

CONFERENCE OF UKRAINIAN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY OF OTOLARYNGOLOGISTS

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The annual autumn conference of the Ukrainian Scientific Society of Otolaryngologists was held in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Scientific Society of Otolaryngologists in Lviv, Ukraine, on September 30 – October 1, 2013.

The Ukrainian Scientific Society of Otolaryngologists boasts a rich tradition dating back to 1935, when the Ukrainian Otolaryngological Society was established. The first meeting of Ukrainian otolaryngologists was organised in 1938 in Kharkiv. Today, the Society has over 4000 members, issues two scientific journals in the Ukrainian language – the 'Journal of Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases' and 'Rhinology' – and organises scientific meetings twice a year, in spring and autumn.

The theme of the anniversary conference in Lviv was 'New technologies in diagnostics and treatment of chronic inflammatory and oncological ENT diseases'. Over two days there were four theme sessions: the first was dedicated to the history and achievements of the Society, while the other three covered rhinology, otology, and oncology. Key topics were:

- Endoscopy in otorhinolaryngology,
- Modern techniques of diagnostics and management of allergic diseases of upper airways,
- Rhinoplasty,
- Cochlear implantation and other surgical interventions in the treatment of hypoacusis and deafness.

The scientific program included 98 oral presentations. There were more than 250 participants representing the majority of the leading Ukrainian ENT centers. From other countries there were delegations from Poland: from the World Hearing Center of the Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing in Warsaw with 9 presentations, and from the Otolaryngology Clinic of the Jagiellonian University Collegium Medicum in Krakow (1 presentation), as well as a presentation from Germany.

Papers presented by representatives of the World Hearing Center aroused interest. Dr. P. H. Skarzynski presented papers on 'Twenty-one years of hearing implants in Poland' and 'Our 16 year-long experience in the residual hearing preservation'. A. Pankowska spoke on 'Diagnostics and management of patients after cochlear implantation' and 'Rehabilitation of patients with partial deafness'. Dr R. Barylyak talked about 'Features of the round window surgery in cochlear implantation' and 'Complex cases in stapedotomy and re-stapedotomy'. Dr L. Karpiesz gave details of 'Etiology of tinnitus' and 'Audiological diagnostics of tinnitus'. Finally, M. Zelazowska spoke about 'Telemedicine in treatment, diagnostics and rehabilitation of patients with hearing loss'.

The interesting scientific program was complemented by a splendid opening ceremony distinguished by a colorful and exuberant show of traditional Ukrainian folk dances.