

28th International Symposium on Pediatric Surgical Research



Dublin, 24th-26th September 2015

The Gibson Hotel
Point Village
Dublin 1
Ireland

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Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues and friends,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to participate in the 28th International Symposium on Pediatric Surgical Research, which will take place at the Gibson Hotel in Dublin from 24th to 26th September 2015.

Dublin is one of the most popular destinations in Europe, consistently featuring in all of the top ten most visited cities and renowned for being one of the friendliest capitals in Europe. Dublin is an old city, steeped in history and tradition, with numerous sightseeing treasures. A rich Georgian heritage and its contemporary multicultural cosmopolitanism constitute Dublin's unique charm and character. The city's myriad of cultural offerings, landscaped parks, huge variety of attractions and a superb conference venue directly located in the city centre make Dublin an ideal location for the International Symposium on Pediatric Surgical Research.

The 28th International Symposium on Pediatric Surgical Research aims to provide an unique opportunity for young pediatric surgeons and research fellows to present their clinical and laboratory research. This meeting will bring together clinicians and basic scientists from all over the world in order to exchange their knowledge on all aspects of pediatric surgical diseases. Over the years, the International Symposium on Pediatric Surgical Research has become a global research forum for presenting high quality research.

I hope that the 28th International Symposium on Pediatric Surgical Research in Dublin - through both formal sessions and especially informal gatherings - will provide a wonderful opportunity for pediatric surgeons and basic scientists to have a fruitful exchange of ideas, generate new research collaborations and meet old friends.



Prem Puri
Chairman, Local Organizing Committee



International Scientific Committee

- Arnold Coran (Ann Arbor, USA)
- Paolo De Coppi (London, United Kingdom)
- Michael Höllwarth (Graz, Austria)
- Martin Meuli (Zürich, Switzerland)
- Alastair Millar (Cape Town, South Africa)
- Agostino Pierro (Toronto, Canada)
- Prem Puri (Dublin, Ireland)
- Risto Rintala (Helsinki, Finland)
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- Daniel Teitelbaum (Ann Arbor, USA)
- Juan Tovar (Madrid, Spain)
- Benno Ure (Hannover, Germany)
- Atsuyuki Yamataka (Tokyo, Japan)

Local Organizing Committee

- Prem Puri (Chairman)
- Florian Friedmacher
- Vanessa Woods

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General Information

Meeting Time

- Thursday, 24th September 2015 (19:00 Welcome Reception)
- Friday, 25th September 2015, 08:00-18.00 (19:00 Social Dinner)
- Saturday, 26th September 2015, 08:00-15:30

Venue

- Stratocaster Suite, The Gibson Hotel, Point Village, Dublin 1, Ireland (www.thegibsonhotel.ie)
- Free high-speed WiFi and broadband will be available in the conference area

Language

The official language of the meeting is English.

Registration Desk

The registration desk will be located in front of the Stratocaster Suite at Gibson Hotel and will be open as followed:

- Thursday, 24th September 2015, 16:00-18:00
- Friday, 25th September 2015, 08:00 - 18:00
- Saturday, 26th September 2015, 08:00 - 15:30

Registration Fee

Each person attending the 28th International Symposium on Pediatric Surgical Research must complete the registration process. Registration is only confirmed upon receipt of payment.

Category	Before 31st July 2015	After 31st July 2015
Delegate	€ 250,00	€ 300,00
Resident/Research Fellow	€ 200,00	€ 250,00
Accompanying person	€ 100,00	€ 150,00

The registration fee* includes:

- Admission to all scientific sessions
- Congress material (bag, badge and program)
- Morning and afternoon refreshment breaks
- Lunches
- Welcome reception at the Gibson Hotel on Thursday, 24th September 2015
- Social dinner at the Old Jameson Distillery on Friday, 25th September 2015
- Certificate of attendance

***NOTE:** The registration fee for accompanying person includes only the Welcome Reception and the Social Dinner.

Payment Options

- **Cheque**

Please make cheques payable to **28th International Symposium on Pediatric Surgical Research** and send with your application to:

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- **Bank Transfer**

BANK:	Allied Irish Bank
SWIFT CODE:	AIB KIE2D
IBAN:	IE92AIBK93102033599012
SORT CODE:	93 10 20
ACCOUNT NO.:	33599012

<p>NOTE: Please ensure that any bank transfer fee is not deducted from your registration fee. Bank fees must be paid separately.</p>

Registration Terms and Conditions

1. All cancellations must be sent in writing and addressed to Vanessa Woods (vanessa.woods@ncrc.ie).
2. Cancellation to registration received up to and including the 15th June 2015 will be subject to a 10% cancellation fee on registration.
3. Cancellations received from 15th June 2015 until 31st July 2015 will be subject to a 50% cancellation fee on registration.
4. No refunds will be given from 1st August 2015 for registration.
5. Transfer of registration fee to another delegate is accepted until the 23rd August 2015. Please inform the conference secretariat of changes as soon as possible.
6. By registering for the 28th International Symposium on Pediatric Surgical Research, delegates give permission for their contact details to be used for official purposes and to be included in the list of participants.
7. The organizers reserve the right to alter any of the arrangements for this conference; including cancellation of the event should unforeseen circumstances require such action. The organisers accept no responsibility for resulting costs and inconvenience to delegates who are advised to have their own travel insurance in place.
8. Please note, all refunds due will be processed post conference.

Accommodation Bookings

Please be advised that Dublin is very busy in September, so we recommend you to make your accommodation bookings as early as possible.

We have secured special conference rates at the Gibson Hotel.

Hotel	Single rate B&B per night	Double/Twin rate B&B per night
*The Gibson Hotel	€ 160,00	€ 170,00

*If you wish to stay in the designated congress hotel “**The Gibson Hotel**”, you can easily book with the conference secretariat (vanessa.woods@ncrc.ie) to receive special rates.

NOTE: You will be asked to pay a one night deposit in order to guarantee your hotel booking.

- **Changes to Accommodation Bookings**

Changes and/or cancellations need to be directed to the conference secretariat (vanessa.woods@ncrc.ie) as soon as possible. Any changes or cancellations after 1st August 2015 may be subject to 100% cancellation fees. Please note that hotels will only receive your booking details 2-3 weeks prior to the conference. Therefore, please contact the congress secretariat with any changes or amendments to your hotel booking.

If you wish to extend your stay please contact the congress secretariat and we will do our best to accommodate you.

- **Sharing Accommodation**

If you wish to book a twin room, please note that only one accommodation booking is required. Please ensure that the person sharing does not also book a room as you will be double booked and will be charged for the second room. Contact the secretariat as soon as possible if a double booking occurs.

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2. For hotel bookings, a deposit payment for the first night must accompany your reservation. Your booking will be confirmed upon receipt of your hotel deposit. This prepaid deposit will be deducted from your final hotel invoice when checking out from the hotel. Potential additional incidentals, such as mini-bar and telephone, must be paid directly to the hotel upon check-out. All one night deposits paid are non-refundable.
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4. Cancellations received from 15th June 2015 until 31st July 2015 will be subject to a 50% cancellation fee.
5. No refunds will be given from 1st August 2015.
6. In case of early departures, guests will be charged according to their initial booking and not their actual stay.
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8. The organizers accept no responsibility for resulting costs and inconvenience to delegates who are advised to have their own travel insurance in place.
9. Please note, all accommodation refunds due will be processed post conference.
10. In the event of non-arrival/no show, the hotel will automatically release the reservation and no refunds will be given.

Abstract Submission

Abstracts on all aspects of Basic Science and Clinical Research can be submitted for consideration to Professor Prem Puri (vanessa.woods@ncrc.ie) until **Sunday, 5th July 2015**. All abstracts must present original work which has not been previously accepted for publication, published or presented at a national or international meeting prior to the 28th International Symposium on Pediatric Surgical Research.

Abstract Format:

Each abstract must be submitted as a Microsoft Word file (".doc"). The text must be **left-justified, single-spaced** and in **Arial 12** font. The body of the abstract must fit **one A4 sheet** with a **maximum of 350 words**, including tables, figures and graphs. The text must be clear, concise and written in proper English.

The content of the abstract must be structured as followed:

- **Title:** Bold font and capital letters must be used (no abbreviations).
- **Authors:** Each author name must start with initial(s) followed by surname. The presenting author must be underlined and each institutional affiliation must be indicated by an individual superscript number.
- **Institutional affiliations (department, city and country):** Must be in chronological order, each starting on a new line.
- **E-mail address of corresponding author.**
- **Abstract text:** Must be divided into **four parts** ("**PURPOSE**", "**METHODS**", "**RESULTS**", "**CONCLUSION**"), each starting on a new line.

Data Presentation:

Abstracts must include data with clear descriptions of results and conclusion. For example a *p* value without data is not sufficient.

Manuscript Publication

Authors of accepted abstracts (oral and poster presentations) are invited to submit their manuscripts for consideration for publication in Pediatric Surgery International (PSI). All manuscripts must be submitted to Professor Prem Puri (vanessa.woods@ncrc.ie) by **Sunday, 23rd August 2015**. The scientific committee will then decide on the basis of originality and scientific merit, which manuscripts will be accepted for publication in the congress issue of PSI.

Presentation of your paper is not a guarantee of acceptance for publication in PSI.

Instructions for authors can be found here:

<http://www.springer.com/medicine/pediatrics/journal/383>

Research Prizes

There will be two prizes for the best scientific papers presented by a young investigator (<35 years) in the prize session at the 28th International Symposium on Pediatric Surgical Research:

- **Prem Puri Prize** (€ 1500) for the best basic science paper
- **Michael Höllwarth Prize** (€ 1500) for the best clinical research paper

Members of the International Board of Pediatric Surgical Research will select the recipients of the prizes from the papers presented in the prize session during the conference.

Important Dates

5th July 2015

Deadline for abstract submission

20th July 2015

Notification of abstract acceptance

31st July 2015

Deadline for early registration

23rd August 2015

Deadline for manuscript submission