21st Belgian Congress on Rheumatology

27 - 29 September 2017
Belfry, Bruges

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Second Announcement & Call for Abstracts

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Welcome Address & Call for Abstracts

Dear colleagues,

The Royal Belgian Society for Rheumatology takes great pleasure in announcing the 21st Belgian Congress on Rheumatology, taking place in Bruges on 27-29 September, 2017.

The congress will take place at the impressive Belfry, located on the market square. Situated in the very heart of the city, this medieval bell tower with its carillon of 47 melodious bells will be the unique setting of the 21st edition of our annual Congress.

The KBVR-SRBR also has the pleasure to invite you to submit an abstract and present your scientific work at the 21st Belgian Congress on Rheumatology.

All topics in the area of rheumatologic research are welcomed. We would be pleased to receive proposals representing every field of our participants' interest.

Your abstract should be submitted as a word document (max 3/4 page A4, font: Calibri 11) only by email to Mrs. Myriam Schreurs: srbrkbvr@skynet.be

The deadline for abstract submission is June 25, 2017. All abstracts will be displayed as posters with a reviewer tour hosted during the congress. Consequently, we remind you that the presence of the presenting author is required in order to contribute to the discussions during this tour. The scientific committee will further select a limited number of abstracts for oral presentation.

The ‘Thieves Market’ has now secured its permanent time slot in the programme. For this session - dedicated to assistants and young rheumatologists - we look forward to receiving your most remarkable clinical cases! The best cases will be the core of the ‘Thieves Market’.

We hope to welcome you to BCR’17 in Bruges and remain,

Yours sincerely,

Valérie Badot
Scientific Organiser
Wednesday, September 27

10.00  Young Investigator Meeting

12.00  Welcome Lunch

12.30  Opening Ceremony

**SESSION 1**

12.50  Vesalius Lecture

**Management of antiphospholipid syndrome**

* Munther Kamashta, London, UK

13.35  Abstract Presentations

14.05  FWRO/FRSR award ceremony

* Xavier Janssens, Gent

14.30  Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from Roche

**Treatment strategies in juvenile idiopathic arthritis**

* Joke Dehoorne, UGent

15.00  Coffee Break

**SESSION 2**

15.30  Clinical assessment of patients with idiopathic inflammatory myopathies

* Speaker TBC

16.00  Hot topics in lupus nephritis: so many exciting advances

* Farah Tamirou, UCL

16.30  Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from Celgene

**Dactylitis: A medical challenge in spondyloarthropathies**

* Filip Van den Bosch, UGent

17.00  Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from Sanofi-Genzyme

**Is there a best second biologic in RA?**

* Jacques-Eric Gottenberg, Strasbourg, France

17.30  Walking Dinner

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Wednesday, September 27

**SESSION 3 - Ethics & Economy**

19.00  Burn-out for dummies

* Arnout Van den Bossche

20.00  Patients before paperwork: Panel discussion

Panelists: Jo De Cock (RIZIV-INAMI), Guido Herman (Federal Ombudsman), Filip Van Den Bosch (Rheumatologist)

22.00  End of Day 1
Thursday, September 28

07.30  Workshop 1
Belgian Young Rheumatologists - Ultrasound

Workshop 2
PASI score evaluation

SESSION 4
08.30  Abstract Presentations
09.00  Optimal management of patients with systemic sclerosis
Vanessa Smith, UGent
09.50  Coffee Break

SESSION 5
10.30  Belgian Rheumatology in Review
Speakers TBC
11.00  Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from Janssen-Cilag
Treatment strategies in early RA
Patrick Verschueren, KUL
11.30  Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from Novartis
Novel therapies in SpA
Rik Lories, KUL
12.00  Lunch
13.00  Poster Tour
14.00  General Assembly

Thursday, September 29

SESSION 6
14.30  Autoinflammatory disorders: From gene to therapy
Carine Wouters, KUL

15.10  Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from Pfizer
Restoring immune homeostasis in RA
Bernard Combe, Montpellier, France
15.40  Coffee Break

SESSION 7
16.15  Abstract Presentations
16.45  Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from AbbVie
Use of biological therapies during pregnancy
Catherine Nelson-Piercy, London, UK
17.15  End of Day 2
Friday, September 29

07.30  **Workshop 3**  
Joint and soft tissue injections

**Workshop 4**  
Genetic tools for rheumatologists

**SESSION 8**

08.30  **Osteoporosis: New recommendations on fracture prevention**  
*Piet Geusens, Genk, UHasselt & Maastricht, The Netherlands*

09.10  **Abstract Presentations**

09.40  **Bone and Joint Lecture**  
Mesenchymal stem cell therapy in rheumatology  
*Christian Jorgensen, Montpellier, France*

10.30  **Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from MSD**  
Treatment persistence from both patient and physician perspectives  
*Thao Pham, Marseille, France*

11.00  **Coffee Break**

**SESSION 9**

11.30  **Thieves Market**

12.00  **Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from BMS**  
Immune checkpoints and rheumatic diseases: What can cancer immuno-therapy teach us  
*Timothy R.D.J. Radstake, Utrecht, The Netherlands*

12.30  **Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from Eli Lilly**  
The unmet need in RA management  
*Ernest Choy, Cardiff, UK*

13.00  **Closure of the Congress**

13.10  **Farewell Lunch**

14.00  **KBVR-SRBR Board Meeting**

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**Registration**

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**Workshops**  
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* Registration as a trainee or researcher non-MD will only be accepted if accompanied by a copy of your student card or a certificate of your director (proof to be uploaded during the registration process). Without proof the non-member fee will be charged.

**Participation in the workshops is free of charge and is limited to 30 participants.**

The registration fee for participants includes:
- Participation in all scientific sessions
- Participation in the hands-on workshops (separate registration required, limited to 30 participants)
- Participation in the ‘Updates in Therapeutics’ organised by the Industry
- Congress bag with the Programme and Abstracts, tourist info and congress related documents
- Access to the exhibition
- Lunches and coffee breaks

How to register - **Registration opens on 1 June**
You can register online through the congress website [www.rheumacongress.be](http://www.rheumacongress.be). Click on ‘Registration’ for details and access to the online registration form.
When your registration is completed successfully, you will receive an automatic confirmation. You can also print an invoice when you finalise your online registration.

Changes/Name Substitutions
You will receive a personal link in your final confirmation email. With this link it will be possible to make changes or transfer your registration to a colleague free of charge.

Cancellations
Participants canceling their registration before 1 September 2017, will receive a full refund, less € 50,00 administration costs. There will be no refunds for cancellations received after this date. Cancellations must be confirmed in writing to the Organising Secretariat. All refunds will be processed after the Congress.
Hotel Accommodation

A number of hotel rooms have been booked at special group rates, including breakfast and VAT. You can reserve your hotel room through the online registration form.

The below rates are only valid for reservations made through Medicongress.

Any requests for hotel accommodation must be accompanied by a credit card number, in order to secure the room. This credit card will not be charged by the organisers but only serves as a reservation guarantee.

Participants will have to pay their hotel room and personal expenses at the reception of the hotel. In case of late cancellation or no show, the room will be charged on the credit card.

Hotel Academie

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City tax € 2,12/person/night

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Rooms can be cancelled free of charge until 7 days before arrival. Rooms cancelled later will be charged at 100%.

Hotel Martin’s Brugge

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