

The Sixth International Cystinosis Conference took place over the weekend of 23-26th September 2010 at the Village GeTur, Lignano Sabbiadoro.

Over 200 delegates attended from as far as Australia, Turkey, Mexico, Russia, all over Europe and of course a delegation from Ireland. This group comprised of patients and families, doctors, researchers and friends. Ireland was represented by our Chairman Mick Swift, Committee members Sue & Andy Maguire, Anne Marie O'Dowd and Des Hennelly.

Our researchers had also been invited to attend by the conference organisers and Dr. Patrick Harrison, Katrin Kaschig, Ciaran Lee and Jennifer Hollywood from U.C.C., Professor Philip Newsholme and Rodolfo Sumayoa from U.C.D. and Professor Don Cairns and Barbara Buchan from R.G.U., Aberdeen were there showing the research that is currently being funded by Cystinosis Foundation Ireland.

There were many interesting presentations throughout the weekend, from hopeful research to family insights into the problems associated with living with cystinosis. The programme was varied and benefitted everyone there:

Friday evening saw a wonderful Gala Dinner being held to honour Dr. Jerry Schneider's years of work and commitment to Cystinosis. There was a wonderfully touching slideshow showing many of the patients he has treated and many other people who have come to know him through his work.

On Sunday morning Dr. Alexei Tsygin and Dr. Mikhail Kagan from Russia received the Hobbs Humanitarian Award for their work in Russia where the first official diagnosis of Cystinosis was made only very recently.

We will have more detailed abstracts up as soon as possible but in the meantime take some time to look at this slideshow which shows the conference in photographs, courtesy of Matt Blackham and Tina Biss of the Cystinosis Foundation UK:

<http://www.cystinosis.org.uk/conference2010/album/>