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## REPORT

EMRI MRI of the Breast and Female Imaging  
4-6 June 2009  
Wroclaw, Poland

From 4 to 6 June 2009 the Breast and Female imaging module was organised at the University Hospital of Wroclaw. The course was a cooperation between the University of Wroclaw (Prof. Dr. M. Sasiadek and Dr. A. Chodorowska) and the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Prof. Dr. T. Stadnik).

57 participants enrolled (Poland 16, Switzerland 6, Portugal 6, Belgium 4, Turkey 3, Iran 3, The Netherlands 3, UK 3, Finland 2, Australia 1, Austria 1, Brazil 1, Canada 1, Czech Republic 1, Danmark 1, Germany 1, Norway 1, South-Africa 1, Romania 1 and Sweden 1).

A website was created (<http://www.emricourse.org/breast>) to provide attendees with all necessary information (program, fee info, travel, hotel information, etc.), giving them the possibility to register.

At the inscription desk participants received the congress bag with the syllabus, the program overview, invitations to the social events, an evaluation form, and tourist information. A CD-ROM with the pdf version of the syllabus of 2009 and 2007 was added to the bag.

In close cooperation with Dr. Carla Boetes, Prof. Marek Sasiadek and Dr. Anna Chodorowska, a good balance was found in the composition of the faculty: 4 Belgian lecturers, 3 Polish lecturers, and one from Austria, France and The Netherlands. The morning session started at 8 to 12.30 am, the afternoon session from 13.15 to 5 pm.

According to the evaluation forms (34), the plenary talks and workshops were very well appreciated by the participants: average score 4.25 for the talks, 4.19 for the workshops (in a 5-point scale, where 5 stands for excellent and 1 for very bad). The highest teacher score for the plenary sessions was 4.93, lowest 3.58 ; for the workshops the highest score was 4.92 and lowest 2.96.

Some additional question were asked:

The course was worth attending: 4.37

The course met its objectives: 4.25

Quality of the course content: 4.30

Quality of syllabus: 3.89

Quality of administration: 4.56

Quality of accomodation: 4.23

Quality of catering: 4.40.

The course organisation was rated high (4.72)

Two social events were organised: a get together party on Thursday (a classical concert in the prestigious Aula Leopoldina followed by a sumptuous walking dinner in the Oratorium Marianum) was very appreciated by the participants, it received a 4.93 rating. A second social event on Friday evening (a Polish dinner

at restaurant The Wroclawska Inn at the lovely historical market place of Wroclaw) was organised, this was also appreciated very well (4.79 rating).

39 participants took the examination (20 multiple choice questions), lowest score was 13, highest score was 19. The mean student score was 16.74. The best students (2 participants with 19 score) were awarded with each 250 €.

Overall, the participants rated the module very highly (global course organisation score 4.36/5). The atmosphere during the whole week was evaluated as very good.

A very special "dziekuje" to Dr. Anna Chodorowska, and all the local collaborators and local radiologists for hosting the breast and female imaging module in their lovely city and their excellent support throughout the congress.

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Prof. Dr. Tadeusz Stadnik  
Prof. Dr. Marek Sasiadek (June 2009)