



14TH MEDINTERNA
INTERNATIONAL MEETING
Centro Hospitalar S. João

New challenges in Autoimmunity

4th-6th February 2016
Fundação Dr. António Cupertino de Miranda
Porto, Portugal

4TH FEBRUARY THURSDAY

AUTOIMMUNITY MORNING

08H15 – SECRETARIAT DESK OPENING

Chairpersons of the morning – Carlo Selmi| Milan, Italy and Tiago Guimarães| Porto, Portugal

09H00 – LECTURE ON LAB TEACH US

Chair – Jan Damoiseaux| Maastricht, The Netherlands

Sensitivity dances with Specificity: they ROC.

João Faro Viana| Lisbon, Portugal

09H30 – AUTOIMMUNOLOGY LECTURE

Chairman – Paulo Bettencourt| Porto, Portugal

The new aspects of the mosaic of autoimmunity. Why do we have an increase in autoimmune diseases?

Yehuda Shoenfeld| Tel Aviv, Israel

10H00 – OPENING CEREMONY

Chairman – António Lobo Ferreira| Porto, Portugal

Hommage to Deolinda Portelinha and José Alves Moura| Coimbra, Portugal

10H45 – COFFEE-BREAK

11H15 – PLENARY SESSION 1

New kids on the block: viewing Immunology outside the box.

Chair – Sara Croca| Lisbon, Portugal and Carlos Dias| Porto, Portugal

Bone Immunology and fracture healing.

Ana isabel Espírito Santo PhD| Oxford University

Immunomodulation: a targeted treatment for Antiphospholipid Syndrome?

Charis Pericleous PhD| Dr Thomas MacDonald PhD| UCL - to confirm

Atherosclerosis: the ultimate auto-immune disease.

Sara Croca| Lisbon, Portugal

Fighting fire with fire: using the immune system to beat cancer. - to confirm

12H30 – LECTURE ON LAB DISCUSSION

Chair – Isabel Abreu| Lisbon, Portugal

The predictive power of serum autoantibodies.

Carlo Selmi | Milan, Italy

13H00 – LUNCH



ARTHRITIS AFTERNOON

Chairpersons – to confirm

14H30 – LECTURE

Chairman – António Sarmento| Porto, Portugal

Autoinflammatory background of polygenic/multifactorial autoinflammatory disorders.

Alessandra Soriano| Rome, Italy

15H00 – LECTURE

Chair – to confirm

Genetic markers of Cardiovascular disease in Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Miguel Ángel Gonzalez-Gay| Santander, Spain

15H30 – RESEARCH SESSION

Ageing bones and vessels.

Chair – Maria José Santos| Barreiro, Portugal

Pathogenesis of bone fragility in elderly.

Ana Maria Rodrigues| Azores, Portugal

Giant cell arteritis.

Cristina Ponte| Lisbon, Portugal

16H15 – COFFEE-BREAK

16H45 – LECTURE

Chairman – Jorge Fortuna| Coimbra, Portugal

Combination Cytokine Blockade: The way forward in therapy for Rheumatoid Arthritis?

Peter C. Taylor| Oxford, UK

17H15 – LECTURE

Chair – Maria do Carmo Afonso| Ponte de Lima, Portugal

The Autoimmune Side of Rheumatic Fever.

Carlo Perricone| Rome, Italy

17H45 – CASE REPORT 1

Chair – Francisca Fontes| Lisbon, Portugal

Chronic infection in a lean woman.

Melissa Fernandes| Lisbon, Portugal

Discussion – to confirm

18H30 – CLOSURE



5TH FEBRUARY **FRIDAY**

SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS AND VASCULITIS MORNING

08H30 – SECRETARIAT DESK OPENING

08H45 – WHAT DID WE LEARN YESTERDAY ?

Chairpersons – to confirm

09H00 – LECTURE

Chairman – Carlos Ferreira| Lisbon, Portugal

IVIG and the impact on the immune system.

Srini Kaveri| Paris, France

09H30 – LECTURE ON VASCULITIS

Chair – to confirm

Advances in the therapy of ANCA vasculitis.

David Jayne| London, UK

B-cells and complement as targets for treatment in ANCA-associated vasculitis.

Cees Kallenberg| Groningen, The Netherlands

10H30 – COFFEE-BREAK

11H00 – NEWS ON SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS

Systemic Sclerosis.

Chair – Isabel Almeida| Porto, Portugal

Pulmonary hypertension in autoimmune diseases - Problems of diagnosis and management.

Benji Schreiber| London, UK

Management of digital ulcers in systemic sclerosis.

Luc Mouthon| Paris, France

Difficult case reports. A clinical challenge.

Abílio Reis| Porto, Portugal

12H15 – DUTCH AUTOIMMUNE DANCE

Chair – Maria José Sousa| Lisbon, Portugal

A salsa on Systemic Sclerosis.

Jan Damoiseaux and Jan Willem Cohen Tervaert| Maastricht, The Netherlands

13H00 – LUNCH



SLE AND APS AFTERNOON

Chairpersons – to confirm

14H30 – LECTURE

Chairman – Luís Campos| Lisbon, Portugal

Rationale use of biologics in SLE.

Ian Bruce| Manchester, UK

15H00 – PLENARY SESSION 2 ON PREGNANCY AND APS

APS, inflammation and pregnancy - some controversial aspects.

Chairs – Jaume Alijotas Reig| Barcelona, Spain and Mariana Guimarães| Porto, Portugal

May we use old drugs, particularly antimalarials, for the treatment of refractory APS?

Arsene Mekinian| Paris, France

Is there a place for statins in “idiopathic” and aPL-related preeclampsia?

Eleftheria-Elmina Lefkou| Thessaloniki, Greece

EUROAPS project: Obstetric APS vs. incomplete obstetric APS. Do we have a data to modify the obstetric classification criteria?

Raquel Ferrer-Oliveras and Jaume Alijotas Reig| Barcelona, Spain

Myths and facts (controversies) on anti-Ro syndrome.

Gerard Espinosa| Barcelona, Spain

16H30 – COFFEE-BREAK

17H00 – LECTURE

Chair – to confirm

APS and Thrombocytopenia.

José Luís Ducla-Soares| Lisbon, Portugal

17H30 – LECTURE SLE DIAGNOSIS CHALLENGE

Chair – Francisca Fontes| Lisbon, Portugal

Diagnosis criteria for SLE: discussing serological and diagnosis tests. Has the time come?

George Bertias| Crete, Greece

Biomarkers in SLE.

Anisur Rahman| London, UK

18H20 – CASE REPORT 2

Chairman – Gerard Espinosa| Barcelona, Spain

Discussion – to confirm

19H00 – CLOSURE



6TH FEBRUARY **SATURDAY**

SYSTEMIC AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES MORNING

08H15 – SECRETARIAT DESK OPENING

08H45 – WHAT DID WE LEARN YESTERDAY?

Chairpersons – to confirm

09H00 – LECTURE - HAEMATOLOGY AS SPECIALTY OF THE YEAR

Haematology and autoimmunity.

Chairman – Joaquim Andrade| Porto, Portugal

The Biology and Functional Contribution of Exosomes in Cancer Progression and Metastasis.

Sónia Melo| Porto, Portugal

HSCT for Autoimmune Diseases.

John Snowden| Sheffield, UK

09H50 – PLENARY SESSION 3

Workshop on single-organ vasculitis.

Chairman – Ricard Cervera| Barcelona, Spain

Single-organ vasculitis.

José Hernández-Rodríguez| Barcelona, Spain

Ophthalmic Vasculitis.

Alfredo Adán| Barcelona, Spain

Aortitis - a difficult and rare autoimmune disease.

Sergio Prieto| Barcelona, Spain

11H00 – COFFEE-BREAK

11H30 – CASE REPORT 3

Chair – Rosa Silva| Castelo Branco, Portugal

To confirm

12H15 – LECTURE

Chair – to confirm

The management of SLE flares.

David D'Cruz| London, UK

12H45 – CLOSING LECTURE

Chairman – António Oliveira e Silva| Porto, Portugal

To confirm

13H15 – FINAL LUNCH



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