11. EUROPEAN LUPUS MEETING
DÜSSELDORF 21.-24. MARCH 2018

Preliminary Program
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Dear Artist, Biostatistician, Colleague, Drug Developer, Epidemiologist, Fellow, Friend, Geneticist, Journalist, Lupologist, Medical Representative, Patient, Pathologist, Psychologist, Publisher, Researcher, Scientist, Speaker, Sponsor, Support Group, Teacher

If you are delighted to learn something new every day just by taking care of patients and if you are enthusiastic about discovering something unexpected day by day and if you are keen to learn from other specialities in- and outside of medicine and if you like good friendship with your greatest competitor and if you are convinced that you can learn a lot from failures and if you welcome global collaborations without borders,

you are probably an avowed lupus enthusiast, and we are looking forward to welcoming you in Düsseldorf on the occasion of the 11th European Lupus Meeting in March 2018 (21st-24th).

A mixture of the above listed options connects us to the fascinating disease lupus and convinced us that a multifaceted fusion of clinical and basic science together with new promising data from clinical trials will make an interesting and challenging content for Düsseldorf meeting.

The 11th European Lupus Meeting is the first conference of the newly founded European Lupus Society. It will be our pleasure to open up the space for open and fruitful discussions about future developments in the field.

Topics may be “International Collaborations” and “Young Academics in Lupus Research”, who we invite to be actively involved in the scientific programme. If you like to experience a synthesis of traditional, modern and future perspectives of medicine and science, Düsseldorf will be your town to visit in March 2018.

Following the meetings in extraordinary cities like Venice (2016) and Melbourne (2017), Düsseldorf, a modern city marvellously situated on the river Rhine with a special passion for art and fashion, full of very warm-hearted and sociable people will welcome you.

Düsseldorf is a city of short distances, directly connected to most European cities, as well as to the USA and Asia.

I am looking forward to welcoming you in Düsseldorf!

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### Lunch and Poster Tour

- Fish Bowl/Open Chair - discussion rounds
  - Measuring lupus disease activity in daily clinical practice: challenges and unmet needs (based on cases)
  - Who takes care of lupus patients?
  - B cell depleting treatment in lupus
  - Fatigue in lupus: feature of the disease or conditioning by patience “education”?

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### KEY LEGEND

- PRE MEETING COURSE
- CONGRESS SESSIONS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS
- BREAKFAST MEETING
- INDUSTRY-SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM
- FISH BOWL DISCUSSION ROUNDS
- POST MEETING COURSE
Scientific Program

WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2018

10:00-15:00  Pre-Meeting Course

Room 3A
17:00-17:30  OPENING LECTURE

Room 3A
17:30-18:30  OPENING CEREMONY

Room 3A
18:30-20:00  WHEN IT ALL BEGINS...
18:30-18:50  New SLE classification criteria: challenges and opportunities
 M. Aringer (Dresden, Germany)
18:50-19:10  Gene profiling studies in SLE. What have we learned?
 G. Bertsias (Crete, Greece)
19:10-19:30  Which lupus do you have? Phenotyping the disease
 M. Urowitz (Toronto, Canada)
19:30-20:00  ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Room 3D
18:30-20:00  THERAPEUTIC STRATEGIES
18:30-18:50  Targeted Therapies - how do they influence outcome
 J. Smolen (Vienna, Austria)
18:50-19:10  Definitions of remission in SLE
 R. Van Vollenhoven (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
19:10-19:30  New therapeutic strategies in lupus management
 A. Doria (Padova, Italy)
19:30-20:00  ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

20:00-21:00  Welcome Cocktail
### Room 3A
**THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2018**

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<td><strong>LUPUS FLARES</strong></td>
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<td><strong>MANAGEMENT OF REFRACTORY</strong></td>
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<td>The interaction between pDC and the adaptive immune system</td>
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<td>Antimicrobial peptides in SLE pathogenesis</td>
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<td>Catastrophic antiphospholipid syndrome: an update</td>
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<td>Neurologic manifestations: SLE versus APS</td>
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• Minimal clinical data set for routine care/research
• Improving trial design

16:15-16:45  Coffee Break

Room 3A
16:45-18:30  LONGTERM OUTCOME
16:45-17:05  Mortality in SLE
M. Tektonidou (Athens, Greece)
17:05-17:25  SLE - when it doesn't kill you what can it do longterm?
D. Isenberg (London, UK)
17:25-17:45  HrQoL
S. Vordenbäumen (Düsseldorf, Germany)
17:45-18:30  ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Room 3D
16:45-18:30  REPRODUCTION
16:45-17:05  How to counsel SLE patients in childbearing age
A. Tincani (Brescia, Italy)
17:05-17:25  Are lupus pregnancies still “high risk”?
R. Fischer-Betz (Düsseldorf, Germany)
17:25-17:45  APS and pregnancy
M. Khamashta (London, UK)
17:45-18:30  ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Room 3A
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### FRIDAY 23 MARCH 2018

#### Room 3A
**09:00-10:30**
**BIOMARKER&INDICES**
- 09:00-09:20 The genomic architecture of human SLE: Clinical implication
  D. Boumpas (Athens, Greece)
- 09:20-09:40 Association of serum IFN levels with lupus manifestations
  Z. Amoura (Paris, France)
- 09:40-10:00 The molecular stratification of lupus
  M.E. Alarcon-Riquelme (Granada, Spain)

**10:00-10:30**
**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

#### Room 3D
**09:00-10:30**
**SUPPORTIVE THERAPIES**
- 09:00-09:20 Update on infections in SLE patients
  J.M. Pego-Reigosa (Vigo, Spain)
- 09:20-09:40 Risk of lupus flares due to vaccination?
  Y. Shoenfeld (Tel-Hashomer, Israel)
- 09:40-10:00 Smoking and SLE: a strong impact on disease prevalence, severity, and response to treatments
  L. Arnoud (Strasbourg, France)

**10:00-10:30**
**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**10:30-10:45**
**Coffee Break**

#### Room 3A
**10:45-12:30**
**MAINTAINANCE THERAPY**
- 10:45-11:05 Long term effects of reduced-dose glucocorticoid schedules in patients with SLE
  G. Ruiz-Irastorza (Barakaldo, Spain)
- 11:05-11:25 How to improve adherence to treatment in SLE
  N. Costedoat-Chalumeau (Paris, France)
- 11:25-11:45 Calcineurin inhibition in lupus nephritis, an old story or a new dawn?
  D. Jayne (Cambridge, UK)

**11:45-12:30**
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#### Room 3D
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**IMMUNOPATHOGENESIS II**
- 10:45-11:05 Distinctive microparticle subsets in patients with SLE
  S. Jacobsen (Copenhagen, Denmark)
- 11:05-11:25 Immunometabolism in systemic lupus erythematosus
  L. Morel (Gainesville, USA)
- 11:25-11:45 Immunological factors contributing to development of cardiovascular disease in patients with SLE
  A. Rahman (London, UK)

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**NEW THERAPEUTIC CANDIDATES**
- 16:45-17:05  
  **Novel Therapies for SLE**
  R. Furie (New York, USA)
- 17:05-17:25  
  **B cell directed therapies in SLE**
  R. Van Vollenhoven (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
- 17:25-17:45  
  **Biologic Therapy for SLE beyond rituximab, belimumab and interferon alpha blockade-encouraging signs!**
  D. Isenberg (London, UK)
- 17:45-18:30  
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  **Patient vs. Doctor’s reported measures of disease activity**
  E. Svenungsson (Stockholm, Sweden)
- 17:05-17:25  
  **Assessment and management of fatigue in SLE**
  D. D’Cruz (London, UK)
- 17:25-17:45  
  **LuLa: PRO cohort**
  G. Chehab (Düsseldorf, Germany)
- 17:45-18:30  
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**CLOSING CEREMONY**

SATURDAY 24 MARCH 2018

09:00-17:30  
**Post Meeting Course “Targeted Therapies in Rheumatology”**
IMPORTANT DATES

Late breaking abstract submission • from 20 October to 12 November 2017
Abstract notification
( for abstract submitted within September 17)
• 30 October 2017
Early registration deadline • 15 December 2017
Late registration deadline • 19 February 2018
Onsite registration • From 20 February and onsite

PRE-MEETING COURSE (only for Trainees/Fellows)

A pre-meeting course, dedicated to the SLE interested fellows, will be held on March 21 from 10:00 to 15:00, before the official beginning of the conference. Here participants will learn all about SLE basics in three interactive workshops:
• Diagnosis of SLE and SLE mimics
• Therapeutic strategies in SLE
• Immunofluorescence microscopy and Capillary microscopy
You can sign up for the course when registering online for the European Lupus Meeting.

MENTOR-MENTEE-PROGRAM (only for Trainees/Fellows and Students)

During the Congress, young fellows will have the possibility to meet experts in SLE and get one mentor assigned that will guide them through the conference to resume the day, discuss interesting topics, visit the poster session and sharing the most exciting news. Application also via the registration platform.

FISH BOWL DISCUSSION ROUNDS

On March 22 and 23, interactive sessions called “Fish Bowl and Open Chair – Discussion Rounds” will be organized throughout the meeting in the Poster area (Building 22.01).

Young fellows will be invited to choose the fish bowl round of interest and:
• prepare a short evidence based introduction for the beginning of the discussion to create a common base for participants and audience
• actively participate in the discussion

Don’t miss the chance to extend your knowledge, meet experts in your topic of interest and get generous reduction in registration fee.
If interested, please send an Email to: lupus2018@aimgroup.eu

POST-MEETING COURSE

The post meeting course will be on Saturday, 24 March 2018 from 09:00 to 17:30 and it will focus on “Targeted Therapies in Rheumatology”. The course is included in the registration fee but you need to confirm your interest during the online registration.
ORAL COMMUNICATION AND POSTER

The Scientific Committee will select the abstracts in order to allocate them in the sessions as oral presentation or as poster. Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent to the corresponding author by October 30, 2017. The presenting author of the accepted abstract must register and attend the Congress.

LATE BREAKING ABSTRACTS

Due to the popular demand the Scientific Committee decided to open a late breaking abstracts submission only for posters from 20 October to 12 November. Abstracts received by e-mail, by fax or after the deadline will not be considered.

E-POSTERS

All abstracts accepted as posters will be displayed at E-Poster Stations (LCD Screens). The discussion will take place in the Poster Area (Building 22.01) during lunchtime on Thursday, March 22 and Friday, March 23 from 13.30 to 14.30.

The electronic poster will be structured with 2 slides (1st slide: Objective, Design and Method - 2nd slide: Results and Conclusions) and each author has 3 minutes for the presentation and 2 minutes for the discussion.

The E-Poster Discussion during lunchtime will be guided and moderated by a chairperson. All presentations, discussions and questions must be in English.

ABSTRACT BOOK

All submitted abstracts, accepted as oral presentation or poster, will be published in Lupus Science & Medicine Supplement.

The abstract book will be available only in electronic format on line and downloadable from Lupus Science & Medicine website. (www.lupus.bmj.com)

The presenting author of the accepted abstract must register within the end of January and attend the Congress; if not, the abstract will be withdrawn from the Abstract Book.

CME CREDITS

The UEMS-EACCME® application has been presented for CME accreditation of the event.

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CONGRESS VENUE
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf
Universitätsstraße 1 - 40225 Düsseldorf, Germany
Building 23.01 (closest bus stop: Universität-Mensa)

HOW TO REACH THE VENUE

Arriving by plane
Düsseldorf Rhine-Ruhr airport is one of the biggest in Europe. There is a good connection to the main station by city train (S-Bahn) and from there to the University by tram (line U79 to the stop “Südpark”, line 731, 735, 827, NE7 to the stop Universität-Mensa).

Arriving by train
Düsseldorf main station is connected to all international long-distance train routes. Both the U79 and the 704 tram go from there directly to the University. Travel time from the station is around 20 minutes.
Line U79: stop at “Südpark”
Lines 731, 735, 827, NE7: stop at Universität-Mensa.

Arriving by bus
The University is on the route of the following buses: 735, 827, 835 and 836. If you take the 735 or 827 you can get off at “Universität Mensa” (the closest bus stop).
SECRETARIAT AND REGISTRATION DESK
The on-site registration desks will be open during the following days:

• Wednesday 21 March 2018  13.00 - 20.00
• Thursday 22 March 2018  08.00 - 19.00
• Friday 23 March 2018  08.00 - 19.00
• Saturday 24 March 2018  08.30 - 18.00

ADMISSION
Participants are kindly requested to wear their badge during all congress activities. The badge will admit to the scientific sessions, exhibition area, coffee breaks and lunches.

OPENING CEREMONY AND WELCOME COCKTAIL
The Opening Ceremony of the Congress will be held on March 21 at 17.30 in the 3A Room. The Welcome Cocktail will be held on March 21 starting from 20.00 in the exhibition area.

LANGUAGE
The official language is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES
Attendance certificates will be delivered to all regularly registered participants during the meeting.

VISA REQUIREMENTS
All foreigners intending to enter Italy must provide the documentation required to justify the reasons and duration of their stay as well as, in some prescribed cases, the availability of adequate economic means and lodging. In some cases you need a visa, application for which can be made at the Italian Diplomatic and Consular Representations in your country of residence.

Don’t you have an EU passport or EU valid documentation?
Do you need a Visa?
If you have doubts visit NOW the website:
http://www.germany-visa.org/
• find out whether, depending on your citizenship, country of long-term residence, and the duration and reasons for your stay, you need a Visa to enter Germany.
• find out which documents are required in order to apply for your visa.

ATTENTION:
• VISA application may even require 120 days! Check it NOW!
• VISA application fee is from € 35,00 to € 116,00 per person to be paid at application, in local currency, to the Consulate or Embassy directly.
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AIM Group will be glad to assist you if you need any written invitation or other document to support your VISA Application. Feel free to contact us at visa@aimgroup.eu.
Guarantee letter for Chinese citizen
If you are a citizen of China (RPC - 中華人民共和國 – 中华人民共和国) in accordance to the agreements between the Authorities your are demanded to obtain a guarantee letter issued by AIM Group as Organizer of the Conference. Please contact us at visa@aimgroup.eu for more instructions.

OFFICIAL CARRIER

Lufthansa Group Partner Airlines is the official carriers of LUPUS 2018. It offers a comprehensive global route network linking major cities around the world, and special prices and conditions to participants, visitors, exhibitors, invited guests as well as employees of the Contracting partner and their travel companions.

To make a reservation, please click on www.lufthansa.com/event-booking_en and enter the access code ITZJWBQ in the “Access to Your Special Lufthansa Offer” area. This will open an online booking platform that will automatically calculate the discount offered or provide you with an even better offer if another promotional fare is available.

EXHIBITION

An exhibition of pharmaceutical and technical products will take place in the Congress Venue throughout the Meeting. Additional opportunities for sponsorship are available. To receive the Sponsor Prospectus please contact the Organizing Secretariat.

REGISTRATIONS

REGISTRATION FEE (All fees are German VAT 19% included)

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* In order to benefit from the special fee, a submission of your status confirmation (approval letter signed by the Head of Department or copy of your status ID) must be sent to the Organizing Secretariat by e-mail or by fax.
The delegate fee includes:
• Admission to the scientific sessions
• Welcome cocktail on March 21
• Congress bag with complete meeting materials
• Certificate of attendance
• Access to the exhibition and poster area
• Coffee breaks and lunches, as scheduled in the program

PAYMENTS

• By Credit Card
  All major credit cards are accepted (American Express, VISA, Eurocard/Master Card).

• Bank Transfer
  Please transfer the payment to: AIM Italy srl
  Bank details: Intesa San Paolo - Filiale di Viale Conizugna 62 - Milano
  IBAN: IT57D03069094571000000005623
  swift/BIC: BCITITMM
  The payment transfer form should clearly state the name(s) of the delegate(s) and should clearly state LUPUS2018

On the website www.lupus2018.com is available an “on line” registration form with payment by credit card in security certificate mode “Verisign” and “SSB”.
An invoice will be issued as written confirmation of your registration by the Organizing Secretariat.

Name Changes
After February 15, 2018 sponsors who wish to make name changes will be charged of an handling fee of € 50,00 (VAT 19% included) per name change. A new registration form for each replacement participant will be required before the name change can be processed. Individuals may make name changes only in exceptional cases.

Cancellation Policy
Notification of cancellation must be sent in writing to AIM Group International. Cancellations will be accepted until January 15, 2018 with a refund of all prepaid fees expect for a 30% administration charge. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after this date.
ACCOMMODATION

Rooms have been reserved at very special rates as follows:

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Ensure your hotel reservation is made by 1st March 2018. After this date, room availability is not guaranteed. The reservation of the room includes a public transportation ticket valid Wednesday-Saturday, 21-24 March 2018, within Düsseldorf. Please note that this ticket covers the transportation from and to the airport. The public transportation ticket will be granted only if the room will be reserved with the Conference Housing Service.

For any information and/or reservation please contact the Official Housing Bureau and Travel Agency of the congress: AIM Group International
Phone: +39 02 566011
E-mail: lupus2018.hotel@aimgroup.eu

Payment of hotel reservation

Every reservation must be paid by credit card or bank transfer. When paying with credit card the total amount due for the stay will be charged on the given credit card upon confirmation of the booking. AIM Group International - AIM Italy - Milan Office will issue an invoice for the charged amount.

Cancellation Policy

Any change or cancellation of the hotel reservation must be sent in written to AIM Group International. AIM Group International reserves the right to charge on the given credit card the following cancellation fees:
• Before 15th January 2018: 30% of payment will be kept as cancellation fee and the remaining amount will be refunded
• Starting from 15th January 2018: No refund for changes or cancellations

Group accommodation

AIM Group International will be at your disposal for any information about hotel reservations. Group reservations will follow special group conditions and are not available online: please contact us at lupus2018.hotel@aimgroup.eu in order to obtain “Terms and conditions for groups”.

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