



e-learning: access the ERS Copenhagen archives

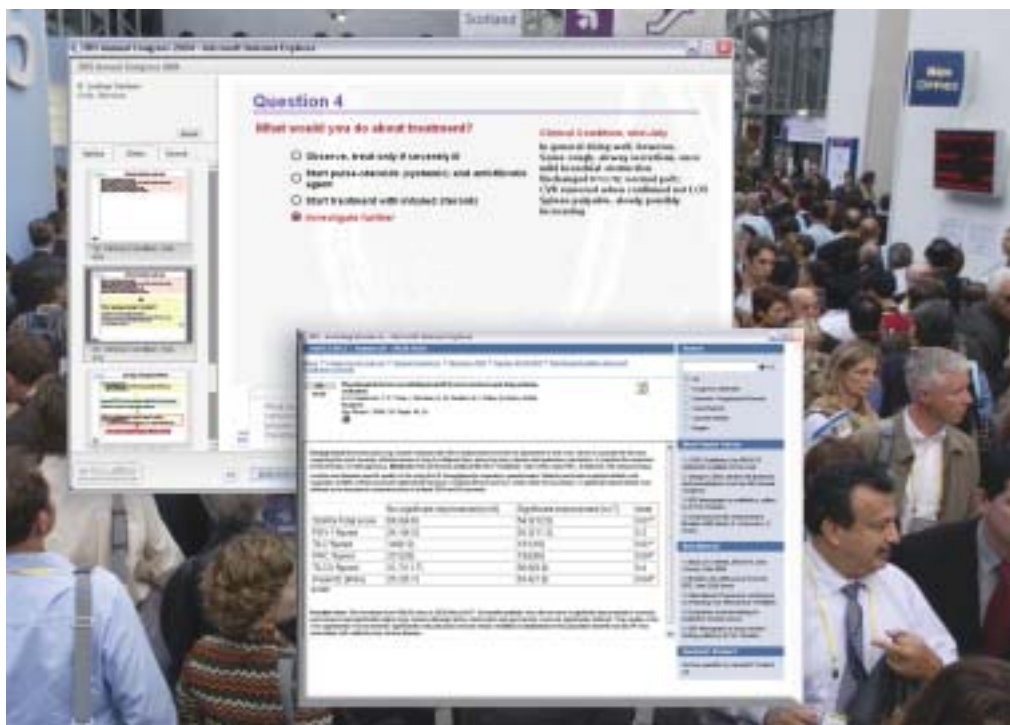


Every day during the ERS Annual Congress, over 80 invited speakers presented in Symposia, and ~250 original abstracts were presented in oral sessions. This year, to solve this problem and to make the decisions easier, all presentations are available on the ERS Learning resources website for the first time (www.ersnet.org/elearning). This facility provides ERS Members with access to all the material produced by the ERS during the Annual Congresses.

The ERS Learning Resources

One of the major beneficial features of this system is the ability to Browse and Search to retrieve information from the enormous range of original material available.

The new Learning Resources facility will allow better dissemination of Congress material. Participants of the Copenhagen Congress and those who were unable to attend will be able to retrieve



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>700 original PowerPoint presentations that were prepared specifically for this meeting. Handouts from the Saturday PG Courses are also available to download in PDF format. Additionally, all of the abstracts from the Copenhagen Congress and all Annual Congresses since 1999 can be searched and retrieved.

Currently available:

- 64,431 slides
- 2,003 PowerPoint presentations
- 70 hours of web casts
- Handouts from School courses
- 17,560 Congress abstracts
- Access to 6,192 *ERJ* articles
- Guidelines
- Image database
- *Breathe*
- *Monograph*

Centralised access to ERS publications

In addition to Congress and Course material, the Learning Resources also offer centralised access to the ERS publications, including the *European Respiratory Journal (ERJ)*, the *Monograph* and *Breathe*. For each *ERJ* article, the abstract and bibliographic references are available in Medline format for easy search. Full articles (in HTML or PDF) can be downloaded from the HighWire *ERJ*

website (www.erj.ersjournals.com), which also has many other interesting features, including the ability to use cross-referencing.

Image database

Images are very useful material, both for teaching and self-learning. In 2004, the ERS School awarded an Educational Research grant to Mike Roberts (London, UK) to develop an interactive image database. The first of these images are now available in the Learning Resources. Each picture is accompanied by educational questions for self-assessment. This new feature is currently under evaluation and we would appreciate it if our Members could answer a couple of questions regarding their educational needs in order to help with our assessment.

In contrast to other medical societies, the ERS wishes to make knowledge and best practice accessible to all respiratory professionals, regardless of their financial resources. Therefore, these Learning Resources are freely available to all Members. With the new ERS policy on low-income countries making membership more obtainable for more people, access to the most recent and relevant sources of information is becoming possible for respiratory professionals everywhere. For a free tour of the new Learning Resources, visit www.ersnet.org/elearning

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