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PROGRAM

8.00 – 9.00 **REGISTRATION**

9.00 – 09.10 **OPENING**

MAIN HALL

A. Doria (*Padua, Italy*), G. Girolomoni (*Verona, Italy*),
A. Kuhn (*Duesseldorf, Germany*),
P. Sarzi Puttini (*Milan, Italy*)

9.10-11.00 **1st SCIENTIFIC SESSION**

SKIN AND THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

Chairmen: A. Giannetti (*Modena, Italy*), G. Palù (*Padua, Italy*)

9.10 **The skin as an immunologic organ**
G. Girolomoni (*Verona, Italy*)

9.30 **T cells and dendritic cells
in immuno-mediated skin pathology**
S. Beissert (*Muenster, Germany*)

9.50 **The skin cytokine-chemokine network**
A. Mantovani (*Milan, Italy*)

10.10 **Autoantibodies and skin involvement in systemic
autoimmune diseases**
P.L. Meroni (*Milan, Italy*)

10.30 **Discussion**

11.30 – 12.30 **SYMPOSIUM**

supported by Wyeth Lederle S.p.A.

**NEW PERSPECTIVES IN PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS
AND PSORIASIS TREATMENT**

Chairmen: A. Peserico (*Padua, Italy*), R. Scarpa (*Naples, Italy*)

11.30 – 12.00 **Pathogenetic and clinical rationale of anti-TNF therapies
in psoriatic arthritis**
L. Punzi (*Padua, Italy*)

12.00 – 12.30 **Biologic therapies in psoriasis: a new therapeutic approach**
G. Girolomoni (*Verona, Italy*)

12.30 - 13.00 KEYNOTE LECTURE

Chairman: A. Kuhn (*Dusseldorf, Germany*)

Life and death of a T cell

P. Krammer (*Heidelberg, Germany*)

13.00 – 14.00 POSTER VIEWING

Group A: Clinical aspects

(P1 – P14)

Group B: Case reports

(P15 – P29)

14.00-14.30 SYMPOSIUM

MAIN HALL

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TARGETING B CELLS IN RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

Chairmen: A. Doria (*Padua, Italy*), F. Fantini (*Milan, Italy*)

14.00 Role of B cells in rheumatoid synovitis

T. Dörner (*Berlin, Germany*)

14.15 Rituximab and rheumatoid arthritis: an update

S. De Vita (*Udine, Italy*)

14.30-16.10 2nd SCIENTIFIC SESSION

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES

Chairmen: M. Caproni (*Florence, Italy*), M. Cutolo (*Genoa, Italy*)

14.30 Types of cutaneous lesions in systemic autoimmune diseases

A. Giannetti (*Modena, Italy*)

14.50 The role of histology and immunofluorescence in autoimmune diseases

M. Papini (*Perugia, Italy*)

15.10 Outcome measures in autoimmune skin diseases

V.P. Werth (*Philadelphia, USA*)

15.30 Capillaroscopy: its role in the diagnostic approach

M. Cutolo (*Genoa, Italy*)

15.50 Discussion

- 14.30 - 16.10 ORAL PRESENTATION SESSION 1 ROOM A**
CLINICAL ASPECTS AND TREATMENT
Chairmen: F. Furukawa (*Wakayama, Japan*)
G. Lapadula (*Bari, Italy*)
- 14.30 OP1 - Clinical features and outcome in Juvenile Systemic Sclerosis (JSSc): data from the international Padua database of 153 patients**
G. Martini, F. Zulian (*Padua, Italy*)
- 14.40 OP2 - The CLASI is a useful clinical instrument to measure activity and damage in patients with cutaneous lupus erythematosus**
Z. Bonilla-Martinez, J. Albrecht, L. Taylor, J. Okawa, V.P. Werth (*Philadelphia, USA*)
- 14.50 OP3 - Immuno-mediated dermatological manifestations in celiac disease and gluten free diet: a prospective study of 70 patients**
F. Grassivaro, R. Rondinone, G. Zara, A. Ferrarini, A. D'Odorico, C. Briani (*Padua, Italy*)
- 15.00 OP4 - Anti-MI-2 antibody testing in the diagnosis of idiopathic inflammatory myopathies: analytical and clinical performance of a blot assay**
A. Ghirardello, S. Zampieri, L. Iaccarino, M.E. Rampudda, R. Bendo, R. Rondinone, A. Doria (*Padua, Italy*)
- 15.10 OP5 - Thalidomide in connective tissue diseases. Efficacy and safety**
A. Ceribelli, I. Cavazzana, F. Franceschini, C. Zane, P.G. Calzavara-Pinton, R. Cattaneo (*Brescia, Italy*)
- 15.20 OP6 - Thalidomide on refractory cutaneous lupus erythematosus: pros and cons of a two-year prospective study**
C. Briani, G. Zara, R. Rondinone, L. Iaccarino, S. Ruggero, E. Toffanin, M. Ermani, A. Ghirardello, S. Zampieri, A. Doria (*Padua, Italy*)

- 15.30 **OP7 - Vitamin D deficiency, photosensitivity and use of sunscreen in systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)**
R. Sivalingam, S. Timbil, J. Wu, P. DeMarco (*Washington, USA*)
- 15.40 **OP8 - Iloprost effects on the expression of adhesion molecules and T cell proliferation in systemic sclerosis**
P. Rehberger, P. Beckheinrich, E. Wandel, U.-F. Haustein, M. Sticherling (*Leipzig, Germany*)
- 15.50 **OP9 - Autologous stem cells transplantation for severe diffuse systemic sclerosis (SSC): 2 years of follow up**
I. Miniati, R. Saccardi, F. Pagliai, L. Lombardini, S. Guidi, C. Nozzoli, A. Bosi, S. Guiducci, S. Urbani, M. Matucci Cerinic, A. Tyndall (*Florence, Italy – Basel, Switzerland*)
- 16.00 **OP10 - Systemic lupus erythematosus induced by anti-tumour necrosis factor alpha therapy: a prospective study**
F. Atzeni, P. Sarzi-Puttini, S. Ardizzone, E. Colombo, M. Antivalle, G. Randisi, M.G. Marrazza, M. Carrabba (*Milan, Italy*)
- 14.30 - 16.10 **HISTOPATHOLOGY WORKSHOP** **ROOM B**
S. Staender (*Muenster, Germany*), Y. Basoglu (*Muenster, Germany*)
- 14.30 - 16.10 **CAPILLAROSCOPY WORKSHOP** **ROOM C**
F. Schiavon (*Padua, Italy*)
L. Dani (*Padua, Italy*)
P. Rosina (*Verona, Italy*)
- 16.10 – 16.40 **LECTURE** **MAIN HALL**
Supported by Novartis Farma S.p.A.
Chairmen: F. Trotta (*Ferrara, Italy*), C. Ferri (*Modena, Italy*)

Cyclosporine and HCV-related autoimmune diseases
M. Galeazzi (*Siena, Italy*)
- 16.40 - 17.10 **LECTURE**
Supported by Centocor Inc.
Chairmen: A. Kuhn (*Duesseldorf, Germany*)
F. Nyberg (*Stockholm, Sweden*)

Role of cytokines and chemokines in cutaneous LE
R. Sontheimer (*Oklahoma City, USA*)

- 17.20-19.30 3rd SCIENTIFIC SESSION
LUPUS AND THE SKIN**
Chairmen: G. Semenzato (*Padua, Italy*)
R. Sontheimer (*Oklahoma City, USA*)
- 17.20 Where is the boundary between systemic and cutaneous LE?**
A. Doria (*Padua, Italy*)
- 17.40 Photosensitivity in lupus**
P. Lehmann (*Wuppertal, Germany*)
- 18.00 Cutaneous manifestations of lupus erythematosus**
A. Kuhn (*Duesseldorf, Germany*)
- 18.20 Differential diagnosis of LE specific skin lesions**
R. Rondinone (*Padua, Italy*)
- 18.40 Response criteria for cutaneous manifestations in LE**
M. Mosca (*Pisa, Italy*)
- 19.00 Discussion**
- 19.30 OPENING CEREMONY**
Chairmen: J.M. Dayer (*Geneva, Switzerland*)
A. Giannetti (*Modena, Italy*)
Y. Shoenfeld (*Tel-Hashomer, Israel*)
S. Todesco (*Padua, Italy*)
- 19.45 – 20.30 OPENING LECTURES**
Chairmen: A. Doria (*Padua, Italy*), S. Todesco (*Padua, Italy*)
- 19.45 On the history of Medical School of Padua University**
G. Zanchin (*Padua, Italy*)
- 20.00 The skin as a mirror for systemic autoimmune diseases**
Y. Shoenfeld (*Tel-Hashomer, Israel*)
- 20.30 WELCOME RECEPTION**

08.00-9.30 **4th SCIENTIFIC SESSION** **MAIN HALL**
SKIN INVOLVEMENT IN SYSTEMIC AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES
Chairmen: F. Trotta (*Ferrara, Italy*), V.P. Werth (*Philadelphia, USA*)

08.00 **Mucocutaneous manifestations of Sjögren's syndrome**
S. Bombardieri (*Pisa, Italy*)

08.20 **Dermatitis in dermatomyositis**
M.C. Dalakas (*Bethesda, USA*)

08.40 **Rheumatoid arthritis and the skin**
P. Sarzi Puttini (*Milan, Italy*)

09.00 **Behçet's syndrome: skin-mucosa manifestations**
H. Yazici (*Istanbul, Turkey*)

09.20 **Discussion**

08.00-9.30 **5th SCIENTIFIC SESSION** **ROOM A**
AUTOINFLAMMATORY SYNDROMES
Chairmen: M. Clementi (*Padua, Italy*)
J.M. Dayer (*Geneva, Switzerland*)

08.00 **The autoinflammatory concept**
H.M. Hoffman (*La Jolla, USA*)

08.20 **The genetic of autoinflammatory diseases**
I. Touitou (*Montpellier, France*)

08.35 **Familial Mediterranean Fever**
R. Manna, G. Gasbarrini (*Rome, Italy*)

08.50 **TRAPS syndrome**
G.D. Sebastiani (*Rome, Italy*), M. Galeazzi (*Siena, Italy*)

09.05 **Blau's syndrome**
L. Punzi (*Padua, Italy*)

09.20 **Discussion**

- 9.30-10.30 SYMPOSIUM MAIN HALL**
Supported by Abbott S.p.A.
BLOCKING TNF IN SKIN AND JOINT INFLAMMATION
Chairman: S. Todesco (*Padua, Italy*)
- 9.30 Adalimumab in rheumatoid arthritis**
G.F. Ferraccioli (*Rome, Italy*)
- 10.00 Adalimumab in the treatment of psoriasis:
the result of ADEPT study**
M. Picardo (*Rome, Italy*)
- 11.00-13.00 6th SCIENTIFIC SESSION**
SKIN MANIFESTATIONS IN VASCULITIS
Chairmen: P. Pauletto (*Padua, Italy*)
T. Ruzicka (*Duesseldorf, Germany*)
- 11.00 Leukocytoclastic and urticarial vasculitis**
J.L. Jorizzo (*Winston-Salem, USA*)
- 11.20 Henoch-Schoenlein purpura**
J.C. Davin (*Amsterdam, The Netherlands*)
- 11.40 Essential mixed cryoglobulinemia**
C. Ferri (*Modena, Italy*)
- 12.00 Granulomatous vasculitis**
L. Guillevin (*Paris, France*)
- 12.20 Erythema Nodosum**
M. Carrabba (*Milan, Italy*)
- 12.40 Discussion**

- 11.00-13.00 7th SCIENTIFIC SESSION ROOM A**
BASIC RESEARCH
Chairmen: S. Beissert (*Muenster, Germany*)
G. Triolo (*Palermo, Italy*)
- 11.00 Immune cellular effectors in autoimmune skin diseases**
F. Facchetti (*Brescia, Italy*)
- 11.20 The role of INF in skin manifestations of autoimmune diseases**
S. Landolfo (*Turin, Italy*)
- 11.40 The role of adhesion molecules in autoimmune skin diseases**
F. Nyberg (*Stockholm, Sweden*)
- 12.00 TNF expression in subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus**
S. Zampieri (*Padua, Italy*)
- 12.20 DNase activity in LE with cutaneous manifestations**
A. Parodi (*Genoa, Italy*)
- 12.40 Discussion**
- 13.00 – 14.00 POSTER VIEWING**
Group C: Basic research and treatment (P30 – P41)
Group D: Case reports and late arrivals (P42 – P60)
- 14.00-14.30 LECTURE MAIN HALL**
Supported by Sanofi-Aventis S.p.A.
Chairman: L. Punzi (*Padua, Italy*)
- Leflunomide in psoriatic arthritis**
J.P. Kaltwasser (*Frankfurt, Germany*)
- 14.30-16.10 8th SCIENTIFIC SESSION**
SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS
Chairmen: T. Luger (*Muenster, Germany*)
S. Todesco (*Padua, Italy*)
- 14.30 The skin in scleroderma**
T. Krieg (*Cologne, Germany*)

- 14.50 **Organ involvement in systemic sclerosis**
G. Valentini (*Naples, Italy*)
- 15.10 **Antinuclear antibodies in systemic sclerosis**
C.M. Montecucco (*Pavia, Italy*)
- 15.30 **Systemic and localized scleroderma in children**
F. Zulian (*Padua, Italy*)
- 15.50 **Discussion**
- 14.30-16.10 **ORAL PRESENTATION SESSION 2**
Chairmen: R.A. Asherson (*Johannesburg, South Africa*)
 R. Gerli (*Perugia, Italy*)
- 14.30 **OP11 - Male New Zealand Black/KN mice:
a novel model for lupus-associated alopecia**
F. Furukawa, T. Yoshimasu, Y. Yamamoto, R. Paus, T. Ito,
A. Hiroi (*Wakayama, Hamamatsu, Japan – Hamburg, Germany*)
- 14.40 **OP12 - Analysis of CTLA-4 genetic polymorphisms
in Italian sclerodermic patients**
G. Balbi, G.L. Palmisano, A. Morabito, P. Piccioli, R. Notaro,
M. Rizzi, F. Ferrera, F. Indiveri, M.P. Pistillo (*Genoa, Italy*)
- 14.50 **OP13 - Elevated numbers of microparticles (MPs)
in the blood of patients with systemic sclerosis (SSc)**
S. Guiducci, J.H.W. Distler, A. Jüngel, L.C. Huber, B.A. Michel,
R.E. Gay, J.R. Kalden, D.S. Pisetsky, S. Gay,
M. Matucci-Cerinic, O. Distler (*Florence, Italy – Zürich,
Switzerland –Erlangen, Germany – Durham, USA*)
- 15.00 **OP14 - FOXP3, a marker of regulatory T cells, is differentially
expressed in chronic inflammatory skin diseases**
B. Franz, C.-D. Klemke, B. Fritzsching, A. Riehl, E. Kleimann,
N. Poenitz, J. Sykora, P.H. Krammer, E. Suri-Payer,
A. Kuhn (*Heidelberg, Duesseldorf, Germany*)
- 15.10 **OP15 - A type I interferon associated recruitment
of “skin homing” cytotoxic lymphocytes is characteristic for
scarring skin lesions in discoid lupus erythematosus**
J. Wenzel, Th. Bieber, Th. Tueting (*Bonn, Germany*)

- 15.20 **OP16 - The dynamics of HMGB-1 expression in UVB-induced lesions in cutaneous lupus erythematosus**
V. Barkauskaite, M. Ek, H. Erlandsson-Harris,
M. Wahren-Herlenius, F. Nyberg (*Stockholm, Sweden*)
- 15.30 **OP17 - Waste disposal defects in patients with SLE lead to anti-nuclear autoimmunity**
U.S. GaipI, L.E. Munoz, T. Winkler, S. Franz, A. Sheriff,
R.E. Voll, J.R. Kalden, M. Hermann (*Erlangen, Germany*)
- 15.40 **OP18 - Proteasome blockade exerts an anti-fibrotic activity in human dermal fibroblasts in vitro**
S. Fineschi, J.M. Dayer, C. Chizzolini (*Geneva, Switzerland*)
- 15.50 **OP19 - Systemic Sclerosis (SSc) fibroblasts (S-F) reduce angiogenesis in healthy microvascular endothelial cells (H-MVEC) by Matrix Metalloproteinase-12 (MMP-12)-dependent cleavage of urokinase receptor (CD87, U-PAR)**
M. Cinelli, S. Guiducci, F. Margheri, G. Fibbi, S. Serrati,
A. Del Rosso, S. Generini, A. Pignone, M. Pucci,
M. Del Rosso, M. Matucci Cerinic (*Florence, Italy*)
- 16.00 **OP20 - Type I interferon associated cytotoxic inflammation in lichen ruber planus**
J. Wenzel, M. Scheler, J. Proelss, Th. Bieber,
Th. Tueting (*Bonn, Germany*)
- 14.30-16.10 **HISTOPATHOLOGY WORKSHOP** **ROOM C**
S. Staender (*Muenster, Germany*)
Y. Basoglu (*Muenster, Germany*)
- 14.30-16.10 **CAPILLAROSCOPY WORKSHOP** **ROOM D**
F. Schiavon (*Padua, Italy*)
L. Dani (*Padua, Italy*)
P. Rosina (*Verona, Italy*)

- 16.10-17.10 SYMPOSIUM** **MAIN HALL**
Supported by Actelion Pharmaceuticals Italia s.r.l.
SCLERODERMA: A SYSTEMIC DISEASE
Chairmen: F. Cozzi (*Padua, Italy*), T. Krieg (*Cologne, Germany*)
- 16.10 Pathophysiology and diagnosis of SSC: focus on PAH**
O. Distler (*Zurich, Switzerland*)
- 16.30 Translating guidelines into clinical practice**
C. Denton (*London, UK*)
- 16.50 Vascular complications of scleroderma**
M. Matucci Cerinic (*Florence, Italy*)
- 17.20 KEYNOTE LECTURE** **MAIN HALL**
Chairman: P. Sarzi Puttini (*Milan, Italy*)
- Subacute cutaneous lupus**
R.D. Sontheimer (*Oklahoma City, USA*)
- 17.50-19.30 9th SCIENTIFIC SESSION**
NEW INSIGHTS IN THE TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES
Chairmen: G.F. Ferraccioli (*Rome, Italy*), G. Vena (*Bari, Italy*)
- 17.50 Skin targets for new biological agents in systemic autoimmune diseases**
T. Luger (*Muenster, Germany*)
- 18.10 New trends in topical immunomodulating treatment**
G. Stingl (*Vienna, Austria*)
- 18.30 New trends in systemic immunosuppressive treatment**
M. Schneider (*Duesseldorf, Germany*)
- 18.50 Molecular mechanism of photo-immunosuppression**
T. Schwarz (*Kiel, Germany*)
- 19.10 Discussion**

- 17.50-19.30 10th SCIENTIFIC SESSION ROOM A**
AUTOIMMUNE BULLOUS DISEASES AND URTICARIA
Chairmen: M. Papini (*Perugia, Italy*)
E. Broecker (*Wuerzburg, Germany*)
- 17.50 Pemphigoids**
G. Zambruno (*Rome, Italy*)
- 18.10 Pemphigus**
M. Hertl (*Marburg, Germany*)
- 18.30 Dermatitis herpetiformis**
T. Reunala (*Helsinki, Finlandia*)
- 18.50 Urticaria**
A. Peserico (*Padua, Italy*)
- 19.10 Induction of experimental pemphigus and immunomodulation with IVIG**
M. Blank (*Tel-Hashomer, Israel*)
- 19.25 Discussion**

08.00-09.40 **11th SCIENTIFIC SESSION** **MAIN HALL**

ANTIPHOSPOLIPID ANTIBODY SYNDROME

Chairmen: F. Fabris (*Padua, Italy*)

Y. Shoenfeld (*Tel-Hashomer, Israel*)

08.00 **Diagnosis of antiphospholipid antibody syndrome**

A. Tincani (*Brescia, Italy*)

08.20 **Dermatologic aspects of APS**

C. Frances (*Paris, France*)

08.40 **Asherson's syndrome**

R.A. Asherson (*Johannesburg, South Africa*)

09.00 **Treatment of APS**

M. Khamashta (*London, United Kingdom*)

09.20 **Discussion**

08.00-09.40 **12th SCIENTIFIC SESSION** **ROOM A**

BASIC RESEARCH

Chairmen: R. Giacomelli (*L'Aquila, Italy*)

E. Berti (*Milan, Italy*)

08.00 **Mechanisms of leucocyte recruitment**

S. Sozzani (*Brescia, Italy*)

08.20 **T cell-fibroblast interactions in systemic sclerosis**

C. Chizzolini (*Geneva, Switzerland*)

08.40 **$\gamma\delta$ T cells in immunomediated skin diseases**

M. Alaibac (*Padua, Italy*)

08.50 **Keratinocytes in skin inflammation**

S. Pastore (*Rome, Italy*)

09.05 **Apoptosis in drug induced immune-mediated dermatosis**

A.V. Marzano, E. Berti (*Milan, Italy*)

09.20 **Discussion**

- 09.40-10.40 SYMPOSIUM** **MAIN HALL**
Supported by Schering Plough S.p.A.
**INFLIXIMAB: A NOVEL TOOL FOR TREATING
AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES**
Chairmen: S. Adami (*Verona, Italy*), A. Peserico (*Padua Italy*)
- 09.40 Clinical experience with anti-TNF therapies
in psoriatic arthritis**
C. Salvarani (*Reggio Emilia, Italy*)
- 10.00 Infliximab: a new armamentarium in the systemic
management of psoriasis**
S. Piaserico (*Padua, Italy*)
- 10.20 Potential treatment target of infliximab in
autoimmune diseases**
P. Sarzi Puttini (*Milan, Italy*)
- 10.50- 12.30 13th SCIENTIFIC SESSION**
PSORIASIS
Chairmen: A. Mathieu (*Cagliari, Italy*), A. Peserico (*Padua, Italy*)
- 10.50 The autoimmune origin of psoriasis**
C.E.M. Griffiths (*Manchester, UK*)
- 11.10 Psoriasis and the joints**
I. Olivieri (*Matera, Italy*)
- 11.30 Guidelines in the treatment of cutaneous psoriatic
manifestations**
L. Naldi (*Bergamo, Italy*)
- 11.50 Guidelines in the treatment of psoriatic arthritis**
C. Salvarani (*Reggio Emilia, Italy*)
- 12.10 Discussion**

- 10.50-12.30 ORAL PRESENTATION SESSION 3 ROOM A**
Chairmen: A. Tincani (*Brescia, Italy*)
M. Alaibac (*Padua, Italy*)
- 10.50 OP21 - Specific oxidative stress parameters differently correlate with microvascular changes in systemic sclerosis**
V. Riccieri, A. Spadaro, L. Fuksa, O. Firuzi, L. Saso,
G. Valesini (*Rome, Italy*)
- 11.00 OP22 - Neural nitric oxide synthase (nNOS) in systemic sclerosis skin**
L. Ibba-Manneschi, A.F. Milia, M. Manetti, A. Del Rosso,
A. Pacini, A. Toscano, Y. Allanore, A. Kahan, Y.T. Konttinen,
M. Matucci Cerinic
(*Florence, Italy - Paris, France - Helsinki, Finland*)
- 11.10 OP23 - A systematic review of the adult-onset, clinically-amyopathic dermatomyositis (CADM) subphenotype**
P. Gerami, J.M. Shope, L. Doughty, H.W. Walling,
R.D. Sontheimer (*Oklahoma City, USA*)
- 11.20 OP24 - Study of 33 Japanese patients with dermatomyositis has revealed frequent seborrheic dermatitis-like lesions in the scalp and the face**
N. Okiyama, N. Ueda, S. Takagawa, Y. Sawada,
T. Sato, I. Katayama, K. Nishioka,
H. Kohsaka, H. Yokozeki (*Tokyo, Osaka, Japan*)
- 11.30 OP25 - Autoimmune phenomena and psoriasis vulgaris**
I. Raphael, A. Reichelt, T. Wetzig, T. Mothes,
M. Sticherling (*Leipzig, Germany*)
- 11.40 OP26 - Mixed connective tissue disease: microbial triggering?**
F. Guarneri, F. Borgia, C. Guarneri (*Messina, Italy*)



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GROUP A: CLINICAL ASPECTS

Chairmen: L.M. Bambara (*Verona, Italy*), F. Nyberg (*Stockholm, Sweden*)

- P1** **Skin-rheumatism conundrum: the pioneering contribution of Ernest Bazin (1807-1878)**
P. Marson, R. Rondinone, G. Pasero, G. Zanchin (*Padua, Pisa, Italy*)
- P2** **SLE and antibodies to ribosomal P proteins**
M. Lucchetta, A. Ghirardello, S. Zampieri, E. Toffanin, S. Ruggero, L. Iaccarino, E. Tarricone, S. Arienti, A. Doria, C. Briani (*Padua, Italy*)
- P3** **Anti-RO/SSA autoantibody response in patients affected with refractory cutaneous lupus erythematosus**
S. Zampieri, A. Ghirardello, L. Iaccarino, S. Arienti, R. Bendo, S. Todesco, A. Doria (*Padua, Italy*)
- P4** **Preliminary classification criteria for systemic sclerosis in children**
F. Zulian, P. Woo, B.H. Athreya, R.M. Laxer, T.A. Medsger, T.A. Lehman, M. Matucci Cerinic, G. Martini, A. Ravelli, R. Russo, R. Cuttica, S.F.K. De Oliveira, C. Denton, I. Foeldvari, N. Ruperto (*Padua, Florence, Genoa, Italy - London, UK-Wilmington, Pittsburgh, New York, USA - Toronto, Canada - Buenos Aires, Argentina - Rio de Janeiro, Brasil - Hamburg, Germany*)
- P5** **Clinical variants of morphea and prognostic factors for organ involvement**
C. Pfeiffer, A. Jenrich, M. Meurer (*Dresden, Germany*)
- P6** **Positive correlation of serum anti-DNA topoisomerase I antibody levels with late skin changes in patients with diffuse cutaneous systemic sclerosis**
M. Radić, D. Martinović Kaliterna, D. Fabijanić (*Split, Croatia*)
- P7** **Sclerodactyly and anti-centromere specificity in primary Sjögren's syndrome**
F. Tiso, S. Cardarelli, H. Marotta, L. Ciprian, P.A. Ostuni, F. Cozzi, S. Todesco (*Padua, Italy*)

- P8** **Clinical significance of nailfold capillary abnormalities in systemic sclerosis. A prospective study**
T. Nevskaya, N. Guseva (*Moscow, Russia*)
- P9** **Dermoscopy in the evaluation of nailfold capillaries in a dermatologic clinic**
C. Herrero, A. Mas, A. Guilabert, J.M. Mascaro, S. Puig, J. Malveyh (*Barcelona, Spain*)
- P10** **Livedoid vasculopathy: a vaso-occlusive disease with cutaneous and neurological manifestations**
S. Bano, A. Doria, T. Sartori, M.E. Rampudda, C. Briani, R. Rondinone (*Padua, Italy*)
- P11** **Chronic graft versus host disease: dermatologic changes of autoimmunity**
S.R. Hymes, D.R. Couriel (*Houston, USA*)
- P12** **Investigation of skin manifestations in 114 diabetic patients**
H. Ansarin, M.H.A. Jalali, G.H. Ghaffarpour (*Tehran, Iran*)
- P13** **Investigation of 500 patients suffering of alopecia areata**
M.H.A. Jalali, H. Ansarin, A. Rasi (*Tehran, Iran*)
- P14** **Raynaud's phenomenon in rheumatoid arthritis**
P. Sarzi-Puttini, F. Atzeni, A. Batticciotto, L. Vulpio, M. Carrabba (*Milan, Italy*)

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R. Satta, L. Obici, F. Cottoni (*Sassari, Pavia, Italy*)
- P16** Trichophyton Mentagrophytes (TM) infection and subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus (SCLE) – A direct or indirect relationship
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P.A. Ostuni, S. Cardarelli, A. Furlan, C. Botsios, S. Todesco (*Padua, Italy*)
- P18** Henöch-Schonlein purpura with central nervous system involvement
C. Herrero, T. Estrach, J.M. Mascaró, A. Guilabert (*Barcelona, Spain*)
- P19** Pyoderma vegetans associated with severe arthropatic psoriasis. Good response to etanercept
P. Iranzo, C. Carrera, J.A. Moreno, J.M. Mascaró Jr., J. Palou, E. Zamora, C. Herrero (*Barcelona, Spain - Andorra*)
- P20** Sarcoidosis presenting as generalized subcutaneous nodulosis: 2 case reports
G. Katwa, Y. Kataria (*Greenville, USA*)
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A.E. Musetescu, P. Ciurea, A. Rosu, A. Saftoiu, S. Cazacu (*Craiova, Romania*)
- P22** A case of scleromyxedema during pregnancy
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A.S. Buechau, G. Kukova, M. Bylaite, S. Eigelshoven, E. Enderlein, J. Reifenberger, T. Ruzicka, D. Bruch-Gerharz, K. Schulte (*Duesseldorf, Germany*)
- P25** Postpartal persistent pemphigoid gestationis
G. Kukova, S. Hanneken, A.S. Buechau, M. Bylaite, T. Ruzicka (*Duesseldorf, Germany*)
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B. Pigozzi, M. Bigolaro, M. Alaibac (*Padua, Italy*)
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- P28** Antiphospholipid antibodies syndrome (APS) associated with hyperhomocysteinemia related to MTHFR gene C677T mutation in a young man with idiopathic hypoparathyroidism (DiGeorge Syndrome)
C. Nucera, M. Vaccaro, M.C. Moleti, G. Tortorella, A. Angioni, F. Trimarchi, F. Vermiglio (*Messina, Rome, Italy*)
- P29** Severe pyoderma gangrenosum associated with rheumatoid arthritis
R. Renner, M. Sticherling (*Leipzig, Germany*)

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T. Nevskaya, S. Radenska, N. Guseva, T. Razantseva, A. Speransky (*Moscow, Russia*)
- P31** Contribution of red blood cells (RBC) to vessel wall damage in systemic sclerosis (SSC)
S. Guiducci, C. Fatini, V. Rogai, M. Cinelli, E. Sticchi, L. Mannini, G. Fiori, S. Generini, O. Kaloudi, A. Pignone, R. Abbate, M. Matucci Cerinic (*Florence, Italy*)
- P32** Fibrosis in the “Stiff Skin Syndrome” (SSS) is not sustained by an inflammatory process
S. Guiducci, J.H. Distler, O. Distler, M. Cinelli, I. Miniati, S. Generini, V. Rogai, S. Gay, M. Matucci Cerinic (*Florence, Italy – Zurich, Switzerland*)
- P33** Amino acid sequence homology suggests potential fungal triggering of anti-Ku-positive autoimmune diseases
F. Guarneri, M. Vaccaro, C. Guarneri (*Messina, Italy*)
- P34** Detection and properties of a human proliferative monocyte subpopulation
F.I.L. Clanchy, J.A. Hamilton (*Victoria, Australia*)
- P35** Does hydroxychloroquine reduce serum levels of pro-atherosclerotic lipoproteins and protect SLE patients from atherosclerosis?
S. Arienti, L. Iaccarino, A. Ghirardello, S. Zampieri, M.E. Rampudda, M. Puatto, A. Zambon, P. Pauletto, Y. Shoenfeld, A. Doria (*Padua, Italy - Tel-Aviv, Israel*)
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M. Venturini, I. Cavazzana, F. Franceschini, P.G. Calzavara-Pinton (*Brescia, Italy*)

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R. Capezzer, C. Zane, P.G. Calzavara-Pinton (*Brescia, Italy*)
- P38** Hemopoietic stem cells transplantation improves microcirculation in Systemic Sclerosis (SSc)
I. Miniati, S. Guiducci, C. Marinotti, M.L. Conforti, R. Saccardi, S. Guidi, A. Bosi, A. Tyndall, M. Matucci Cerinic (*Florence, Italy – Basel, Switzerland*)
- P39** A case of dermatomyositis with rapidly progressive fatal interstitial lung disease and spontaneous mediastinal emphysema
E. Zendri, D. Santilli, M. Toschi, E. Ficarelli, G. De Panfilis (*Parma, Italy*)
- P40** Etanercept in refractory psoriatic arthritis: effects on joint and skin
M. Podswiadek, V. Modesti, F. Oliviero, A. Scanu, C. Valvason, R. Ramonda, L. Punzi (*Padua, Italy*)
- P41** Dermatological conditions during adalimumab therapy in patients with rheumatoid arthritis: a prospective study
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Chairmen: R. Cattaneo (*Brescia, Italy*), M. Schneider (*Duesseldorf, Germany*)

- P42** **Successful Anakinra treatment for idiopathic urticarial vasculitis**
C. Botsios, A. Furlan, M. Biscaro, L. Dani, A. Tentzeri, L. Punzi, S. Todesco (*Padua, Italy*)
- P43** **Successful Anakinra treatment for refractory adult-onset Still's disease (AOSD)**
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- P45** **Longtime treatment of recalcitrant pemphigus vulgaris with rituximab (Mabthera)**
J. Wenzel, R. Bauer, Th. Bieber, Th. Tueting (*Bonn, Germany*)
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I. Gunnarsson, R.F. van Vollenhoven, T. Jonsdottir, F. Nyberg (*Stockholm, Danderyd, Sweden*)
- P47** **Successful therapy of systemic sclerosis-associated, iloprost-refractory, ischaemic digital ulcers with Bosentan**
E. Danieli, A. Grottole, M. Rossi, A. Zambruni, P. Airo' (*Brescia, Italy*)
- P48** **Plasmapheresis treatment in systemic sclerosis**
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S. Scarpato, E. Tirri, G. Salvati, P. Moscato (*Scafati, Italy*)
- P50** **Tacrolimus ointment 0,1% for lupus erythematosus tumidus**
M. Bylaite, K. Gensch, A.S. Buechau, G. Kukova, I. Marciukaitiene, T. Ruzicka, A. Kuhn (*Duesseldorf, Germany – Vilnius, Lithuania*)

- P51** **Recalcitrant subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus - clinical response to high dose intravenous immunoglobulins**
P. Beckheinrich, M. Sticherling (*Leipzig, Germany*)
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M. Toledo, A. Pettenazzo, C. Agosto, A. Amigoni, G. Martini, F. Zulian (*Padua, Italy*)
- P53** **A novel treatment of pigmented purpuric lichenoid dermatosis with Neotigason (Etretinate)**
G.H. Ghaffarpour, M.H.A. Jalali, H. Ansarin (*Tehran, Iran*)
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R. Neri, M. Doveri, C. Neri, M. Mosca, L. Bazzichi, C. Tani, S. Bombardieri (*Pisa, Italy*)
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E. Vesprini, R. Neri, A. Della Rossa, M. Cazzato, A. d'Ascanio, S. Bombardieri (*Pisa, Italy*)
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R. Talarico, A. d'Ascanio, S. Bombardieri (*Pisa, Italy*)
- P59** **Successful treatment of pyoderma gangrenosum with infliximab in a patient with antiphospholipid syndrome**
R. Talarico, A. d'Ascanio, M. Romanelli, S. Bombardieri (*Pisa, Italy*)
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K. McNallan, A. Reed, G. Martini, F. Zulian (*Rochester, USA – Padua, Italy*)



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SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

Posters

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Two sessions of “Poster discussion” have been foreseen on Thursday, February 2 for the posters from P1 to P29 and on Friday, February 3 for the ones from P30 to P60: one of the Authors should be present during the relevant session to answer the questions about his abstract and remove his poster at the end of the day.

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Official language

The official language of the Congress is English.

No simultaneous translation will be provided.

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Two workshops aiming to improve the theoretical and practical knowledge of histopathology and capillaroscopy will take place in the afternoon of February 2, 2006 and will be repeated in the afternoon of February 3, 2006.

Attendance will be limited to 20 participants in each workshop.

Cost of each workshop: euro 60,00 (VAT incl.)

Slide center

All the meeting rooms will be equipped only with digital projector connected to a personal computer. No traditional slide projection and no connection will be available for personal laptops in the meeting rooms.

Speakers are requested to use Power Point for Windows (or Mac/Apple); the files containing the presentation must be delivered using a Floppy Disk, CD, Flash Card or Memory stick at the slide centre, available on the premises, at least 45 minutes prior to their talks. We strongly suggest that all presentations do not exceed 20 MB, to avoid any delay during scientific sessions.

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Working lunches

The working lunches will take place at the "Gran Caffè delle Terme", next to the Congress Venue, on February 2 and 3, 2006 from 12.00 to 14.00. The lunches are included in the registration fee.

Social dinner

The social dinner will take place on Friday, February 3, 2006 at the "Gran Caffè delle Terme" euro 80,00 (VAT incl.)

Coffee breaks

Coffee breaks will be served from 10.00 to 11.30 and 16.00 to 17.30 on February 2 and 3.

On February 4 it will be served from 10.00 to 11.30.

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For those who arrive from the A13 motorway (*Bologna-Padua*) take the Terme Euganee exit, then follow the SS Adriatica in the direction of Padua and at the Mezzavia cross-roads turn left. After a few kilometres you will reach the thermal centre.

By train

The nearest railway station is the one at Terme Euganee – Montegrotto (not Abano), on the Bologna-Padua line, all the main trains stop here.

Otherwise just as convenient is Padua station, on the Milan-Venice line where all the trains stop. Then from the square right in front of the station buses leave direct to Abano every 15 minutes, the bus lines are A, M, T or AT and the journey takes 30 minutes.

Both of the stations have a taxi service.

By airplane

The nearest airport is the one in Venice (60km) where most of the main national and international companies land.

From here you can get to Abano by taxi or on a direct bus line, Airport-Abano (this takes 1h 30min).

There are also international airports in Treviso (70 km) and Verona (80 km), both are not far from Abano and can easily be reached.

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