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Preliminary Programme

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Dear Colleagues,

The **Royal Belgian Society for Rheumatology** takes great pleasure in announcing the **26th Belgian Congress on Rheumatology**, taking place in Mons on 21- 23 September 2022.

The 26th Congress will be hosted at the Wallonia Conference Center Mons (WCCM). The WCCM is an architectural masterpiece, offering a magnificent and privileged view of the town and the Eurostation and was designed by New York architect Libeskind. The WCCM is centrally located, has good parking facilities and is surrounded by excellent hotels and restaurants.

This year's programme will be a well-known mix of state-of-the-art invited lectures by renowned speakers, selected oral presentations and Updates in Therapeutics organised with the support of the industry. Furthermore, the 'Thieves Market' has secured its permanent time slot in the programme as well as the two poster tours.

Together with the KBVR-SRBR Board members, we hope to welcome many of you to Mons,

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Filip Van den Bosch
Scientific Organiser



- 10.00 **Young Investigator's Meeting**
- 12.00 Welcome Lunch
- 12.30 Welcome and Opening Ceremony
- SESSION 1**
- 13.00 **Vesalius Lecture**
The "Early Arthritis Hype": When is early diagnosis too early?
Robert Landewé, The Netherlands
- 13.45 **Abstract Presentations**
- 14.25 **Update in Therapeutics - Organised with an educational grant from Eli Lilly**
Pain concepts in rheumatic diseases
Kurt De Vlam (KUL)
- 14.55 Coffee Break in the Exhibition Hall
- SESSION 2: SpA/PsA**
- 15.30 **Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from Novartis**
Radiographic Progression in axSpA: still relevant in 2022?
Gaëlle Varkas (UGent)
- 16.00 **Enthesitis vs. painful enthesitis: Is ultrasound the answer?**
Clio Ribbens (CHU de Liège)
- 16.30 **Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from Amgen**
Treatment of co-morbidities in psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis
Speaker to be confirmed
- 17.00 **Ethics and Economy Part 1: Update from the Professional Association**
Laurent Méric de Bellefon (CNDG, CHU Saint Pierre, UCL) and Mieke Devinck (AZ Sint-Lucas Brugge)
- 17.30 Break in the Exhibition Hall
- SESSION 3: Ethics and Economy Part 2**
- 18.00 **A policy framework for best-value biologicals in Belgium: How to move forward?**
Yannick Vandenplas (KUL)
- 19.30 **FWRO/FRSR Award Ceremony**
René Westhovens (KUL)
- 20.00 Walking Dinner in the Exhibition Hall



- SESSION 4: RA**
- 08.45 **Pathophysiology of VTE/PE**
Thomas Vanassche (KUL)
- 09.15 **Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from Galapagos**
JAK-selectivity: does it matter for safety?
Dirk Elewaut (UGent)
- 09.45 **b/tsDMARDs in RA: Can we make a rational choice for our patients**
Peter Taylor, UK
- 10.15 **Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from AbbVie**
Why we should (not) switch treatment in RA
Patrick Durez (UCL)
- 10.45 Coffee break & Poster Tour 1
- SESSION 5: Osteoporosis/Osteoarthritis**
- 11.30 **Update on the treatment of OA**
Ruth Wittoek (UGent)
- 12.00 **Osteoporosis treatment: Pharmacological options in 2022**
Olivier Malaise (CHU de Liège)
- 12.35 Selected abstract
- 12.50 Lunch in the Exhibition Hall
- 14.00 **General Assembly**
- SESSION 6: Belgian Rheumatology Today and Tomorrow**
- 14.30 **Belgian Rheumatology Today – Year-in-Review**
Zuzanna Lukasik (UGent) and Barbara Neerinx (KUL)
- 15.15 **Belgian Rheumatology Tomorrow – Year-in-Preview**
- 16.00 Coffee Break in the Exhibition Hall
- 16.30 **Abstract Presentations**
- 17.15 **Bone and Joint Lecture**
Diagnosis of osteoporosis beyond DXA T-score < -2,5
Hans Zmierczak (UGent)
- 18.00 Adjourn



SESSION 7: Systemic Diseases

- 08.45 **ERNs: What's in it for daily rheumatology practice?**
Vanessa Smith (UGent)
- 09.15 **KBVR Working group on rare connective tissue diseases: Where are we and where do we want to go?**
Ellen De Langhe (KUL) & Yves Piette (UGent, AZ Sint-Jan Brugge)
- 09.45 **Diagnosis and treatment of auto-inflammatory diseases: An update**
Jeroen Van der Hilst (Jessa ziekenhuizen & UHasselt)
- 10.15 Selected abstract
- 10.30 Coffee Break and Poster Tour

SESSION 8: Artificial Intelligence

- 11.15 **The potential of AI in healthcare**
Giovanni Briganti (CHU Brugmann)
- 11.45 **A critical look at the Artificial Intelligence hype**
Wim Van Biesen (UGent)
- 12.15 **Thieves' Market**
- 12.45 Closure of the Congress



Registration Fees

	EARLY Until 31 August	LATE As of 1 September
Member KBVR-SRBR	€ 250,00	€ 350,00
Non Member	€ 350,00	€ 450,00
Trainee in Rheumatology*	€ 50,00	€ 75,00
Other Trainee*	€ 75,00	€ 100,00
Researcher non-MD*	€ 50,00	€ 75,00
Emeritus	€ 50,00	€ 75,00
Congress Dinner	€ 50,00	€ 50,00
Health Professionals' Meeting on 22 September	Free	Free

*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.

The registration fee for participants includes

- Participation in all scientific sessions
- Participation in the 'Updates in Therapeutics' organised by the Industry
- Congress bag with the Programme and congress related documents
- Access to the exhibition (MDs only)
- Lunches and coffee breaks
- Walking Dinner on Wednesday

How to register

You can register online through the congress website 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 2022, will receive a full refund, less administration costs (€ 50,00 for members and non-members and € 25,00 for trainees, researchers and emeriti). 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.

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.

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