CIRSE 2012 – Another Successful Congress for Interventional Radiology

20 September 2012, Lisbon, Portugal: From September 15-19, the city of Lisbon, Portugal played host to the world’s largest and most comprehensive congress on interventional radiology (IR). The success of the CIRSE Annual Congress and Postgraduate Course (CIRSE 2012) was reflected in its high attendance – over 6,000 delegates were present from more than 80 countries – and its innovative and inspirational atmosphere made it a truly unmissable event.

Comprehensive scientific programme
CIRSE 2012 provided a unique platform for learning and scientific exchange with over 250 hours worth of state-of-the-art workshops, lectures and debates based around seven main themes – Vascular Interventions, Transcatheter Embolisation, Interventional Oncology, Neuro Interventions, Non-Vascular Interventions, IR Management and Imaging. Select sessions were also streamed live via the internet for the first time, bringing the congress to those who could not be present. Various other additions were introduced to the congress for the convenience of the attendees – a new and improved mobile app was launched that included features such as an itinerary planner, session information and congress centre floor plans. Numerous sessions were also modified according to attendee feedback from past congresses.

A platform for medical innovation
As in past years, CIRSE 2012 attracted a large industry presence. Cutting-edge devices and equipment were showcased in the well-visited 5,000m² exhibition hall. A range of products were launched during the congress allowing companies to take advantage of the specialised platform. Medical researchers and scientists also used the congress to share information on the latest findings, giving attendees exclusive insights into breakthroughs in the field.

Inspiration for the expert and novice alike
The arguably greatest achievement of the congress each year lies in its ability to inspire the experienced interventional radiologist and the novice alike. A special student programme was held during CIRSE 2012 alongside the advanced sessions giving undergraduate students from across Europe insights into the innovative medical field. The well-received programme was an important investment in the future of the discipline and provided students with complimentary registration and travel and accommodation grants.

CIRSE Annual Congress and Postgraduate Course
The CIRSE Annual Congress and Postgraduate Course is a trend-setting, dynamic and service-oriented event, dedicated to education, science and innovation. It covers the entire spectrum of Interventional Radiology and is the largest and most comprehensive congress in the field of minimally invasive image-guided therapies. The congress is organised by the Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe (CIRSE).