

**8TH MEDINTERNA INTERNATIONAL MEETING
"SYSTEMIC AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES REVISITED"
20TH, 21ST, 22ND AND 23RD JANUARY 2010
IPANEMA PARK HOTEL, PORTO**

Wednesday, 20th January

2 pm: Secretariat opening

2.30 pm: Opening Lecture

Chairman – Luís Campos (Lisbon, Portugal)

Internal Medicine and autoimmune systemic diseases

Miquel Villardel Tarrés (Barcelona, Spain)

3 pm: round table * Sponsored by Actelion *

Chairman – Marco Matucci Cerinic (Florence, Italy) and Lèlita Santos (Coimbra, Portugal)

Systemic sclerosis

- Clinical forms and classification – Gabriele Valentini (Naples, Italy)

- Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension – Diagnostic strategy and management – Y. Allanore (Paris, France)

- The treatment of SSc- where are we now? – Isabel Almeida (Porto, Portugal)

4.15 pm: lecture

Chairman – Júlio Sanchez-Roman (Sevilla, Spain)

Early SSc: do we have a window of opportunity? – Marco Matucci Cerinic (Florence, Italy)

4.45 pm: coffee-break

5.15 pm: case report

From Figueira da Foz

(with assembly participation)

6 pm: lecture * Sponsored by Actelion *

Chairman – Julio Sanchez-Roman (Sevilla, Spain)

Pulmonary Hypertension : National overview

Abílio Reis (Porto, Portugal)

6.30 pm: What did we learn?

First meeting pearls – Lèlita Santos (Coimbra, Portugal)

6.40 pm: closure

Thursday, 21st January

8.30 am: Secretariat opening

9 am: lecture

Chairman – Paulo Bettencourt (Porto, Portugal)

The mosaic of Autoimmunity; Everything is infectious until proven otherwise – Yehuda Shoenfeld (Tel Aviv, Israel)

9.30 am: Opening Ceremony

Chairman – António Lobo Ferreira (Porto, Portugal)

Hommage to Borges Alexandrino (Coimbra, Portugal)

10.15 am: Coffee-break

10.45 am: round table * Sponsored by Roche *

Chairman – Maria Leandro (London, UK)

Revisiting SLE trials

- Rituximab in lupus nephritis - David Jayne (London, UK)
- Anti-TNF in lupus nephritis - Martin Aringer (Dresden, Germany)
- Can we explain why recent clinical trials in SLE have failed? - David D´Cruz (London, UK)

12 pm: lecture * Sponsored by AstraZeneca *

Chairman – to confirm

Severe infections in immunocompromised patients - Carlos Martins and João Gonçalves Pereira (Lisbon, Portugal)

12.30 pm: face to face

Chairman – Carlos Ferreira (Lisbon, Portugal)

B-Cell targeted therapies for Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

- Yes – Manel Ramos-Casals – (Barcelona, Spain)
- No – Albert Selva O´Callaghan – (Barcelona, Spain)

1 pm: What did we learn?

First morning pearls – Carlos Ferreira (Lisbon, Portugal)

1.10 pm: Lunch

2.30 pm: lecture

Chairman – João Eurico da Fonseca (Lisbon, Portugal)

Autoimmune diseases diagnosis. Can we facilitate a more rational ordering process and use of autoantibodies? - Isabel Abreu (Lisbon, Portugal)

3 pm: round table

Chairman – Manel Ramos-Casals (Barcelona, Spain)

Sjogren´s Syndrome

- Hepatitis C virus infection and Sjögren syndrome: causal or casual association? – Pilar Brito-Zéron – (Barcelona, Spain)
- Extraglandular manifestations – Jorge Fortuna (Coimbra, Portugal)
- New therapeutic agents for Sjogren syndrome – Athanasios Tzioufas (Athens, Greece)

4.15 pm: lecture

Chairman – António Morais (Porto, Portugal)

Sarcoidosis – What´s old and new in the diagnosis and management? – Athol Wells (London, UK)

4.45 pm: Coffee-break

5.15 pm: face to face

Chairman – Isabel Abreu (Lisbon, Portugal)

ANA+. What does it mean and what to do?

- For clinician – Lúcio Pallarés Ferreres (Palm of Maiorca, Spain)
- For immunologist – João Pedro Ramos (Porto, Portugal)

5.45 pm: case report

From Hospital Clinic - Barcelona

Chairman – Gerard Espinosa (Barcelona, Spain)

(With assembly participation)

6.15 pm: What did we learn?

First afternoon pearls – Jorge Crespo (Coimbra, Portugal)

6.30 pm: closure

Friday, 22nd January

9 am: lecture

Chairman – Ricard Cervera (Barcelona, Spain)

Is there a role for anticoagulation in atypical manifestations of APS eg headache, cognitive dysfunction or hypertension? - Graham Hughes (London, UK)

9.30 am: round table

Chairman – Munther Khamashta (London, UK)

SLE/APS and pregnancy

- SLE and pregnancy – Guillermo Ruiz Irastorza (Vizcaya, Spain)

- Obstetrician's problems – Mariana Guimarães (Porto, Portugal)

- Analysis of a series of fetal loss – Obstetrics Department (Porto, Portugal)

10.45 am: coffee-break

11.15 am: case report

Young-woman with Raynaud phenomenon, digital ulcers and pulmonary hypertension

Chairman – Paula Marques (Porto, Portugal)

Case report – Carla Dias (Porto, Portugal)

(with assembly participation)

12 pm: lecture * Sponsored by AstraZeneca *

Chairman – José Delgado Alves (Lisbon, Portugal)

Prevention of accelerated atherosclerosis in SLE and APS patients using statin – yes or no? - José Paulo Araújo (Porto, Portugal)

12.30 pm: lecture

Chairman – Carlos Vasconcelos (Porto, Portugal)

Clinical features of vascular disease in SLE – Silvia Bucciarelli (Barcelona, Spain)

1 pm: What did we learn?

Second morning pearls – José Delgado Alves (Lisbon, Portugal)

1.10 pm: Lunch

2.30 pm: lecture * Sponsored by Novartis *

Chairman – Carlos Dias (Porto, Portugal)

Osteoporosis and osteopenia in patients taking corticosteroids. How manage them?

3 pm: round table

Chairman – David D´Cruz (London, UK)

ANCA Vasculitis

- Clinical and diagnostic problems of ANCA Vasculitis – Lèlita Santos (Coimbra, Portugal)

- Maintenance therapy and the role of ANCA in monitoring Vasculitis - Cohen Tervaert (Maastricht, Netherlands)

- New and old drugs in the treatment of ANCA Vasculitis – David D´Cruz (London, UK)

4.15 pm: Coffee-break

4.45 pm: lecture

Chairman – Walter Osswald (Porto, Portugal)

Translation from bench to bedside of circadian rhythms of nocturnal hormones.

Maurizio Cutolo (Génova, Italy)

5.15 pm: lecture * Sponsored by Sanofi Pasteur MSD *

Chairman - Manuel Teixeira Veríssimo (Coimbra, Portugal)

Immunosenescence and its impact on vaccination in the elderly

Birgit Weinberger (Innsbruck, Austria)

5.45 pm: case report

From Hospital Universitario de Vigo

Polyadenopathies, fever and pancytopenia

Chairman - Bernardo Sopeña (Vigo, Spain)

Case Report – Maria Teresa Perezes (Vigo, Spain)

(with assembly participation)

6.30 pm: What did we learn?

Second afternoon pearls – Marilda Santos (Porto, Portugal)

6.40 pm: Closure

Saturday, 23rd January

9 am: lecture

Chairman – Graham Hughes (London, UK)

Pathogenesis of aPL-associated fetal loss - Pier Luigi Meroni (Milan, Italy)

9.30 am: case report

From Milan

Woman with fetal loss

Chairman - Pier Luigi Meroni (Milan, Italy)

Case report – Maria Gerosa (Milan, Italy)

Discussion – Ricard Cervera (Barcelona, Spain), Mariana Guimarães (Porto, Portugal), Angela Tincani (Brescia, Italy) and Ron Derksen (Utrecht, Netherlands).

(With assembly participation)

10.15 am: lecture

Chairman – Gil Aguado (Madrid, Spain)

Primary thromboprophylaxis in APS? – Guillermo Ruiz-Irastroza (Vizcaya, Spain)

10.45 am: Coffee-break

11.15 am: Round table

Chairman - Pier Luigi Meroni (Milan, Italy)

Diagnostic and therapeutic aspects of aPL-associated fetal loss

- Gold standard therapy - Ron Derksen (Utrecht, The Netherlands)

- Cases resistant to the standard therapy - Munther Khamashta (London, UK)

- Controversial aspects of the antiphospholipid syndrome pregnancies - Angela Tincani (Brescia, Italy)

12.30 pm: Closure lecture

Chairman – Manuel Campos (Porto, Portugal)

APS with moderate/severe Thrombocytopenia – a therapeutic challenge.

Munther Khamashta (London, UK)

1 pm: What did we learn?

Chairman – Ricardo Fernandez Rodriguez (Ourense, Spain)

Meeting pearls - Carlos Dias (Porto, Portugal)

1.15 pm: Final lunch