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18:15-18:30 Opening remarks: A.A. Drosos / H.M. Moutsopoulos

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18:30-19:00 Special Lecture: MEFV gene and inflammation (A. Gül)
19:00-19:30 Special Lecture: Molecular characteristics of FMF in Greece (G. Goulielmos)

Saturday, 19 September 2009

Session I: Systemic autoimmune rheumatic diseases (Moderators: M. Manoussakis- S. Kiraz)

08:30-08:45 Plasmacytoid function in rheumatoid arthritis (P. Verginis)
08:45-09:00 Skewed x-chromosome activation in rheumatic disease (Z. Özbalkan)
09:00-09:15 Idiotypic and anti-idiotypic network of autoantibodies in neonatal lupus (I. Routsias)
09:15-09:30 Phagocytic activity in Sjogren's syndrome (G. Fragoulis)
09:30-09:45 Scleroderma: Animal models (S.S. Koca)
09:45-10:00 RAED scleroderma registry (M. Inanç)

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

Session II: Vasculitis and antiphospholipid syndrome (Moderators: Y. Kabasakal - P. Vlachoyiannopoulos)

10:30-10:50 Management of antiphospholipid syndrome (D. Erkan)
10:50-11:10 Platelet function and antiphospholipid syndrome (M. Sikara)
11:10-11:30 Pulmonary involvement in microscopic vasculitis (G. Tzelepis)
11:30-11:50 Takayasu's arteritis: assessment and prognosis (H. Direskeneli)

11:50-13:30 Sandwich Lunch and oral presentations (Moderators: A. Tzioufas – S. Yurdakul)

1. Glucocorticoid receptor variants may predispose to rheumatoid arthritis susceptibility (A. Chatzikiyiakidou)
2. Preclinical atherosclerosis is of similar severity in rheumatoid arthritis and diabetes mellitus despite differential impact of traditional risk factors and systemic inflammation (E. Chrysoshoou)
3. Premature atherosclerosis in SLE patients evaluated with intima media thickness, cardiac calcium scoring, fibrinolytic parameters and plasminogen activator inhibitor-1 (PAI-1) promoter polymorphism (M. Bıçakçıl)
4. Experience with mycophenolate mophetil in systemic lupus erythematosus (B. Esen)
5. MicroRNA and gene network analysis in human lupus: Biomarkers for disease activity and identification of novel targets for therapy (E. Stagakis)
6. Enthesitis by ultrasound is associated with the extent of skin involvement in psoriatic arthritis (S. Aydın)
7. Distribution of inflammatory cells at the autoimmune minor salivary gland (MSG) lesions of Sjogren's syndrome: correlation with adverse prognostic factors (M.I. Christodoulou)
8. The relationship between plasma microparticles and disease manifestations in patients with Behcet's disease (I. Simsek)
9. Experience with rituximab in scleroderma. Results from a 1-year, proof-of-principle study (D. Daousis)
10. Pulse wave velocity in Takayasu arteritis. How can we use it? (A. Akdoğan)

Session III: Epidemiology and genetics (Moderators: N. Akkoç– A. Andonopoulos)

14:00-14:15 Epidemiology of rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis (Y. Alamanos)
14:15-14:30 Outcome of rheumatoid arthritis (C. Mavragani)
14:30-14:45 Epidemiology of osteoarthritis in Turkey (B. Goker)
14:45-15:05 Epidemiology of Behcet's syndrome around the globe (E. Seyahi)
15:05-15:20 Familial disease clustering in Behcet's syndrome (G. Hatemi)
15:20-15:35 Registry of biologics in Greece (P. Sidiropoulos)

15:35-16:00 Coffee break

Session IV: Difficult cases (Moderators: D. Boumpas –I. Ertenli)

16:00-16:30 Rheumatoid arthritis (Th. Markatseli - Y. Yazici)
16:30-17:00 Systemic lupus erythematosus (A. Raptopoulou- A. Dinç)
17:00-17:30 Behcet's syndrome (A. Goules - V. Hamuryudan)
17:30-18:00 Vasculitis (D. Vassilopoulos - C. Korkmaz)
18:15-18:30 Closing remarks: (H. Yazici)