Programme Chair

Professor Nam Cho currently resides in the Republic of Korea and is the President-Elect of the International Diabetes Federation. Professor Cho is a world-renowned diabetes epidemiologist. He was a medical faculty at North-western University Medical School until he was recruited by the Korean government’s “Korean national brain pool recruitment project” in 1994. He has published over 200 peer-reviewed papers on type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes and gestational diabetes. Professor Cho has served as Chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine at Ajou University School of Medicine and is a Director of Clinical Epidemiology at the university’s hospital. Since 2000, he has served as the president of a humanitarian medical NGO, which provides medical services to under-developed countries. In 2015 he received an insignia from the King of Cambodia for 15 years of unselfish humanitarian medical services and the construction of a National Diabetes Centre.

Stream Lead, Basic and Clinical Science

Professor Kyung Soo Park is a Professor of Internal Medicine in the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism at Seoul National University College of Medicine. Professor Park’s research focuses on the genetics of type 2 diabetes mellitus and the mechanism of insulin resistance in skeletal muscle.

Stream Lead, Science of Diabetic Complications

Dr. Isaac Sinay is an advisor at the diabetes unit at the Cardiovascular Institute of Buenos Aires in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He is a member and former president of the “Sociedad Argentina de Diabetes” and of the “Sociedad Argentina de Endocrinología y Metabolismo”. He was a principal investigator for more than 20 clinical trials (phases II, III and IV) and has authored more than 50 scientific publications in the field of diabetes and endocrinology.

Stream Lead, Diabetes and Disasters

Dr. Nizar Al Bache from Syria is the Chair of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region of the International Diabetes Federation for 2016-17. He has over 30 years of experience in the management of type 1 and type 2 diabetes and endocrine diseases. Dr. Al Bache was a medical doctor at the Aleppo University Hospital and in a private endocrine and diabetes centre in Syria from 1985 to 2012. He has also been Assistant Professor teaching diabetes and endocrine diseases at the Faculty of Medicine, Aleppo University.

Stream Lead, Diabetic Foot

Dr. Lawrence Harkless is Founding Dean of the College of Podiatric Medicine and Professor of Podiatric Medicine, Surgery and Biomechanics at the Western University of Health Sciences. He has educated thousands of students, residents, physicians and healthcare providers about the complexities of diabetic foot complications and the importance of preventative foot care for people with diabetes as well as operating his own private practice.

Stream Lead, Diabetes in Society and Culture

Dr. Massimo Massi Benedetti is former Associate Professor of Endocrinology at the University of Perugia (I), Co-Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Quality Development in Diabetes, Scientific Director of the Dasman Diabetes Centre in Kuwait, Former President of IDF Europe and IDF Vice-President. He is also a member and leader of various EU research projects. At present, he is President and Scientific Director of the Hub for International Health Research-HIRS.

Stream Lead, Diabetes in Women and Children

Dr. Hak Chul Jang works in the Department of Internal Medicine at Seoul National University Bundang Hospital and Seoul National University College of Medicine. Professor Jang’s research focuses on the clinical epidemiological study of gestational diabetes mellitus, the long-term follow-up study of women with gestational diabetes mellitus, insulin resistance and beta-cell function in high risk population, sarcopenia and sarcopenic obesity and U-healthcare in diabetes care.

Stream Lead, Education and Integrated Care

Dr. Edwin Fisher is a public health professional, noted researcher and clinical psychologist. He is also a former chair of the Department of Health Behaviour at the Gillings School of Global Public Health. Dr Fisher has wide-ranging research interests. He is currently the Global Director of Peers for Progress, a program that documents the benefits of peer support in diabetes management and conducts diverse activities to promote peer support around the world. Over his career, Dr Fisher has led multiple large and influential research projects. Among the topics he has researched are chronic disease prevention, management and quality of life, asthma, cancer, cardiovascular disease, smoking and weight management.

Stream Lead, Epidemiology and Public Health

Professor Jaakko Tuomilehto is Professor Emeritus of Public Health, University of Helsinki, Finland, and currently working as the Chief Scientific Officer at Dasman Diabetes Institute in Kuwait. His research interests include the epidemiology and prevention of diabetes. He has contributed to many landmark studies, the Finnish Diabetes Prevention Study and the WHO DIAMOND study mapping the incidence of childhood-onset type 1 diabetes. He currently serves as the Editor-in-Chief of Primary Care Diabetes. He has contributed to over 1600 peer-reviewed publications and has h-index 159.

Stream Lead, Living with Diabetes

Mr Manny Hernandez was born in Venezuela and is living in the San Francisco Bay Area and has lived with diabetes since 2002. As an advocate, he co-founded the Diabetes Hands Foundation in 2008 and led the organisation until 2015. Since then he has been a part of the executive team at Livongo Health. Manny believes that nobody living with diabetes should ever feel alone.
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**KEY DATES**
- **Scientific programme**
  - June 2017 - Fully searchable scientific programme online
  - October 2017 - Congress app goes live

- **Abstracts & Grants**
  - 1 February 2017 - Abstract submission and grant application open
  - 21 April 2017 - Abstract submission closes
  - 28 April 2017 - Grant application open
  - Mid-July 2017 - Abstract selection notification
  - Early-August 2017 - Grant application notification

- **Registration**
  - 2 January 2017 - Online registration opens
  - 18 August 2017 - Early-rate deadline
  - 13 November 2017 - Online registration closes

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