

International Rheumatology Conference in Israel

The G. Loewi Memorial Meeting and A. Zafran Conference
on the Scientific Basis of Rheumatology

Monday, January 30, 2012

The B. Shine Rheumatology Unit, Rambam Health Care Campus, Haifa, Israel
Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, The Bruce Rappaport Faculty of Medicine, Haifa, Israel



PROGRAMME

09:00-09:30 Gathering and morning coffee (Spencer Auditorium, Rambam)

09:30-09:50

Welcome remarks

Prof. Karl Skorecki, Director of Medical and Research Development, Rambam Health Care Campus.
Prof. Eliezer Shalev, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Technion.
Prof. Ori Elkayam, Chairman, Israeli Society of Rheumatology.
Dr. Alexandra Balbir-Gurman, Head, The B.Shine Rheumatology Unit, Rambam Health Care Campus.

Morning Session

Chairpersons:

Dr. Merav Lidar, Prof. Reuven Mader, Prof. Mahmud Abu Shakra

09:50-10:15

Dr. Ian Giles (UK) - Anti-Phospholipid Antibody Syndrome - **getting rid of Warfarin/Coumadin.**

10:15-10:45

The Anna Zafran Memorial Lecture: Prof. Scott Pollock (USA) – **Introduction.**

Dr. Jeffrey Ledbetter (USA) - **Biologics - from Abatacept to Resolve 125.**

10:45-10:55

Young investigator presentation (Israel).

10:55-11:10

Prof. Rodney Grahame (UK) - **What's new in hypermobility.**

11:10-11:40

Coffee break

Noon Session

Chairpersons:

Prof. Menahem Nahir, Dr. Dafna Paran, Prof. Moshe Tishler

11:40-12:05

Prof. Keith Elkon (USA) - **What single gene defects tell us about SLE.**

12:05-12:30

Prof. David Isenberg (UK) - **B cell abnormalities in SLE.**

12:30-12:55

Dr. Claudia Pena Rossi (Switzerland) - **B cell depletion- how to achieve it...and what does it achieve?.**

12:55-13:30







The Gerald Loewi Memorial Lecture: Prof. Michael Denman (UK) – **Introduction.**

Prof. Josef Smolen (Austria) - **Inflammation in Rheumatoid Arthritis.**

13:30-14:30

Lunch (Faculty of Medicine, Cafeteria)

Afternoon Sessions (Parallel sessions, Faculty of Medicine)

	1. Basic Rheumatology (Green Auditorium)	2. Clinical Rheumatology (Blue Auditorium)	3. Hypermobility workshop (Cathedral Auditorium)
Chairpersons:	Prof. Yaakov Naparstek, Dr. Yair Molad, Prof. Josef Smolen	Prof. Scott Pollock, Prof. Itzhak Rosner, Prof. Ori Elkayam	Prof. Riva Brik
14:30-14:50	Prof. Steffen Jung (Weizmann Institute, Rehovot) - Origins and functions of blood monocytes.	Dr. Jonathan Wollman (Sourasky Medical Center, Tel Aviv) - SLE brainstorm.	Prof. Rodney Grahame (UK) – Is benign joint hypermobility really EDS after all?
14:50-15:10	Prof. Nathan Karin (Technion, Haifa) - Novel regulatory mechanisms in inflammatory autoimmunity.	Dr. Merav Lidar (Sheba Medical Center, Tel Aviv) - Chorea in a pregnant patient with lupus and APLA syndrome.	Dr. Nathan Hasson (UK) – Hypermobility in children.
15:10-15:30	Prof. Dror Mevorach (Hadassah Ein Karem Medical Center, Jerusalem) - Regulation of inflammation by apoptotic cells.	Dr. Devy Zisman (Carmel Medical Center, Haifa) - Hearing loss - the first manifestation of an autoimmune disease.	Round table
15:30-15:50	Panel	Dr. Yolanda Braun-Moscovici (Rambam Health Care Campus, Haifa) - The red, the pail, and the ugly.	
15:50-16:10	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
Chairpersons:	Prof. Shimon Pollock, Prof. Keith Elkon, Dr. Doron Markovits	Prof. David Isenberg, Dr. Devi Zisman, Dr. Yolanda Braun-Moscovici	
16:10-16:30	Prof. Doron Melamed (Technion, Haifa) - Homeostasis of B cell production in aging.	Dr Ron Rabinowicz (Meir Medical Center, Kfar Saba) - It's Still before the storm.	
16:30-16:50	Dr. Joel Kaye (Teva, Netanya) - Laquinimod for Lupus: from animal models to clinical development.	Dr. Yair Molad (Beilinson Hospital, Petah Tikva) - Retroperitoneal mass in a patient treated with Enbrel for sacroileitis.	
16:50-17:10	Prof. Elias Toubi (Bnai-Zion Medical Center, Haifa) - New regulatory molecules on B cells.	Dr. Doron Rimar (Bnai-Zion Medical Center, Haifa) - CAD syndrome - the missing link.	 
17:10-17:30	Panel	Dr. Alexandra Balbir-Gurman (Rambam Health Care Campus, Haifa) - Critical digital ischemia, why?	 



Methotrexat Ebewe

רוש פרמצטיקה (ישראל) בע"מ

