



THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEBANESE
SOCIETY OF RHEUMATOLOGY

IN ASSOCIATION WITH
TEN TOPICS IN RHEUMATOLOGY

23-24 OCTOBER 2015
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Welcome Letter

For the past five years, the Lebanese Society of Rheumatology has been organizing its annual meeting in collaboration with the Ten Topics in Rheumatology, a post graduate course organized by Prof. Graham Hughes in St Thomas Hospital, London, since 1985.

Hot topics were discussed with international renowned speakers.

This year, updates on Vasculitis, Lupus, Ig4-related Diseases, RA and Behcet's Disease and many more issues will be discussed with distinguished experts.

A new session on spine imaging, current concept of active discopathy and treatment is added.

Looking forward to meeting you on October 23-24 for what I promise will again be a unique educational experience.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

07:30-08:30

Registration

08:30-09:20

Session 1

Meet the Professor *Munther Khamashta*

09:20-09:30

Welcome Address and Quiz Launching

Ghada Abi Karam

Moderators

Ghada Abi Karam, Nabil Alame, Abdel Fattah Masri

09:30-10:00

Session 2

Hughes Syndrome / Antiphospholipid Syndrome:
5 Doctor's letters

Graham Hughes

10:00-10:30

Session 3

What Causes Ankylosing Spondylitis? *Chris Edwards*

10:30-11:15

Lilly Symposium

Moderators

Kamel Mroueh, Jad Okais

Putting the Patient First: Effective Therapeutic
Strategies to Reduce the Burden of Fractures

Astrid Fahrleitner-Pammer

11:15-11:45

Coffee Break

Moderators

Lama Azar, Laure Irani, Nelly Ziade

11:45-12:15

Session 4

Update on ANCA-Associated Vasculitis Treatment

Loic Guillevin

12:15-12:45

Session 5

Takayasu's Arteritis: Assessment and Treatment

Haner Direskeneli

12:45-13:15

Session 6

Dubai Arthritis Registry *Jamal Al Saleh*

13:15-14:00

Moderator

Pfizer Symposium

Jeanine Menassa

RA Management and Treatment Goals; Short
Term vs. Sustainability *Chris Edwards*

14:00-15:00

Moderators

Lunch Sponsored by Pfizer

Rafic Baddoura, Khalil Ghoussoub, Gaby Saliba

15:00-15:30

Session 7

A Clinical Approach to Behcet's Disease

Haner Direskeneli

15:30-16:00

Session 8

Prophylaxis of Infections in Autoimmune Diseases

Loic Guillevin

16:00-16:45

Moderator

NewBridge Symposium

Imad Uthman

16:00-16:20

The ASAS Criteria for Axial Spondyloarthritis:

A View from a Different Angle *Nurullah Akkoc*

16:20-16:45

Treatment of Pregnant Woman with Rheumatic
Diseases *Munther Khamashta*

16:45-17:15

Moderators

Coffee Break Sponsored by NewBridge

Emile Andary, Fadi Ghandour, Awatef Omrani

17:15-17:45

Session 9

Dose Tapering Strategies for Biological Therapies
in Inflammatory Arthritis *Chris Edwards*

17:45-18:15

Session 10

Rheumatic Manifestations of Diabetes *Ali Jawad*

18:15-18:45

Session 11

Catastrophic Antiphospholipid Syndrome *Ricard Cervera*

18:45-19:30
Moderator

Roche Symposium
Georges Merheb
Optimizing treatments in Rheumatoid Arthritis
Ernest Choy

19:30-20:00
Moderators

Opening Ceremony and Honorary Membership
Ghada Abi Karam, Imad Uthman

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th

08:00-09:00

Registration

09:00-10:30

Spine Session

Moderators

Fouad Fayad, Gaby Kreichati, Tonine Younan

09:00-09:30

Session 12

The Concept of Active Discopathy *Francois Rannou*

09:30-10:00

Session 13

Imaging of the Spine with EOS *Antoine Feydy*

10:00-10:30

Session 14

Spinal Sagittal Imbalance Treatment
Jean-Marc Vital

10:30-11:15

Abbvie Symposium

Moderator

Alla Aiko
Advances in the Management of Axial SPA: Aiming for
Optimal Patients Outcomes *Denis Podubnyy*

11:15-11:45

Coffee Break

11:45-12:30
Moderator

Actelion Symposium
Ghada Abi Karam

New Guidelines and Treatments in Pulmonary
Arterial Hypertension *Olivier Sitbon*

Moderators

Ali Abu-Alfa, Elie Alam, Jamil Messayke

12:30-13:00

Session 15

Management of Lupus Nephritis *David D'Cruz*

13:00-13:30

Session 16

IgG4 Related Diseases *David D'Cruz*

13:30-14:15

Janssen Symposium

Moderator

Arlette Hajjar

Updates in Rheumatology *Constantino Pitzalis*

14:15-14:30

Closing Ceremony

Winners Announcement and Prizes

Ghada Abi Karam

14:30-15:30

Lunch



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