

Scientific program

Wednesday, 12 September 2018

- 16:00 - 17:00 **Executive Committee Meeting***
Conrad Suite Hilton Hotel Rotterdam
- 17:00 - 18:30 **Council Meeting***
Conrad Suite Hilton Hotel Rotterdam
- 19:00 - 22:00 **President's Dinner***
Le Jardin suite Hilton Hotel Rotterdam

**Invited events*

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Thursday, 13 September 2018

8.00 - 9.30 **Registration and welcoming all participants**

9:30 - 9:45 **Presidents' welcome speech**
Jan van Laar (President)

9:45 - 10:30 **Keynote lecture 'Innate Immunology'**
Mihai Netea (The Netherlands)
Chair: Martin van Hagen

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee and tea break

11:00 - 12:40 **SESSION 1 - Basic Science 1 'Genetics of Behçet's disease and other related auto-inflammatory disorders'**
Chairs: Elaine Remmers & Masaki Takeuchi

11:00 - 11:25 Complex genetics of common diseases
Andre Uitterlinden (The Netherlands)

11:25 - 11:50 Asian genetic aspects of Behçet's disease
Eun Ha Kang (Korea)

11:50 - 12:15 BD-like diseases and their genetic association with BD
Ivona Aksentijevich (USA)

12:15 - 12:40 Overview genetics and consequences on disease phenotype
Ahmet Gül (Turkey)

12:40 - 13:00 **Oral Presentations - Session 1**
Chairs: Peter Katsikis & Jasper Kappen

12:40 - 12:50 (O01) Whole-genome imputation study implicates TLR2 locus variants that confer risk for Behçet's disease by increasing innate immune response against microbes
Elaine Remmers

12:50 - 13:00 (O02) A comparative study about ERAP1 polymorphisms in Behçet syndrome and Ankylosing spondylitis in Italian patients
Maria Padula

13:00 - 14:30 **Abbvie sponsored lunch satellite symposium**

'Behçet's Disease – more than meets the eye?'

Venue: [van Weelde Zaal](#)

13:00 - 13:10 Participants collect lunchboxes

13.10 - 13.20 Welcome & introduction

Prof. Bahram Bodaghi (France) Chair & moderator

13:20 - 13:40 Overview of management of ocular Behçet's disease

Prof. Bahram Bodaghi (France)

13:40 - 14:00 Clinical cases in Behçet's uveitis - ophthalmologist's perspective

Dr. Eric Fortin (Canada)

14:00 - 14:20 Clinical cases in Behçet's uveitis - challenges in management

Prof. Ilknur Tugal-Tutgun (Turkey)

14:20 - 14:30 Roundtable discussion and Q&A

All participants

14:30 - 15:30 **Poster tour 1 - Session 'Basic Science, Epidemiology/Genetics & Treatment'**

15:30 - 16:40 **SESSION 2 - Basic science 2 'Emerging new techniques: applicable for BD?'**

Chairs: Dongsik Bang & Giacomo Emmi

15:30 - 16:00 Microbiomes

Marcel de Zoete (The Netherlands)

16:00 - 16:20 Microbiomes in Behçet's disease in Behçet syndrome: the European data

Giacomo Emmi (Italy)

16:20 - 16:40 Epigenetics

Haner Direskeneli (Turkey)

16:40 - 17:00 **Oral presentations - Session 2**

Chairs: Merih Soylu & Paul van Daele

16:40 - 16:50 (O03) Chemokine Receptor CCR1 and its ligand CCL3 in a mouse model of Behçet's disease

Seonghyang Sohn

16:50 - 17:00 (O04) The combination of a low expressing KIR3DL1 allotype and KIR3DS1 contributes toward the risk of developing Behçet's Disease

Harry Petrushkin

17:00 - 17:45 **Special lecture 'Overview biomechanisms of Behçet's disease: emphasis on macrobiotics, immunocompartmentisation, B/T Cells and innate immunity'**

Graham Wallace (UK)

Chairs: Ahmet Gül & Jorge Crespo

19:00 - 20:30 **Welcome Reception hosted by the City of Rotterdam**

All participants are invited to attend the reception.

Venue: [City Hall, Coolingsingel 40, Rotterdam](#)

[Due to constructions at the Coolingsingel, the main entrance is closed.](#)

[The entrance on the garden side, Stadshuisstraat or Doelwater, will be opened to welcome the delegates.](#)

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Friday, 14 September 2018

- 8:00 - 9:30 **Breakfast session hosted by Novartis – ‘IL-1 in Autoinflammatory Diseases’**
Chairs: Martin van Hagen & Haner Direskeneli
Venue: van Weelde Zaal
- 08:00 Basics of autoinflammatory disease
Prof.dr. Joost Frenkel (The Netherlands)
- 08:30 Hereditary Recurrent Fever syndromes - latest developments in standard of care
Prof.dr. Fabrizio de Benedetti (Italy)
- 09:00 Role of autoinflammation in Behçet’s Disease
Prof.dr. Ahmet Gül (Turkey)
- 9:30 - 9:45 Coffee and tea break
- 9:45 - 10:30 **SESSION 3 Debate ‘Nature or Nurture’: Does migration change the prevalence of BD?**
Haner Direskeneli versus Yohei Kirino
Moderators Alfred Mahr & Pietro Leccese
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Oral presentations - Session 3**
Chairs: Cailin Sibley & Tijani Taktak
- 10:30 - 10:40 (O05) Clustering analysis of Japanese Behçet’s disease identifies intestinal type as distinct cluster
Yutaro Soejima
- 10:40 - 10:50 (O06) Disease activity and quality-of-life improvements in patients with Behçet’s syndrome: a phase III randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind study of apremilast (RELIEF)
Gülen Hatemi
- 10:50 - 11:00 (O07) Pediatric Behçet’s Disease; Report of 204 cases from the Iran registry of Behçet’s disease
Farhad Shahram
- 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee and tea break

11:30 - 13:10 **SESSION 4 - Clinical session 1 - 'Organ involvement in BD'**

Chairs: Emire Seyahi & Andreas Altenburg

- 11:30 - 11:50 Large vessel vasculitis
David Saadoun (France)
- 11:50 - 12:10 Oral
Farida Fortune (UK)
- 12:10 - 12:30 Eye
Ilknur Tugal-Tutkun (Turkey)
- 12:30 - 12:50 Neurology
Gulsen Akman-Demir (Turkey)
- 12:50 - 13:10 Skin
Bing Thio (The Netherlands)

13:10 - 14:40 **Celgene sponsored lunch symposium - 'Towards optimized therapeutic strategies for Behçet's syndrome: applying meaningful outcome measures and treatment recommendations'**

Venue: [van Weelde zaal](#) (Lunchboxes available for participants)

- 13:10 - 13:15 Opening statements
Chairperson: Professor Gülen Hatemi (Turkey)
- 13:15 - 13:25 Applying the EULAR updates to clinical practice
Professor Gülen Hatemi (Turkey)
- 13:25 - 14:10 **Management of organ-specific manifestations**
Faculty presentations followed by audience Q&A
Mucocutaneous and joint manifestations
Professor Gülen Hatemi (Turkey)
Gastrointestinal manifestations
Professor Aykut Celik (Turkey)
Vascular manifestations
Professor David Saadoun (France)
- 14:10 - 14:35 **OMERACT: working towards comparable clinical trials with the implementation of standardized outcome measures**
Methods and latest results
Professor Gülen Hatemi (Turkey)
Potential outcomes for gastrointestinal, vascular and mucocutaneous involvements
Professor Gülen Hatemi / Professor David Saadoun / Professor Aykut Celik
Panel discussion and audience Q&A - Facilitated by *Professor Gülen Hatemi (Turkey)*
- 14:35 - 14:40 **Summary and close**
Chairperson: Professor Gülen Hatemi (Turkey)

14:45 - 15:40 **Poster tour 2 - Session 'Clinical and Outcome Measures'**

15:40 - 16:40 **SESSION 5 - Clinical session 2 'Capita Selecta in BD'**

Chairs: Isabelle Koné-Paut & Mirjam van Velthoven

- 15:40 - 16:00 Pregnancy in patients with BD
Eldad Ben-Chetrit (Israel)
- 16:00 - 16:20 Behçet's disease in children
Annet van Rooyen (The Netherlands)
- 16:20 - 16:40 Cardiovascular risk factors and surgery in patients with BD
Dorian Haskard (UK)

16:40 - 17:10 Oral presentations - Session 4

Chairs: Shigeaki Ohno & Miles Stanford

16:40 - 16:50 (O08) Behçet's Uveitis: Comparison of Interferon- α vs. anti-TNF- α therapy in a clinical cohort

Tom Missotten

16:50 - 17:00 (O09) Venous vessel wall thickness in lower extremity is increased in male Behçet's Disease patients

Fatma Alibaz-Oner

17:00 - 17:10 (O10) The Association of Alpha-Melanocyte Stimulating Hormone, Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide with Fatigue and Quality of Sleep in Behçet's Disease

Amal Senusi

17:10 - 18:30 General Assembly

19:30 - 22:30 Social dinner

Spido boat

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Saturday, 15 September 2018

- 8:00 - 9:00 **Meet the Professor sessions:**
Oro-genital disease - *Farida Fortune (UK)* - Ruys zaal (4th floor)
Cutaneous disease - *Andreas Altenburg (Germany)* - Van Rijckevorsel zaal (4th floor)
Ophthalmological disease - *Ilknur Tugal-Tutkun (Turkey)* - Plate zaal (4th floor)
Neurological disease - *Gulsen Akman-Demir (Turkey)* - Mees zaal (4th floor)
Articular disease - *Franktien Turkstra (The Netherlands)* - van der Vorm zaal (4th floor)
Vascular disease - *Emire Seyahi (Turkey)* - van Beuningen zaal (3rd floor)
DD in BD - Clinical conditions mimicking Behçet's disease - *Eldad Ben-Chetrit (Israel)*
Schadee Zaal (3rd floor)
- 9:00 - 10:20 **SESSION 6 - Therapeutic session 'New therapeutic strategies'**
Chairs: Dominique Baeten & Hasan Yazici
- 09:00 - 09:20 Targeting IFN type I and II pathways in autoimmune diseases!
Marjan Versnel (The Netherlands)
- 09:20 - 09:40 Biosimilars in BD
Martin van Hagen (The Netherlands)
- 09:40 - 10:00 Update on anti-TNF therapy: timing of tapering
Peter Sfikakis (Greece)
- 10:00 - 10:20 Molecular designed agents in Behçet's disease
Gülen Hatemi (Turkey)
- 10:20 - 10:40 Coffee break
- 10:40 - 11:30 **Keynote lecture – 'The ethics of genetic analysis'**
Prof. dr. James Stacey Taylor (USA)
Chair: Jan van Laar
- 11:30 - 12:00 **Closing remarks**
Jan van Laar (The Netherlands)
- 12:00 - 13:00 **Executive committee meeting** - Hudig zaal, 3rd floor