A moment to say thank you

After the 2nd Portuguese Stroke Conference, it is my duty as President of the Conference to thank all of those who contributed to its success. I do not want to prioritise anyone, so the order that follows is only based on methodology.

I would like to thank the Scientific Committee, particularly its President, Prof. José Ferro, for the high scientific quality of the Conference, which was the main reason for the continuous presence of the Conference attendees.

I also thank the Organising Committee for the established model and for choosing Moderators and Lecturers who proved, without exception, how rightfully they were chosen.

To all of the above, I thank for their selfless and competent contribution to the scientific enrichment of the attendees.

I also acknowledge every time they addressed me with a comment of satisfaction for being part of the Organisation.

I appreciate the contribution of the Pharmaceutical Industry and Civil Society that were present in the Conference and acknowledged in the Conference's Programme. Their contribution helped to maintain SPAVC's activity — the promoter of the Conference, and, thus, contributed to the fight against the 1st cause of Death in Portugal.

I owe a heartfelt thank you to the Municipal Council of Cascais, particularly its President and Collaborators. Without ostentation or self-interest besides that of contributing to the well-being of its Population, they contributed to a high-quality entertainment during the formal inaugural sitting and the information session dedicated to the public. In the latter, the Municipal Council was able to mobilize an age-diverse audience, who was very interested and filled the Congress Center during the two hours dedicated to them.

I shall also thank the Orchestra of the Municipal Council of Cascais/Oeiras, as they contributed to creating a high-quality environment during the Conference's important moments, such as the inaugural sitting and the information session dedicated to the public. Their music will definitely last as soothing for the hard work that lies ahead for SPAVC.

I would like to acknowledge the staff selected by Eurocongressos for their exemplary professionalism, and also Eurocongressos for the remarkable collaboration we had and the close attention they paid to the demanding organisation required to carry out a Conference of this kind.

I must also thank the Secretary of the Board of Directors, Dr. Marta Carvalho, and the Secretary of SPAVC, Paula Barbosa, for their efficiency, dedication, and sacrifice to the organisation of the Conference, which were crucial for the final result: a remarkable Conference.

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