



7TH EUROPEAN LUPUS MEETING

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7-10 MAY 2008

Amsterdam RAI International Congress Centre, The Netherlands

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

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Call for Papers

The deadline for abstract submission is expected to be 15 January 2008.
Abstracts will have to be submitted on-line.
For details and updates see www.lupus2008.nl.

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Welcome Address

Dear colleague,

We are honoured to announce the 7th European Lupus Meeting which will be held in the Amsterdam RAI International Exhibition & Congress Centre from 7 to 10 May 2008.

The 6th European Lupus Meeting, organised by Prof. David Isenberg in London in March 2005, was a very successful meeting with many participants and in-depth discussions of new findings. We envisage that the 7th European Lupus Meeting will attract even more interest as many new treatment modalities have become available for this prototype of an inflammatory autoimmune disease.

The meeting will concentrate on new insights in the pathogenesis and its clinical manifestations, as well as on new developments in treatment. The meeting is built around symposia on particular topics in which internationally recognised keynote speakers will discuss the topic and selected abstracts on the topic will be presented. Time and focussed attention will be given to posters. Difficult clinical cases will be discussed in meet-the-expert sessions. Moreover, satellite symposia organised in collaboration with pharmaceutical partners will cover some new aspects of treatment.

The Amsterdam RAI International Exhibition & Congress Centre is easily accessible from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport and by train. The Amsterdam RAI is close to the historical heart of Amsterdam with unique opportunities for sight-seeing. An attractive social programme will enable you to enjoy the city.

The organising committee would like to warmly invite you and your colleagues to participate actively in the 7th European Lupus Meeting and looks forward to welcoming you to Amsterdam.

On behalf of the Organising Committee,
Yours sincerely,

Cees Kallenberg
Chairman

Preliminary Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, 7 May 2008

16.00-17.30	Satellite symposium
18.00-19.30	Opening session Keynote lecture by D. Isenberg (London, UK) The future of Lupus
19.30-21.00	Reception

Thursday, 8 May and Friday, 9 May 2008

08.00-09.00	Meet-the-expert sessions
09.00-10.30	Two parallel symposia
10.30-11.00	Coffee break and poster viewing
11.00-12.30	Two parallel symposia
12.30-13.00	Lunch
13.00-14.00	Satellite symposium
14.00-15.30	Two parallel symposia
15.30-16.30	Tea and poster viewing
16.30-18.00	Two parallel symposia
18.00-19.00	Satellite symposium

Saturday, 10 May 2008

09.00-10.30	Clinical symposia
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-12.30	Clinical symposia

The parallel symposia each comprise a clinical symposium and a basic science symposium. For each symposium 2 invited lectures and 3 oral presentations are scheduled.

Invited Speakers Clinical Symposia

- Lupus nephritis (1) - Pathogenesis and pathology**
J. Weening (NL): Pathological classification of lupus nephritis
J. Berden (NL): Pathogenesis of lupus nephritis
- Lupus nephritis (2) - Treatment and outcome**
F. Houssiau (BE): Treatment and outcome of lupus nephritis: the role of cyclophosphamide
E. Ginzler (US): Treatment and outcome of lupus nephritis: the role of mycophenolate
- Lupus and the nervous system**
T. Huizinga (NL): Diagnosis of CNS lupus
T.b.a. Pathogenesis of CNS lupus
- Atherosclerosis**
B. Hahn (US): Early atherosclerosis in SLE: clinical relevance
J. Frostegard (SE): Pathogenesis of atherosclerosis in SLE
- Pregnancy/sex hormones**
M. Petri (US): Sex hormones in SLE: oral contraceptives and outcome
M. Kamashta (UK): Pregnancy and SLE
- Anti-phospholipid syndrome**
R. Derksen (NL): Lupus and the anti-phospholipid syndrome: when anti-coagulants, which and how much?
M. Lockshin (US): Lupus and the anti-phospholipid syndrome: what is new?
- Skin and lupus**
A. Kuhn (DE): Pathophysiology of cutaneous lupus
M. Bijl (NL): UV irradiation, apoptosis and the skin: lessons for lupus
- Biologicals in SLE**
T.b.a. TNF-inhibition in SLE
D. Isenberg (UK): B-cell directed treatment in SLE
- Treatment of SLE**
Themed abstract session
- EULAR Guidelines**
D. Boumpas (GR): The EULAR Guidelines of diagnosis and treatment of SLE
C. Gordon (UK): How to design clinical trials in SLE

Invited Speakers Basic Symposia

1. Apoptosis

M. Herrmann (DE): Apoptosis and the pathogenesis of SLE
T.b.a. Modification of autoantigens

2. Genetics/Genomics

M. Alarcon (SE): Genetics of lupus: clinical implications
T.b.a. Mechanistics

3. Complement

M. Daha (NL): C1q in lupus nephritis
M. Botto (UK): Complement and lupus

4. B/T cells and dendritic cells

Th. Dörner (DE): Long living B-cells in SLE
T.b.a. Regulatory T-cells in SLE

5. Autoantibodies

P.L. Meroni (IT): Autoantibodies and the endothelium
S. Muller (FR): Anti-nucleosome antibodies and T-cell responses

6. Clotting/anti-phospholipid antibodies

Ph. de Groot (NL): Anti-phospholipid antibodies: in vitro effects on clotting
J. Salmon (US): Anti-phospholipid syndrome: in vivo (experimental) effects

7. Type1 interferons, TLR

L. Ronnblöm (SE): Type 1 interferons and SLE
T.b.a. Dendritic cells, TLRs, and the pathogenesis of SLE

8. Animal models

Y. Shoenfeld (IL): Lupus: lessons from animal models
T.b.a.

General Information

Dates

Wednesday, 7 May – Saturday, 10 May 2008

Venue

Amsterdam RAI International Exhibition & Congress Centre, Amsterdam,
The Netherlands
www.rai.nl

How to get there

The Amsterdam RAI is located at an approx. 15 minutes train journey from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport.

Language

The official language of the Meeting is English. There will be no simultaneous translation.

Technical Equipment

Only PowerPoint projection will be available. All slides will be presented from a central server. Laptop presentations will not be allowed. Presenters are requested to bring their presentation on a memory stick, Zip drive, CD Rom or DVD.

Posters

Poster displays will be 1 meter wide & 2 meters high. Posters are to be mounted in the morning and removed by the end of the day. Please bring double sided tape with you in order to fix your posters. Pins are not allowed.

Scientific Exhibition

An exhibition of medical and pharmaceutical products will be held during the Meeting.

Liability

Neither the Organisers nor the Congress Secretariat or the Scientific Committees accept liability for damages and/or loss of any kind which may be incurred by Meeting participants.

Participants are advised to take out insurances against loss, accidents or damage which could be incurred during the Meeting.



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