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**No. 133****Italian Arthroplasty Registry (RIAP) at the European researchers' night. Case report.**

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**Introduction**

Citizen, or general public, are important stakeholders for a national arthroplasty registry. To reach this audience, in 2023 the Italian Arthroplasty Registry (RIAP) research group took part in the annual popular science event – the European Researchers' Night. In Rome the event gathered more than 100 exhibitors. Two goals were set: 1) raise awareness on the role of registries in safeguarding patient safety, 2) provide visitors with expert information on implantable devices.

**Materials and Methods**

A project team was set up and a concept developed. The stand promoted the Italian Implantable Protheses Registry (RIPI) as a whole, including RIAP. Target audience was defined as adults and families with children. Key activity on-site was an exhibition of implantable devices such as orthopedic prostheses in different materials, spinal implants, hearing devices, pacemakers. The manufacturers were invited in advance to provide samples, both real items and models. A 10-item quiz on implantable devices was developed, accessible via QR code. RIPI branded items were distributed. The stand included two posters, and an Italian version of HOOS questionnaire was made available for enquiry.

**Results**

Throughout the three-hour event, an estimated one hundred people visited the stand, about half of them involved in the dialogue. Five RIAP research group members were present at the stand to answer questions. The exhibition consisted of over 40 items on display, mostly touchable. The interest for seeing and holding the exhibits was high, especially in children and those having a family member bearing an implant. Sixteen visitors compiled the quiz.

**Discussion**

Both goals set for the event have been reached by offering the visitors a new experience and involving them in dialogue. The exhibition-based model of a registry participation in the European Researchers' Night and similar events is replicable, cost-effective and allows to bring complex topics closer to non-specialist audiences.

**Notes**