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The Annual Global Meeting of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society

Working toward the prevention and
treatment of gynecologic cancer

Convention Centre Dublin



CONFERENCE DETAILS

WHEN

October 2024

DELEGATES

2040

WHERE

**Convention Centre
Dublin**

ECONOMIC IMPACT

€4.1m

**The Annual Global Meeting of the International
Gynecologic Cancer Society was aligned with
UN Sustainable Development Goals**

3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



Established in 1987 as a not-for-profit, the International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS) unites interdisciplinary members of the gynecologic cancer care team including gynecologic oncologists, radiation oncologists, medical oncologists, pathologists, allied health providers, and other clinicians and researchers who devote their professional lives to gynecologic oncology research and patient care.

INTERNATIONAL GYNECOLOGIC CANCER SOCIETY 2024



Hosted at the Convention Centre Dublin, the Annual Global Meeting of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society gathered world renowned experts, clinicians, and researchers dedicated to advancing gynecologic (cervical, ovarian, uterine, vaginal, and vulvar) cancer care and improving the lives of those affected by these diseases.

The conference provided cutting-edge research presentations, collaborative workshops, and educational sessions aimed at enhancing clinical practice and patient care. Pre-congress activities included a Patient Advocacy Summit, a Nursing Symposia and a hands-on Preinvasive

Training Workshop to teach clinicians practical skills in the treatment of preinvasive cervical disease. At the Patient Advocacy Summit, gynecologic cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and advocates gathered for a full day of networking and educational programming aimed at enabling individuals to become more effective in advocating for themselves and others.

The conference was supported by the **Dublin Convention Bureau** and was organised by the International Gynecologic Cancer Society in collaboration with the Irish Society of Gynaecological Oncology.

Some of the key highlights and the social impact outcomes of the Annual Global Meeting of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society are:

- The diverse faculty representing over 30 countries and multiple disciplines from nursing and palliative care to surgery, clinical and medical oncology, ensured that all important topics in the field were well-represented including varied points of view and novel information.
- All major sessions were opened by local gynecologic cancer patients sharing their personal experiences with cancer. Their presence and perspective highlight the social and human impact of medical research.
- Delegates from over 80 countries participated in a wide variety of networking events, experiencing the local culture and connecting with international colleagues.
- The Presidential Plenary focused on cervical cancer elimination efforts with leaders from Ireland, Nigeria, and Japan sharing insights and challenges on HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening programs in their countries.



Dr. Tony Holohan, Dr. Donal Brennan, Dr. Kadija Warfa, Stephen Donnelly, Dr. Isaac Adewole, Dr. Sayaka Ikeda and Keiichi Fujiwara

The Annual Global Meeting of the International Gynaecologic Cancer Society had a strong impact on healthcare in Ireland, including:

1. Among the 2,040 international delegates, the 289 (14%) from Ireland returned to their clinical practices with new information and insights gathered during the three-day educational conference.
2. The Nursing Symposia, which was supported by Ireland's National Cancer Control Programme educated nurses on a variety of topics specific to caring for patients with gynecologic malignancies and allowed them to learn best practices from nurses around the world. 80% of those in attendance hailed from Ireland.
3. About 50% of the patients, survivors, and advocates attending the Patient Advocacy Summit were from Ireland, fostering connection and solidarity among the patient advocates, creating opportunities for stronger and more cohesive advocacy efforts in the future.

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As a native Irishman, I am so proud that Ireland was selected to host this prestigious meeting. It is a testament to our commitment to advancing healthcare, fostering collaboration, and tackling the most pressing issues in the field. This gathering not only strengthens global partnerships but also highlights the important role Ireland plays in shaping the future of global healthcare and innovation.

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Conference Ambassador, Donal Brennan

