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Abstract

The paper is a report on the 56th Annual Meeting of European Society for Paediatric Nephrology in Valencia (Spain) in 2024. The conference began with a series of parallel workshops on acute kidney injury, urolithiasis and genetics. Over the next three days, the most current topics in paediatric nephrology were discussed, including voiding disorders, urinary tract defects, nephropathy, glomerulopathy, rare diseases and renal replacement therapy. Poland was represented by 39 people from several national paediatric nephrology departments and clinics.

Streszczenie

Artykuł jest sprawozdaniem z 56. Zjazdu Europejskiego Towarzystwa Nefrologii Dziecięcej, który odbył się w Walencji (Hiszpania) w 2024 roku. Konferencję rozpoczęła seria równoległe trwających warsztatów na temat ostrego uszkodzenia nerek, kamicy układu moczowego i genetyki. Przez kolejne trzy dni poruszono najbardziej aktualne tematy z zakresu nefrologii dziecięcej, dotyczące zaburzeń mikcji, wad układu moczowego, nefropatii, glomerulopatii, chorób rzadkich oraz terapii nerkozastępczej. Polskę reprezentowało 39 osób z większości krajowych oddziałów i klinik nefrologii dziecięcej.

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The 56th Annual Meeting of European Society for Paediatric Nephrology (ESPN) was held in Valencia (Spain) from 24 to 27 September 2024. The conference commenced with a series of parallel workshops on acute kidney injury („Acute kidney injury”), urolithiasis („Clinical approach in kidney stones”), and genetics („When to order and how to read genetic report”).

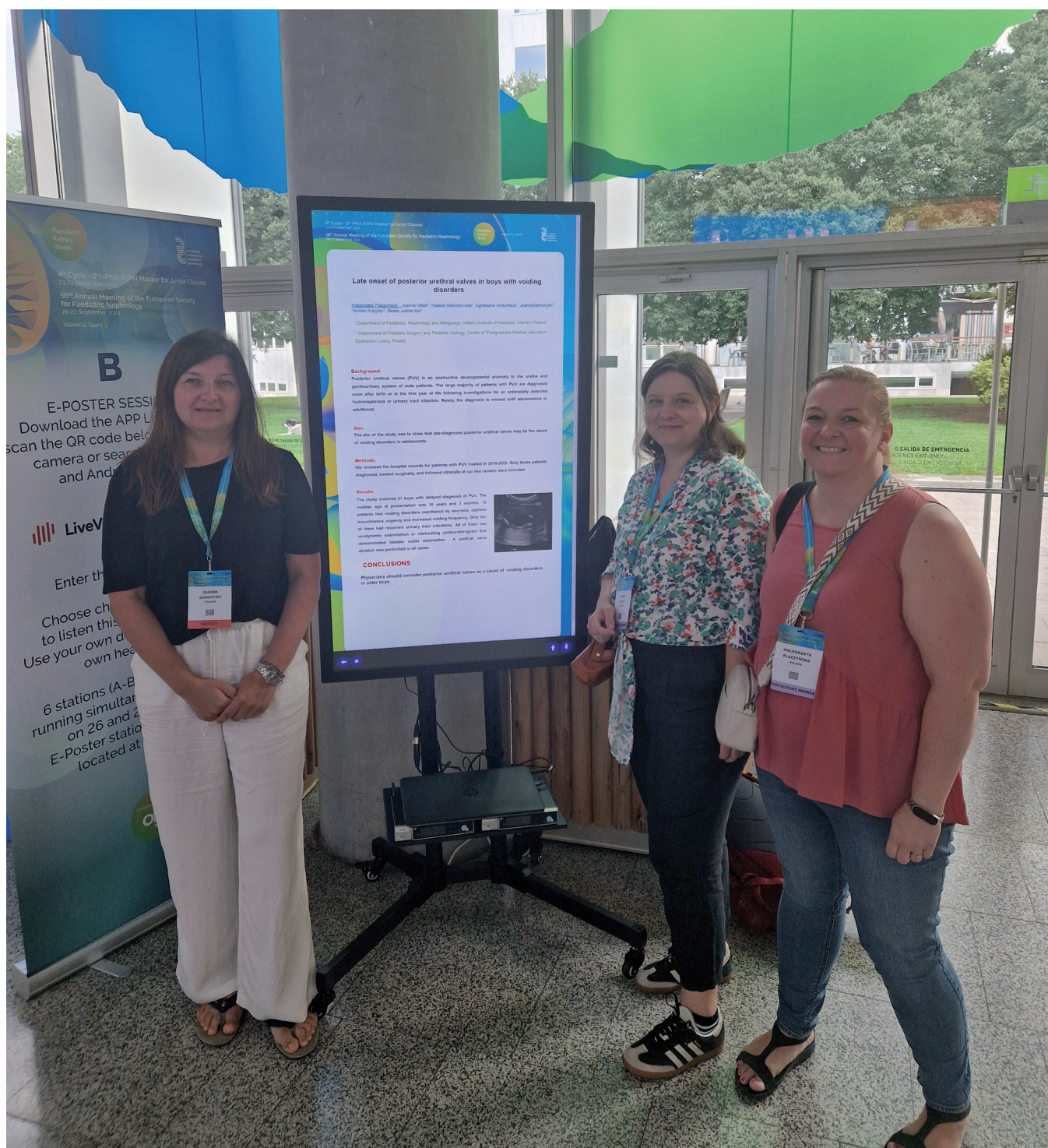
The opening of the conference on September 24 culminated with a lecture by Professor Nine Knoers from the Department of Genetics at the University Medical Center in Groningen in the Netherlands, provocatively entitled “Will genetics replace nephrology?”. Professor Knoers discussed the current and future role of genetics in the diagnosis of paediatric nephrology patients. She predicted that genetic tests will soon precede any other investigations to provide the basis for further diagnosis and treatment planning.

Over the following three days, the most current topics in paediatric nephrology, such as voiding disorders, urinary tract defects, nephropathy, glomerulopathy, rare diseases and renal replacement therapy, were discussed during lectures held simultaneously in three auditoriums.

Many young scientists had an opportunity to present their research during short, 3-minute sessions. A review of newly launched research and disease registries was also presented.

Much attention was paid to the genetic background of kidney diseases, urinary tract defects in particular.

Topics important for young scientists, such as public presentations (“Public speaking workshop – learn by doing”) and publishing scientific articles (“Meet the editor: How to get your paper published?”), were also addressed.



[From left] Joanna Samotyjek, Joanna Milart and Małgorzata Placzyńska next to shared poster

The afternoon of the last day of the conference was devoted to lectures entitled "Work-life balance", to which the families of the participants were also invited.

For the first time, the ESPN conference was merged with the 52nd Annual Meeting of the European Working Group on Psychosocial Aspects of Children with Chronic Renal Failure (EWOPA).

Poland was represented by 39 specialists from most of the country's paediatric nephrology departments and clinics. The Department of Paediatrics, Paedi-

atric Nephrology and Allergology of the Military Institute of Medicine was represented by Małgorzata Placzyńska, MD, PhD; Anieszka Gościńska, MD; and Joanna Milart, MD, who presented the following works during the poster session: "The usefulness of calprotectin and YKL-40 in urinary tract infections diagnosis in children up to 2 years of age" and "Late onset of posterior urethral valves in boys with voiding disorders".

The possibility of bringing children, for whom a nursery and kindergarten were arranged throughout the dura-

tion of the conference, was a novelty and convenience for young parents.

Participation in the conference, enjoying lectures and taking part in workshops, as well as conversations and meetings behind scenes, were a source of inspiration and new ideas for scientific work and joint projects, both in the national and international arena.