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 Antiphosphlipid 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 (controverties) 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 Bertsias| Crete, Greece

**Biomarkers in SLE.**
Anisur Rahman| London, UK

18H20 – CASE REPORT 2
Chairman – Gerard Espinosa| Barcelona, Spain
Discussion – to confirm

19H00 – CLOSURE
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
Ophtalmic 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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