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## **SPEC 2014: Shedding new Light on Disease**


To whom it may concern,

I recently had the honour of co-chairing the recent conference SPEC 2014: Shedding New Light on Disease, along with colleagues in the Jagellonian University, Krakow and the Medical University of Silesia, Katowice. The conference was held in the Holiday Inn, Krakow, from the 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> August of this year, and brought together approximately 300 delegates, academic, medical and industrial, from 32 countries around the globe. It was structured around both oral and poster style presentations, and also featured a quiz night and an industrial exhibition which ran for the duration of the conference. Needless to say, there was an assortment of social events and gatherings to encourage participant engagement.

The conference was hailed as an overwhelming success, formally by the International Advisory Board, and less formally by numerous delegates who thanked us for all of our efforts. In truth, however, the success was largely down to the excellent organisation of Targi w Krakowie, who were engaged at the early stage of the organisation process in 2012. Conference venue, including audio visual and exhibition space, website design and maintenance, regular communications with delegates, the online registration process, the conference welcome desk, were all part of the service that made the conference run so smoothly, allowing us as Chairs to concentrate on the technical workprogramme. The social and cultural events were similarly excellently organised, and the task of co-ordinating transport around and beyond Krakow was carried out expertly.

I would like to congratulate and thank Ms Ewa Woch and the Targi team, particularly Ms Sara Lamik and Ms Agnieszka Otwinowska, who worked closely with the project. The expertise and experience, and also friendly and accommodating nature, of the team made the task of organising such an event a pleasure for us as Conference Chairs.

Yours sincerely



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