POSTGRADUATE COURSES – SPEAKER RECOMMENDATIONS

Postgraduate courses aim to improve knowledge and skills that will be applied in the daily practice of clinicians, respiratory scientists and healthcare professionals. The information disseminated during the course should introduce the basic concepts and established practices rather than scientific work in progress.

Speakers have 30 minutes for their presentation, followed by an allocated 15 minute time slot for discussion. The information should be presented in a logical and coherent fashion, and interactive teaching approaches are encouraged (case discussions, videos, demonstrations, voting, etc). It is important to note that participants are paying an additional registration fee to attend these sessions and therefore will have high expectations.

The role of the speakers

- Prepare educational material (see below for more information).
- Allow adequate time for questions and answers from the audience.
- Be responsive to the needs and level of your audience.
- Do not hesitate to ask for feedback from the participants to make sure that the key points of your presentation are understood.
- If patient participants are involved in your session, it would be appreciated if you could assist them with any additional questions or requests that they might have.
- Please remember that most of the participants are not native English speakers.

Guidelines for the preparation of educational materials

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When developing your educational materials, please include case discussions or links to videos, many resources can be found on the ERS E-Learning website [www.ers-education.org](http://www.ers-education.org). Please select fonts, colours and diagrams which are easy to read. ERS PowerPoint and Word templates can be found here [www.erscongress.org/guidelines](http://www.erscongress.org/guidelines).

Please remember, if you are including information from other sources (which include journals, articles, book chapters, graphs and figures) you will need to contact the copyright owner for permissions. ERS will need a copy of the permission, and is not responsible for requesting the permissions on your behalf. Each participant will be asked to fill out an online questionnaire in order to evaluate the scientific content of the course. The feedback will be taken into consideration when selecting speakers for future ERS events.

Deadline for educational materials:

**Tuesday, 30 June 2015**

If educational materials are not submitted by this date you may be replaced as a speaker. Please note the slides submitted should be the ones that you will use during the course.