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**EINSTEIN CONGRESS HOTEL**  
Sankt Gallen – Switzerland  
28. – 30. September 2023

# AGENDA

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12.30 – 13.45 **BUFFET LUNCH**from 11:00 **REGISTRATION**  
📍 CONGRESS LOBBY14.00 **WELCOME ADDRESS**  
A. Mahr, T. Neumann, D. Jayne14.15 – 16.15 **PLENARY SESSION****Giant Cell Arteritis****MODERATORS:** T. Hauser, Zurich, Switzerland, L. Christ, Bern, Switzerland14.15 – 14.35 **STATE-OF-THE-ART** Giant Cell Arteritis – Clinic & Diagnosis  
M. Cid, Barcelona, Spain14.35 – 14.55 **STATE-OF-THE-ART** Giant Cell Arteritis – Therapy  
B. Hellmich, Tübingen, Germany14.55 – 15.10 **HOT TOPIC** Cranial and non-cranial GCA: does the distinction matter?  
C. Dejaco, Bruneck, Italy15.10 – 15.25 **HOT TOPIC** GCA – who should get a GCS-sparing therapy?  
S. Mackie, Leeds, England15.25 – 15.40 **HOT TOPIC** Is polymyalgia rheumatica a sub-clinical GCA?  
D. Blockmans, Leuven, Belgium15.40 – 16.15 **CASE DISCUSSIONS**  
C. Ponte, Lisbon, Portugal, discussants: all speakers16.15 – 16.45 **BREAK**16.45 – 18.15 **PLENARY SESSION****Takayasu Arteritis and Periaortitis****MODERATORS:** P. Villiger, Bern, Switzerland, G. Hatemi, Istanbul, Turkey16.45 – 17.05 **STATE-OF-THE-ART** Takayasu arteritis  
H. Direskeneli, Istanbul, Turkey17.05 – 17.20 **HOT TOPIC** Routine imaging in Takayasu arteritis: yes or no?  
P. Grayson, Bethesda, MD, USA17.20 – 17.35 **HOT TOPIC** Treating DMARD-resistant Takayasu arteritis:  
IL-6 or TNF blockade? D. Saadoun, Paris, France17.35 – 17.55 **STATE-OF-THE-ART** The chronic periaortitis spectrum  
A. Vaglio, Florence, Italy17.55 – 18.15 **CASE DISCUSSIONS**  
A. Gloor, Bern, Switzerland, discussants: all speakers18.30 – 20.00 **WELCOME APÉRO**

8.30 – 10.30

**PLENARY SESSION****ANCA-Associated Vasculitis**

MODERATORS: S. Adler, Aarau, Switzerland, A. Salama, London, England

8.30 – 8.50

**STATE-OF-THE-ART** ANCA-associated vasculitis – Clinic & Diagnosis

J. Robson, Bristol, England

8.50 – 9.10

**STATE-OF-THE-ART** ANCA-associated vasculitis – Therapy

P. Merkel, Philadelphia, PA, USA

9.10 – 9.25

**HOT TOPIC** AAV – clinical or serological classification?

A. Kronbichler, Cambridge, England

9.25 – 9.40

**HOT TOPIC** Is there still a place for plasma exchange in AAV?

M. Little, Dublin, Ireland

9.40 – 9.55

**HOT TOPIC** MPO-ANCA-positive ILD: immunosuppressive or anti-fibrotic therapy?

U. Specks, Rochester, MN, USA

9.55 – 10.30

**CASE DISCUSSIONS**

L. Moi, Sion, Switzerland, discussants: all speakers

10.30 – 11.00 **BREAK AND GROUP PHOTO**11.00 – 11.40 **PARALLEL SESSIONS****Epidemiology of vasculitis: knowns and unknowns**

MODERATOR: M. Little, Dublin, Ireland

Large-vessel vasculitis **20'**

G. Tomasson, Reykjavik, Iceland

Small-vessel vasculitis **20'**

A. Mohammad, Lund, Sweden

**Renal histopathology in ANCA-associated vasculitis**

Moderator: H. Seeger, Baden, Switzerland

Histology **20'**

I. Bajema, Groningen, the Netherlands

Clinical implications **20'**

S. Brix, Manchester, England

**Vasculitis mimics****MODERATOR: B. Hellmich, Tübingen, Germany**Clinical vasculitis mimics **20'**

B. Terrier, Paris, France

ANCA laboratory testing: lessons and pitfalls **20'**

D. Roggenbuck, Cottbus, Germany

**Vasculitis: the patients' perspective****MODERATOR: S. Mackie, Leeds, England**Fatigue in rheumatic diseases **20'**

N. Basu, Glasgow, Scotland

Patient-reported outcomes **20'**

J. Robson, Bristol, England

**11.50 – 12.30 PARALLEL SESSIONS****ANCA-associated vasculitis: recent changes****MODERATOR: D. Jayne, Cambridge, England**Practical impact of the 2022 ACR/EULAR classification criteria **20'**

P. Merkel, Philadelphia, PA, USA

Preventive strategies: secondary immunodeficiency and infection in AAV **20'**

A. Kronbichler, Cambridge, England

**Imaging in giant cell arteritis****MODERATOR: C. Dejaco, Bruneck, Italy**Ultrasound **15'**

C. Ponte, Lisbon, Portugal

MRI **15'**

T. Bley, Würzburg, Germany

PET-CT **10'**

O. Maas, St. Gallen, Switzerland

**Pathophysiological insights from the laboratory bench****MODERATOR: A. Vaglio, Florence, Italy**Giant cell arteritis **20'**

M. Cid, Barcelona, Spain

ANCA-associated vasculitis **20'**

P. Heeringa, Groningen, the Netherlands

## DAY 2

**Vasculitis seen by eye and ENT physicians**

MODERATOR: A. Mahr, St. Gallen, Switzerland

The ophthalmologist's view 20'

C. Tappeiner, Olten/Bern, Switzerland

Cocaine-induced ANCA-positive ENT disease: cases from the clinic 20'

B. Hunter, St. Gallen, Switzerland

## 12.30 – 14.00 LUNCH

## 14.00 – 15.30 PLENARY SESSION

**Skin Vasculitis and Behçet's Disease**

MODERATORS: C. Ribi, Lausanne, Switzerland,

Z. Tazi Mezalek, Rabat, Morocco

14.00 – 14.20 **STATE-OF-THE-ART** Vasculitis of the skin

C. Sunderkötter, Halle, Germany

14.20 – 14.35 **HOT TOPIC** Cutaneous polyarteritis nodosa: single-organ or systemic disease? M. Jachiet, Paris, France14.35 – 14.55 **STATE-OF-THE-ART** Behçet syndrome

G. Hatemi, Istanbul, Turkey

14.55 – 15.10 **HOT TOPIC** Behçet: disease or syndrome?

A. Gül, Istanbul, Turkey

15.10 – 15.30 **CASE DISCUSSIONS**

G. Emmi, Florence, Italy, discussants: all speakers

## 15.30 – 16.00 BREAK

## 16.00 – 16.40 PARALLEL SESSIONS

**Vasculitis features in autoinflammatory diseases**

MODERATOR: T. Daikeler, Basel, Switzerland

VEXAS syndrome 20'

P. Grayson, Bethesda, MD, USA

Monogenic autoinflammatory diseases 20'

A. Gül, Istanbul, Turkey

**Challenging Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis**MODERATOR: **A. Egan, Dublin, Ireland**Chronic sino-nasal disease **20'**

M. Soyka, Zurich, Switzerland

Heart disease **20'**

T. Neumann, St. Gallen, Switzerland

**Challenging Behçet's disease**MODERATOR: **H. Direskeneli, Istanbul, Turkey**Vascular Behçet **20'**

Z. Tazi Mezalek, Rabat, Morocco

Difficult-to-treat cutaneous Behçet's disease **20'**

A. Cozzio, St. Gallen, Switzerland

**Vasculitis in maternity and childhood**MODERATOR: **S. Brix, Manchester, England**Kawasaki disease **20'**

S. Ozen, Ankara, Turkey (virtual presentation)

Pregnancy and vasculitis **20'**

F. Förger, Bern, Switzerland

**16.50 – 17.30 PARALLEL SESSIONS****Renal vasculitis**MODERATOR: **J. Rippin, Winterthur, Switzerland**Prospects of complement inhibition in chronic kidney disease **20'**

D. Jayne, Cambridge, England

Anti-GBM disease **20'**

A. Salama, London, England

**Vasculitis in the respiratory tract**MODERATOR: **A. Nanzer, London, England**Alveolar hemorrhage in AAV: diagnostic and treatment challenges **20'**

U. Specks, Rochester, MN, USA

Management of upper respiratory tract disease **20'**

M. Laudien, Kiel, Germany

**Skin vasculitis**MODERATOR: **C. Sunderkötter, Halle, Germany**Urticarial vasculitis **20'**

M. Jachiet, Paris, France

Skin pathology: clues and limitations **20'**

M. Battistella, Paris, France

## DAY 2

**Polyarteritis nodosa**

MODERATOR: M. Iudici, Geneva, Switzerland

PAN: contemporary update for an ancient disease 20'

L. Guillemin, Paris, France

Segmental arterial mediolysis – PAN masquerader 20'

T. Pfammatter, Zurich, Switzerland

**19.00 – 23.00 CONFERENCE DINNER**

19.00 APÉRO

20.00 DINNER

## DAY 3

## Saturday, 30 September 2023

**8.30 – 10.00 PLENARY SESSION****Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis and IgA Vasculitis**

MODERATORS: G. Emmi, Florence, Italy, U. Specks, Rochester, MN, USA

8.30 – 8.50 **STATE-OF-THE-ART** Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis  
B. Terrier, Paris, France8.50 – 9.05 **HOT TOPIC** IL5-inhibition in EGPA: first-line or rescue therapy?  
A. Nanzer, London, England9.05 – 9.25 **STATE-OF-THE-ART** IgA vasculitis  
A. Hocevar, Ljubljana, Slovenia9.25 – 9.40 **HOT TOPIC** Pediatric and adult-onset IgAV: same or different diseases?  
S. Ozen, Ankara, Turkey (virtual presentation)9.40 – 10.00 **CASE DISCUSSIONS**  
A. Egan, Dublin, Ireland, discussants: all speakers**10.00 – 10.30 BREAK****10.30 – 12.00 PLENARY SESSION****Vasculitis of the Nervous System and Cryoglobulinemic Vasculitis**

MODERATORS: M. Becker, Zürich, Switzerland, A. Mohammad, Lund, Sweden

10.30 – 10.50 **STATE-OF-THE-ART** Vasculitis of the central nervous system  
A. Chan, Bern, Switzerland



- 10.50 – 11.05 **HOT TOPIC** Is MRA reliable for depicting a diagnosis of CNS vasculitis?  
T. Bley, Würzburg, Germany
- 11.05 – 11.20 **HOT TOPIC** Do we still need nerve biopsy for the diagnosis of vasculitis of the peripheral nervous system?  
A. Bischof, Münster, Germany
- 11.20 – 11.40 **STATE-OF-THE-ART** Cryoglobulinemic vasculitis  
D. Saadoun, Paris, France
- 11.40 – 12.00 **CASE DISCUSSIONS**  
N. Marcoli, Lugano, Switzerland, discussants: all speakers

**12.00 – 12.15 CLOSING REMARKS**  
A. Mahr, T. Neumann, D. Jayne

**12.15 – 13.30 FAREWELL LUNCH**

# Faculty

## CHAIRS

**Alfred Mahr** – Rheumatology, St. Gallen  
**Thomas Neumann** – Rheumatology, St. Gallen

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**Andrea Gloor** – Internal Medicine, Bern  
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**Michele Iudici** – Rheumatology, Geneva  
**Natalie Marcoli** – Rheumatology, Lugano  
**Laura Moi** – Immunology, Sion  
**Camillo Ribí** – Immunology, Lausanne  
**Jane Rippin** – Nephrology, Winterthur  
**Harald Seeger** – Nephrology, Baden  
**Peter Villiger** – Rheumatology, Bern

## INVITED SPEAKERS

**Ingeborg Bajema**, Groningen, The Netherlands  
**Neil Basu**, Glasgow, United Kingdom  
**Maxime Battistella**, Paris, France  
**Antje Bischof**, Münster, Germany  
**Thorsten Bley**, Würzburg, Germany  
**Daniel Blockmans**, Leuven, Belgium  
**Silke Brix**, Manchester, United Kingdom  
**Andrew Chan**, Bern, Switzerland

**Maria Cid**, Barcelona, Spain  
**Antonio Cozzio**, St. Gallen, Switzerland  
**Christian DeJaco**, Bruneck, Italy  
**Haner Direskeneli**, Istanbul, Turkey  
**Allyson Egan**, Dublin, Ireland  
**Giacomo Emmi**, Florence, Italy  
**Frauke Förger**, Bern, Switzerland  
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**Loic Guillevin**, Paris, France  
**Ahmet Gül**, Istanbul, Turkey  
**Gülen Hatemi**, Istanbul, Turkey  
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**Bernhard Hellmich**, Tübingen, Germany  
**Alojzija Hocevar**, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
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**Martin Laudien**, Kiel, Germany  
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