



8th International Congress on Autoimmunity

Granada, Spain | May 9-13, 2012



Call for Abstracts

Abstract Submission Deadline: Tuesday, November 1, 2011

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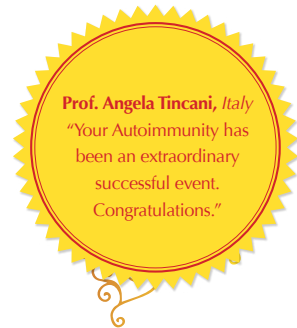
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Congratulations! To the Ljubljana's Autoimmunity meeting. The meeting was well organized and many of novel scientific information stimulated and encouraged us. I look forward to the next wonderful Granada meeting



Dear Friends,

After 7 most successful International Congresses on Autoimmunity, we are pleased to welcome you to our 8th International Congress in the historic and beautiful city of Granada.

The scientific program will include the latest discoveries in all related autoimmunity topics with worldwide top leading scientists joining us and enriching our knowledge with their presentations.

We hope to host over 2000 participants and listeners and we are sure that this meeting will fulfill all expectations.

Join us and enjoy the unique combination of fabulous scenes, great weather, tasty food and wine. Catch up with colleagues and establish new relationships while discovering the latest developments in Autoimmunity.

Sincerely yours,

Yehuda Shoenfeld, MD, FRCP
Congress President

Prof. Jan Willem Cohen Tervaert
The Netherlands

Many thanks for organizing a fantastic meeting in Ljubljana!
The biggest surprise for me was your talk on the new disease entity ASIA!



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PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012				
	Hall A	Hall B	Hall C	Hall D
10:30-19:00	Registration and Distribution of Material			
		12:30-16:00 Satellite Symposium sponsored by Bio-Rad	12:30-18:00 Basic Immunology Course Abul. K. Abbas, USA	13:00-18:00 2 nd International Symposium on Vaccine Safety
18:30-20:00	Opening Ceremony Welcome Buffet reception in the Exhibition Area of the Congress Center			
THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012				
08:00-10:00	Plenary Session			
10:00-10:30	<i>Coffee Break, Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>			
10:30-12:30	Parallel Sessions			
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch Break, Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>			
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunchtime Symposium sponsored by Chugai/Roche</i>			
14:00-16:00	Parallel Sessions			
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee Break, Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>			
16:30-18:30	Parallel Sessions			
20:00	Faculty Dinner			
FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012				
08:00-10:00	Plenary Session			
10:00-10:30	<i>Coffee Break, Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>			
10:30-12:30	Parallel Sessions			
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch Break, Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>			
14:00-16:00	Parallel Sessions			
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee Break, Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>			
16:30-18:30	Parallel Sessions			
Evening	Free for Company Events			
SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012				
08:00-10:00	Plenary Session			08:00-18:30 Patient Forum in association with FELUPUS (Spanish Federation of Lupus Patients)
10:00-10:30	<i>Coffee Break, Exhibition and Poster viewing</i>			
10:30-12:30	Parallel Sessions			
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch Break, Exhibition and Poster viewing</i>			
14:00-16:00	Parallel Sessions			
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee Break, Exhibition and Poster viewing</i>			
16:30-18:30	Parallel Sessions			
20:00	Congress Gala dinner (optional)			
SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2012				
08:00-10:00	Plenary Session			
10:00-10:30	<i>Coffee Break, Exhibition and Poster viewing</i>			
10:30-12:30	Parallel Sessions			



MAIN CONGRESS TOPICS

- ANTIPHOSPHOLIPID SYNDROME TOWARDS THE THIRD DECADE
- AUTOIMMUNITY TOLL LIKE RECEPTORS
- AUTOIMMUNITY, THE HEART AND ATHEROSCLEROSIS
- CELIAC DISEASE AND AUTOIMMUNITY
- CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM AND AUTOIMMUNITY AND EYE, SMELL AND PSYCHIATRY
- CITRULLINATION AND AUTOIMMUNITY: ANTICCP
- COMPLEMENT IN AUTOIMMUNITY
- DIAGNOSTIC MEASUREMENTS IN AUTOIMMUNITY
- DIAGNOSTICS OF STANDARDIZATION
- ENVIRONMENT, VACCINATION AND AUTOIMMUNITY
- EXPERIMENTAL MODELS
- GASTRO INTESTINAL AUTOIMMUNITY
- HEAT SHOCK PROTEIN AND INFECTION IN AUTOIMMUNITY
- HEMATOLOGICAL DISEASE AUTOIMMUNE, PREGNANCY AND AI
- IL17, TH17 AND CYTOKINES IN AUTOIMMUNITY
- IMMUNOFLOUORESCENCE METHODS IN AUTOIMMUNITY
- INFECTION AND AUTOIMMUNITY
- INNATE AUTOIMMUNITY SNF NATURAL ANTIBODIES
- IVIG
- LIVER AND AUTOIMMUNITY
- MECHANISM AND ETIOLOGY OF AI DISEASES
- NEW BIOLOGICAL DRUGS
- NOVEL ANTIBODIES FOR DIGANOSTIC PURPOSES
- NOVEL ASPECTS OF THERAPIES – GLUCOCORTICOIDS
- NOVEL THERAPEUTIC TARGETS IN AUTOIMMUNITY
- PEPTIDES AND AID DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPY
- POLYMYOSITIS, MY ASTHENIA GRAVIS & MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
- PROTECTIVE ANTIBODIES
- PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION & SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS
- RITUXIMAB AND AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES
- SJÖGREN'S DISEASE
- SKIN AND AUTOIMMUNITY
- SLE AND DENTRITIC
- SURVEILLANCE OF DRUGS AND DIAGNOSTICS USED IN THE MANAGEMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES
- T CELLS AND T REGULATORY CELLS – TOLERANCE
- THE GENETICS OF AUTOINFLAMMATORY DISEASES
- THE ROLE OF B CELLS AND BAFF IN AUTOIMMUNITY
- THYROID AI
- VASCULITIS D, HORMONES & TRANSLATION FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE





CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Participants are requested to submit an abstract to the Secretariat

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS:
No later than Tuesday, 1 November 2011**

Abstracts will be reviewed and assigned to appropriate sessions.

Participants who would like to present **poster presentations or oral presentations** must submit an abstract for consideration by the Scientific Committee.

The Scientific Committee will determine whether abstracts will be accepted as oral presentations or poster presentations, with consideration to be given to the author's preference.

Only the abstracts of registered presenting authors will be included in the final programme and on the Abstracts CD ROM.

Abstracts accepted for presentation will be published on the website prior to the Congress and distributed at the congress on an abstract CD.

METHOD OF SUBMISSION

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Abstracts should be submitted via the internet:
[www.kenes.com/autoimmunity 2012](http://www.kenes.com/autoimmunity2012)

Guidelines for Submission

1. The abstracts should be as informative as possible:
 - a) State specific object of study
 - b) State method used
 - c) State conclusions reached
2. **All submitted abstracts must contain novel data**
2. Standard abbreviations may be used
3. Only presentations of registered authors will be included in the scientific program
4. Abstracts should be submitted in proper English
5. Abstract length should not exceed 250 words
6. The presenting author is required to ensure that all co-authors are aware of the content of the abstract before submission to the Secretariat.

More information can be found on the congress website

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Palacio de Exposiciones y Congresos de Granada
Paseo del Violon s/n Granada, CP; E-18006, Spain
Tel: + 34 958 246 700
www.pcfr.org

LANGUAGE

English is the official language of the Congress.

CLIMATE

The average temperature in Granada during the month of May ranges between **25°C - 40°C**

CME ACCREDITATION

An application for CME accreditation via EACCME will be made once the Scientific Program has been finalized. Please check the Congress website for further information.

PERSONAL INSURANCE

The Congress Secretariat and Organisers cannot accept liability for personal accidents or loss of or damage to private property of participants and accompanying persons. Participants are advised to take out their own personal travel and health insurance for their trip.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Please check with your travel agent/local consulate if you require a visa for entry to Spain.

EXHIBITION

A professional exhibition will be held concurrently with the Congress.
For more details, please contact: eschwartz@kenes.com

CONGRESS ORGANIZERS

Please do not hesitate to contact the organizers if you require any additional information or assistance. Please address all correspondence to:



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ABOUT GRANADA & HOW TO GET THERE

Granada is located in the eastern part of Andalucia (Southern Spain) at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

The history of Granada is fascinating. The town, settled by moors for nearly 8 centuries was the last Moorish town to be conquered by Christians in 1492. This interesting history still visible in the town where famous monuments like Alhambra Fortress and the zone Albaicin with its mixture of typical Mujahardin and Spanish architecture can be found.

Granada is a popular university town with 60.000 students a year, around 20% of the total population. The high percentage of students in Granada makes the atmosphere cheerful, with a very active nightlife.

AIRPORT INFORMATION AND TRAVEL TO GRANADA

Granada airport is located about 16 Kilometers west of the city. There are daily regular flights from Madrid, Barcelona, and major European cities including Denmark, Greece, Norway, Portugal, Sweden and The Netherlands.

Malaga is the nearest international airport to Granada and there are plenty of flights from most major parts. It takes about 90 minutes from Malaga to Granada by road, with plenty public transportation options.

**Visit our website for additional information on Granada:
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REGISTRATION

In order to register, please register via the meeting website

	Early (up to & including February 14, 2012)	Regular (From February 15 to May 1, 2012)	Late From May 2, 2012
Full participant	€450	€550	€625
Residents*	€330	€375	€420
Teaching course	€120	€120	€150
Farwell Dinner		€75	
Additional guest ticket to the Welcome Reception		€42	

* Refers to non-tenured junior scientists. Registration form should be accompanied by a letter from their head of department confirming their status by email (reg_autoimmunity2012@kenes.com) or by fax No. +41 22 906 9134

FEES FOR ALL CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE:

- Participation in scientific sessions
- Entrance to the exhibition
- Invitation to the opening ceremony and welcome reception
- Refreshments during program break times
- The printed material of the Congress
- Certificate of attendance

PAYMENT METHODS

Payment of registration fees (in EUR) can be made as follows:

- **By Credit Card:**
Visa, MasterCard or American Express
- **By Bank Transfer**
Registration will only be valid upon receipt of full payment by the registration department according to the deadline indicated.



Group Registration:

For group registration (10 participants and more) please contact the Registration department at: reg_autoimmunity2012@kenes.com



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Kenes International is the official organizer of **The 8th International Congress on Autoimmunity** and will be offering specially reduced rates for hotels in Granada. We strongly advise all participants to reserve their hotel accommodation as soon as possible.



For full information and booking please visit the accommodation page at the Congress website:

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PD Dr. A. Kromminga, *Germany*

"Excellent conference, of course the organization was superb, the social events were relaxing. The program covered most topics of autoimmunity. My sincere congratulations and respect."

Prof. Georg Wick, *Austria*

"The conference turned out to be extremely interesting and many of the presentations were relevant to our ongoing work. Furthermore, the autoimmunity meetings have become a kind of family reunion where you meet old friends and get new acquaintances making the whole event very different from most of the other larger conferences. The organization and social program were just outstanding. Congratulations."

MD Howard Amital, *Israel*

"Not every time one has the privilege to witness the birth of two new syndromes, not to mention the emergence of novel therapeutic modalities in autoimmunity."

Prof R. Geril, *Italy*

I wish to congratulate you for the wonderful and perfectly organized meeting, high number of participants with very high level of presentations. Perfect organization, magnificent social events."

Dr. Pier Luigi Meroni, *Italy*

"Thank you for involving me in the meeting. It has been a success for you & Eric, and a big honour for me."

Md, PhD Enno Schmidt, *Germany*

" You did a tremendously good job bringing all the people of the field together. I personally learned a lot about other specialties in autoimmunity and enjoyed the perfect organization, accommodation, and relaxed atmosphere."

Dr. Edna Mozes, *Israel*

The scientific content of the meeting were excellent, the social events were great and everything was perfectly organized

Jean-Michel Dayer, *Switzerland*

Thank you very much for your kind invitation and for the great opportunity to participate in this outstanding meeting.

Prof. Walther van Venrooij, *The Netherlands*

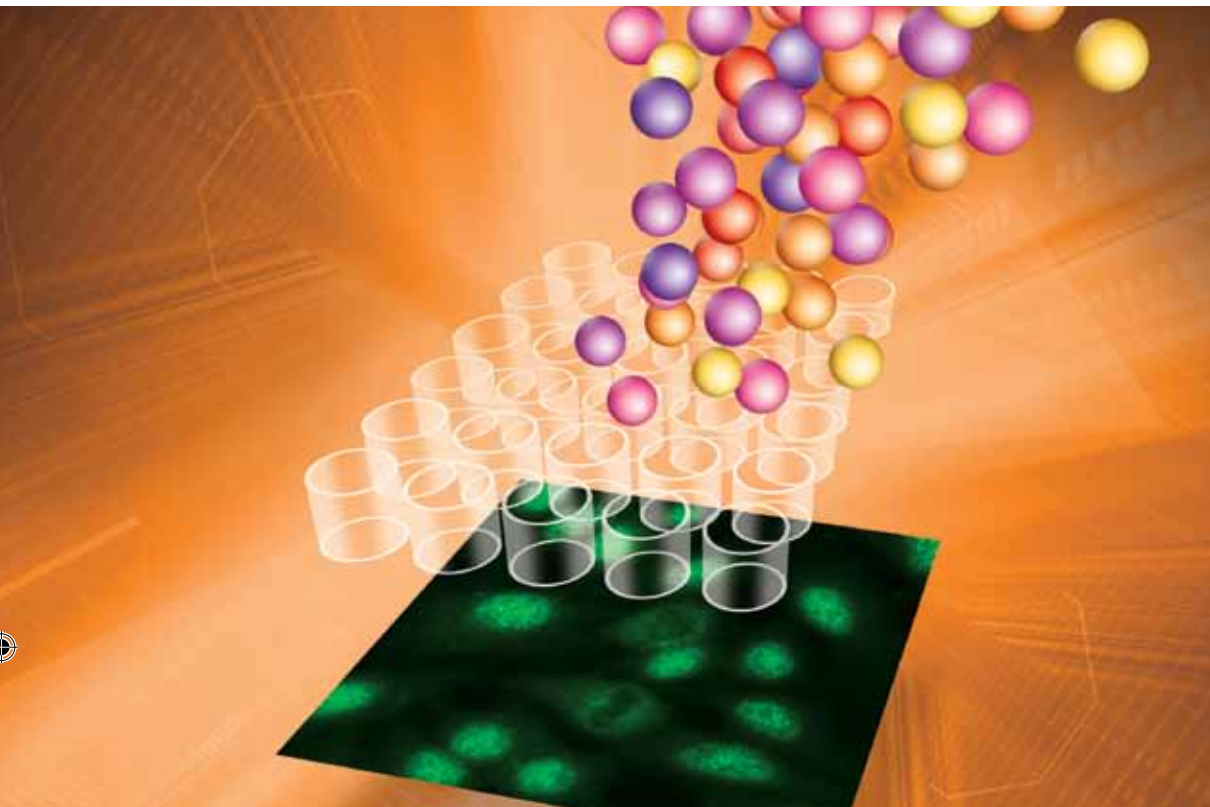
Every meeting you organize seems better than the former one. It is like the Olympic Games, every Olympic Games is the best ever.

Ho-Youn Kim MD, *Republic of Korea*

It was a new moment of opening global society of "Autoimmunology" in medical science. This meeting stimulates many autoimmunologists in the each national society.

Prof. Luis Jara, *Mexico*

Congratulations for the 7^o Autoimmunity meeting. meetings, and definitively, Autoimmunity high academic level, great organization, and harmony.



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