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27th Belgian Congress on Rheumatology

20 - 22 September 2023

De Bijloke, Gent

**Preliminary Programme and
Call for Abstracts**

Abstract submission deadline: 15 May 2023

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The Royal Belgian Society for Rheumatology takes great pleasure in announcing the 27th Belgian Congress on Rheumatology, taking place in Gent on 20 - 22 September 2023.

This 27th Congress is hosted at De Bijloke, one of the historic hospitals of Ghent, an architectural jewel, which has been completely refurbished. The medieval infirmary now is the main Concert Hall (where for instance the Symphony Orchestra Flanders has its home base). The other meeting rooms with enthralling names such as the 'Anatomical Theatre' have also been completely renovated.

The KBVR-SRBR also has the pleasure to invite you to submit an abstract and present your scientific work at the 27th 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' interests.

Submission details and author guidelines are available on the congress website: www.rheumacongress.be

Authors can submit their abstracts for oral or poster presentation. It is to be noted that the Scientific Committee will select a limited number of abstracts for oral presentation in the Young Investigators' Meeting, the abstract sessions and the Thieves Market. For this session - dedicated to trainees and young rheumatologists - we look forward to receiving your most remarkable clinical cases! The best cases will be the core of the 'Thieves Market'.

The awardees of the FWRO/FRSR grants of 2018-2019 are also asked to submit an abstract presenting first or final results.

The deadline for abstract submission is **15 May**.

Together with the KBVR-SRBR Board members, we hope to welcome you BCR'23 in Gent!

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Olivier Malaise
Scientific Organiser



- 10.00 Young Investigators' Meeting
- 12.00 Welcome Lunch
- 12.45 Opening Ceremony
- SESSION 1: Spondyloarthritis**
- 13.00 **Vesalius Lecture**
'Step down' in spondyloarthritis
- Update in Therapeutics 1 - Organised with an educational grant
13.30 **Seronegative spondyloarthritis, why is it more than fibromyalgia?**
- 14.00 **Abstract Presentations**
- 14.40 Coffee Break
- SESSION 2: Infectious Disease**
- Update in Therapeutics 2 - Organised with an educational grant
15.00 **Update in vaccination**
- 15.30 **Pneumocystis prophylaxis in rheumatology**
- 16.00 Coffee Break
- SESSION 3: Ethics and Economy**
- 16.30 **What have we learnt from CAP-48 cohort?**
- Update in Therapeutics 3 - Organised with an educational grant
17.15 **Biosimilar in Rheumatology**
- 17.45 Coffee Break
- 18.00 **An engineer's look at the future of health**
- 18.45 **Climate changes and emerging rheumatic disease**
- 19.30 Walking Dinner



- SESSION 4: Meet the Professor**
- 07.45 When to think of an auto-inflammatory disorder?
- 07.45 Lumbar spine clinical examination
- 07.45 Ehler-Danlos and other collagenopathy
- 07.45 How to explore high creatine kinase levels
- 08.45 Coffee Break
- SESSION 5: Bone Disease**
- 09.00 **Alkaline phosphatase, too much or not enough: What the rheumatologist should know**
- 09.30 **What can we expect from biological bone turnover**
- 10.00 **Abstract Presentations**
- 10.30 Coffee Break
- SESSION 6: Vasculitis**
- 11.00 **Large vessels vasculitis: What can we expect from US and PET-scan?**
- 11.30 **Large vessels vasculitis: Therapeutic novelties**
- 12.00 **Awards Ceremony**
- 12.15 Lunch



SESSION 7: Patients and Perspectives

- 13.10 **Update in Therapeutics 4 - Organised with an educational grant**
Patients' expectations in arthritis
- 13.40 **Updates from ReumaNet and CLAIR: How we can help each other**
- 14.00 **Year in review**
- 14.30 **Year in preview**
- 14.45 Coffee Break

SESSION 8: Rheumatoid arthritis

- 15.15 **My RA patient has difficult breathing ...**
- 15.45 **Update in Therapeutics 5 - Organised with an educational grant**
- 16.15 **Abstract Presentations**
- 16.45 Coffee Break
- 17.15 **Update in Therapeutics 6 - Organised with an educational grant**
- 17.45 **Structural progression in RA**



SESSION 9: Osteoarthritis

- 08.45 **Bone and Joint Lecture**
From bench to bedside? Why it did not work!
- 09.15 Which intra-articular injection for my patients?
- 09.45 **Abstract Presentations**
- 10.15 Coffee Break

SESSION 10: Immunology

- 10.45 Myositis: Show me your antibody, I will tell you who you are
- 11.15 **Update in Therapeutics 7 - Organised with an educational grant**

SESSION 11: Show me your Best Case and become a Rich Rheumatologist

- 11.45 **Thieves' Market**
- 12.30 Thieves' Market Awards
- 12.35 **Closure of the Congress**
- 12.45 Farewell Lunch



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