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PARALLEL ROOM

12:00 - 18:00

Friday's International Symposium (e-symposium)

In collaboration with Autoimmunity Academy Network (15 International Speakers)

D.P. Bogdanos (Greece) & **L.I. Sakkas** (Greece)

12.00-12.30

SESSION 01

Fibromyalgia: clinical and research challenges

Chair: **H. Amital** (Israel), **E. Dardiotis** (Greece)

- Autoimmune neurologic symptoms in women with silicone breast implants
G. Halpert (Israel)
- Fibromyalgia in the course of COVID-19
H. Amital (Israel)
- Autoantibodies in fibromyalgia and their clinical associations
G. Reimekasten (Germany)

12.30-13.00

SESSION 02

Genes, Environment and autoimmunity

- Immunopathogenesis of spondyloarthritis
A. Watad (Israel)
- Genetic biomarkers in psoriatic arthritis
C. Perricone (Italy)

13.00-13.30

SESSION 03

Gastrointestinal System and Autoimmunity

- Gluten related systemic inflammation
A. Lerner (Israel)
- Obesity as an inducer of chronic inflammation and autoimmunity
P. Bastos (Sweden/Portugal)
- The role of nutraceuticals as modulators of autoimmunity
P. Bastos (Sweden/Portugal)
- Join pain in a patient with IBD: from diagnostic uncertainty to a shared therapeutic strategy
K. Argyriou (Greece)



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SESSION 04

Emerging aspects of autoimmunity

- Gluten and non-celiac related autoimmunity
A. Lerner (Israel)
- Hormones and their role in autoimmunity
V. Borba (Israel)
- New Diagnostics and Polymorphisms in Metabolic Enzymes
M. Schneider (Germany)

14.30-15.30

SESSION 05

Autoantibodies; Diagnostic and clinical Implications

Chair: **C. Tsigalou** (Greece), **J. Damoiseaux** (The Netherlands)

- Diagnosis vs classification of autoimmune diseases and the role of autoantibodies
J. Damoiseaux (The Netherlands)
- Prognosticators of rheumatoid arthritis
M. Mahler (USA)
- A paradoxical concept of whether immunofluorescence about to disappear in clinical laboratories?
N. Bizzaro (Italy)

Remarks: **C. Tsigalou** (Greece)

15.30-16.30

SESSION 06

Autoantibodies in clinical practice

- New concepts on autoantibodies in inflammatory myositis: emerging issues
J. Damoiseaux (The Netherlands)
- The role of autoimmune serology test results on RA classification and diagnosis
L. Van Hoovels (Belgium)
- Regarding the role of anti-dsDNA antibodies in the classification criteria of systemic lupus erythematosus
M. Infantino (Italy)



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- Novel aspects on the DFS70 autoantigen and autoantibody responses
C. Casiano (USA)
- Novel autoantibodies in emerging autoimmune diseases and their clinical significance
D. Ielo (Italy)
- Clinical relevance of antibodies against glycoprotein 2 in patients with cholangiocarcinoma
D. Roggenbuck (Germany)
- Anti-glycoprotein 2 IgA and PR3-ANCA as predictors in cholangiocarcinoma in primary sclerosing cholangitis
E. Wunsch (Poland)

16.30-18.00

SESSION 07

Autoantibodies: markers or makers? The best of

Chair: **D.P. Bogdanos** (Greece), **P.-L. Meroni** (Italy)

- Pragmatic aspects of precision health; an update
M. Frizler (Canada)
- Epitope specificity of anti-beta2GPI IgG in APS: clinical relevance and emerging issues
P.-L. Meroni (Italy)
- Antibodies after mRNA injections new concepts
M. Raszek (Canada)
- More on Autoantibodies in Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathies
D. Ielo (Italy)
- Emerging autoantibodies as markers in inflammatory bowel diseases
D. Roggenbuck (Germany)



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SESSION 01

Emerging immunological aspects

- Applications of rTMS in multiple sclerosis and neuropathic pain
V. Siokas (Greece)
- Comorbidities in Multiple sclerosis: review of systematic reviews
O. Mirmosayeb (Iran)
- Natural antibodies in fibromyalgia and their associations with disease manifestations
G. Reimekasten (Germany)
- Breastfeeding for women with autoimmune diseases: a decision far beyond milk
V. Borba (Israel)
- Leflunomide: A Safe and Effective Alternative in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
T.C. Salman Monte (Spain)
- Systemic Lupus Erythematosus in the Intensive Care Unit
I. Ruiz Ordóñez (Colombia)
- Autophagy dysfunction in autoimmunity: emerging issues
S. Muller (France)
- Artificial intelligence for pattern recognition according to ICAP by automatic IFA systems
R. Hiemann (Germany)
- Identification and interpretation: challenges with neural antibodies
C.G. Bien (Germany)
- Targeting autoimmunity: the neonatal FC receptor (FCRN)
J. Van Middendorp (Belgium)



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SESSION 02

Clinical practice: learning from immunopathogenesis

Chair: **C. Tsigalou** (Greece), **C.P. Bastos** (Sweden)

- Is fibromyalgia an autoimmune disease?
Y. Shoenfeld (Israel)
- Polyautoimmunity in Common Variable Immunodeficiency
M.G. Danieli (Italy)

15.30-16.30

SESSION 03

COVID-19 in immunity and autoimmunity: translational research

- Long Covid, chronic fatigue syndrome and immune dysfunction: a detailed functional characterization
M. Osman (Canada)
- COVID-19, post-acute COVID-19 syndrome (PACS, "long COVID") and post-COVID-19 vaccination syndrome (PCVS, "post-COVIDvac-syndrome"): Similarities and differences with respect to inflammation and autoimmunity
F. Scholkmann (Switzerland)
- Re-evaluation of high affinity-predicted peptides in SARS-CoV-2 molecular mimicry studies through the lens of different affinity thresholds of the HLA alleles
Y. Adiguzel (Turkey)

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SESSION 04

Environment, life style and Autoimmunity

- Lifestyle factors affecting vaccination effectiveness
C.P. Bastos (Sweden/Portugal)
- Systemic autoimmune diseases and environmental factors: which is the evidence
E. Bartoloni (Italy)
- Vitamin D - sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. Why?
C.P. Bastos (Sweden/Portugal)
- Hormones and autoimmunity: a cross-road
V. Borba (Israel)



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Psoriatic Arthritis

Chair: **C. Selmi** (Italy) **C. Tsigalou** (Greece)

- Can we prevent PsA in patients with psoriasis?
A. Watad (Israel)
- Genetic and other biomarkers in psoriatic disease
C. Perricone

17.30-18.00

SESSION 06

Antiphospholipid syndrome

- Do the New 2023 ACR/EULAR Antiphospholipid Syndrome classification criteria impact the routine diagnostic setting?
P.L. Meroni (Italy)
- Current trends for the management of the antiphospholipid syndrome.
R. Cervera (Spain)



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