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Scientific program

(Updated to November 24, 2015)

Thursday, February 18

- 13:00-14:30 Pre-meeting workshops ([see information](#))
14:30-15:00 Coffee break
15:00-16:30 Pre-meeting workshops ([see information](#))

16:45- 17:45 Bayer Satellite Symposium

18:00-18:30 OPENING CEREMONY

18:30-20:10 OPENING LECTURES

18:30-18:55 What is new in basic research
C. Denton (UK)

18:55-19:20 On the cutting edge of clinical investigations
T. Medsger (USA)

19:20-19:50 Results and lessons from the main clinical trials in the last 2 years
D Khanna (USA)

19:50- 20:10 Where do we stand with the early recognition of SSc
M Matucci-Cerinic (I)

20:10 Welcome Cocktail



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Friday, February 19

08:00-09:25 SESSION 1 PULMONARY INVOLVEMENT

08:00/08:25 Mycophenolate versus Oral Cyclophosphamide in Scleroderma-related Interstitial Lung Disease: Results of Scleroderma Lung Study II
D Tashkin (USA)

08:25/09:25 Oral Sessions

09:30 – 10:55 SESSION 2 – ULCERS

09:30-09:55 Biology of Raynaud's Phenomenon: Therapeutic implications
N Flavahan (USA)

09:55-10:55 Oral Sessions

10:55-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-11:40 LECTURE
Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension: the challenge of screening for PAH in Ssc
N Galie (I)

11:40-11:55 Oral Session

11:55-12:25 LECTURE
Is there a role for ECP in Systemic Sclerosis?
R Knobler (A)

12:30-14:00 Actelion Satellite Symposium

14:00-15:15 Poster session & light lunch



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**15:15 – 16:40 SESSION 3 - COMMON CLINICAL SITUATIONS WITH POOR EVIDENCE BASED DATA:
HOW TO MANAGE?**

15:15-15:40 Pregnancy & sexual problems
V Steen (USA)

15:40-15:50 Oral Session

15:50-16:15 Dental issues in scleroderma - SICCA, mandibular reabsorption, orthodontist issues and how many manage as a rheumatologist
D Leader (USA)

16:15-16:40 Scleroderma patient admitted to ICU - What should a rheumatologist be aware of and interaction with the ICU physicians
F Pene (F)

**15:15 – 16:40 SESSION 4 – PARALLEL SESSION – BASIC
ADVANCES IN EPIGENETICS AND GENETICS**

15:15-15:40 Epigenetic control of fibrogenesis and transgenerational epigenetic adaption of the wound healing response
D Mann (UK)

15:40-16:40 Oral Sessions

16:40-17:00 Coffee break

17:00 – 18:55 SESSION 5 CARDIAC

17:00-17:25 Cardiac involvement in systemic sclerosis. What should be known by the practitioners
A L Caforio (I)

17:25-18:55 Oral Sessions



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**17:00 – 19:10 SESSION 6 – PARALLEL SESSION – BASIC
CURRENT RESEARCH IN IMMUNITY/INFLAMMATION**

- 17:00-17:25 Regulatory T cells, macrophage-derived leukotriene B4 and the evolution of pulmonary hypertension
M Nicolls (USA)
- 17:25-19:10 Oral Sessions
- 19:10-19:40 GlaxoSmithKline Satellite Symposium



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Saturday, February 20

08:00-09:00 SESSION 7 – MEET THE PROFESSOR SESSIONS

[\(see information\)](#)

09:05-09:30 LECTURE

Anti-RNA polymerase III antibody: from its discovery to utility in clinical practice and basic research

M Kuwana (J)

09:30-09:40 Oral Session

09:40-10:05 LECTURE

Upper and Lower Gastrointestinal/Nutrition

J Clarke (USA)

10:05-10:20 Oral Session

10:20-10:40 Coffee break

10:40 – 12:00 SESSION 8 – ROUND TABLE SSC REGISTRIES IN THE WORLD

10:40-11:40 Oral Sessions

11:40-12:00 Discussion

12:00-12:25 LECTURE

LCSSC The Unfairly Neglected Subset of SSc?

Y Allanore (F)

12:25-12:40 Oral Session

12:40-13:30 Poster session & light lunch

13:30 – 14:45 PARALLEL SESSION 9 – EXPERIMENTAL MODELS OF SCLERODERMA

13:30-14:45 Oral Sessions

13:30 – 14:40 PARALLEL SESSION 10 – OUTCOME MEASURES

13:30-14:40 Oral Sessions

14:45 – 16:10 SESSION 11 – EMERGING THERAPIES

14:45-15:10 Emerging therapies

O Distler (CH)

15:10-16:10 Oral Sessions

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16:15-16:55 CLOSING LECTURES

16:15-16:35 New EULAR Recommendations for the treatment of SSc
O Kowal Bielecka (P)

16:35-16:55 Review of the most relevant works presented at the congress
D Furst (USA)

16:55-17:00 Closure of the congress