



**11. EUROPEAN LUPUS MEETING
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Preliminary Program

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If you are delighted to learn something new every day just by taking care of patients and if you are enthusiastic about discovering something unexpected day by day and if you are keen to learn from other specialities in- and outside of medicine and if you like good friendship with your greatest competitor and if you are convinced that you can learn a lot from failures and if you welcome global collaborations without borders,

you are probably an avowed lupus enthusiast, and we are looking forward to welcoming you in Düsseldorf on the occasion of the 11th European Lupus Meeting in March 2018 (21st-24th).

A mixture of the above listed options connects us to the fascinating disease lupus and convinced us that a multifaceted fusion of clinical and basic science together with new promising data from clinical trials will make an interesting and challenging content for Düsseldorf meeting.

The 11th European Lupus Meeting is the first conference of the newly founded European Lupus Society. It will be our pleasure to open up the space for open and fruitful discussions about future developments in the field.

Topics may be “International Collaborations” and “Young Academics in Lupus Research”, who we invite to be actively involved in the scientific programme. If you like to experience a synthesis of traditional, modern and future perspectives of medicine and science, Düsseldorf will be your town to visit in March 2018.

Following the meetings in extraordinary cities like Venice (2016) and Melbourne (2017), Düsseldorf, a modern city marvellously situated on the river Rhine with a special passion for art and fashion, full of very warm-hearted and sociable people will welcome you.

Düsseldorf is a city of short distances, directly connected to most European cities, as well as to the USA and Asia.

I am looking forward to welcoming you in Düsseldorf!

Matthias Schneider
President European Lupus Society



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Program Overview

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

| hrs | 3A ROOM | 3D ROOM | Building ZOMII |
|-------------|---|------------------------|--|
| 10.00-12.15 | | | Pre-Meeting Course (Conference Room 3) NOT ACCREDITED |
| 12.15-13.00 | | | Lunch |
| 13.00-15.00 | Registration Opening | | Pre-Meeting Course (Conference Room 3+7) NOT ACCREDITED |
| 16.00-16.30 | <i>Exhibition Opening</i> | | |
| 17.00-18.30 | OPENING CEREMONY OPENING LECTURE | | |
| 18.30-20.00 | When it all begins ... | Therapeutic strategies | |
| 20.00-21.00 | Welcome Cocktail | | |

Thursday, 22 March 2018

| hrs | 3A ROOM | 3D ROOM | POSTER AREA ROY LICHTENSTEIN |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 08.30-10.00 | Prediction & prevention | Lupus nephritis | |
| 10.00-10.20 | <i>Coffee break</i> | | |
| 10.20-12.00 | Immunopathogenesis I | APS | |
| 12.00-13.30 | | | Lunch and E-Poster Discussion NOT ACCREDITED |
| 13.30-15.00 | INDUSTRY-SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM | | |
| 15.15-16.15 | | | Fish Bowl/Open Chair - discussion rounds All lupus patients should be on antimalarials! Treatment of lupus nephritis without glucocorticoids? Minimal clinical data set for routine care/research Improving trial design Patient empowerment! |
| 16.20-16.50 | <i>Coffee break</i> | | |
| 16.50-18.30 | Longterm Outcome | Reproduction | |
| 18.30-19.30 | SLEuro General Assembly | | |

Program Overview

Friday, 23 March 2018

| hrs | 3A ROOM | 3D ROOM | POSTER AREA ROY LICHTENSTEIN |
|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 08.00-09.00 | INDUSTRY-SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM | | |
| 09.00-10.30 | Biomarker & indices | Supportive Therapies | |
| 10.30-10.50 | <i>Coffee break</i> | | |
| 10.50-12.30 | Maintenance therapy | Immunopathogenesis II | |
| 12.30-14.00 | | | Lunch and E-Poster Discussion NOT ACCREDITED |
| 14.00-15.00 | INDUSTRY-SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM | | |
| 15.15-16.15 | | | Fish Bowl/Open Chair - discussion rounds Measuring lupus disease activity in daily clinical practice: challenges and unmet needs (based on cases) Who takes care of lupus patients? B cell depleting treatment in lupus Fatigue in lupus: feature of the disease or conditioning by patient "education"? How to improve lupus outcome? |
| 16.20-16.50 | <i>Coffee break</i> | | |
| 16.50-18.40 | New Therapeutic Candidates | PRO | |
| 18.40-19.00 | CLOSING CEREMONY | | |

Saturday, 24 March 2018

| hrs | 3A ROOM |
|-------------|---|
| 09.00-12.30 | Post meeting course - NOT ACCREDITED "Established Targeted Therapies in Rheumatology" |
| 12.30-13.30 | Lunch |
| 13.30-17.30 | Post meeting course - NOT ACCREDITED "Targeted Therapies in Rheumatology in pipeline" |

KEY LEGEND

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|--------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| PRE MEETING COURSE | CONGRESS SESSIONS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS | INDUSTRY-SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM | FISH BOWL DISCUSSION ROUNDS | POST MEETING COURSE |
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WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2018

NO CME ACTIVITY

Conference Room 3 - ZOMII

10:00-15:00 PRE-MEETING COURSE

10:00-11:00 **Diagnosis of SLE and SLE mimics**
M. Aringer (Dresden, Germany)

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:15 **Therapeutic strategies in SLE**
F. Hiepe (Berlin, Germany)

12:15-13:00 Lunch

Conference Room 3 - ZOMII

13:00-15:00 **Immunofluorescence microscopy**
C. Specker (Essen, Germany)

Conference Room 7 - ZOMII

13:00-15:00 **Capillary microscopy**
O. Sander (Düsseldorf, Germany)

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WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2018

Room 3A

17:00-18:30

OPENING CEREMONY

GREETINGS

OPENING LECTURE: one-net-show

18:00-18:30

A. Paetzel (Düsseldorf, Germany), T. Schönauer (Düsseldorf, Germany)

Room 3A

18:30-20:00

WHEN IT ALL BEGINS...

Chairs: S. Bombardieri (Pisa, Italy), M. Schneider (Düsseldorf, Germany)

18:30-18:50

New SLE classification criteria: challenges and opportunities

M. Aringer (Dresden, Germany)

18:50-19:10

Which lupus do you have? Phenotyping the disease

M. Urowitz (Toronto, Canada)

19:10-19:30

Gene profiling studies in SLE. What have we learned?

G. Bertias (Crete, Greece)

19:30-19:40

ROBUST STRATIFICATION OF LUPUS BASED ON LONGITUDINAL GENE EXPRESSION DATA AND DISEASE ACTIVITY PATTERNS

D. Toro Dominguez¹, P. Carmona Saez¹, M. Alarcon Riquelme^{1,2}
(¹Granada, Spain, ²Stockholm, Sweden)

19:40-19:50

MOLECULAR STRATIFICATION OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES BASED ON EPIGENETIC PROFILES

G. Barturen¹, M. Kerick¹, D. Alvarez-Errico², R. Quintares¹, E. Carnero¹, D. Gemperline³, E. Dow³, L. Beretta⁴, J.O. Pers⁵, Y. Renadineau⁵, J. Frostegard⁶, M. Juarez^{7,1}, S. Rao⁸, C. Chamberlain⁷, J. Wojcik⁹, A. Segura¹, J. Martin¹, E. Ballestar², M.E. Alarcón-Riquelme¹
(¹Granada, Spain, ²Barcelona, Spain, ³Indianapolis, USA, ⁴Milan, Italy, ⁵Brest, France, ⁶Solna, Sweden, ⁷Slough, UK, ⁸Boston, USA, ⁹Geneva, Switzerland)

19:50-20:00

MCTD AND SLE: SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

S. Reiseter, Ø. Molberg, R. Gunnarsson, K. Lerang
(Oslo, Norway)

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WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2018

Room 3D

18:30-20:00

THERAPEUTIC STRATEGIES

Chairs: C. Kallenberg (Groningen, The Netherlands),
E. Svenungsson, (Stockholm, Sweden)

18:30-18:50

Targeted Therapies - how do they influence outcome

J. Smolen (Vienna, Austria)

18:50-19:10

Definitions of remission in SLE

R. Van Vollenhoven (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

19:10-19:30

New therapeutic strategies in lupus management

A. Doria (Padova, Italy)

19:30-19:40

TESTING DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS OF REMISSION IN A MONOCENTRIC CAUCASIAN COHORT OF SLE PATIENTS

F. Saccon, M. Zen, M. Gatto, M. Larosa, L. Nalotto, S. Bindoli, L. Iaccarino,
A. Doria
(Padova, Italy)

19:40-19:50

SLE DISEASE ACTIVITY INDEX GLUCOCORTICOSTEROID INDEX (SLEDAI-2KG) IDENTIFIES MORE RESPONDERS THAN SLEDAI-2K

M. Urowitz, D.D. Gladman, J. Su, N.M. Anderson, Z. Touma
(Toronto, Canada)

19:50-20:00

TARGETING PLASMA CELLS AND THEIR PRECURSORS BY IMMUNOABLATION VERSUS BORTEZOMIB PLUS RITUXIMAB IN SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

T. Alexander, B. Hoyer, Q. Cheng, L. Khodadadi, A. Taddeo, J. Klotsche,
A. Thiel, G. Burmester, A. Radbruch, R. Arnold, F. Hiepe
(Berlin, Germany)

20:00-21:00

Welcome Cocktail

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Room 3A

08:30-10:00

PREDICTION & PREVENTION

Chairs: L. Czirjak (Pecs, Hungary), A. Schwarting (Mainz, Germany)

08:30-08:50

Pre-Lupus: Can we predict and prevent SLE?

M. Mosca (Pisa, Italy)

08:50-09:10

Lupus Flares: How to predict and prevent?

L.P. Sousa Ines (Coimbra, Portugal)

09:10-09:30

Damage Accrual: Risk stratification and Prevention

I. Bruce (Manchester, UK)

09:30-09:40

VALIDATION OF REMISSION AND LUPUS LOW DISEASE ACTIVITY STATE AS PREDICTORS OF ORGAN DAMAGE IN SLE

M. Petri, D. Goldman, L. Magder
(Baltimore, USA)

09:40-09:50

DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF A SCORE TO PREDICT THE RISK OF SEVERE INFECTION IN SLE

B. Segura¹, I. Rúa-Figueroa², J.M. Pego-Reigosa³, V. Del Campo³, D. Isenberg⁴, A. Rahman⁴
(¹Washington D.C., USA, ²Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain, ³Vigo, Spain, ⁴London, UK)

09:50-10:00

SOLUBLE UROKINASE PLASMINOGEN ACTIVATOR RECEPTOR (SUPAR) PREDICTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF ORGAN DAMAGE OVER 5 YEARS IN SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS: RESULTS FROM THE SLICC INCEPTION COHORT

H. Enocsson¹, L. Wirestam¹, J. Wetterö¹, T. Skogh^{1,2}, I.N. Bruce², C. Sjöwall¹
(¹Linköping, Sweden, ²Manchester, UK)

Room 3D

08:30-10:00

LUPUS NEPHRITIS

Chairs: R. Furie (Great Neck, USA), D. Jayne (Cambridge, UK)

08:30-08:50

New trends in the treatment of lupus nephritis

F. Houssiau (Brussels, Belgium)

08:50-09:10

How to manage "refractory lupus nephritis"?

H.J. Anders (Munich, Germany)

09:10-09:30

Nephritogenicity of anti-nucleosome autoantibodies in lupus

Jo H.M. Berden (Nijmegen, The Netherlands)

09:30-09:40

CHANGE IN CLINICAL, HISTOLOGICAL PRESENTATION AND PROGNOSIS OF LUPUS NEPHRITIS DURING THE LAST 50 YEARS

G. Moroni¹, M. Gatto², P.G. Vercellone¹, S. Quaglini², F. Raffiotta¹, M. Zen², F. Pieruzzi¹, V. Binda¹, P. Messa¹, R.A. Sinico¹, A. Doria²
(¹Milan, Italy, ²Padova, Italy)

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- 09:40-09:50 **EXOSOMES TARGET RENAL TUBULAR EPITHELIAL CELLS TRANSFERRING INFLAMMATORY EPSTEIN-BARR VIRUS-ENCODED SMALL RNA (EBER1) IN LUPUS NEPHRITIS PATIENTS**
S.R. Baglio¹, N. Masoumi¹, M.W. Tsang-A-Sjoe¹, M.A. Van Eijndhoven¹, K.M. Heutink¹, E.S. Jordanova¹, R.J. Ten Berge¹, K. Grundberg², R.M. Schiffeler³, J. Van Den Wetering¹, K. De Wildt¹, S.M. Verkuiljen¹, J. Roelofs¹, I.E. Ultink¹, J.M. Middeldorp¹, A.E. Voskuyl¹, D.M. Pegtel¹
(¹Amsterdam, The Netherlands, ²Nijmegen, The Netherlands, ³Utrecht, The Netherlands)
- 09:50-10:00 **ANTIRENAL CD4+ T CELLS ARISE IN LUPUS NEPHRITIS, ARE MAINLY OF THE TH1 PHENOTYPE, ARE ONLY PARTIALLY CONTROLLED BY THEIR REGULATORY COUNTERPARTS AND INVADE THE INFLAMED KIDNEYS**
S. Tesch¹, D. Abdirama¹, A.S. Grießbach¹, J. Humrich², A. Scheffold¹, A. Radbruch¹, G.R. Burmester¹, K.U. Eckardt¹, F. Hiepe¹, G. Riemekasten¹, P. Enghard¹
(¹Berlin, Germany, ²Lübeck, Germany)
- 10:00-10:20 Coffee Break**
- Room 3A**
- 10:20-12:00 IMMUNOPATHOGENESIS I**
Chairs: J. Kalden (Erlangen, Germany), H. Lorenz (Heidelberg, Germany)
- 10:20-10:40 **Immunopathogenic mechanisms driving lupus**
T. Dörner (Berlin, Germany)
- 10:40-11:00 **The interaction between pDC and the adaptive immune system**
L. Rönnblom (Uppsala, Sweden)
- 11:00-11:20 **Antimicrobial peptides in SLE pathogenesis**
C. Chizzolini (Geneva, Switzerland)
- 11:20-11:30 **OX40/OX40L AXIS IMPAIRS FOLLICULAR AND NATURAL REGULATORY T CELL FUNCTION IN HUMAN SYSTEMIC LUPUS**
C. Richez¹, J.F. Augusto², E. Lazaro¹, N. Gensous¹, I. Douchet¹, C. Contin-Bordes¹, P. Blanco¹
(¹Bordeaux, France, ²Angers, France)
- 11:30-11:40 **AUTOANTIBODIES AGAINST HUMAN SERUM ALBUMIN IN PATIENTS WITH SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS**
J. Nehring¹, L.A. Schirmbeck¹, J. Friebus-Kardash¹, D. Dubler¹, U. Huynh-Do³, C. Chizzolini⁴, C. Ribi⁵, M. Trendelenburg¹
(¹Basel, Switzerland, ²Essen, Germany, ³Bern, Germany, ⁴Geneva, Switzerland, ⁵Lausanne, Switzerland)
- 11:40-11:50 **MICROPARTICLES WITH MITOCHONDRIAL MOLECULES AND IMMUNOGLOBULINS ASSOCIATE WITH ACTIVE DISEASE IN SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS**
F. Mobarrez¹, E. Fuzzi¹, I. Gunnarsson¹, D. Pisetsky², E. Svenungsson¹
(¹Stockholm, Sweden, ²Durham, USA)

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11:50-12:00 **NEUTROPHIL EXTRACELLULAR TRAPS MARKERS ARE ELEVATED IN PATIENTS WITH SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS**

I. Jeremic, O. Djuric, B. Bonaci-Nikolic
(Belgrade, Serbia)

Room 3D

10:20-12:00

APS

Chairs: M. Khamashta (London, UK), H.M. Moutsopoulos (Athens, Greece)

10:20-10:40

Treatment of APS - towards 2018

N. Agmon-Levin (Tel-Hashomer, Israel)

10:40-11:00

Catastrophic antiphospholipid syndrome: an update

R. Cervera (Barcelona, Spain)

11:00-11:20

Neurologic manifestations: SLE versus APS

C. Vasconcelos (Porto, Portugal)

11:20-11:30

REAL LIFE SINGLE CENTRE RESULTS ON RITUXIMAB TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH PRIMARY AND LUPUS ASSOCIATED ANTIPHOSPHOLIPID SYNDROME

E. Kiss, A. Szappanos, A. Wiedemann, A. Balogh, M. Szabo, G. Poor
(Budapest, Hungary)

11:30-11:40

PLASMA SOLUBLE TRIGGERING RECEPTOR EXPRESSED ON MYELOID CELLS-1 IS ELEVATED IN PATIENTS WITH THROMBOTIC PRIMARY ANTIPHOSPHOLIPID SYNDROME

Y. Molad, Y. Edel^{1,2}, E. Pokroy-Shapira^{1,2}, S. Oren^{1,2}, A. Dortort^{1,2}, Y. Pri-Paz Basson, T. Shochat^{1,2}, V. Kliminski^{1,2}
(¹Petah Tikva, Israel, ²Tel Aviv, Israel)

11:40-11:50

MICROANGIOPATHIC MANIFESTATIONS OF THE PRIMARY ANTIPHOSPHOLIPID SYNDROME

J. Zhao, Y. Sun, Q. Wang, M. Li, X. Zeng
(Beijing, China)

11:50-12:00

CEREBRAL HYPOPERFUSION DETECTED BY PERFUSION-WEIGHED MRI MAY ASSIST THE DIAGNOSIS OF PRIMARY DIFFUSE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

E. Papadaki¹, A. Fanouriakis², E. Kavroulakis¹, D. Karageorgou¹, P. Sidiropoulos¹, G. Bertias¹, P. Simos¹, D. Boumpas²
(¹Crete, Greece, ²Athens, Greece)

12:00-13:30

Lunch and Poster tour

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Room 3A

14:00-15:00

INDUSTRY - SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM

Poster Area

15:15-16:15

FISH BOWL AND OPEN CHAIR - DISCUSSION ROUNDS

Fish Bowl 1

All lupus patients should be on antimalarials!

Moderator: R. Voll (Freiburg, Germany)

Speakers:

- Fellow: J. Bakshi (London, UK)
- SLEuro expert: R. Van Vollenhoven (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
- Lupus Europe expert: W. Zaccouris-Verweij (Haarlem, The Netherlands)
- Expert: I. Bruce (Manchester, UK)

Fish Bowl 2

Treatment of lupus nephritis without glucocorticoids?

Moderator: H.J. Anders (Münich, Germany)

Speakers:

- Fellow: F. Farinha (S. Pedro do Esteval, Portugal)
- SLEuro expert: F. Houssiau (Brussels, Belgium)
- Lupus Europe expert: Z. Osmani
- Expert: D. Jayne (Cambridge, UK)

Fish Bowl 3

Minimal clinical data set for routine care/research?

Moderator: H. Lorenz (Heidelberg, Germany)

Speakers:

- Fellow: M. Siekierka-Harreis (Düsseldorf, Germany)
- SLEuro expert: L. Czirjak (Pecs, Hungary)
- Lupus Europe expert: S. Badreh (Stockholm, Sweden)
- Expert: J. Pego-Reigosa (Vigo, Spain)

Fish Bowl 4

Improving trial design

Moderator: M. Aringer (Dresden, Germany)

Speakers:

- Fellow: M. Gatto (Padova, Italy)
- SLEuro expert: R. Cervera (Barcelona, Spain)
- Lupus Europe expert: K. Lerstrøm (Farum, Denmark)
- Expert: H. Nab (Cambridge, UK)

Fish Bowl 5

Patient empowerment!

Moderator: G. Chehab (Düsseldorf, Germany)

Speakers:

- Fellow: I. Haase (Düsseldorf, Germany)
- SLEuro expert: E. Svenungsson (Stockholm, Sweden)
- Lupus Europe expert: J. Andersen (Denmark)
- Expert: M. Mosca (Pisa, Italy)

16:20-16:50

Coffee Break

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Room 3A

16:50-18:30

LONGTERM OUTCOME

Chairs: E. Morand (Clayton, Australia), B. Pons-Estel (Rosario, Argentina)

16:50-17:10

Mortality in SLE

M. Tektonidou (Athens, Greece)

17:10-17:30

SLE - when it doesn't kill you what can it do longterm?

D. Isenberg (London, UK)

17:30-17:50

HrQoL

S. Vordenbäumen (Düsseldorf, Germany)

17:50-18:00

BETA2-MICROGLOBULIN (B2MG) PLASMA LEVELS ASSOCIATE WITH MARKERS OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS IN PATIENTS WITH SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS (SLE)

M.L.F. Hermansen, M. Faurshou, S. Jacobsen

(Copenhagen, Denmark)

18:00-18:10

HIGH GENETIC RISK SCORE IS ASSOCIATED WITH ORGAN DAMAGE IN SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

S. Reid¹, A. Alexsson¹, M. Frodlund², E. Svenungsson³, J. K. Sandling¹, A. Jönsen⁴, C. Bengtsson⁵, I. Gunnarsson³, A. Bengtsson⁴, S. Rantapää-Dahlqvist⁵, A-C. Syvänen¹, C. Sjöwal², L. Rönnblom¹, D. Leonard¹ (¹Uppsala, Sweden, ²Linköping, Sweden, ³Stockholm, Sweden, ⁴Lund, Sweden, ⁵Umeå, Sweden)

18:10-18:20

A SIMPLE METHOD TO EVIDENCE SUBCLINICAL ATHEROSCLEROSIS IN PATIENTS WITH SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

M. Parvu, S. Coman, M. Tilinca, S. Voidazan

(TG. Mures, Romania)

18:20-18:30

INCREASED RISK OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE IN PATIENTS WITH SLE WHO HAVE ASYMPTOMATIC PLAQUE ON VASCULAR ULTRASOUND – A FIVE-YEAR FOLLOW-UP STUDY

J. Bakshi, D. Isenberg, A. Rahman

(London, UK)

Room 3D

16:50-18:30

REPRODUCTION

Chairs: N. Costedoat-Chalumeau (Paris, France), C. Specker (Essen, Germany)

16:50-17:10

How to counsel SLE patients in childbearing age

A. Tincani (Brescia, Italy)

17:10-17:30

Are lupus pregnancies still "high risk"?

R. Fischer-Betz (Düsseldorf, Germany)

17:30-17:50

APS and pregnancy

M. Khamashta (London, UK)

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- 17:50-18:00 **VARIANT OF THE TNFSF13B GENE ENCODING FOR B-CELL ACTIVATING FACTOR CONFERS SUSCEPTIBILITY TO SLE, INCREASED SERUM BAFF CYTOKINE AND AUTOANTIBODIES PRODUCTION**
M. Piga¹, M. Steri², V. Orrù², L. Idda², M. Pitzalis², F. Cucca², A. Mathieu¹
(¹Cagliari, Italy, ²Monserrato, Italy)
- 18:00-18:10 **TARGETED NEXT-GENERATION SEQUENCING SUGGESTS NOVEL RISK LOCI IN JUVENILE ONSET SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS**
J. Sandling¹, L. Hultin Rosenberg¹, F.H.G. Farias¹, A. Alexsson¹, D. Leonard¹, E. Murén¹, Å. Karlsson¹, A. Mathioudaki¹, D. Ericsson¹, G. Pielberg¹, J. Meadows¹, J. Nordin¹, J. Dahlqvist¹, M. Bianchi¹, S. Kozyrev¹, C. Bengtsson¹, A. Jönsen³, L. Padyukov⁴, M-L. Eloranta¹, C. Sjöwall⁵, I. Gunnarsson⁴, E. Svenungsson⁴, S. Rantapää-Dahlqvist², A.A. Bengtsson³, A-C. Syvänen¹, K. Lindblad-Toh^{1,6}, L. Rönnblom¹
(¹Uppsala, Sweden, ²Umeå, Sweden, ³Lund, Sweden, ⁴Stockholm, Sweden, ⁵Linköping, Sweden, ⁶Boston, USA)
- 18:10-18:20 **SLE COMPRISES FOUR IMMUNE-PHENOTYPES, WHICH DIFFER REGARDING HLA-DRB1 AND CLINICAL ASSOCIATIONS**
L.M. Diaz Gallo¹, E. Lundström¹, V. Oke¹, K. Elvin¹, Y.L. Wu², J. Gustafsson¹, A. Jönsen³, D. Leonard⁴, A. Zickert¹, G. Nordmark⁴, A.A. Bengtsson³, J. Sandling⁴, L. Rönnblom⁴, I. Gunnarsson¹, C.Y. Yu², L.Padyukov¹, E. Svenungsson¹
(¹Stockholm, Sweden, ²Ohio, USA, ³Lund, Sweden, ⁴Uppsala, Sweden)
- 18:20-18:30 **NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING IN HEMATOPOIETIC PROGENITORS OF MURINE SLE MODEL REVEALS ABERRANT REGULATION OF CEBP/A EXPRESSION**
M. Grigoriou¹, P. Verginis¹, C. Nikolaou², P. Pavlidis², E. Dermitzakis³, G. Bertias², D. Boumpas¹, A. Banos¹
(¹Athens, Greece, ²Crete, Greece, ³Geneva, Switzerland)

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18:30-19:30

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Room 3A

08:00-09:00 INDUSTRY - SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM

Room 3A

09:00-10:30

BIOMARKER&INDICES

Chairs: A. Doria (Padova, Italy), M. Tektonidou (Athens, Greece)

09:00-09:20

The genomic architecture of human SLE: Clinical implication

D. Boumpas (Athens, Greece)

09:20-09:40

Association of serum IFN levels with lupus manifestations

Z. Amoura (Paris, France)

09:40-10:00

The molecular stratification of lupus

M.E. Alarcon-Riquelme (Granada, Spain)

10:00-10:10

CIRCULATING TYPE I, II AND III INTERFERONS (IFNS) ASSOCIATE WITH IFN-SCORES, BUT DEFINE DISTINCT SUBSETS OF ACTIVE SLE

V. Oke¹, I. Gunnarsson¹, J. Dorschner², A. Zickert¹, T.B. Niewold³, E. Svenungsson¹

(¹Stockholm, Sweden, ²Rochester, USA, ³New York, USA)

10:10-10:20

GALECTIN-9 IS PRODUCED BY DENDRITIC CELLS AND SERUM LEVELS OUTPERFORM CXCL10 AS A BIOMARKER TO DETECT THE IFN SIGNATURE IN SLE AND APS

L.L. Van Den Hoogen¹, J.A.G. Van Roon¹, J. Wienke¹, F. Van Wijk¹, R.D.E. Fritsch-Stork², T.R. Radstake¹

(¹Utrecht, The Netherlands, ²Vienna, Austria)

10:20-10:30

ANTI-CARBAMYLATED PROTEINS ANTIBODIES IN SLE PATIENTS WITH JOINT INVOLVEMENT: A POSSIBLE NEW BIOMARKER FOR EROSIIVE DAMAGE

F. Ceccarelli, C. Perricone, L. Massaro, T. Colasanti, E. Cipriano, M. Pendolino, F. Natalucci, G. Capalbo, R. Mancini, F.R. Spinelli, C. Alessandri, G. Valesini, F. Conti

(Rome, Italy)

Room 3D

09:00-10:30

SUPPORTIVE THERAPIES

Chairs: D. Boumpas (Athens, Greece), D. D'Cruz (London, UK)

09:00-09:20

Update on infections in SLE patients

J.M. Pego-Reigosa (Vigo, Spain)

09:20-09:40

HPV: the virus, the vaccines and SLE-similarities to EBV

Y. Shoenfeld (Tel-Hashomer, Israel - Saint Petersburg, Russia)

09:40-10:00

Smoking and SLE: a strong impact on disease prevalence, severity, and response to treatments

L. Arnaud (Strasbourg, France)

10:00-10:10

LOW VITAMIN D IS ASSOCIATED WITH THROMBOSIS IN SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

M. Petri, W. Fu, D. Goldman

(Baltimore, USA)

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10:10-10:20 **BACTEREMIA IN SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS PATIENTS FROM RELESSER REGISTRY: RISK FACTORS, CLINICAL AND MICROBIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTCOMES**

A. Lois Iglesias¹, J.M. Pego-Reigosa², F.J. López-Longo³, M. Galindo³, V. Del Campo-Pérez², J. Torres-Cisneros⁴, E. Uriarte⁵, P. Vela⁶, E. Tomero³, C. Erausquin⁷, A. Naranjo⁷, J. Calvo-Alén⁸, A. Fdez-Nebro⁹, I. Rúa-Figueroa⁷ (¹Coruña, Spain, ²Vigo, Spain, ³Madrid, Spain, ⁴Córdoba, Spain, ⁵Gipuzkoa, Spain, ⁶Alicante, Spain, ⁷Gran Canaria, Spain, ⁸Alava, Spain, ⁹Malaga, Spain)

10:20-10:30 **SERIOUS INFECTION RATES IN SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS: A SWEDISH POPULATION-BASED ASSESSMENT**

J. Simard^{1,2}, M. Rossides¹, E. Arkema¹ (¹Stockholm, Sweden, ²Stanford, USA)

10:30-10:50 Coffee Break

Room 3A

10:50-12:30

MAINTAINANCE THERAPY

Chairs: Z. Amoura (Paris, France), D. Isenberg (London, UK)

10:50-11:10 **Long term effects of reduced-dose glucocorticoid schedules in patients with SLE**

G. Ruiz-Irastorza (Barakaldo, Spain)

11:10-11:30 **How to improve adherence to treatment in SLE**

N. Costedoat-Chalumeau (Paris, France)

11:30-11:50 **Calcineurin inhibition in lupus nephritis, an old story or a new dawn?**

D. Jayne (Cambridge, UK)

11:50-12:00 **A POPULATION-BASED STUDY ON MORTALITY AND THE INFLUENCE OF MEDICATION USE IN 4356 PATIENTS WITH SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS AND 21845 MATCHED CONTROLS FROM THE UK**

I.E. Bultink¹, F. De Vries^{2,3}, R.F. Van Vollenhoven¹, A. Lalmohamed² (¹Amsterdam, The Netherlands, ²Utrecht, The Netherlands, ³Maastricht, The Netherlands)

12:00-12:10 **THE 3RS STRATEGY ONE YEAR LATER: STILL REACHING THE GOAL**

A.V. Taulaigo, A. Lladó, M. Vicente, M.F. Moraes-Fontes (Lisbon, Portugal)

12:10-12:20 **SCREENING IN PATIENTS AT HIGH RISK OF HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE RETINAL TOXICITY**

A. Dias Santos, A. Viola Taulaigo, E. Patarata, S. Guerreiro Castro, M. F. Moraes-Fontes (Lisbon, Portugal)

12:20-12:30 **EXPLORER STUDY: RITUXIMAB USE IN SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS, A NEW LOOK ON OLD DATA**

M. Scherlinger, C. Carcaud, T. Barnetche, P. Dufau, L. Couzy, E. Lazaro, C. Richez (Bordeaux, France)

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10:50-12:30

IMMUNOPATHOGENESIS II

Chairs: C. Chizzolini (Geneva, Switzerland), R. Voll (Freiburg, Germany)

10:50-11:10

Distinctive microparticle subsets in patients with SLE

S. Jacobsen (Copenhagen, Denmark)

11:10-11:30

Immunometabolism in systemic lupus erythematosus

L. Morel (Gainesville, USA)

11:30-11:50

Immunological factors contributing to development of cardiovascular disease in patients with SLE

A. Rahman (London, UK)

11:50-12:00

ANTIBODIES TO MYELIN OLIGODENDROCYTE GLYCOPROTEIN IN PATIENTS WITH SLE ARE ASSOCIATED WITH CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT: AN UNBIASED PILOT STUDY OF THE SWISS SLE COHORT STUDY (SSCS)

A. Pröbstel¹, M. Thanei¹, B. Erni¹, A.C. Lecourt¹, L. Branco¹, R. André², K.F. Koenig¹, U. Huynh-Do³, C. Ribl⁴, C. Chizzolini², L. Kappos¹, M. Trendelenburg¹, T. Derfuss¹

(¹Basel, Switzerland, ²Geneva, Switzerland, ³Bern, Switzerland, ⁴Lausanne, Switzerland)

12:00-12:10

ANTIIPHOSPHOLIPID ANTIBODIES DIFFERENTIALLY REGULATE THE EXPRESSION & ACTIVITY OF THE LYSOSOMAL PROTEASES WITH EFFECTS UPON MONOCYTE AUTOPHAGY

V. Ripoll, A. Khawaja, I. Giles, A. Rahman

(London, UK)

12:10-12:20

INHIBITION OF EIF4A TRANSLATION INITIATION AMELIORATES LUPUS MANIFESTATIONS

M. Morell, G. Gómez-Hernández, N. Varela, M. Alarcón-Riquelme

(Granada, Spain)

12:20-12:30

NOVEL ALPHA-1-ANTITRYPSIN FRAGMENT AS POTENTIAL TREATMENT OF SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

U. Wormser, B. Brodsky, Y. Finkelstein, E. Shapira, E. Proscura

(Jerusalem, Israel)

12:30-14:00

Lunch and Poster tour

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14:00-15:00

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Poster Area

15:15-16:15

FISH BOWL AND OPEN CHAIR - DISCUSSION ROUNDS

Fish Bowl 1

Measuring lupus disease activity in daily clinical practice: Challenges and unmet needs (based on cases)

Moderator: A. Schwarting (Mainz, Germany)

Speakers:

- Fellow: F. Basta (Rome, Italy)
- SLEuro expert: L. Sousa Ines (Coimbra, Portugal)
- Lupus Europe expert: J. Andersen (Knebel, Denmark)
- Expert: M. Tektonidou (Athens, Greece)

Fish Bowl 2

Who takes care of lupus patients?

Moderator: C. Specker (Essen, Germany)

Speakers:

- Fellow: A.V. Taulaigo (Oeiras, Portugal)
- SLEuro expert: N. Costedoat-Chalumeau (Paris, France)
- Lupus Europe expert: Y. Norton (UK)
- Expert: D. D'Cruz (London, UK)

Fish Bowl 3

B cell depleting treatment in lupus

Moderator: F. Hiepe (Berlin, Germany)

Speakers:

- Fellow: T. McDonnell (Hitchin, UK)
- SLEuro expert: A. Rahman (London, UK)
- Lupus Europe expert: TBD
- Expert: R. Furie (Great Neck, USA)

Fish Bowl 4

Fatigue in Lupus: feature of the disease or conditioning by patient 'education'?

Moderator: T. Morel (Leuven, Belgium)

Speakers:

- Fellow: C. Wincup (London, UK)
- SLEuro expert: D. Boumpas (Athens, Greece)
- Lupus Europe expert: B. Van Leeuw (Belgium)
- Expert: C. Vasconcelos (Porto, Portugal)

Fish Bowl 5

How to improve lupus outcome?

Moderator: R. Fischer-Betz (Düsseldorf, Germany)

Speakers:

- Fellow: C. Duesing (Düsseldorf, Germany)
- SLEuro expert: A. Doria (Padova, Italy)
- Lupus Europe expert: K. Lerstrøm (Farum, Denmark)
- Expert: J. Smolen (Vienna, Austria)

16:20-16:50

Coffee Break

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NEW THERAPEUTIC CANDIDATES

Chairs: M. Mosca (Pisa, Italy), J. Pego-Reigosa (Vigo, Spain)

16:50-17:10

Novel Therapies for SLE

R. Furie (New York, USA)

17:10-17:30

B cell directed therapies in SLE

R. Van Vollenhoven (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

17:30-17:50

Biologic Therapy for SLE beyond rituximab, belimumab and interferon alpha blockade-encouraging signs!

D. Isenberg (London, UK)

17:50-18:00

REDUCTION OF SYSTEMIC LUPUS FLARES BY ATACICEPT IN A RANDOMIZED, PLACEBO-CONTROLLED, PHASE IIB STUDY (ADDRESS II) AND ITS EXTENSION STUDY

D.J. Wallace¹, D.A. Isenberg², A. Kao³, C. Vazquez-Mateo³, P. Fleurbaey-Morel³, P. Chang³, J.T. Merrill⁴
(¹Los Angeles, USA, ²London, UK, ³Billerica, USA, ⁴Oklahoma City, USA)

18:00-18:10

SRI RESPONSE, ATTAINMENT OF LOW DISEASE ACTIVITY AND SAFETY IN PATIENTS WITH SYSTEMIC LUPUS TREATED WITH ATACICEPT IN A PHASE IIB STUDY (ADDRESS II)

J.T. Merrill¹, E. Morand², D.J. Wallace³, A. Kao⁴, C. Vazquez-Mateo⁴, P. Chang⁴, P. Fleurbaey-Morel⁴, D.A. Isenberg⁵
(¹Oklahoma City, USA, ²Melbourne, Australia, ³Los Angeles, USA, ⁴Billerica, USA, ⁵London, UK)

18:10-18:20

BASELINE SERUM LEVELS OF BAFF OR APRIL ARE INDEPENDENT PREDICTORS OF SLEDAI RESPONSE AFTER 12 MONTHS OF TREATMENT WITH BELIMUMAB IN PATIENTS WITH REFRACTORY SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

S. Piantoni¹, L. Andreoli¹, T. Lowin², R. Kumar¹, F. Regola¹, P. Airò¹, F. Franceschini¹, A. Tincani¹, G. Pongratz²
(¹Brescia, Italy, ²Düsseldorf, Germany)

18:20-18:30

ADMINISTRATION OF SERPINB3 DELAYS GLOMERULONEPHRITIS AND ATTENUATES THE LUPUS-LIKE DISEASE IN LUPUS MURINE MODELS BY AN IMMUNOMODULATORY EFFECT

M. Gatto, L. Cavicchioni, R. Luisetto, G. Codolo, G. Maggioni, F. Saccon, M. Beggio, P. Pontisso, A. Ghirardello, A. Doria
(Padova, Italy)

18:30-18:40

EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF USTEKINUMAB, AN INTERLEUKIN 12/23 INHIBITOR, IN PATIENTS WITH ACTIVE SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS: RESULTS OF A PHASE 2, RANDOMIZED PLACEBO-CONTROLLED STUDY

R. van Vollenhoven¹, B.H. Hahn², G.C. Tsokos³, C. Wagner⁴, P. Lipsky⁵, B. Hsu⁴, M. Chevrier⁴, R. Gordon⁴, M. Triebel⁶, S. Rose⁴
(¹Amsterdam, The Netherlands, ²Los Angeles, USA, ³Boston, USA, ⁴Spring House USA, ⁵Charlottesville, USA, ⁶Leiden, The Netherlands)

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Chairs: M. Aringer (Dresden, Germany), J. Andersen (Knebel, Denmark)

16:50-17:10

Patient vs. Doctor's reported measures of disease activity

E. Svenungsson (Stockholm, Sweden)

17:10-17:30

Assessment and management of fatigue in SLE

D. D'Cruz (London, UK)

17:30-17:50

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G. Chehab (Düsseldorf, Germany)

17:50-18:00

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HEALTH-RELATED QUALITY OF LIFE AND REMISSION IN PATIENTS WITH SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS: A LONGITUDINAL COHORT STUDY

M.W. Tsang-A Sjoe, I.E. Bultink, M. Heslinga, [A.E. Voskuyl](#)
(Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

18:00-18:10

THE DIAGNOSTIC PHASE OF LUPUS – BEING IN A STANDSTILL-OF-LIFE

[J. Lisander Larsen](#)¹, E.O.C. Hall², S. Jacobsen¹, R. Birkelund³
(¹Copenhagen, Denmark, ²Aarhus, Denmark, ³Vejle, Denmark)

18:10-18:20

GOING VIRAL IN RHEUMATOLOGY: A RAPID, COST-EFFECTIVE METHOD OF OBTAINING PATIENT OPINION ABOUT RESEARCH IN SLE AND APS

[T. McDonnell](#), C. Wincup, A. Rahman, I. Giles
(London, UK)

18:20-18:30

IDENTIFYING THE LINKS BETWEEN FUNCTIONAL IRON DEFICIENCY AND FATIGUE IN SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

[C. Wincup](#)¹, C. Parnell¹, S. Cleanthous¹, S. O'Neill², M. Nguyen², T. Richards¹, A. Rahman¹
(¹London, UK, ²Sydney, Australia)

Room 3A

18:30-19:00

CLOSING CEREMONY

Saturday 24 March 2018

NO CME ACTIVITY

09:00-17:30

Post Meeting Course "Targeted Therapies in Rheumatology"

General & Scientific Information

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Late breaking abstract submission | • from 20 October to 12 November 2017 |
| Abstract notification (for abstract submitted within September 17) | • 30 October 2017 |
| Early registration deadline | • 15 December 2017 |
| Late registration deadline | • 19 February 2018 |
| Onsite registration | • From 20 February and onsite |

PRE-MEETING COURSE *(only for Trainees/Fellows)*

A pre-meeting course, dedicated to the SLE interested fellows, will be held on March 21 from 10:00 to 15:00, before the official beginning of the conference. Here participants will learn all about SLE basics in three interactive workshops:

- Diagnosis of SLE and SLE mimics
- Therapeutic strategies in SLE
- Immunofluorescence microscopy and Capillary microscopy

You can sign up for the course when registering online for the European Lupus Meeting.

MENTOR-MENTEE-PROGRAM *(only for Trainees/Fellows and Students)*

During the Congress, young fellows will have the possibility to meet experts in SLE and get one mentor assigned that will guide them through the conference to resume the day, discuss interesting topics, visit the poster session and sharing the most exciting news.

Application also via the registration platform.

A Welcome-meeting will be held on March 21 at 16.30 in the Poster Area. Each mentor/mentee will be introduced to the program.

On the last day, March 24, a Feedback round will be organized at 12.30 in the Poster Area.

FISH BOWL DISCUSSION ROUNDS

On March 22 and 23, interactive sessions called "Fish Bowl and Open Chair – Discussion Rounds" will be organized throughout the meeting in the Poster area (Building 22.01).

Young fellows will be invited to choose the fish bowl round of interest and:

- prepare a short evidence based introduction for the beginning of the discussion to create a common base for participants and audience
- actively participate in the discussion

Don't miss the chance to extend your knowledge, meet experts in your topic of interest and get generous reduction in registration fee.

If interested, please send an Email to: lupus2018@aimgroup.eu

POST-MEETING COURSE

The post meeting course will be on Saturday, 24 March 2018 from 09:00 to 17:30 and it will focus on "Targeted Therapies in Rheumatology". The course is included in the registration fee but you need to confirm your interest during the online registration.

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ORAL COMMUNICATION AND POSTER

The Scientific Committee will select the abstracts in order to allocate them in the sessions as oral presentation or as poster. Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent to the corresponding author by October 30, 2017.

The presenting author of the accepted abstract must register and attend the Congress.

LATE BREAKING ABSTRACTS

Due to the popular demand the Scientific Committee decided to open a late breaking abstracts submission only for posters from 20 October to 12 November.

Abstracts received by e-mail, by fax or after the deadline will not be considered.

E-POSTERS

All abstracts accepted as posters will be displayed at E-Poster Stations (LCD Screens). The discussion will take place in the Poster Area (Building 22.01) during lunchtime on Thursday, March 22 from 12.00 to 13.30 and Friday, March 23 from 12.30 to 14.00.

The electronic poster will be structured with 2 slides (1st slide: Objective, Design and Method - 2nd slide: Results and Conclusions) and each author has 3 minutes for the presentation and 1 minute for the discussion.

The E-Poster Discussion during lunchtime will be guided and moderated by a chairperson. All presentations, discussions and questions must be in English.

ABSTRACT BOOK

All submitted abstracts, accepted as oral presentation or poster, will be published under the terms of BMJ's exclusive license as a supplement to the Official Journal of Lupus 2018 "Lupus Science & Medicine".

The abstract book will be available only in electronic format on line and downloadable from Lupus Science & Medicine website. (www.lupus.bmj.com)

The presenting author of the accepted abstract must register within the end of January and attend the Congress; if not, the abstract will be withdrawn from the Abstract Book.

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HOW TO REACH THE VENUE

Arriving by plane

Düsseldorf Rhine-Ruhr airport is one of the biggest in Europe. There is a good connection to the main station by city train (S-Bahn) and from there to the University by tram (line U79 to the stop "Südpark", line 731, 735, 827, NE7 to the stop Universität-Mensa).

Arriving by train

Düsseldorf main station is connected to all international long-distance train routes. Both the U79 and the 704 tram go from there directly to the University. Travel time from the station is around 20 minutes.

Line U79: stop at "Südpark"

Lines 731, 735, 827, NE7: stop at Universität-Mensa.

Arriving by bus

The University is on the route of the following buses: 735, 827, 835 and 836. If you take the 735 or 827 you can get off at "Universität Mensa" (the closest bus stop).



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SECRETARIAT AND REGISTRATION DESK

The on-site registration desks will be open during the following days:

- Wednesday 21 March 2018 13.00 - 20.00
- Thursday 22 March 2018 08.00 - 19.30
- Friday 23 March 2018 07.30 - 19.30
- Saturday 24 March 2018 08.30 - 18.00

ADMISSION

Participants are kindly requested to wear their badge during all congress activities. The badge will admit to the scientific sessions, exhibition area, coffee breaks and lunches.

OPENING CEREMONY AND WELCOME COCKTAIL

The Opening Ceremony of the Congress will be held on March 21 at 17.00 in the 3A Room. The Welcome Cocktail will be held on March 21 starting from 20.00 in the exhibition area.

LANGUAGE

The official language is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

Attendance certificates will be delivered to all regularly registered participants during the meeting.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

All foreigners intending to enter Italy must provide the documentation required to justify the reasons and duration of their stay as well as, in some prescribed cases, the availability of adequate economic means and lodging. In some cases you need a visa, application for which can be made at the Italian Diplomatic and Consular Representations in your country of residence.

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- find out which documents are required in order to apply for your visa.

ATTENTION:

- **VISA application may even require 120 days! Check it NOW!**
- **VISA application fee is from € 35,00 to € 116,00 per person to be paid at application, in local currency, to the Consulate or Embassy directly.**
- **presentation of the documentation requested does not necessarily ensure issuance of the VISA**

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EXHIBITION

An exhibition of pharmaceutical and technical products will take place in the Congress Venue throughout the Meeting. Additional opportunities for sponsorship are available. To receive the Sponsor Prospectus please contact the Organizing Secretariat.

REGISTRATIONS

REGISTRATION FEE (All fees are German VAT 19% included)

| | Within 15 December 2017 | Within 19 February 2018 | From 20 February 2018 and onsite |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| DELEGATE - SLEuro member | € 550,00 | € 600,00 | € 650,00 |
| DELEGATE - non member | € 600,00 | € 650,00 | € 700,00 |
| STUDENTS | € 250,00 | € 310,00 | € 310,00 |
| TRAINEE/FELLOW | € 250,00 | € 310,00 | € 310,00 |
| HEALTH PROFESSIONAL | € 250,00 | € 310,00 | € 370,00 |
| PATIENTS | € 30,00 | € 30,00 | € 30,00 |
| CONGRESS COURSE <i>(only for those will not attend the congress)</i> | € 120,00 | € 120,00 | € 120,00 |

* In order to benefit from the special fee, a submission of your status confirmation (approval letter signed by the Head of Department or copy of your status ID) must be sent to the Organizing Secretariat by e-mail or by fax.

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The delegate fee includes:

- Admission to the scientific sessions
- Welcome cocktail on March 21
- Congress bag with complete meeting materials
- Certificate of attendance
- Access to the exhibition and poster area
- Coffee breaks and lunches, as scheduled in the program

PAYMENTS

• **By Credit Card**

All major credit cards are accepted (American Express, VISA, Eurocard/Master Card).

• **Bank Transfer**

Please transfer the payment to: AIM Italy srl

Bank details: Intesa San Paolo - Filiale di Viale Conizugna 62 - Milano

IBAN: IT57D0306909457100000005623

swift/BIC: BCITITMM

The payment transfer form should clearly state the name(s) of the delegate(s) and should clearly state LUPUS2018

On the website www.lupus2018.com is available an "on line" registration form with payment by credit card in security certificate mode "Verisign" and "SSB".

An invoice will be issued as written confirmation of your registration by the Organizing Secretariat.

Name Changes

After February 15, 2018 sponsors who wish to make name changes will be charged of an handling fee of € 50,00 (VAT 19% included) per name change. A new registration form for each replacement participant will be required before the name change can be processed. Individuals may make name changes only in exceptional cases.

Cancellation Policy

Notification of cancellation must be sent in writing to AIM Group International. Cancellations will be accepted until January 15, 2018 with a refund of all prepaid fees except for a 30% administration charge. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after this date.

General & Scientific Information

ACCOMMODATION

Rooms have been reserved at very special rates as follows:

| Hotel | Address | Rating | SGL | DBL | Note |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| LEONARDO ROYAL KONGSALLEE | Graf Adolf Platz, 8 | 4 | € 174,00 | € 194,00 | min stay 3 nights |
| LEONARDO CITY CENTER | Ludwig Erhard Allee, 3 | 4 | € 149,00 | € 169,00 | min stay 3 nights |
| ME AND ALL HOTEL DÜSSELDORF | Immermannstrasse, 23 | 4 | € 209,00 | € 245,00 | min stay 3 nights |
| HOTEL NIKKO DÜSSELDORF | Immermannstrasse, 41 | 4 | € 155,00 | € 175,00 | min stay 3 nights |

Ensure your hotel reservation is made by 1st March 2018. After this date, room availability is not guaranteed. The reservation of the room includes a public transportation ticket valid Wednesday-Saturday, 21-24 March 2018, within Düsseldorf. Please note that this ticket covers the transportation from and to the airport. The public transportation ticket will be granted only if the room will be reserved with the Conference Housing Service.

For any information and/or reservation please contact the Official Housing Bureau and Travel Agency of the congress:

AIM Group International

Phone: +39 02 566011

E-mail: lupus2018.hotel@aimgroup.eu

Payment of hotel reservation

Every reservation must be paid by credit card or bank transfer.

When paying with credit card the total amount due for the stay will be charged on the given credit card upon confirmation of the booking. AIM Group International - AIM Italy - Milan Office will issue an invoice for the charged amount.

Cancellation Policy

Any change or cancellation of the hotel reservation must be sent in written to AIM Group International. AIM Group International reserves the right to charge on the given credit card the following cancellation fees:

- Before 15th January 2018: 30% of payment will be kept as cancellation fee and the remaining amount will be refunded
- Starting from 15th January 2018: No refund for changes or cancellations

Group accommodation

AIM Group International will be at your disposal for any information about hotel reservations. Group reservations will follow special group conditions and are not available online: please contact us at lupus2018.hotel@aimgroup.eu in order to obtain "Terms and conditions for groups".

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