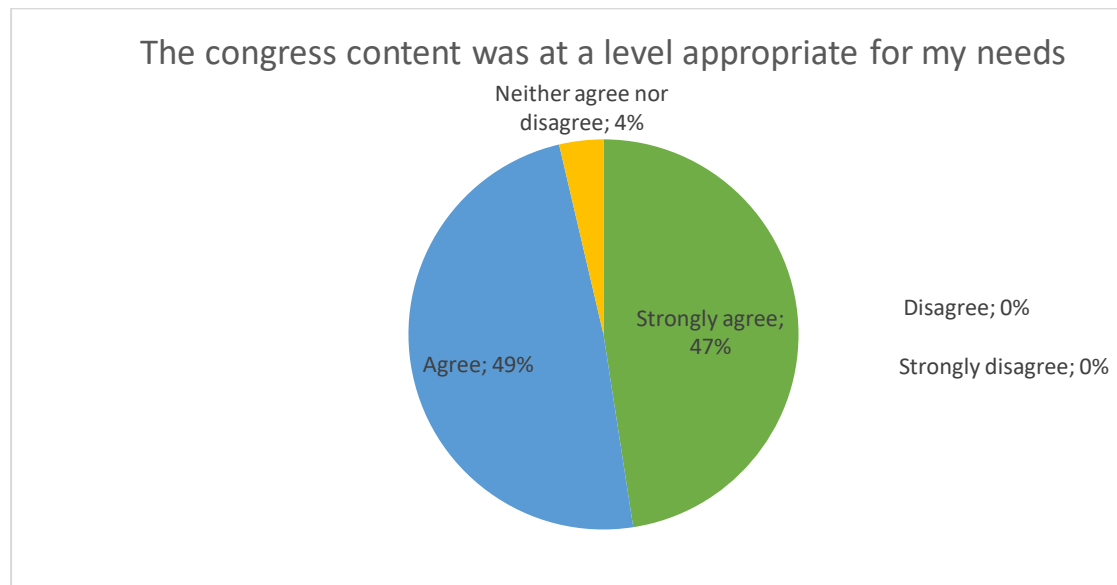


Hanna Clinical Prize

This year, the prestigious Hanna Clinical Prize, sponsored by Professor Moneer Hanna, was awarded to Ahmed Elnashar and colleagues from Mansoura University, Egypt. Their work, titled "Comparative Study between Autologous Platelet-Rich Fibrin Membrane and Local Flaps as Intervening Layer in Management of Hypospadias," showcased comparable results to flaps in distal hypospadias repair using PRF.

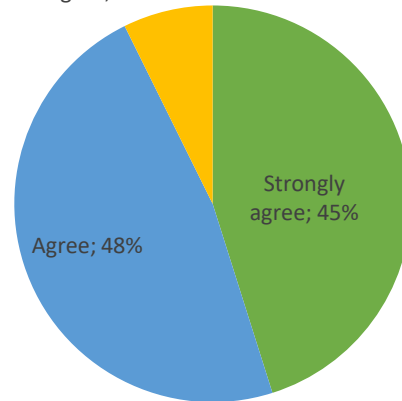
Feedback and Future Plans

A post-congress feedback survey revealed positive responses from the majority of respondents. The scientific committee's hard work was reflected in average session scores above 4/5, with the highest scores given to sessions related to chordee-curvature, complications, and tips & tricks. This valuable feedback will guide future HIS congresses.



The congress met my learning objectives

Neither agree nor disagree; 7%



Disagree; 0%

Strongly disagree; 0%

Membership Growth and Future Meetings

Thanks to new registrations, HIS now boasts over 150 paying members across 6 continents. The establishment of the Research Committee and the expansion of the Executive Board mark significant steps forward. Looking ahead, future annual meetings are scheduled for **Cairo in 2024 and Sydney in 2025**, continuing our tradition of hosting the HIS congress on a different continent each year.

Due to the overwhelming interest in Izmir, we're thrilled to announce the return of the hands-on animal cadaver course in future congresses. Your enthusiasm has inspired us to continue providing this invaluable learning opportunity.

In addition, HIS is initiating multicentric studies to advance basic and clinical research in hypospadias. We're committed to improving our understanding and management of hypospadias and invite your ideas and opinions to shape the future of our research endeavors. Thank you for being part of our commitment to excellence in hypospadias care.

As we embark on a new year, we extend our best wishes to all members. We hope to see you in **Cairo in October 2-4, 2024**, during the 6th HIS Hypospadias International Congress, where we anticipate continued growth, collaboration, and excellence in hypospadias.

Best Regards,

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