Here is the confirmation

In the introduction of the Programme of the 5th Portuguese Stroke Conference, developed by the Congress Presidents and the Scientific Committee, we ended stating:

“With the expected collaboration, we are sure that we will have a Great Conference.”

The collaboration referred in that statement corresponded to an active participation of the attendees and particularly of everyone dedicated to the important cause of stroke.

How may we now sustain that confirmation?

First, due to the generalised opinion of the people present in the Conference translated into the Congratulations on the Quality of what they were witnessing and the details of its Organisation.

Secondly, due to the high number of attendees, which were confirmed to be 712.

Accordingly, we should acknowledge the collaboration of various other parties. The collaboration of the Pharmaceutical Industry, which was present in large numbers despite the known difficulties, demonstrates the interest of this Conference, and the contribution it has been providing through research on the prevention and treatment of stroke should be recognised. We should note that the information provided by the Representatives that attended the event represented a worth-mentioning knowledge and demonstrated a clearly evident and crucial scientific basis for better information.

The collaboration of the Civil Society should be acknowledged because the recognised visibility of its contribution helps passing information to the General Population.

The collaboration of Family Medicine in the Scientific Programme of the Conference, either in a round table or the interactive presentation of clinical cases, deserves our acknowledgement for showing the true benefits it provides to the fight against stroke.

We should also highlight the intervention of recognised foreign and national personalities of the area of cerebrovascular disease, either in person, by videoconference or by audioconference (which were set up with great efficacy due to Prof. Philip Gorelick not being able to travel because of adverse weather conditions). However, we shall not recognise anyone in particular due to the general high scientific level.

I should also refer the high number of works presented either as oral communications or as posters, which were subjected to a rigorous evaluation by the jury, who were previously constituted due to the importance of the Awards
to be given.

Finally, I should point out the Session to Inform the Population, which, as usual, closes the Conference's activities, and had a large number of attendants – approximately four hundred, who took the provided time to ask several questions of general and individual interest, thus clearly showing a will to collaborate in the fight against stroke.

As a conclusion, I shall state:

All the efforts put in the organisation of the Conference were worth it, because we had indeed A Great Conference

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