

## **Report from the course in Medical Complications in Pregnancy, London.**

In an auditorium at The Royal College of Physicians, London, we meet up with 250 participants from 30 nations. Most participants were obstetricians, but some anesthesiologists and internal medical specialists was also present.

During the three-day course, most specialties in internal medicine was covered from an obstetrics point of view. Most lectures in the course are specialist in obstetric medicine, hence they are not obstetricians, but specialists in internal medicine. This is a unique specialty only to be found in the United Kingdom.

All slides from the presentations was printed and handed out in advance, this was a nice feature, because the lectures were short, precise and the tempo was very high.

After a brief introduction on the first day to why obstetric medicine is important, the lectures started with an introduction the HIV and pregnancy. Then followed infectious diseases, connective tissue disorders and inflammatory bowel disease. After lunch thyroid disease and other endocrine problems were covered. After tea three sessions in diabetes was covered and that was the end of Day 1.

Day two started off with three session in pre-eclampsia followed by a workshop in hypertension and pre-eclampsia. During that session it was possible to ask questions as well as discussion the participants own cases.

Up until lunch essential hematology and thromboembolism was covered in two sessions.

After lunch heart disease and respiratory diseases was covered in two lectures followed by a discussion of heart disease and critical care. The day ended with a clinical cases workshop.

In the end of each session, it was possible to ask questions, and the people who participated in the webinar could ask questions via Twitter.

In the evening an official dinner was held to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the course. The founder of obstetrics medicine in UK, Michael Sweet, held a very emotional speech on the development of the specialty in the UK and his life in the field.

Day 3 started with lectures on epilepsy, neurology and psychiatric. Again, the tempo as well as the intensity of the lectures was high.

After a coffee break liver- and renal diseases was covered and after lunch the course ended with a cancer lecture and ended with a session on management and prescribing of medical disorders in pregnancy.

The whole course was brilliantly chaired by Professor Cathy Nelson-Piercy, Dr. David Williams and Professor Catherine Williamson.

We thank the NFOG for the financial support that made it possible for us to participate in the exciting course.

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