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Poisons in Palma!

The 43rd International Congress of the European Association of Poisons Centres and Clinical Toxicologists (EAPCCT) is being held in Palma from 23rd- 26th May 2023 at the Auditorium.

The EAPCCT was founded in 1964 and aims to advance knowledge and understanding of the prevention, diagnosis and management of all forms of poisoning.

This is the first time the EAPCCT Congress has been held in the Balearics; previous Spanish congresses have been held in Madrid (1968 & 2016), Barcelona (2001) and Sevilla (2008).

Palma's local EAPCCT Representative is the well-known Dr Christopher Yates who has worked tirelessly to bring the congress, initially planned for 2021, to Mallorca.

Dr Yates has long been associated with the EAPCCT as a member of the Board and the Scientific Committee, and currently chairs the Toxicology Collaborative – an international group with representatives from all the major global toxicology associations producing evidence-based position statements and guidelines for some of the most current, complex and controversial issues in the clinical management of human poisoning. After working for 15 years at the Emergency Department and Clinical Toxicology Unit at Son Espases Hospital, he has spent the last few years concentrating on prehospital care at SAMU 061, the Balearic emergency ambulance service.

The congress' attendance levels are back at pre-pandemic levels, with some 400 toxicologists from over 45 countries from all the major continents.

There is a varied scientific programme over 4 days, arranged by the EAPCCT's Scientific & Meetings Committee under its Danish chair, Dr Lotte Høggberg, reflecting major and current concerns including management of major emergencies including war, radiation incidents, chemical accidents and pandemics as well as drugs of misuse, botulism, marine toxicology, education, mental wellbeing and much more. The abstracts of the congress oral presentations and posters are published in *Clinical Toxicology*, the scientific journal co-sponsored by the association.

There is major support from exhibitors and sponsors and the EAPCCT's Board under its first Spanish President, Professor Ana Ferrer Dufol (Zaragoza).

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Prof. Horst Thiermann – Past-President EAPCCT / 2024 Congress Representative
Professor Paul Dargan – President-elect EAPCCT
Dr Christopher Hoyte – President – American Academy of Clinical Toxicology (AACT)
Professor Martin Wilks – President Elect – International Union of Toxicology (IUTOX)

Countries represented by delegates

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| 1. Argentina | 24. Malta |
| 2. Australia | 25. Mexico |
| 3. Austria | 26. Netherlands |
| 4. Azerbaijan | 27. Norway |
| 5. Belgium | 28. Poland |
| 6. Canada | 29. Portugal |
| 7. Chile | 30. Republic of Ireland |
| 8. Congo (Democratic Republic) | 31. Romania |
| 9. Czech Republic | 32. Serbia |
| 10. Denmark | 33. Singapore |
| 11. Estonia | 34. Slovakia |
| 12. France | 35. Slovenia |
| 13. Germany | 36. South Africa |
| 14. Germany | 37. South Korea |
| 15. Greece | 38. Spain |
| 16. Hong Kong | 39. Sweden |
| 17. Hungary | 40. Switzerland |
| 18. Iceland | 41. Taiwan |
| 19. India | 42. Ukraine |
| 20. Israel | 43. United Arab Emirates |
| 21. Italy | 44. United Kingdom |
| 22. Lithuania | 45. United States |
| 23. Macedonia | |