

15. Kos 2000

The 15th Workshop took place on the island of Kos in 2000. Kos is one of the Dodecanese group of Greek islands, which was the birth place of Hippokrates, father of medicine. There were 88 participants (64 neonatologists and other scientists) from 28 countries.

The Workshop started in the afternoon of June 2nd, with a visit to Asklepeion Temple, the first medical school in the world, where the participants attended a performance of the original Hippokratic oath.

Then, all participants returned to Kipriotis Village Hotel, where William Taeusch gave the 3rd Nils W. Svenningsen Memorial Lecture: "Treatment of acute (adult) respiratory distress syndrome: The Holy Grail of surfactant therapy".

The welcome reception and dinner were held in the hotel followed by singing and dancing until late. On the second day there were 3 invited lectures, 18 oral presentations and 7 poster presentations. Invited speakers were Bert van Golde, Guy Moriette and David Edwards who talked about "Lung surfactant proteins A and D in innate immune defence", "High Frequency Oscillatory Ventilation in the management of RDS" and "Investigation of lung disease in preterm infants using Magnetic Resonance Imaging", respectively. The Proceedings of the Workshop were published in a Supplement of *Biology of the Neonate* [15].

The second day was closed with a farewell dinner in Freedom Square with its huge maple tree, under the shadow of which Hippocrates is said to have taught. A small statue-replica of Hippocrates was given, as a gift, to all participants.



THE FAMILY WITH BENGT AT THE ASKLEPEION TEMPLE IN KOS



BILL TAEUSCH - THE THIRD NILS SVENNINGSEN MEMORIAL LECTURER



BO SUN AND HIS WIFE SAY GOODBYE TO KOS

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