18th Belgian Congress on Rheumatology
Organised by the Belgian Royal Society for Rheumatology

24 - 26 September 2014
The Wild Gallery, Brussels

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Preliminary Programme & Call for Abstracts

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Call for Abstracts

Dear Colleagues,

The Royal Belgian Society for Rheumatology invites you to submit an abstract and seize the opportunity to present your work at the 18th Belgian Congress on Rheumatology.

Abstracts are welcomed on topics related to rheumatology clinical, translation and basic research. Young investigators, health professionals and patient groups are specifically encouraged to submit their work.

Your abstract should be submitted as a word document, font size 12, and be no longer than a single A4 page. Deadline for submission is June 15, 2014.

All contributions to the field are welcome and will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee. A limited number of abstracts will be selected for oral presentation.

Other abstracts will be displayed as posters during the Congress. For the first time, the Congress will host two poster tours: one on clinical research and one on translational and basic research. We therefore require that the presenting author will be present during the Congress.

Abstracts can only be submitted by e-mail to: Rik.Lories@uz.kuleuven.be

Yours sincerely,

Rik Lories
Scientific Organiser
Wednesday, September 24

09.30 Pre-Congress Meetings
KBVR – SRBR Board Meeting
Meeting of the BRV - Belgische Reumatologen Vereniging / ARB - Association des médecins rhumatologues de Belgique
Young Investigator Meeting

11.30 Welcome Lunch

12.30 Opening Ceremony and Award Presentation

SESSION 1

13.00 Uveitis for the rheumatologist
Joachim Vancalster (KUL)

13.30 Personalized medicine in rheumatology
Bernard Lauwerys (UCL)

14.00 Selected Abstract Presentations (3)

14.30 Quiz 1

15.00 Coffee Break

SESSION 2

15.30 Vesalius Lecture
Rheumatoid Arthritis: Redefined by genetics and autoantibodies
Lars Klareskog (Stockholm, Sweden)

16.10 Belgian Rheumatology in Review
Overview of Belgian contributions to basic and translational science
Marco Hirsch (ZithaKlinik Luxembourg) & Clio Ribbens (CHU de Liège)

16.30 Update in Therapeutics – Roche

17.00 Update in Therapeutics – Pfizer

17.30 Walking Dinner

19.00 SESSION 3 – Ethics and Economy

Thursday, September 25

07.30 Hands-on Workshops

Workshop 1: SLEDAI and BILAG
Frédéric Houssiau (UCL) & Christian Von Frenckell (CHU de Liège)

Workshop 2: The foot!
René Westhovens (KUL) & Sophie De Mts (UZ Gent)

SESSION 4

08.30 Diagnosis and management of osteonecrosis
Valérie Gangji (ULB)

09.00 Selected abstract presentations (3)

09.30 Cartilage repair: Entering a new decade
Frank Luyten (KUL)

10.00 Coffee Break

SESSION 5

10.40 Belgian Rheumatology in Review
Overview of Belgian contributions to clinical research
Jan Lenaerts (Hasselt) & Patrick Verschueren (KUL)

11.00 Update in Therapeutics – UCB Pharma

11.30 Update in Therapeutics – MSD Belgium

12.00 Lunch

13.00 Poster tour: 1 Clinical Poster Tour & 1 Translational/Basic Poster Tour
Thursday, September 25

**SESSION 6**
14.00 General Assembly (Part I) & Vote
14.30 Update in Therapeutics - ABBVIE
15.00 How to treat gout in 2014?
   Thomas Bardin (Paris, France)
15.30 Coffee Break

**SESSION 7**
16.00 Boost performance in work and leisure in arthritis patients
   Philip Carron (UZ Gent)
16.30 Selected abstract presentations (3)
17.00 General Assembly (Part II) & Results of the Vote

Friday, September 26

07.30 Hands-on Workshops
   **Workshop 3: Capillaroscopy**
   Vanessa Smith (UZ Gent)
   **Workshop 4: Work disability evaluation**
   Xavier Janssens (Gent)

**SESSION 8**
08.30 Biologics in lupus: Hope or despair
   Frédéric Houssiau (UCL)
09.00 Selected abstract presentations (3)
09.30 Arthritis Lecture
   Skeletal syndromes - From discovery to biology
   Wim Van Hul (UA)
10.00 Coffee Break

**SESSION 9**
10.40 Quiz 2
11.00 Update in Therapeutics – Janssen-Cilag
11.30 Update in Therapeutics
12.00 Closure of the Congress
12.30 Lunch
14.00 Post-Congress Meetings