

Report from the Young Scientist Committee 2009

The Young Scientist Committee has continued its work on the Young Scientist (YS) issues as outlined in the reports of previous years and on the website.

- IATDMCT YS Membership Numbers

The number of IATDMCT YS members has increased from 23 in July 2008 to 61 in October 2009. This supports the assumption that the decline of YS membership between 2007 and 2008 was at least partly attributable to YS membership not being funded by the respective organization in off congress years. In addition to those with YS membership status, eleven regular IATDMCT members between 31 and 40 years of age have highlighted their interest in YS issues in their personal profiles in the 'members only' section of the website.

- IATDMCT YS Committee

There have been a number of changes to the YS committee. One member had to be excluded due to persistent non-activity despite repeated requests per e-mail. The YS website coordinator Tine Dewaele has left the committee, because she is no longer working the field of TDM/CT. The YS thank her for her outstanding work in setting up the YS corner of the IATDMCT website. Sarah Wille has taken over the job and already updated the YS corner with new information. The YS committee is happy to announce that Franck Saint-Marcoux from Professor Marquet's group in Limoges, France, has joined the YS committee further strengthening the TDM expertise of the group.

- IATDMCT YS Activities, Montreal 2009

Of the delegates of this meeting 47 were registered as YS participants. YS contributed over 30 oral and numerous posters presentations.

YS events during the meeting started with a relaxed lunch (kindly sponsored by Microgenics, now part of Thermo Fisher) followed by the 2nd IATDMCT YS Workshop. The workshop format included four oral presentations covering topics from the clinical relevance of polymorphisms of metabolic enzymes over pharmacokinetic tools for dose adjustment to new trends and clinical effects of new designer drugs. The workshop attendance was excellent with 36 attendees.

For the first time, the newly established YS Prizes are to be awarded at the end of the meeting. There are 16 entries for the YS Best Oral Presentation Prize and nine for YS Best Poster Prize. The winners will be announced at the closing ceremony.

- IATDMCT YS Participation in the Association Activities

The YS have also contributed an excellent overview article to the Compass: "Oral Fluid – A Suitable Matrix for Proficiency Testing?" by Matthew Gist.

Montreal, October 2009
Frank T. Peters
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