# The results of the 8th HIS International Congress in Athens in October 2026 Survery

We have 166 participants in the survey.The voting gave all sessions a voting of more than 4 out of 5 in average which shows very high level of satisfaction.

**The best 3 lectures were:**

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| Thursday: John Duckett Lecture | 4,72 |
| Thursday: Distal Hypospadias | 4,63 |
| Thursday: Operative Videos | 4,6 |

**The worst 3 lectures were:**

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| Wednesday Basic Science | 4,29 |
| Wednesday Misc 1 | 4,3 |
| Thursday Misc 2 | 4,4 |

There were several comments were about the location being far from athens city center; lack of vegetarian or halal food options, and the lack of coffee breaks on Wednesday, 07.10.2026.

As an example: The conference venue was beutiful, but quite remote from the city centre, which was good for the attendance but transportation to Athens city centre was not the easiest. Thank you for this wonderful meeting. It was very well organized.

Overall the participants showed a great deal of approval and thanked the organising committee.

Here are the other constructive comments from the participants:

1. Signaling could be better in order to improve visual communication, pointing where things are (HIS Secretary, Congress Secretary, Registration, WC, etc.
2. We must realize that it is very important to hear well while people speak, especially when they don't speak the language very well and have so different accents. Microphone quality and location must be well planned and tested rigorously. 3. People usually don't know how to speak into a microphone, so they

must be guided before (with written and visual instructions) and during the process (having someone near by, for help). The organization must take very good care of this important issue. 4. The panelists and presenters usually have no formal training on how to present and give a speach in a proper manner. So they need clear and quick instructions on how to speak (always into the microphone close to the mouth but not covering the mouth), how to point a specific spot into a projected image, etc. It is very important to make sure everybody receives and understand these instructions. 5. Presenters, panelists and moderators must have a good view of the audience, and audience must have a good view of who is speaking and of what is being projected on the screen. There was a strong and bright light always pointing directed to the eyes of whoever was on the stage, blinding everybody. This kind of lighting mistake must be avoided.

3. More case reports would be interesting to discuss

4. Some of the speakers frees a little bit categoric .Almost like a repeat button and could be changed out .Let’s move into the future instead into the past !

5. The screen was too small and there was too much light on it. This part is important when showing intraoperative pictures and videos.

6. The microphone doesn’t work well

7. An excellent congress at a very high scientific level. I learned a great deal. The surgical course on Wednesday and the live surgeries on Saturday deserve special mention.

8. The Wednesday afternoon to evening session's were long. Should have provided coffee in between.

9. more women on stage!

10. The congress was well planned and the presenters did an amazing job with such short time to present. I would suggest that the presentations are less in number so the time allocation can be longer, eg minimum 5min. Some of the miscellaneous presentations can be done as posters outside the lecture hall during tea or lunch time.

11. Would appreciate more video sessions.

12. We need to give MORE time to the international experts who also teach well. These include Cuckow, Misra, Braga. For next year, have some symposia like- 2 stage vs 3 stage/  Complications and pitfalls / Catheters, antibiotics and oxybutinin- recommended practice / Fistulae- techniques / Dorsal chordee correction- various techniques.

13. The course on Wednesday was badly organized - there was an 90 minute delay. Consequently we were given less time on the wet lab. Moreover, the presenters

were stressed to finish their presentations, which would not load properly on the screen and/or had problems with the presentations' attached videos.

14. I would have liked a more focused basic science session. There were basic science presentation also under Miscellaneous.

15. would it be better to add maybe one more day for a practical session / video presentation with complications in hypospadias surgery

16. I think the meeting was great overall. We are always looking to engage younger members, consider anonymous case submission or even questions that feed into a panel for discussion.