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38th "International Society of Medical Hydrology & Climatology" World Congress

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The 38th ISMH World Congress took place in Lanjaron the days 20 to 23rd of June 2012. Spain accepted the organization of this congress in Paris in 2010; the outline was similar to that of Oporto and Paris Congresses. Members of the executive committee met in June 2010 during the Latin American Peloid Congress; in Paris in January 2011 during the AFRETH-ISMH Workshop and in January 2012 in Lanjaron and Madrid to check and accept the logistic and scientific material for this congress.

This congress has been made possible thanks to the enthusiastic dedication of the human team formed mainly by members of the Professional School of Medical Hydrology and Hydrotherapy belonging to the Madrid Complutense University and of the Spanish Society of Medical Hydrology. The economic help coming from some private and public institutions like: Lanjaron Hotel and Spa, Aguas Font Vella y Lanjarón SA, PRIN SA, ANBAL, ANEABE, Termas World and Tribuna Termal of the private institutions and the Andalusian Thermalism Association, the Thermalism Observatory, the Ourense Municipality, Lanjarón Municipality, IMPROTUR, Expourense, Termatalia Peru 2012 and the Mediterranean Centre of the Granada University among the public institutions also contributed decisively.

Organizational Fundaments

1.- Material aspects:

The organization, administration and logistics have been done by "Fase 20 Congresos" that has proven to be very professional and well prepared for the organization of this kind of events.

Here we must mention the Madrid Complutense University's Publication Department's important collaboration preparing the Abstract Book of the Congress as Monography number 6 of the series *Balnea* titled: "Medical Hydrology and Balneology: Environmental Aspects" <http://revistas.ucm.es/index.php/ANHM/issue/current/showToc> and volume 5, number 1 of the *Anales de Hidrología Médica* dedicated to Climatotherapy and Balneotherapy in the Dead Sea

<http://revistas.ucm.es/index.php/ANHM/issue/view/2251/showToc>.



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2.- Scientific Aspects:

Considering the subject areas selected by the Scientific Committee of the ISMH, we have proceeded to pursue selective calls to appropriate speakers and other papers received was submitted to Spanish and ISMH scientific committees for approval.

Congress Results

Participation: a total of 238 registrations were received from 26 countries of which 191 were to assist the congress and 47 came as company. Table 1.

At the scientific level: Table 2 shows the scientific participation of the different countries. It should be noted the important contributions as Monographic Scientific Sessions of the "Société Française de Médecine Thermale", the "Sociedad Española de Hidrología Médica" and the Committed of research on Dead Sea Climatotherapy and Balneotherapy.

At social level: the people assisting the congress expressed their satisfaction for the ideal place chosen for the congress's celebration, for the attention received from the Lanjaron Hotel and Spa's staff, as well as, a very pleasant souvenir of the welcoming cocktail, the visit to the Alhambra and the formal dinner.

At ISMH level: during their General Assembly all the activities done during the last two years were looked, paying special attention to the creation of the Permanent Working Group on Balneology at the UEMS under the presidency of Prof. Bender. Important decisions taken:

- 1) That the publication *Anales de Hidrologia Medica* become as of 2013 a peer-reviewed international journal as an official journal of ISMH.
- 2) That 2014 Congress will take place in Kioto (Japan) on the 12-15th of May.

Prize given: a prize to the Best Scientific Communication has been given to the paper "Water Journeys (II): Granada Spas and Springs through Travelers' and Hydrologists' eyes" whose author is Prof. Armijo Castro, is a summary of his book of the same title, also given to members of Congress in the conference documentation.

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Table 1

Country	Delegates	Accompanying persons	Total
Argentina	5		5
Austria	1	1	2
Brazil	1		1
Bulgaria	2		2
Canada	1		1
Croatia	2		2
Cuba	3		3
Czech Republic	1		1
France	14	6	20
Hungary	5		5
Iran	1		1
Israel	4	2	6
Italy	10	3	13
Japan	8	2	10
Mexico	1		1
Norway	3		3
Poland	4	3	7
Portugal	14	6	20
Romania	12	4	16
Russia	2	2	4
Serbia	4	1	5
Slovenia	2		2
Spain	79	11	90
Turkey	5	2	7
Venezuela	2	1	3
USA	5	3	8
Total	191	47	238



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Table 2

Country	Lectures	Oral papers	Posters	Total
Argentina	2	1	1	4
Austria	1			1
Brazil			2	2
Bulgaria			1	1
Croatia			1	1
Czech Republic		1		1
France	9	12	4	25
Hungary	1	3		4
Israel	1	8		9
Italy	6	7	3	16
Japan	1	3	4	8
Mexico			1	1
Nigeria		1		1
Poland		3	2	5
Portugal	4	6	4	14
Romania	2	6	8	16
Russia	2	3	1	6
Serbia	1	3	2	6
Slovenia		2		2
Spain	11	19	38	68
Turkey	4	3	2	9
USA	1	1		2
Total	46	82	74	202