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23 - 25 September 2009

Final Program

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Van Beethovenstraat 8/10
2300 Mechelen
www.lamot-mechelen.be

DATES TO REMEMBER

Deadline for early registration: August 15
No refunds for cancellations after September 1

FORTHCOMING CONGRESS

22-24 September, 2010
Neumünster Abbey, Luxembourg-Ville (Location to be confirmed)
WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2009

12:00 Registration Desk open

14:00 Meeting of KVBR/SRBR Subcommittees and Board of Directors

16:00 Young Investigator Meeting:
New Biomarkers in Rheumatology
Chairmen: C. Ribbens (Ulg, Liège)
D. Elewaut (UG, Gent)

17:55 Opening of the Congress

18:00 Update in Therapeutics - Actelion
Scleroderma patients with endothelin dysfunction - Consequences and necessity of treatment
E. Hachulla (Lille, France)

18:30 Update in Therapeutics - Wyeth
Registries in Europe: What is their outcome, what have we learned
P. Taylor (London, UK)

19:00 Walking Dinner

20:00 Ethics and Economy:
eHealth Platform: Security, Legal and Ethical Considerations
Chairmen: E. Van Essche (Imelda, Bonheiden)
K. Declerck (Imelda, Bonheiden)
eHealth platform as a secure and efficient data transfer tool in the health care sector
F. Robben (General Manager, Crossroads Bank for Social Security)
One year in bed with the eHealth legislation
M. Moens (Secretary General of the VBS-GBS)
The eHealth platform and the professionnal secret: An alliance or a mésalliance?
M. Deneyer (National Council of the Board of Physicians)
Panel Discussion
Moderator: G. Tegenbos
with the participation of J. De Cock (General manager – INAMI-RIZIV)

23:00 Beer Reception offered by MSD at Lamot Congress Center
Thursday, 24 September 2009

08:30 Meeting Rheumatology Nurses

Osteoporosis
Chairmen: V. Badot (CHU-Brugmann, Brussels)
          Y. Boutsen (UCL-Mont-Godinne, Yvoir)

08:30 State-of-the-Art: New insights in osteogenesis imperfecta
J.-P. Devogelaer (UCL, Brussels)

09:15 Basic Science: The pathogenesis of steroid-induced osteoporosis
J. Compston (Cambridge, UK)

09:45 Coffee and Poster Viewing

10:30 Oral Poster Presentations

Long-term safety and efficacy of intravenous zoledronic acid in children with severe osteogenesis imperfecta (OI): A 1-year, open-label extension study

Timing of mortality and subsequent fractures in fragility fracture patients
K.M.B. Huntjens, P. Brink, P. Willems, P. Geusens, S.H. van Helden

Seven year follow-up of infliximab (IFX) in Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) patients refractory to multiple DMARD treatment: Attrition and long-term clinical effect
B. Vander Cruyssen, P. Durez, R. Westhovens, F. De Keyser

11:00 Clinical Lecture:
Presentation of the 2009 Belgian Bone Club guidelines for the management of osteoporosis
J.-J. Body (CHU-Brugmann, Brussels)

11:30 Update in Therapeutics - Eli Lilly

Efficacy and safety of teriparatide in the treatment of glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis
Y. Boutsen (UCL-Mont-Godinne, Yvoir)

12:00 Update in Therapeutics - Abbott

The use of ultrasound in patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis: A Belgian 3E initiative
L. De Clerck (UIA, Antwerpen)

12:30 Walking Lunch
Osteoarthritis and Systemic Disorders
Chairmen: G. Verbruggen (UG, Gent)
F. Houssiaux (UCL, Brussels)

14:00 State-of-the-Art: Erosive osteoarthritis of the interphalangeal joints
G. Verbruggen (UG, Gent)

14:45 Basic Science: The interferon response in systemic lupus erythematosus
L. Rönnblom (Uppsala, Sweden)

15:15 Coffee and Poster Viewing

16:00 Oral Poster Presentations

- Overexpression of frizzled related protein increases synovitis in a mouse model of arthritis
  L. Lodewyckx, F.P. Luyten, R.J. Lories

- Ultrasound detection of bone erosions in erosive and non-erosive osteoarthritis of the interphalangeal joints: A comparison to routine radiographs
  R. Wittoek, G. Verbruggen

- A functional TLR3 single nucleotide polymorphism mediates susceptibility to SLE in anti-Ro/SSA antibody positive patients

16:30 Clinical Lecture:
Auto-inflammatory diseases
G. Grateau (Paris, France)

17:00 Update in Therapeutics – Rottapharm / Madaus
Past and future, new insights into the treatment of osteoarthritis
F. Luyten (KUL, Leuven)

17:30 Update in Therapeutics – BMS
The interest of ORENCIA in early switch
J. Lenaerts (Hasselt)

19:30 Welcome Reception at the Oude Mechelse Vleeshalle

20:00 Concert – SCALA & Kolacny Brothers

21:00 Dinner at the Oude Mechelse Vleeshalle
FWRO/FRSR Award Ceremony
FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2009

Spondylarthropathies

Chairmen: K. De Vlam (KUL, Leuven)
F. Van den Bosch (UG, Gent)

08:30 State-of-the-Art: Genetics of spondylarthropathies 35 years after HLAB27
What is new? What are the clinical implications?
J. Reveille (Houston, USA)

09:15 Basic Science: Mouse models of joint discharge
D. Elewaut (UG, Gent)

09:45 Coffee and Poster Viewing

10:30 Oral Poster Presentations

- Long-term efficacy and safety of infliximab in patients with active spondyloarthritis: Results of an 8-year follow-up study
  M. Devinck, H. Mielants, F. Van den Bosch

- Hand function is reduced in psoriatic arthritis
  C. Louwagie, S. Janssen, R. Westhovens, K. de Vlam

- Hip involvement in ankylosing spondylitis as an independent risk factor for impaired functioning
  B. Vander Cruyssen, E. Muñoz-Gomariz, P. Font, J. Mulero, K. de Vlam, A. Boonen,
  J. Vazquez-Mellado Cervantes, D. Flores, N. Vastesaeger, E. Collantes

11:00 Clinical Lecture:
How to detect early psoriatic arthritis in a dermatology setting?
M. Ståhle (Stockholm, Sweden)

11:30 Update in Therapeutics – Roche

Ro-Actemra: A new therapeutic approach in Rheumatoid Arthritis
R. van Vollenhoven (Stockholm, Sweden)

12:00 Update in Therapeutics – Schering-Plough

Advances in rheumatoid arthritis
Safety and long-term attrition of Infliximab in rheumatoid arthritis – the Belgian data
F. De Keyser (UG, Gent)

Golimumab experience in different RA populations
P. Durez (UCL, Brussels)

12:30 Walking Lunch
Rheumatoid Arthritis and Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis
Chairmen:  M.-J. Kaiser (Ulg, Liège)
            P. Verschueren (KUL, Leuven)

14:00  State-of-the-Art: The two extremes in anti-TNF-treated RA patients: Remission and resistance What to do about them?
       R. van Vollenhoven (Stockholm, Sweden)

14:45  BMP signalling in arthritis, a potential new target for the treatment of destructive arthritis
       M. Daans (KUL, Leuven)

15:15  Coffee and Poster Viewing

16:00  Oral Poster Presentations

The anti-CD 20 antibody Rituximab reduces the T helper 17 response
       F.L. van de Veerdonk, B. Lauwerys, F. Di Padova, R.J. Marijnissen, M.I. Koenders,
       I. Gutierrez-Roelens, P. Durez, M.G. Netea, J.W.M. van der Meer, W.B. van den Berg,
       L.A.B. Joosten

Defining the synovial stromal cell population by flow cytometry
       K. Van Landuyt, F.P. Luyten, R.J. Lories

Rheumatoid Arthritis in Belgium - Knowledge, follow-up and personal evaluation: Results from a national patient survey
       P. Durez, P. Volders, C. Brasseur, H. Mielants, M. De Brabanter, R. Westhovens on behalf of the Social Committee of the Royal Belgian Society of Rheumatology, with the participation of the Association Polyarthrite, RA Liga, De Vlaamse Reumaliga vzw

16:30  Clinical Lecture:
       Indications and choices of biological therapies in JIA
       P. Quartier (Paris, France)

17:00  General Assembly

19:30  President’s Dinner at Technopolis offered by Schering-Plough
GENRAL INFORMATION

Venue
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B-2800 Mechelen
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Car Park
We advise to park in Q Park Mechelen Lamot, Guldenstraat 18, 2800 Mechelen. This parking is located next to Lamot Congress Center and also gives direct access to Hotel Novotel.
Max. rate per day: € 15.00. Open 24/24 hrs.

Accreditation
An application for accreditation units has been submitted. Participants will receive a certificate of attendance at the registration desk of the Congress.

Exhibition
A medical exhibition will be held on the occasion of the Congress. Access is free for registered participants.

Liability
Neither the organizers nor Medicongress accept liability for damages and/or losses of any kind which may be incurred by Congress participants during the Congress. Participants are advised to take out insurance against loss, accidents or damage which could be incurred during the Congress.
REGISTRATION

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*Proof of student or trainee status is to be sent to Medicongress. Without this proof the Non Member fee will be charged.

The registration fee for participants includes
- Participation in all scientific sessions
- Participation in the Updates in Therapeutics organized by the Industry
- Congress bag with the Program and Abstracts, tourist info and congress related documents
- Access to the exhibition
- Lunch and coffee breaks
- Beer Evening on Wednesday evening, September 23

IMPORTANT

As seats for the social program are limited, we request a guarantee payment for your participation. The amounts paid for the social program (€ 50,00 per evening) will be refunded after the Congress to those having participated.

How to Register

Register, pay and book hotel accommodation online at www.medicongress.com. The registration and payment form is secured by COMODO CA Ltd. so that credit card information can be submitted securely. Immediately after registration an automatic confirmation of your registration is sent by email. If you do not receive this automatic confirmation your registration has not been made successfully.
Confirmation
Medicongress will send a formal confirmation by email after receipt of payment.

Payment
All payments are to be made in Euro, net of all bank charges and commissions for the receiver.

Payment is to be made by:
• Bank transfer
  Account number: 123-6882314-06
  Account Name: Congres Belg. Ver. Reumatologie
  SWIFT: BKCPBEBB - IBAN: BE85123688231406.
  Bank address: OBK Bank, Graaf Van Vlaanderenplein 19, 9000 Gent
• Credit Card: All major credit cards are accepted.

Cancellations
Participants canceling their registration before September 1, 2009, will receive a full refund, less € 75,00 administration costs. There will be no refunds for cancellations received after this date.
Cancellations must be confirmed in writing to the Organizing Secretariat.
All refunds will be processed after the Congress.
Name substitutions are accepted at any time at an extra charge of € 75,00.
SOCIAL PROGRAM

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PARTNERS’ PROGRAM

Wednesday, 23 September
20:00  Dinner at ‘Folliez’, a local gastronomic restaurant

Thursday, 24 September
09:00  Historical women’s walk: This walk focuses on the power and influence of women on the city and is Mechelen’s tribute to the fair sex, from high-ranking women to women of the people, women from a distant past and modern-day women.

12:00 Lunch in a local restaurant

14:00  ‘Koninklijke Beiaardschool Jef Denijn’: The oldest and most famous carillon school. Students from all over the world learn to play the biggest music instrument. Russians call the carillon ‘Malinovi Zvon’, which means ‘Sound of Mechelen’.

16:00 Visit of Museum ‘Hof van Busleyden’. Recapture the splendour of Mechelen’s rich history at the Renaissance palace of Hieronymus van Busleyden, who was a member of Mechelen’s Great Council, a friend of Erasmus and patron of Thomas More.

Friday, 25 September
09:00  Chocolate and marzipan workshop: make your own chocolate and marzipan figurines (limited number of participants)

12:00 Lunch at Lamot Congress Center

14:00 Visit of ‘Manufacture De Wit’ - The Royal Manufacturers cleans, conserves and restores tapestries and is the world leading restorer of tapestries for museums. The Royal Manufacturers is established in a historic building, the Refuge of Tongerlo Abbey.
HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A number of rooms have been booked at special group rates, including breakfast, VAT and city taxes at Novotel Mechelen Centrum, located next to Lamot Congress Center:

Single: € 159,00  
Double: € 176,00

Any request for hotel accommodation must be indicated on the registration form, and must be accompanied by a Credit Card number, the CVS code (3 digits at the back of the credit card) and the expiry date in order to guarantee the reservation.

Room reservations are confirmed by means of a Hotel Voucher, which is sent by email.

Rooms are booked on a ‘first come, first served’ basis. Room availability cannot be guaranteed after August 31.

Cancellation of hotel accommodation
Cancellations of reservations must be made in writing and are accepted without any charge until September 10, 2009. For cancellations received after September 10, 2009, one room night will be charged. In case of no-show the full reservation period will be charged.
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