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**Event title:** The 22nd Annual Gabor Racz Advanced Interventional Budapest Pain Conference and Workshop

**Event date:** 28-30 August, 2017 **Event city:** Budapest, Hungary

**EACCME® reference number:** LEE17-00220

**Actual number of participants:** 172 pax

**Please provide breakdown (in %) of international participation:**

European participants: 40%

American (US) participants: 21%

Canadian participants: 1%

South America: 11%

Middle-East: 10%

Asia: 13%

Africa: 3%

Australia: 1%

**Number of evaluation forms submitted:** 172

**Number of EACCME® certificates distributed:** 148

**Summary of evaluation forms completed by the participants (91 responses received):**

**Quality of the event**

How useful for your professional activity did you find this event?

Extremely useful	49
Useful	38
Fairly useful	4
Not useful	0

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If this activity was not useful, please explain why:

- 2 of the 4 faculty members in charge of the workshops were unfit for their stations
- Awards Dinner- went on for too long

What was your overall impression of this event?

	Excellent	Good	Fairly good	Poor	Very poor
Programme	65	25	1	0	0
Organisation	60	28	3	0	0

What was the best aspect of this event?

- academic material and workshop
- All the contents of the program were great.
- as per above and well catered
- broad spectrum of presented issues
- Cadaver workshop
- Cadaveric hands on and CIPS simulation
- Content
- Discussions with participants. They trigger me a lot
- Diversity of topics
- Dr. Racz is still amazing.
- Food
- general lectures
- good topics and discussion
- great conference. good speakers
- Great lecture and hands on cadaver workshop
- Great speakers. Excellent cadaver course
- High efficiency of the organization
- High quality speakers
- informative and updated
- innovation talks about regenerative medicine & in general networking
- interesting new information
- Introducing new aspects in pain treatment
- Lectures
- level of teachers
- Location
- meeting an international group of dedicated physicians, sharing ideas of the treatment of knee pain from different perspectives. Trying to cross and bridge communication gaps between the surgical community and the pain management community
- meeting experts
- networking
- new topics
- Novel therapies.
- organization
- Original lectures and workshop
- Practical USG Training on Volunteers & Cadaver workshop
- Practical workshop
- Presentations
- Program
- Quality lectures
- quality of the lectures
- Regenerative medicine

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- regenerative medicine
- scientific program
- Scientific programme and especially some of the speakers who did splendid work in their fields that actually advanced pain medicine.
- sharing the experience
- **SHORT INFORMATIVE LECTURES**
- Significant medical information
- Smart faculty
- Speaker level
- the ability to interact with the faculty
- the cadaveric sessions were more organised than in 2014
- the course it self was quite good.
- The course was so practical and easy to understand
- The lectures and the cadaver workshops
- the lectures of dr.Andrea Trescot
- The Practical workshops
- The variety of the lectures and lecturers
- this event had hands on workshop.
- Treatment of Back Pain Radiculopathy
- Ultrasound Workshop
- Variety of participants form different specialties
- Very professionally organized
- Workshops

What was the worst aspect of this event?

- none
- maybe hold closer to cadaver lab
- industry relationship
- Not enough seating in presentation rooms at times
- Not enough time to scan the live models
- the worst aspect was the other students who came from other tables in workshop. so we didnt have enough time to make procedure in our table.
- Food
- Some of the talks
- Having split lecture sessions
- Award dinner, too many speeches, too less time for the candidates to receive their certificates.
- Excellent
- Hotel Registration was painful.
- We were allowed only to attend one track. This is very costly compared to other cadaveric workshops.
- I missed the third afternoon workshop procedures
- didn't get to stay in Budapest for longer
- No vegetarian food
- Not enough time to enjoy the city
- Lack of time keeping
- should inform attendee about the schedule change at least one day before  
e.g. the lectures on Tuesday and Wednesday
- changes of scheduled presentations and stuff at reception didn't know where and when it was rescheduled  
cadaver workshop - too many participants per cadaver, would be great if groups were divided according to attending/not attending FIPP exam, lecturer were giving inconsistent information
- Cadaver lab

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- I don't know
- i was there for too short of a time.
- cadaver course was unorganised
- award dinner
- Unoriginal lectures, repeats
- No AC in examination Hall.
- Dividing workshops into tracks
- Food
- organisation of the workshop
- very enjoyable no negatives
- crowded workshop
- The cadaver workshops, maybe because I had so high hopes.
- speakers who donot know how to give short lectures
- cadaveric practice is short time, not enough for learn more
- didnt realise that one session wasnt only for ultrasound!! i would have hopped in between if i had known!!
- the workshop was limited to several procedures per individual. I would like to see all procedures but it was not allowed although we had all the time for this.
- The course was too short, need to be prolonged because the material is very interesting
- The written part of the FIPP Exam
- One of the sessions presented by the local Neurosurgeon from Budapest
- split topics, so that you missed half of the lectures
- The lectures were not themed according resulting in having to move between rooms
- Questions could not be asked
- Nothing worst, But theory exam auditorium was bit uncomfortable.
- Simultaneous lectures in two rooms.
- Lectures
- Cost!!

## Relevance of the event

Did the event fulfil your educational goals and expected learning outcomes?

Very much	65
Somewhat	24
Not much	2
Not at all	0
Undecided	0

Was the presented information well balanced and consistently supported by a valid scientific evidence base?

Very much	65
Somewhat	25
Not much	1
Not at all	0
Undecided	0

How useful to you personally was each session?

	Extremely useful	Useful	Fairly useful	Not useful	Undecided/DNA
General Lectures (Monday, 28	44	35	2	0	10

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August 2017)					
Ultrasound Lectures (Monday, 28 August 2017)	25	26	3	0	37
General Lectures (Tuesday, 29 August 2017)	43	33	3	0	12
Ultrasound Lectures (Tuesday, 29 August 2017)	30	26	2	0	33
General Lectures I. (Wednesday, 30 August 2017)	42	30	3	1	15
General Lectures II. (Wednesday, 30 August 2017)	42	32	2	1	14
Cadaver Workshop	51	19	9	1	11

## Suitability of formats used during the event

Was there adequate time available for discussions, questions & answers and learner engagement?

Yes, always/almost always	41
Yes, sometimes	43
Only rarely	6
Never	0
Undecided	1

Can you indicate any innovative elements during the activity?

- Interactive Case Discussions
- A " Novice Corner" where beginners can showcase their work. These can be moderated by esteemed faculty of the WIP. This activity would encourage more participation and much appreciation
- The translational pain research lecture,
- the stem cell lectures
- peripheral nerve entrapments by Dr Andrea Trescot
- Bone marrow concentrate lectures
- Combination fluoroscopy and ultrasound
- Cryotherapy
- DRG STIM
- face to face meeting with the masters
- Get some more of demos of useful clinical cases detailed as the one demonstrated for exams & post it online with a password to all examination passing doctors for future help & ready reference. Actually it was very well demonstrated!
- handouts from the lectures and procedures
- I can see the practice of the exams
- I would like to continue to try to share our knowledge on interventional and surgical treatment of knee pain
- I'm sorry, I didn't notice any innovative elements (that is of course, with the exception of some great speeches)
- Innovative neuromodulation approaches
- lecture about cryotherapy
- Loved the talk on epiduroscopy
- Mesenchymal cells in Regenerative Medicine
- more time practical part with the cadavers
- new techniques
- new treatments with up to the minute research on the topics
- Not that I can recall
- Please select better faculty for both lectures and workshop.

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- Potential effects of undifferentiated cells in pain management
- regenerative medicine and neuromodulation
- review of neuroplasty
- Set up time for discussion after each lecture
- several newer scientific disclosures
- Some new methods in pain management
- Stem cell research, anatomy
- Teachers at workshop could have a unified technique of performing a particular procedure. Attendees are confused by several different approaches especially if attending before fipp exam.
- the best cadaveric sessions i have had in a long time. hands on for all!! miles deserves special plaudits for his discipline!! give him a bloody award!!
- use twitter
- Well.. i cant
- Workshop groups according to their experience
- Yes. Neurolysis evidence is stronger now than ever.

## Ways the event affected the participant's practice

Will the information you learnt be implemented in your practice?

Very much	56
Somewhat	32
Not much	2
Not at all	0
Undecided	1

Can you provide ONE example how this event will influence your future practice?

- learn about probe position and needle approach is useful to improve my skill
- how to use prp in my practise which i havent done for spine till now even being a spine surgeon!! 2. the hands on cadaveric for epidurolysis of the spine
- Ability to perform more advanced pain procedures
- avoid complications
- Block by US
- consider more of DRG stimulation
- consideration of interventions i usually don't practice
- Continue to maintain high standard
- Developing my technique of procedures
- Entrapment neuropathies and Pelvic pain management
- Facial pain and Pterygopalatine block, Cervicogenic Pain
- I attended the Ultrasound sessions and this made me understand the basic principles of Sonography, being my very first exposure to it
- I can apply the academic knowledge acquired at the meeting
- I gone use stem cell for back pain
- I have learned new techniques and it inspires me to read and learn
- I learned a lot about peripheral nerve entrapments which will make me look harder in patients.
- I think I would be more proficient in performing neuroplasty procedures in the future.
- I think I'm going to do some of the regenerative procedures that I've heard about here. Also the idea that much of the low back pain originates in peridural space (not sure though if this is how the speaker called it) is particularly mind blowing.
- I was lecturer and demonstrator and learned a technique from one of the participants
- I will be working more evidence based,

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- I will do a great deal of justice to my MSK & chronic pain patients, with minimizing radiations to both of us!! In fact I realized that many of my previous patients could have been much better dealt if I was CIPS earlier!!!
- I will do more of the interventional pain management blocks
- I will use ultrasound more; and neurolysis more.
- improve my knowledge and skill in interventional pain management
- Improved my practice and skills
- Information gathered in the conference and workshop not only helped me in the FIPP exam, but I'm sure would also come handy in my routine practice
- it gives me more courage about the procedures which I have never done before.
- Knowledge where to find genicular nerves
- Maintain high standards
- Make my practice more evidence based
- More appropriate block
- navigation with needles
- navigation with the needle
- New devices which I found in this workshop andolutely change my practice
- new studies and updated treatment options to impliment
- new techniques will be introduced
- Offering regen medicine
- On Lysis of adhesions and novel SCS targets as Conus Medullaris
- Open to providing more cancer pain options
- post operative pain management
- Procedural techniques for facet pain
- recent studies may change practice with neuromodulation
- regeneration, neuromodulation
- Regenerative Medicine
- Start considering stem cells , modify knee nerve blocks, use more US,new ideas for scs.
- Stem cells technology for neuropathic pain
- This event help me doing injection guided usg more precisely thus get better outcome for my patients
- to start new methods
- to use cryotherapy as a methode of treatment
- Treatment of LBP
- Treatment of trigeminal neuralgia
- Trescotts info on pelvic pain
- Ultrasound guided transforaminal epidural injection
- use morestims
- Variation of techniques
- wide differential diagnostic and treatment possibilities
- will change my practice for knee denervation
- will incorporate Neruoplasty and Regenerative medicine to practice
- will start doing different procedures
- workshop
- would like to continue to discuss treatment of knee pain with pain teams.

## **Commercial bias**

Did all the faculty members provide their potential conflict of interest declaration with the sponsor(s) as a second slide of their presentation?

Yes, all	54
Yes, for the majority	20
Yes, but only a small part	5
No	6

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Undecided/don't know	6
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Can you provide an example of biased presentation in this activity?

- I cannot remember a biased presentation
- I cant
- I did not appreciate any
- I don't remember
- Nothing
- Possible Vertebroplasty and Kyphoplasty- evidence for them is weak in sham trials
- Presentation about neuromodulation
- Presentation on vertebroplasty did not say that the VAPOUR trial was industry sponsored.
- Stem cell research clearly has a commercial bias , same for scs and drg
- To be honest, I didn't pay much attention.

Do you agree that the information was overall free of commercial and other bias? (Note: Industry Technical Presentations and commercial exhibition is NOT part of the CME granted educational program. Please score the general/US lectures. )

Strongly agree	58
Rather agree	29
Rather disagree	0
Strongly disagree	1
Undecided/don't know	3