

IPPC 2011

TWO DAY EVENT FEATURES PANELS ON ISSUES IMPACTING INDUSTRY, STAKEHOLDERS

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PPTA'S INTERNATIONAL PLASMA PROTEIN CONGRESS (IPPC) 2011, held on March 15-16 in Lisbon, Portugal, attracted a record number of attendees with over 300 people participating in the discussions and hearing presentations on a number of topics.



Left to right: Johan Prévot of the International Patient Organisation for Primary Immunodeficiencies (IPOPI), Jacqueline Kerr, Paul-Ehrlich-Institut, Jan M. Bult, PPTA, and Johannes Blumel, Paul-Ehrlich-Institut.

Highlights of the event on March 15 featured an opening session headlined by Carrock Sewell, of the Scunthorpe General Hospital who spoke about the United Kingdom's Demand Management Plan. A panel on the world without industry standards featured perspectives from Jan M. Bult, discussing the role, implementation and future of industry standards; Jacqueline Kerr, Paul-Ehrlich-Institut, who shared views on whether industry standards matter from a European regulator's viewpoint; and Johan Prévot of the International Patient Organisation

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for Primary Immunodeficiencies (IPOPI), who discussed industry standards from a patient's perspective. A panel that took place on the second day of the conference featured a noteworthy discussion on plasma that included perspectives from Albert Farrugia, PPTA's Vice President, Global Access on donor motivation; Ruth Offergeld, Robert Koch Institut, on the usefulness of donor surveillance and William G. Murphy of the Irish Blood



Attendees at one of the many sessions at the IPPC 2011 Congress.



Carrock Sewell
Scunthorpe General Hospital

Transfusion Service, on challenges faced by the blood and plasma collection communities in understanding and managing risks in their respective sectors.

The full conference program featured several noteworthy sessions in-

cluding topics addressing access to care, regulatory considerations, pediatric to adult treatment and new developments and international aspects with regard to hemophilia care in Russia and the supply of plasma derivatives in low income index countries.

Delegate feedback of IPPC 2011 was very positive and a solid program, high-level speakers, a truly dynamic location and an impressive number of relevant attendees combined for the most successful event in PPTA's history.

The IPPC 2011 presentations are available for download from the website www.ippc2011.com.

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Please join us next year for IPPC 2012 on March 13-14 in Madrid, Spain.

