



What's Happening at GRS



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GRS-IGF 2012 Meeting

The meeting was a dazzling success!!

The Local Planning Committee and the Scientific Planning Committee did outstanding jobs. A special acknowledgement and thanks goes to **Martin Bidlingmaier** whose dedicated commitment to the meeting was crucial to making it a success.

Many comments were heard throughout the meeting similar to the following: 'The Science was great, the venue was great, the city of Munich was great, and the weather was great!'

A 'big' thank you and Congratulations to all who were involved in making this meeting one of our best!

Statistics from the meeting.

- Munich, Germany, Oct. 17 - 20, 2012
- 368 Attendees representing 34 different countries
- 4 day average daytime temperature of 75°F; 24°C
- 109 Travel grants awarded by GRS
- 4 Travel grants awarded by the IGF Society
- 146 Posters presented
- Guided Poster Tours a big success; thanks Tour Leaders!
- 6 Poster Prizes were awarded:

P01-3: Alaide Morcavallo; P01-42: Emanuel Christ;
P02-17: Masaki Yamamoto; P02-08: Matthias Auer
P03-1: Toshiaki Fukushima; P03-36: John Germak

- A new "Wild Card" poster prize was initiated this year in which all attendees could vote for their favorite poster. The winner was a **tie**!! Congratulations to the winning 'Wild Card' posters and presenters:

P01-25: Chrysanthi Taxeidi: "Ketogenic low-carb/high-fat diets lead to lower IGF-I levels and reduced longitudinal growth in rats independent of the fat source"

P01-43: Nadège van Varsseveld: "Radiotherapy and GH replacement therapy in GH deficient adults with craniopharyngioma: Preliminary data from the Duth National Registry of GH treatment in Adults"

Upcoming Events

- GRS-IGF Meeting
 - Singapore (Oct. 15-18, 2014)
- GRS-IGF Meeting
 - 2016; (Location and date TBD)
- Workshop
 - Safety of rhGH treatment (2013; exact date and location TBD)



With the rapid expansion of Asian scientific and clinical expertise, there is also a rise in the interest in GH-related issues. The GRS hopes to make this event an opportunity to reach out to a large community of clinicians and scientists in China and other countries in the region who have not previously attended such meetings!

See GRS web site for details

We hope to see you in Singapore !



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Supporting Member News

A GRS Council Supporting Member Breakfast was held on Friday, October 19, 2012. The major issue discussed was the upcoming workshop on 'The Safety of hGH Treatment'. Everyone agreed that a meeting on this subject is of paramount importance. Several 'hurdles' will need to be resolved as to the workshop's venue, participants, and treatment of the data. Also discussed was the next GRS/IGF meeting to be held in Singapore. We hope to have a Chinese presence at this meeting.

This breakfast meeting was a casual and valuable get together. GRS intends to continue these types of meetings.

GRS would like to welcome a new supporting member; **ids (Immunodiagnostic Systems)**. We appreciate your support and will call on you for ideas and critiques of various GH related subject matter. Again, welcome!

GRS gratefully and thankfully acknowledges all of our Supporting Members for their continued and enthusiastic support.

Update on Prader Willi Workshop

Cheri Deal and the writing group from the October 2011 Workshop are pleased to announce that the following report has been submitted to an endocrine journal: *"Growth Hormone Research Society Workshop Summary: Consensus Guidelines for Recombinant Human Growth Hormone Therapy in Prader Willi"*. Good job to all involved and a special thanks to Cheri!

GRS Council News

GRS council met in Munich. Among the business was a hearty thanks to departing Council members; Kazuo Chihara (Japan), Peter Clayton (England), Cheri Deal (Canada), Christian Strasburger (Germany). We sincerely appreciated your involvement in GRS and your dedication to our Society. We wish you well and hope that you will stay involved with GRS.

The newly elected council members are:

Martin Bidlingmaier (Germany), Margaret Boguszewski (Brazil), K O Lee (Singapore), Juliane Leger (France), and Andy Hoffman (USA, re-elected)

The new & continuing GRS officers are:

President; John Kopchick (USA)
President Elect; Pinchas Cohen (USA)
Past President; Jens Sandahl Christiansen (Denmark)
Secretary; Gudmundur Johannsson (Sweden)

More Tidbits from the Munich Meeting

There were 13 excellent Plenary Lectures.

Two new types of Lectures were delivered and were quite successful, namely

"Two Years in GH" - Ken Ho

"Two Years in IGF" - Ron Rosenfeld

Finally, check out the Program Booklet from the meeting.

It has plenty of valuable information including a brief history of GRS and IGF Societies, Past Presidents of GRS, GRS & IGF Officers, Poster Tour Leaders, Travel Grant Recipients, a list of the Posters, and members of the Program Organizing and Local Organizing Committees.

