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## IPIC2019 welcomed 750 participants in Madrid, Spain

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IPOPI, the International Patient Organisation for Primary Immunodeficiencies welcomed 750 participants interested in learning more about diagnosis and clinical care of primary immunodeficiencies (PIDs) at IPIC2019, the fourth International Primary Immunodeficiencies Congress, that took place in Madrid, Spain, at the Hotel Marriot Auditorium, on 6-8 November 2019.

The congress programme featured world-renowned experts in the field of PID as well as other key stakeholders who shared their invaluable experience and unique perspectives on major clinical developments and advances in the field. The congress was designed to advance PID clinical care by putting the patients' interest at the centre of all discussions.

The programme engaged international delegates through interactive sessions and pertinent topics, such as, Management of respiratory issues in PID, Novel PID diagnostics, Management of complex PID cases, Regional clinical priorities, Gene therapy developments, Managing PID in adulthood and old age, Ethical issues around PID care and diagnosis, Perspectives on future care and diagnosis developments.

IPIC2019 was endorsed by 37 medical and professional societies and was granted 12 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits by the European Union of Medical Experts.

213 abstracts for posters presentation were approved for the congress, many of which by young physicians with an interest in PID. The authors of the three best posters were distinguished with a monetary grant and given the opportunity to present in a dedicated congress session in the main auditorium.

IPOPI designed a more dynamic approach to the Poster Presentations by organizing Guided Poster Walks with a selection of 5 poster flash presentations, dedicated to 8 topics. Four hours were dedicated to the guided walks in total with each walk lasting 30 min. The walks were moderated by PID key opinion leaders and included time for presenters to answer questions from the crowd.

Martine Pergent, IPOPI President, stated that IPOPI was 'excited to be back in Europe for the 2019 edition of IPIC and building on the success of previous events.' She also mentioned that IPIC2019 'aimed to deliver a diverse and stimulating scientific programme focusing on the state of the art in PIDs diagnosis and clinical care.'

The next IPIC will be held in Berlin, Germany, on 3-5 November 2021. Stay tuned to <a href="https://www.ipic2021.com">www.ipic2021.com</a> to get the latest news on what promises to be another exciting edition of the congress.

<u>About IPIC</u>: IPIC is an international scientific meeting focusing on the diagnosis and clinical management of Primary Immunodeficiencies (PIDs). IPIC congresses are organised every two years and attract physicians with an interest in PIDs, such as immunologists, paediatricians, general practitioners, among others. The uniqueness of IPIC comes from its clinically orientated programme prepared with the input from the key PID stakeholders: doctors, patients and nurses.

<u>About IPOPI</u>: IPOPI is the leading advocate for primary immunodeficiencies' patients worldwide working in collaboration with patients, doctors, politicians, regulators, pharmaceutical industry and other relevant stakeholders. IPOPI is the Association of national PID patient organisations currently representing 68 countries.

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