



ESSIC 2018

Bladder Pain Syndrome/Interstitial Cystitis: Rare or not rare? This is the question

29th November – 1st December 2018

Florence | Auditorium al Duomo

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Object: Annual Meeting Report

The 2018 annual meeting of ESSIC (International Society for the Study of BPS) held at Auditorium al Duomo in Florence and chaired by Dr Giulio Del Popolo attracted about 200 IC/BPS experts from around the world. However, it was not only a meeting of medical experts in the field, but also an opportunity for IC/BPS patient advocates to meet and exchange experiences as well as learn about the latest developments and provide input on the patient point of view. This highlighted the need for all of us - the first generation of IC patient advocates – to find better ways of passing on our knowledge and know-how to the younger, upcoming generation, and perhaps most important of all to give them encouragement and support in their challenging and often daunting and overwhelming task.

A particularly welcome aspect of this year's meeting was the increased time allowed for discussion and questions after each session, thereby facilitating greater interaction and participation by attendees, including patient representatives. In general terms, every presentation and every discussion session highlighted just how complex this bladder disease (or diseases) is and how relatively little we know. It is in fact a question of "the more we learn, the less we know"! Multi-centre studies are needed since there is a lack of reliable data in many areas.

Participants evaluation

Through the evaluation survey the participants expressed their opinion about the relevance of topics, the quality of the programme, the usefulness of the event for their training, and the organization. The data gathered after ESSIC 2018 are extremely positive.

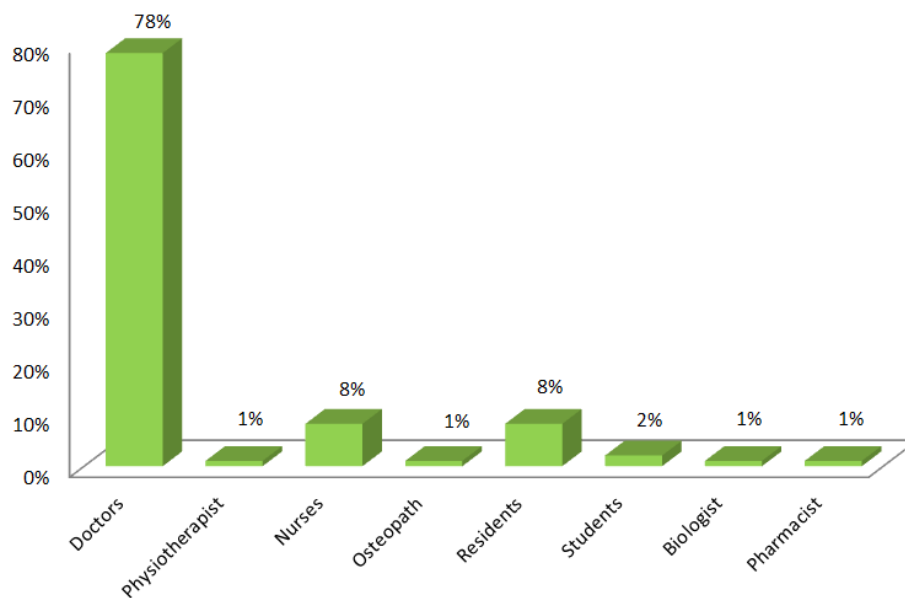
The Meeting was supported by six sponsors, but 90% of participants did not perceive any commercial influence.

The ESSIC Annual Meeting 2018 was attended by 180 specialists in the field of IC/BPS.

Here below the average of data from the evaluation survey filled out by participants

- Relevance of discussed topics: 4,24/5
- Educational quality of the CME Programme: 4,19/5
- Usefulness for training: 4,19/5
- Sponsor's influence: 1,19/5
- Organization of the Meeting: 4,58/5

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