# The First Israel-Italy Meeting on Advances in Autoimmunity and Rheumatology The Rappaport faculty of Medicine





Haifa, 25th of October 2012











### Organizing committee:

Prof. Elias Toubi – Bnai-Zion Medical Center - Haifa Prof. Dan Buskila – Soroka Medical Center - Beer-Sheva Prof. Yehuda Shoenfeld – Sheba Medical Center - Ramat Gan

8:30-9:00 Arrival and Refreshments

9:00-9:20 Welcoming words: Prof. Elias Toubi, Prof. Eliezer Shalev – Dean of the Faculty

of Medicine, The Technion, Haifa

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Chairpersons:	Prof. Elias Toubi - Haifa
	<b>Dr. Hedi Orbach</b> - Tel-Aviv

9:20-9:40 **Prof. Yehuda Shoenfeld** – Zabludowicz Center for Autoimmune Diseases, Sheba

Medical Center, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel-Aviv, Israel.

The mosaic of autoimmunity - Everything is infectious until proven otherwise.

9:40-10:00 **Prof. Guido Valesini** - Rheumatology, Department of Internal Medicine, Sapienza

University of Rome, Italy.

The immunogenicity of biologicals in the treatment of autoimmune diseases.

10:00-10:20 **Prof. Itzhak Rosner** - Rheumatology Unit, Bnai-Zion Medical Center, Faculty of

Medicine, Haifa-Israel.

Psoriatic arthropathy-new aspects

10:20-10:40 **Prof. Roberto Perricone** - Rheumatology, Allergology and Clinical Immunology,

Department of Internal Medicine. Rome-Italy

The role of complement in autoimmune diseases

10:40-10:55 Dr. Nancy Agmon-Levin - Zabludowicz Center for Autoimmune Diseases, Sheba

Medical Center, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel-Aviv, Israel.

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### 10:55-11:15 Coffee break

Session II APS Pregnancy and Cytokines

**Chairpersons: Prof. Yair Levy** – Kefar Saba

Prof. Hawi Amital - Tel-Aviv

11:15-11:35 **Prof. PL Meroni** – Division of Rheumatology, Department of Internal Medicine,

University of Milan, Italy.

Obstetric and vascular APS: Same autoantibodies, but different diseases

11:35-11:50 **Prof. Miri Blank** - Zabludowicz Center for Autoimmune Diseases, Sheba Medical

 $Center, Sackler \, Faculty \, of \, Medicine, \, Tel-Aviv, \, Israel.$ 

Tetanus vaccine and APS – The ASIA syndrome

11:50-12:10 **Prof. Angela Tincani** – Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology University

of Brescia, Italy

Pregnancy in systemic rheumatic diseases

12:10-12:25 **Prof. Riva Brik** – Department of Pediatrics B, and Pediatric Rheumatology Unit,

Rambam Medical Center, Faculty of Medicine, Haifa, Israel.

The role of IL-1 in inflammatory diseases of childhood

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12:25-12:45 **Prof. Caterina De Carolis** – Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics,

San Giovani-Addolorata Hospital, Rome, Italy

Recurrent spontaneous abortions: A link between pregnancy and

autoimmunity

Lunch break

12:45-13:30

Session III	Advances in SLE and Rheumatoid Arthritis
Chairpersons:	Prof. Zeev Stoeger - Rehovot
	Dr. Devy Zismann - Haifa
12.20_12.45	Dr. Zahaya Vadasz - Division of Allergy and Cli

13:30-13:45 **Dr. Zahava Vadasz** - Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology Bnai-Zion

Medical Center, Faculty of Medicine, Haifa-Israel

The link between angiogenesis and SLE

13:45-14:05 **Prof. Piercarlo Sarzi Puttini** - Rheumatology Unite, Sacco University Hospital,

Milan, Italy

Early rheumatoid arthritis: What is the Question?

14:05-14:25 **Prof. Andrea Doria** - Division of Rheumatology, Department of Clinical

and Experimental Medicine. University of Padova, Italy. Belimumab in SLE: rational and clinical experience

14:25 -14:40 **Prof. Yaakov Naparstak** - Rheumatology, Department of Internal Medicine,

Hadassah Medical Center, Jerusalem, Israel.

Protective antibodies in autoimmune diseases: A new therapeutic approach

14:40-15:00 **Prof. Nicola Bizzaro** – Laboratory of Clinical Pathology San Antonio Hospital,

Tolmezzo, Italy.

Anti-chromatin versus anti dsDNA antibodies in the diagnosis of SLE

15:00-15:15 Coffee break

## Session IV Clinical aspects in autoimmunity and rheumatology

Chairpersons:	Dr. Aharon Kessel - Haifa Dr. Shay Kivity - Tel-Aviv
15:15-15:35	Prof. Dan Buskila – Department of Medicine, Soroka Medical Center, Ben Gurion University, Beer Sheva-Israel The genetics of fibromyalgia: from gini to genes
15:35-15:55	<b>Prof. Carlo Selmi</b> - Clinical Immunology, Humanitas Clinical and Research Center, Rozzano, Milan, Italy.  Sex differences in autoimmune diseases
15:55-16:10	<b>Dr. Gisele Zandman</b> - Goddarad – Department of Internal Medicine, Wolfson Medical Center, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel-Aviv, Israel Environmental trigers in SLE related diseases
16:10-16:30	<b>Prof. Ferdinando Nicolleti -</b> School of Medicine University of Catania, Italy. Macrophage migration inhibitory factor as novel therapeutic target for the treatment of autoimmune diseases.
16:30-16:45	<b>Dr. Alexandra Balbir</b> - Rheumatology Unit, Rambam Medical Center Faculty of Medicine, Haifa- Israel

Systemic Sclerosis: When immune and clinical aspects come together













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