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

AGENDA

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DAY 1

Thursday, 28 September 2023

12.30 – 13.45 **BUFFET LUNCH**

from 11:00 **REGISTRATION**
CONGRESS LOBBY

14.00 **WELCOME ADDRESS**

A. Mahr, T. Neumann, D. Jayne

14.15 – 16.15 **PLENARY SESSION**

Giant Cell Arteritis

MODERATORS: T. Hauser, Zurich, Switzerland, L. Christ, Bern, Switzerland

14.15 – 16.35 **STATE-OF-THE-ART** Giant Cell Arteritis – Clinic & Diagnosis
M. Cid, Barcelona, Spain

14.35 – 14.55 **STATE-OF-THE-ART** Giant Cell Arteritis – Therapy
B. Hellmich, Tübingen, Germany

14.55 – 15.10 **HOT TOPIC** Cranial and non-cranial GCA: does the distinction matter?
C. Dejaco, Bruneck, Italy

15.10 – 15.25 **HOT TOPIC** GCA – who should get a GCS-sparing therapy?
S. Mackie, Leeds, England

15.25 – 15.40 **HOT TOPIC** Is polymyalgia rheumatica a sub-clinical GCA?
D. Blockmans, Leuven, Belgium

15.40 – 16.15 **CASE DISCUSSIONS**

C. Ponte, Lisbon, Portugal, discussants: all speakers

16.15 – 16.45 **BREAK**

16.45 – 18.15 **PLENARY SESSION**

Takayasu Arteritis and Periaortitis

MODERATORS: P. Villiger, Bern, Switzerland, G. Hatemi, Istanbul, Turkey

16.45 – 17.05 **STATE-OF-THE-ART** Takayasu arteritis
H. Direskeneli, Istanbul, Turkey

17.05 – 17.20 **HOT TOPIC** Routine imaging in Takayasu arteritis: yes or no?
P. Grayson, Bethesda, MD, USA

17.20 – 17.35 **HOT TOPIC** Treating DMARD-resistant Takayasu arteritis:
IL-6 or TNF blockade? D. Saadoun, Paris, France

17.35 – 17.55 **STATE-OF-THE-ART** The chronic periaortitis spectrum
A. Vaglio, Florence, Italy

17.55 – 18.15 **CASE DISCUSSIONS**

A. Gloor, Bern, Switzerland, discussants: all speakers

18.30 – 20.00 **WELCOME APÉRO**

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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

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ROOM A

ROOM B

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

ROOM C

ROOM D

ROOM A

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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

ROOM D

12.30 – 14.00 LUNCH**14.00 – 15.30 PLENARY SESSION****Skin Vasculitis and Behçet's Disease**

MODERATORS: M. Becker, Zurich, 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

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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

ROOM A

DAY 2**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

Pregnancy and vasculitis 20'

F. Förger, Bern, Switzerland

ROOM B

ROOM C

ROOM D

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: D. Jackson, 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

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ROOM B

ROOM C

DAY 2**Polyarteritis nodosa****MODERATOR:** M. Iudici, Geneva, SwitzerlandPAN: contemporary update for an ancient disease **20'**

L. Guillemin, Paris, France

Segmental arterial mediolysis – PAN masquerader **20'**

T. Pfammatter, Zurich, Switzerland

ROOM D

19.00 – 23.00 CONFERENCE 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, France**8.50 – 9.05 HOT TOPIC** IL5-inhibition in EGPA: first-line or rescue therapy?
D. Jackson, London, England**9.05 – 9.25 STATE-OF-THE-ART** IgA vasculitis
A. Hocevar, Ljubljana, Slovenia**9.25 – 9.40 HOT TOPIC** Pediatric and adult-onset IgAV: same or different diseases?
S. Ozen, Ankara, Turkey**9.40 – 10.00 CASE DISCUSSIONS**
A. Egan, Dublin, Ireland, discussants: all speakers

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10.00 – 10.30 BREAK**10.30 – 12.00 PLENARY SESSION****Vasculitis of the Nervous System and Cryoglobulinemic Vasculitis****MODERATORS:** C. Ribi, Lausanne, 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

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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**

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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
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Seza Ozen, Ankara, Turkey
Thomas Pfammatter, Zürich, Switzerland
Cristina Ponte, Lisbon, Portugal
Jo Robson, Bristol, United Kingdom
Dirk Roggenbuck, Cottbus, Germany
David Saadoun, Paris, France
Alan Salama, London, United Kingdom
Michael Soyka, Zürich, Switzerland
Ulrich Specks, Rochester, MN, USA
Cord Sunderkötter, Halle, Germany
Christoph Tappeiner, Olten/Bern, Switzerland
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