



**10th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON
SJÖGREN'S SYNDROME**

Brest, France, October 1-3, 2009

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PROFILE OF THE SYMPOSIUM

The 10th International Symposium on Sjögren's Syndrome will take place in Brest, France, on October 1-3, 2009. Such an outstanding conference will attract the key opinion leaders in the field. Experts from several disciplines including rheumatologists, immunologists, stomatologists and ophthalmologists will be gathered together, as well as scientists and medics interested in Sjögren's. The organisation of the sessions will be based on three features.

1) Each of the five sessions will be composed of a question presented by five invited speakers covering etiology, pathophysiology, clinical and biological novelties, epidemiology coupled with nosology, and therapy. Three chairpersons will be in charge of maintaining the discussion.

2) Each session will be followed by 6-8 oral communications selected by the international scientific committee.

3) Time will be set aside for presentations from the patients' associations in parallel to the meeting (France, Germany, UK, USA, Italy, The Netherlands, Japan, etc). One session will be dedicated to the exchange of information and delegations allotted a 10-minute slot to explain what's going on in each country, another session will be chaired by selected delegates to update the status of clinical and basic research for the audience.

Since the 2006 Symposium in Washington DC, a number of exciting new concepts have been developed, and in this context special attention will be paid to therapy which has indeed become a major area of interest. It will thus be extremely stimulating to view and discuss side-by-side data from all over the world, that is analyzing the ongoing rituximab trials.

The organizing committee expects over 300 attendees, and representatives of the patients' associations from more approximately 15 countries. Finally, a press conference will be held at the end of this symposium.



PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Welcome address: P Youinou

October 1, 2009 - Thursday morning

ETIOLOGY - Chair : Y Shoenfeld (Israel), Y Renaudineau (France), and T Dörner (Germany)

- **Virus or viruses?** HM Moutsopoulos (Greece)
- **Genetic basis of Sjögren's syndrome** : JM Anaya (Colombia)
- **Epigenetics** : S Gay (Switzerland)

Discussion

- **Toll-like receptors in Sjögren's syndrome** : T Defrance (France)
- **Sex hormones** : YT Konttinen (Finland)

Discussion, debate and synthesis

Coffee break

Six oral communications - Chair : T Daniels (USA), V Devauchelle (France), and S Bombardieri (Italy)

Thursday afternoon

Guided visit of the posters : G Steiner (Austria), S Bowman (UK), and PY Hatron (France)

CLINICS & BIOLOGY - Chair : T Koike (Japan), L Guillevin (France) and M Ramos-Casals (Spain)

- **Dental complications of Sjögren** : Nicki Moutsopoulos (USA)
- **The impact of Sjögren's on the cornea** : C Baudouin (France)
- **Proteomics** : GF Ferraccioli (Italy)

Discussion

- **Complications besides the eye and the mouth** : C Kallenberg (The Netherlands)
- **The IgG4 syndrome, a new entity** : H Takahashi (Japan)

Discussion, debate and synthesis

Coffee break

Eight oral communications - Chair : DA Isenberg, S Hillion (France), and G Faure (France)

October 2, 2009 - Friday morning

PATHOPHYSIOLOGY - Chair : HM Moutsopoulos, S Gay (Switzerland), and Th Defrance (France)

- The enigma of memory B lymphocytes : PE Lipsky (USA)
- How the concept of autoantibody mosaic fits into Sjögren's? : Y Shoenfeld (Israel)
- T-cell diversity: cytotoxic T cells, Treg, Th17, Th1, Th2 : R Jonsson (Norway)

Discussion

- BAFF, the conductor of the Sjögren's orchestra : F Mackay (Australia)
- Aberrant lymphocyte chemotaxis : C Pitzalis (UK)

Discussion, debate and synthesis

Coffee break

Six oral communications - Chair : C Pitzalis (UK), C Jamin (France), and R Levy (Brazil)

Friday afternoon

Guided visit of the posters : R Jonsson (Norway), S Jousse (France), and J Rovinsky (Slovakia)

TREATMENT - Chair : P Lipsky, Dinç A (Turkey), and S Krilis (Australia)

- Reappraisal of conventional therapy. DA Isenberg (UK)
- Further insights into B cell-depletion. T Dörner (Germany)
- Biotherapies other than anti-CD20. R Eisenberg (USA)

Discussion

- The point on ongoing rituximab trials over the world. A Saraux (France)

Discussion, debate and synthesis

Coffee break

Six oral communications - Chair : S Sawada (Japan), J Cejková (Czech Republic), and E Toubi (Israel)

October 3, 2009 - Saturday morning

EPIDEMIOLOGY - Chair : A Parke (USA), C Berthou (France), and S Sugai (Japan)

- Reappraisal of past studies in epidemiology. R Manthorpe (Sweden)
- Lymphoid malignancies: who? why? when? And where? X Mariette (France)
- The natural history of Sjögren's syndrome. T Daniels (USA)

Discussion

- The difficulties to assess disease activity. C Vitali (Italy)
- How to improve the quality of life of patients with Sjögren's syndrome. S Bowman (UK)

Discussion, debate and synthesis

Coffee break

Four oral communications - Chair : R Eisenberg (USA), JO Pers (France), and A Tzioufas (Greece)

The milestones of the symposium: A Saraux

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