The First Israel-Italy Meeting on Advances in Autoimmunity and Rheumatology
The Rappaport faculty of Medicine

Haifa, 25th of October 2012

Organizing committee:
Prof. Elias Toubi – Bnai-Zion Medical Center - Haifa
Prof. Dan Buskila – Soroka Medical Center - Beer-Sheva
Prof. Yehuda Shoenfeld – Sheba Medical Center - Ramat Gan

8:30-9:00 Arrival and Refreshments
9:00-9:20 Welcoming words: Prof. Elias Toubi, Prof. Eliezer Shalev – Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, The Technion, Haifa

Session I Novel Aspects in Autoimmunity

Chairpersons: Prof. Elias Toubi - Haifa
Dr. Hedi Orbach - Tel-Aviv

9:20-9:40 Prof. Yehuda Shoenfeld - Zabludowicz Center for Autoimmune Diseases, Sheba Medical Center, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
The mosaic of autoimmunity - Everything is infectious until proven otherwise.

9:40-10:00 Prof. Guido Valesini - Rheumatology, Department of Internal Medicine, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy.
The immunogenicity of biologicals in the treatment of autoimmune diseases.

10:00-10:20 Prof. Itzhak Rosner - Rheumatology Unit, Bnai-Zion Medical Center, Faculty of Medicine, Haifa-Israel.
Psoriatic arthropathy-new aspects

10:20-10:40 Prof. Roberto Perricone - Rheumatology, Allergology and Clinical Immunology, Department of Internal Medicine. Rome-Italy
The role of complement in autoimmune diseases.

10:40-10:55 Dr. Nancy Agmon-Levin - Zabludowicz Center for Autoimmune Diseases, Sheba Medical Center, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
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10:55-11:15 Coffee break

Session II APS Pregnancy and Cytokines

Chairpersons: Prof. Yair Levy – Kefar Saba
Prof. Hawi Amital - Tel-Aviv

11:15-11:35 Prof. PL Meroni – Division of Rheumatology, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Milan, Italy.
Obstetric and vascular APS: Same autoantibodies, but different diseases

11:35-11:50 Prof. Miri Blank – Zabludowicz Center for Autoimmune Diseases, Sheba Medical Center, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
Tetanus vaccine and APS – The ASIA syndrome

11:50-12:10 Prof. Angela Tincani – Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology University of Brescia, Italy
Pregnancy in systemic rheumatic diseases

12:10-12:25 Prof. Riva Brik –Department of Pediatrics B, and Pediatric Rheumatology Unit, Rambam Medical Center, Faculty of Medicine, Haifa, Israel.
The role of IL-1 in inflammatory diseases of childhood
### Session III  Advances in SLE and Rheumatoid Arthritis

**Chairpersons:**
- **Prof. Zeev Stoeger** - Rehovot
- **Dr. Devy Zismann** - Haifa

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<td>Dr. Zahava Vadasz</td>
<td>Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology Bnai-Zion Medical Center, Faculty of Medicine, Haifa - Israel</td>
<td>The link between angiogenesis and SLE</td>
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<td>13:45-14:05</td>
<td>Prof. Piercarlo Sarzi Puttini</td>
<td>Rheumatology Unite, Sacco University Hospital, Milan, Italy</td>
<td>Early rheumatoid arthritis: What is the Question?</td>
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<td>Prof. Andrea Doria</td>
<td>Division of Rheumatology, Department of Clinical and Experimental Medicine, University of Padova, Italy</td>
<td>Belimumab in SLE: rational and clinical experience</td>
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<td>Prof. Yaakov Naparstak</td>
<td>Rheumatology, Department of Internal Medicine, Hadassah Medical Center, Jerusalem, Israel</td>
<td>Protective antibodies in autoimmune diseases: A new therapeutic approach</td>
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<td>14:40-15:00</td>
<td>Prof. Nicola Bizzaro</td>
<td>Laboratory of Clinical Pathology San Antonio Hospital, Tolmezzo, Italy.</td>
<td>Anti-chromatin versus anti dsDNA antibodies in the diagnosis of SLE</td>
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**15:00-15:15 Coffee break**

### Session IV  Clinical aspects in autoimmunity and rheumatology

**Chairpersons:**
- **Dr. Aharon Kessel** - Haifa
- **Dr. Shay Kivity** - Tel-Aviv

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<td>Prof. Carlo Selmi</td>
<td>Clinical Immunology, Humanitas Clinical and Research Center, Rozzano, Milan, Italy</td>
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<td>Dr. Gisele Zandman</td>
<td>Department of Internal Medicine, Wolfson Medical Center, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel-Aviv, Israel</td>
<td>Environmental triggers in SLE related diseases</td>
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<td>Prof. Ferdinando Nicolleti</td>
<td>School of Medicine University of Catania, Italy</td>
<td>Macrophage migration inhibitory factor as novel therapeutic target for the treatment of autoimmune diseases.</td>
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<td>Dr. Alexandra Balbir</td>
<td>Rheumatology Unit, Rambam Medical Center, Faculty of Medicine, Haifa - Israel</td>
<td>Systemic Sclerosis: When immune and clinical aspects come together</td>
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