

REPORT OF THE 30TH CONGRESS OF THE UNION OF THE EUROPEAN PHONiatrICIANS, 27–30 APRIL 2023, ANTALYA, TURKEY

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The 30th Congress of the Union of European Phoniaticians (UEP) took held in Antalya, Turkey, from 27 to 30 April 2023. The congress gathered nearly 500 participants from different specialties: phoniaticians, laryngologists, otorhinolaryngologists, vocologists, speech and language pathologists, audiologists, acousticians, voice teachers, and all those with interest in human voice and communication disorders. They came from 50 or so countries. The congress involved 142 research sessions and 6 courses. Each day, the medical sessions and courses took place simultaneously in 6 halls. There were 123 oral presentations and 28 posters accepted for the program.

The Guest of Honour was Professor Steven Zeitels (Harvard University, USA), who gave three keynote lectures: innovations in the treatment of benign glottic disorders; innovations in the treatment of early glottic cancer and dysplasia; and phonosurgery in performing vocalists.

The congress covered all main topics dealing with communication and swallowing disorders: the study and treatment of voice, swallowing, speech and language, hearing, airway disorders, and the training of professional and artistic human voice. Of 332 speakers, Poland was represented by 8 medical doctors. The Institute of Physiology and Pathology of Hearing (IFPS) was represented by 6 faculty members, who were invited as a chair of two workshop sessions and one panel session, they also presented 8 research works in two panel sessions and four research forums. Talks given by the IFPS team focused on diagnostics (including laryngeal electromyography), conservative voice therapy, and surgical procedures for patients with vocal fold paralysis, surgical treatment of sulcus vocalis, and the acoustic analysis of the voice of patients with partial deafness. They were received with interest and initiated numerous discussions during panels and behind the scenes. We are hopeful it may lead to multicentre scientific cooperation.



Participants of the 30th UEP Congress

Sessions covered speech therapy, swallowing disorders, laryngopharyngeal reflux, office-based phonosurgery, and neurolaryngology. New directions of unified procedures were presented, including topics connected with vocal fold paralysis, care of high-end voice professionals, recurrent

laryngeal papilloma, and the voice change in trans-people. Participants from the U.S. and Germany presented concepts of new methods and tools dedicated for patients with vocal fold immobilisation. The congress was on a high scientific level and also socially successful.