The 26th international symposium on paediatric surgical research

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The 26th International Symposium on Paediatric Surgical Research was held at the historic Vineyard Hotel in Cape Town, South Africa from 29th to 30th November, 2013. This was a highly successful meeting in which 74 papers on paediatric surgical research were presented. As always, the highlight of the symposium was the Aesculap Prize Session. There were ten excellent papers presented at this session. The Aesculap first prize was awarded to Dr Florian Friedmacher for his presentation on “Disruption Of Thy-1 Signaling In Alveolar Lipofibroblasts In Experimentally Induced Pulmonary Hypoplasia”. The second prize was awarded to Dr. Balazs Kutasy for his presentation on “Prenatal Administration Of Retinoic Acid Increases The Trophoblastic Insulin-Like Growth Factor 2 Protein

Expression In The Nitrofen Model Of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia”. The third prize was awarded to Dr Danielle McLaughlin for her presentation on “Altered Tbx1 Gene Expression Is Associated With Abnormal Oesophageal Development In The Adriamycin Mouse Model Of Oesophageal Atresia/Tracheo-Oesophageal Fistula”.

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