

ANNUAL REPORT

2016 – 2017



ERS

EUROPEAN
RESPIRATORY
SOCIETY

every breath counts



GUY JOOS
President

A MESSAGE FROM THE ERS PRESIDENT

We have experienced another successful year with a strong international Congress and catalogue of publications underpinning our three core areas of activity: science, education and advocacy. I am delighted to have taken the helm of ERS at a time where we are achieving our mission to promote lung health and drive standards for respiratory medicine. This report aims to give our members and stakeholders an overview of our achievements during this financial year (April 2016–March 2017) and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the officers and staff who contribute to the success of ERS.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

ERS offers membership agreements with national and regional respiratory societies, offering ERS resources to a broad spectrum of professionals.



CARLOS ROBALO CORDEIRO
Secretary General

32,000

32,000* members
from over 160 countries

**Individuals with full and active membership only*

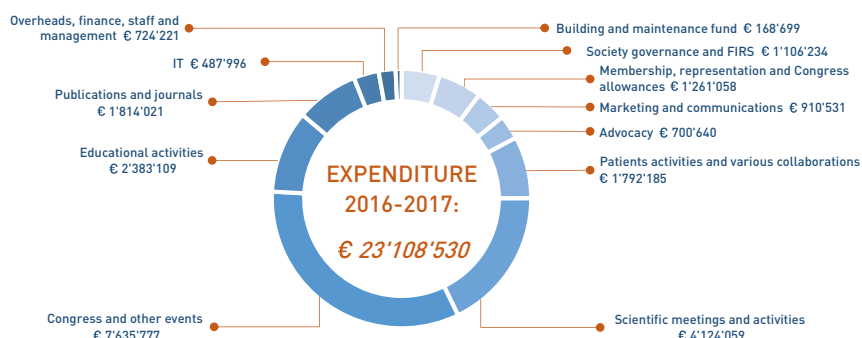
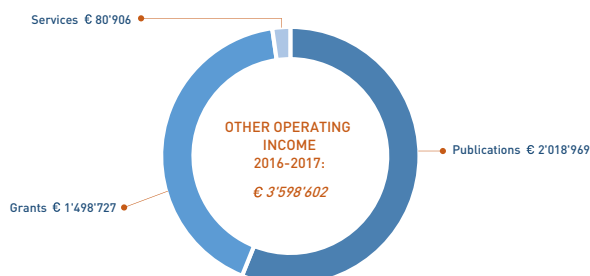
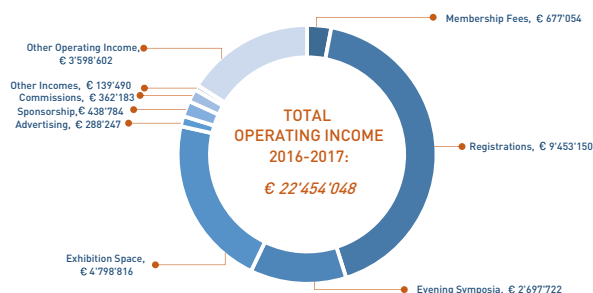


15 new agreements
signed with national/regional
respiratory societies

FINANCIAL REPORT



OTTO CHRIS BURGHUBER
Treasurer



Download Appendix 1: ERS Income Statement and Balance Sheet

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A full audit report from the Society is available to download online:

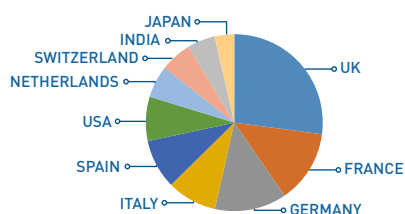
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CONGRESS AND CONFERENCES

The ERS International Congress remains the largest meeting in the respiratory field, boasting a cutting-edge scientific and educational programme. The 26th Congress took place in London, UK, attracting over 22,000 delegates. The programme is designed to address the needs of researchers, clinicians, general practitioners, allied health professionals and increasingly patients.

Alongside this flagship event, ERS also runs the annual Lung Science Conference. This event primarily targets early career professionals and aims to showcase cutting-edge research and its translation into clinical solutions. There is also a unique emphasis on mentoring as younger delegates are given the opportunity to learn from faculty members.

ERS CONGRESS



22,645 delegates
attended
the Congress



407 scientific
and educational
sessions



5633 submitted
and 4092 accepted
abstracts



155 sponsored
delegates and 28 grants
and awards offered

NEW FEATURES

- The Congress app featured new interactive functions giving delegates the chance to vote, send questions to session chairs and view trending sessions.
- New session types included professional development sessions, round-table postgraduate courses and sessions featuring state-of-the-art techniques showcasing pre-recorded films of procedures.
- Live@ERS was launched. This online TV channel featuring expert interviews, key presentations and interviews with delegates, giving professionals the chance to remotely follow the Congress.
- Congress Hubs took place in China, allowing delegates to watch remotely and then hold discussions amongst the audience and Chairs on site.

LUNG SCIENCE CONFERENCE



181 delegates

- The 14th Lung Science Conference entitled “Mechanistic overlap between chronic lung injury and cancer” took place on March 23–26, 2017 in Estoril, Portugal
- 10 awards given including the William MacNee Award (for the winner of the Young Investigator session), the Best Oral Presentation Award and eight Distinguished Poster Awards.

ENDORSED EVENTS

ERS is frequently asked to endorse educational and scientific meetings that fulfil standards of performance and scientific quality. In 2016–2017, 35 requests were received and 31 event programmes were endorsed.

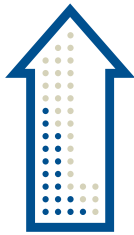


GUY BRUSSELLE
Science Council Chair

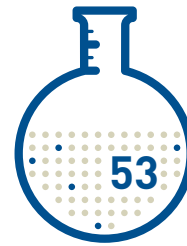
SCIENCE

ERS scientific activities put an emphasis on respiratory disease research and strengthening the clinical evidence base. This mission spans a range of activities, from fellowship opportunities, scientific conferences and seminars, publications, funding for guidelines, statements and technical standards and the ERS Research Agency, which facilitates respiratory research through the coordination and support of the respiratory research community, and to assist it in its efforts to obtain funding.

This year, ERS created a new position for a Clinical Research Collaboration Director, within the Science Council, aiming to strengthen the link between the Clinical Research Collaborations (CRCs) and the ERS Research Agency.



The ERJ 2016 impact factor
is 10.569 – a new record



53 fellowships granted and one new
fellowship programme (ERS Fellowship
in Industry) was launched



7 published guidelines,
statements and technical
standards



5 Horizon 2020/ IMI application
submitted through the
ERS Research Agency



5 accepted CRC applications
(including 2 project renewals)



4 Research
Seminars held



GERNOT ROHDE
Education Council Chair

EDUCATION

The mission of ERS Education is to supply medical professionals across Europe with access to high-quality training and educational resources. This covers a range of activities from curriculum development, courses, online learning, assessments and publications.

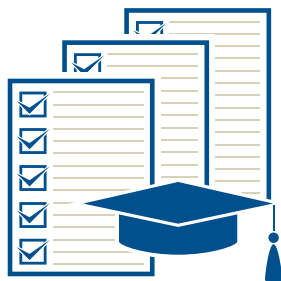
This year's milestones included the publication of a Thoracic Oncology Curriculum, the launch of a training programme in endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS) and the first Harmonised Education in Respiratory Medicine for European Specialists (HERMES) examination to be held outside of Europe.



20 courses held
including 13 skills courses
and 1 online course



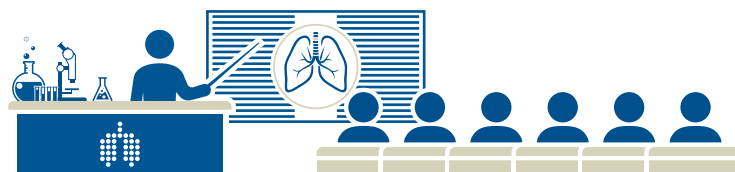
2 training
centres applying
for accreditation



6 Adult & Paediatric
HERMES Exams:
341 registrations in total



Over 1.1 million
page views of the
ERS e-learning site



1 endobronchial ultrasound training programme
and 12 spirometry training programmes



CHRISTINA GRATZIOU

Advocacy Council Chair

ADVOCACY

ERS Advocacy supports the Society's mission to promote respiratory health and alleviate suffering from respiratory disease. This involves a wide range of activities, from events such as advocacy workshops, policy roundtables with MEPs and summits.

This year saw the appointment of a new EU Scientific Relations Director to forge stronger links between Science and Advocacy within ERS. A stakeholder analysis was also conducted as part of the annual ERS Presidential Summit, gathering qualitative feedback on future trends in clinical care, prevention, research and education and how these developments may impact on ERS.



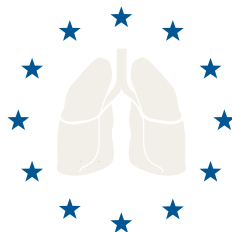
3 ERS-led events in the European Parliament,
5 meetings with the European Commission
and over 100 meetings with MEPs



249 MEPs signed a
Written Declaration on
Chronic Respiratory Diseases



Over 35
statements/positions
launched



2 respiratory priorities
successfully included in
Slovakian Presidency of EU



ERS Officer participation
in 15 EU high-level
events/meetings

KEY MILESTONES

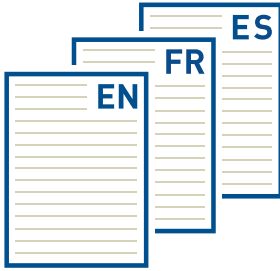
- Recommendations were provided from the Environment and Health Committee into two major EU publications: the European Parliament "Dieselgate" report and the final National Emission Ceilings Directive.
- ERS contributed to the WHO Europe Regional Committee Meeting by submitting three statements and one video message.
- Alongside other partners, ERS coordinated the Act Believe Care campaign on chronic respiratory diseases. This campaign encouraged MEPs to sign a declaration to support action on chronic respiratory diseases, with an emphasis on COPD.
- A high-level event on plain packaging at the European Parliament on World No Tobacco Day with a follow-up campaign to raise awareness at national level.



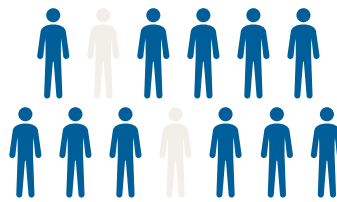
DAN SMYTH
ELF Chair

THE EUROPEAN LUNG FOUNDATION

The European Lung Foundation is dedicated to bringing patients and the public together with respiratory professionals to improve respiratory health. This activity includes actively involving patients in healthcare by ensuring the patient voice is incorporated at every level of ERS activities, alongside disseminating the highest quality patient resources and communicating and translating the work of ERS to those outside the respiratory field.



4 new resources produced
this year that are now
available in over 20 languages



Patients involved
in 11 task forces
and 2 CRC's



180 new ambassadors for
the European Patient
Ambassador Programme



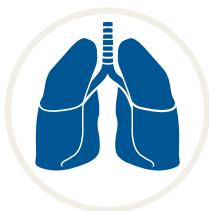
More than 100 patients
at the ERS International
Congress

KEY MILESTONES

- ELF website launched in Portuguese, the 9th language it is now available in
- The European Patient Ambassador Programme (EPAP) was translated into Italian and French
- A new resource focusing on patient priorities for lung cancer was also launched
- A new working group for ELF Advocacy was created
- The first ELF Patient Organisation Day was held at the ERS International Congress

HEALTHY LUNGS FOR LIFE

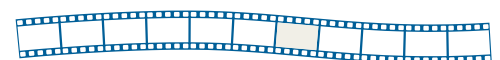
The Healthy Lungs for Life campaign focuses on garnering the support of healthcare professionals, policymakers, patients and the general public and media to encourage them to take action on lung health. Putting an emphasis on prevention, a new theme is selected each year and launched at the ERS International Congress to put lung health in the spotlight. This year, the theme was 'Breathe Clean Air'.



Over 3,100 members of the
public had their lungs tested
at 7 separate events
across London



1,000 information
packs for professionals
were distributed



Over 350 pieces of media coverage
were achieved and >1,000 views
of the HLFL ERS Vision video on
"Clean air and lung health"

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