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OPENING CEREMONY

Revaz Sepiashvili
Congress President, Program Committee Co-Chairman
President, World Immunopathology Organization

Mario Sánchez Borges
President, World Allergy Organization (WAO)

Walter Canonica
Program Committee Co-Chairman
President, INTERASMA (International Association of Asthmology)

Allen Kaplan
Program Committee Co-Chairman

Bryan Martin
Past President, American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI)
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ROMAIN POWELS KEYNOTE LECTURE
Moderator: Revaz Sepiashvili

Giorgio Walter Canonica University of Genoa, IRCCS AOU San Martino-IST, Genoa, Italy
A critical appraisal on biologics in severe asthma

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CLEMENS VON PIRQUET KEYNOTE LECTURE
Moderator: Walter Canonica

Rudolf Valenta Department of Pathophysiology, Vienna General Hospital, Vienna, Austria
Towards preventive medical examination for allergy
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CARLOS BAENA-CAGNANI KEYNOTE LECTURE  
Moderator: Adnan Custovic

Allen P. Kaplan  Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C. USA  
The kinin system in anaphylaxis, angioedema, and urticaria

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ALBERT OEHLING KEYNOTE LECTURE  
Moderator: Allen Kaplan

Adnan Custovic  Imperial College London, Department of Paediatrics,  
London, UK  
Diagnostic tests for IgE-mediated clinical allergy
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PLENARY SESSION

Chairmen:
Bogdan Petrunov
Rudolf Valenta

Giorgio Walter Canonica  University of Genoa, IRCCS AOU San Martino-IST, Genoa, Italy
Adherence to treatment in allergy & respiratory disease: Still far to be reached?

Giovanni Passalacqua  Allergy and Respiratory Diseases, IRCCS San Martino-IST-University of Genoa, Italy
Practical aspects of allergen immunotherapy

Rudolf Valenta  Department of Pathophysiology, Vienna General Hospital, Vienna, Austria
Clinical results obtained with the recombinant grass pollen allergy vaccine BM32

Bogdan Petrunov, G. Nikolov, M. Hristova, R. Hristova, Y. Kandova  National Center of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, Department of Immunology and Allergology, Sofia, Bulgaria
Chemically modified allergens-allergoids in specific immunotherapy of respiratory allergy

Tatiana Slavyanskaya  RUDN University, Department of Allergology & Immunology, Moscow, Russia
Atopic dermatitis in children: differential approach to the choice of treatment strategy

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POSTER SESSION

Moderators: TBA
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PAUL EHRLICH KEYNOTE LECTURE
Moderator: Revaz Sepiashvili

Sami Bahna  Allergy & Immunology Section, Louisiana State University
Health Sciences Center, Shreveport, USA
   The respiratory tract as a target for food allergy

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WILLIAM FRANKLAND KEYNOTE LECTURE
Moderator: Giovanni Passalacqua

Ronald Dahl  Allergy Centre, Odense University Hospital, Denmark
   New perspectives on COPD management
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KEYNOTE LECTURE
Moderator: Walter Canonica

Allen P. Kaplan  Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C. USA
Omalizumab: Mechanisms of efficacy in asthma and urticaria

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PLENARY SESSION
Chairmen: Sami Bahna
Adnan Custovic

Adnan Custovic  Imperial College London, Department of Paediatrics, London, UK
The atopic march: Does it exist?

Sami Bahna  Allergy & Immunology Section, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Shreveport, USA
The respiratory tract as a route for food allergens

Diego Bagnasco, Matteo Ferrando, Giovanni Passalacqua  Allergy and Respiratory Diseases, IRCCS San Martino-IST-University of Genoa, Italy
Unmet needs and unsolved questions in allergen immunotherapy
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**PLENARY SESSION**  
Chairmen: Stanley Fineman  
Winfried Pickl  

Stanley Fineman  *Department of Pediatrics, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA; Atlanta Allergy and Asthma Clinic, Marietta, GA, USA*  
Food allergy: What's on the horizon for treatment?  

Winfried Pickl  *Institute of Immunology, Medical University of Vienna, Austria*  
Importance of regulatory T cells for prevention and therapy of allergy  

Kamal Maurice Hanna  *Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt*  
Urticaria: Nomenclature and management update  

Bogdan Petrunov  *National Center of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, Department of Immunology and Allergology, Sofia, Bulgaria*  
Probiotics and allergy

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**PLENARY SESSION**  
Chairmen: Todor Popov  
Elias Toubi  

Ronald Dahl  *Allergy Centre, Odense University Hospital, Denmark*  
TBA  

Todor A. Popov  *Clinical Centre of Allergology, Medical University, Sofia, Bulgaria*  
How far down the airways does the response to inflammatory triggers reach?  

Elias Toubi  *Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Bnai Zion Medical Center, Haifa, Israel; Ruth & Bruce Rappaport Faculty of Medicine, Technion, Haifa, Israel*  
Killer B cells: Players in the field of immune regulation

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LEONARD NOON AND JOHN FREEMAN
KEYNOTE LECTURE
Moderator: Revaz Sepiashvili

Lanny Rosenwasser  Missouri Endowed Chair in Pediatric Immunology
Research, Allergy-Immunology Division, Children’s Mercy Hospital, Kansas
City, USA
TBA

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WAO PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE
Moderator: Revaz Sepiasvili

Mario Sánchez Borges  The Allergy and Immunology Department, Centro
Médico-Docente La Trinidad and Clínica El Avila, Caracas, Venezuela
Clinical and laboratory markers in patients with chronic spontaneous
urticaria
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ALAIN DE WECK KEYNOTE LECTURE  
Moderator: Mario Sánchez Borges

Ignacio J. Ansotegui  Department of Allergy & Immunology, Hospital Quirón Bizkaia, Erandio, Spain  
The allergy epidemic. Where we are?

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PLENARY SESSION  
Chairmen: Ignacio Ansotegui, Stanley Fineman, Lanny Rosenwasser

Ignacio J. Ansotegui  Department of Allergy & Immunology, Hospital Quirón Bizkaia, Erandio, Spain  
Update on allergy diagnosis

Stanley Fineman  Department of Pediatrics, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA; Atlanta Allergy and Asthma Clinic, Marietta, GA, USA  
Allergen immunotherapy: SLIT vs SCIT - what’s new?

Todor A. Popov  Clinical Centre of Allergology, Medical University, Sofia, Bulgaria  
Methyl-cellulose: gate keeper of the airways, augmenting also local treatment
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SYMPOSIUM: PROMOTING ASTHMA SELF MANAGEMENT:
STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE,
SKILLS AND ATTITUDES

Chair: Mary Cataletto

Mary Cataletto  SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, New York, USA
 Shared goals and shared responsibilities

Margaret J. McCormick  Towson University, Towson, MD, USA
 Preparing the workforce for the Changing Practice Environment

Anne Little  Asthma Coalition of Long Island, American Lung Association of the Northeast, Hauppauge, NY, USA
 Creating sustainable community programs

Claudia Guglielmo  Asthma Coalition of Queens, American Lung Association of the Northeast, Hauppauge, NY, USA
 Developing effective patient education materials

Shahidul Islam  Winthrop University Hospital, Department of Family, Population and Preventive Medicine, SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY, USA
 Overview of biostatistics in health outcomes research

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SYMPOSIUM

Chairmen:  Gennaro D’Amato
            Kamal Maurice Hanna
            Ketevan Nemsadze

Gennaro D'Amato  Division of Respiratory and Allergic Diseases, Department of Chest Diseases High Speciality A. Cardarelli Hospital, Napoli Italy
Thunderstorm-related asthma attacks

Elias Toubi  Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Bnai Zion Medical Center, Haifa, Israel; Ruth & Bruce Rappaport Faculty of Medicine, Technion, Haifa, Israel
Episodes of urticaria during seasonal bronchial asthma

Kamal Maurice Hanna  Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt
Angioedema: Enigmatic cases

Ketevan Nemsadze  Tbilisi, Georgia
Association of maternal selenium intake in pregnancy and wheezing illnesses in children at one of age

Winfried Pickl  Institute of Immunology, Medical University of Vienna, Austria
Non-allergenic virus-like nanoparticles created by targeting of major allergens to the inner leaflet of viral envelopes selectively target T cells

Gennaro D'Amato  Division of Respiratory and Allergic Diseases, Department of Chest Diseases High Speciality A. Cardarelli Hospital, Napoli Italy
Climate change, air pollution and atopic respiratory diseases

S.M. Deyev  M.M. Shemyakin and Yu. A. Ovchinnikov Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry, Moscow, Russia
Immunophysiology of cancer. An overview of new generation of visualizing and cytotoxic agents

Bryan Martin  The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, USA
TBA

I.V. Nesterova 1RUDN University, Moscow; 2Kuban State Medical University, Krasnodar, Russia
Remodelling of the phenotype CD16+CD11b+ of the neutrophilic granulocytes in acute Epstein-Barr viral infection

Bryan Martin  The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, USA
TBA

Gennaro D'Amato  Division of Respiratory and Allergic Diseases, Department of Chest Diseases High Speciality A. Cardarelli Hospital, Napoli Italy
Outdoor seasonal allergens and atopic respiratory diseases