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WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

12.00 *Opening Registrations*

14.30-17.50 PRELIMINARY COURSE ULTRASONOGRAPHY OF THE MAJOR SALIVARY GLANDS IN SJÖGREN'S SYNDROME

14.30 **Introduction and course objectives**
Alen Zabotti (Italy)

The role of Salivary Gland Ultrasonography (SGUS) in primitive Sjögren's Syndrome (pSS) patients

14.45-15.00 **The role of SGUS in the diagnosis of pSS**
Kostantina Delli (The Netherlands)

15.00-15.15 **The role of SGUS in the prognosis and follow-up of pSS**
Chiara Baldini (Italy), Francesco Ferro (Italy)

15.15-15.30 **The role of SGUS for the differential diagnosis of pSS**
Christian Dejacó (Austria)

15.30-15.45 **The role of Color Doppler in the SGUS**
Alojzija Hocevar (Slovenia)

15.45-16.00 **The sonographic features of lymphoma in pSS patients**
Michele Lorenzon (Italy), Ivan Giovannini (Italy)

16.00-16.30 **Live demonstration - Standard scans and normal anatomy of the major salivary glands**
Angelica Gattamelata (Italy), Luca Navarini (Italy)

16.30-16.40 Break

16.40 - 17.40 **Hands on in pSS patients**
Angelica Gattamelata (Italy), Luca Navarini (Italy),
Kostantina Delli (The Netherlands), Christian Dejacó (Austria),
Alojzija Hocevar (Slovenia), Francesco Ferro (Italy),
Michele Lorenzon (Italy), Alen Zabotti (Italy)

17.40-17.50 **Take Home Messages**
Alen Zabotti (Italy)

18.00-18.30 OPENING CEREMONY
S. De Vita (Italy), S. Bombardieri (Italy), R. Gerli (Italy)

18.30-19.00 MAIN LECTURE
M. Ponzone (Italy)

19.00 Welcome Reception





THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

1. EVOLVING TOPICS IN pSS PATHOGENESIS

Chairs: M. Bombardieri (UK), F.G.M. Kroese (The Netherlands)

- 08.20-08.30 **Properties of epithelial cells**
E. Kapsogeorgou (Greece)
- 08.30-08.40 **Infection and the salivary epithelium**
M. Wharen-Herlenius (Sweden)
- 08.40-08.50 **Interaction of epithelium with immune cells**
G. Nocturne (France)
- 08.50-09.00 **Discussion**
- 09.00-09.18 **Innate immunity**
M.A. Versnel (The Netherlands)
- 09.18-09.36 **B-cells in benign lesions**
G.M. Verstappen (The Netherlands)
- 09.36-09.54 **Autoantibodies**
T. Witte (Germany)
- 09.54-10.12 **T cells and co-stimulation**
M. Bombardieri (UK)
- 10.12-10.30 **Key findings of genetics and epigenetics**
C. Lessard (USA)
- 10.30-11.05 **Selected oral presentations**
- 11.05-11.25 *Coffee break*





THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

2. EVOLVING TOPICS IN pSS STRATIFICATION

Chairs: A. Baer (USA), A.G. Tzioufas (Greece)

The Clinical picture

- 11.25-11.42 **The different clinical phenotypes of pSS**
A. Goules (Greece)

Laboratory for stratification

- 11.42-12.00 **Biological markers for stratification in pSS**
J.O. Pers (France)
- 12.00-12.12 **Transcriptomic analysis in different cohorts**
J.E. Gottenberg (France)
- 12.12-12.24 **SICCA NextGen: Preliminary Omics Analyses**
G. Urbanski (USA)

Salivary Imaging and biopsy for stratification

- 12.24-12.39 **Imaging biomarkers for stratification**
C. Baldini (Italy)
- 12.39-12.51 **Labial minor salivary gland biopsy**
B. Fisher (UK)
- 12.51-13.01 **Surgical parotid biopsy**
A. Vissink (The Netherlands)
- 13.01-13.11 **US-guided parotid and submandibular biopsy: accuracy and safety**
A. Zabotti (Italy)

13.11-14.15 *Lunch and Poster tour*





THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

3. EVOLVING TOPICS IN pSS-RELATED LYMPHOPROLIFERATION

Chairs: G. Ferraccioli (Italy), X. Mariette (France)

- 14.15-14.30 **Clinical features of lymphoma updated**
A.G. Tzioufas (Greece)
- 14.30-14.45 **Parotid involvement from the very early symptoms of pSS to lymphoma onset**
S. De Vita (Italy)
- 14.45-15.00 **Local networks and oncogenetic events in B cell expansion: crucial events and perspectives**
J. Reed (Australia)
- 15.00-15.15 **Predicting lymphoma in pSS today**
X. Mariette (France)

The use of parotid biopsy in pSS...

- 15.15-15.22 **...for salivary gland swelling or suspect areas**
A. Zabotti (Italy)
- 15.22-15.29 **...for the diagnosis of pSS: YES**
T. Dörner (Germany)
- 15.29-15.36 **...for the diagnosis of pSS: NO**
A.G. Tzioufas (Greece)
- 15.36-15.43 **...for both**
H. Bootsma (The Netherlands)
- 15.43-15.50 **Discussion**

15.50-16.05 *Coffee break*

16.05-17.20 **Selected oral presentations**





FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

4. EVOLVING TOPICS IN THE EVALUATION OF pSS

Chairs: H. Bootsma (The Netherlands), A. Goules (Greece)

Platforms to collect data: built ad hoc or pre-formed/adapted?

08.30-08.38 **The Harmonicss experience**

T. Exarchos (Greece)

08.38-08.46 **The Necessity experience**

M. Barnes (UK)

08.46-08.50 **Discussion**

Integration between doctors and engineers using artificial Intelligence

08.50-08.58 **The physician point of view**

C. Mavragani (Greece)

08.58-09.06 **The engineer point of view**

D. Fotiadis (Greece)

09.06-09.10 **Discussion**

09.10-09.30 **Activity and damage**

H. Bootsma (The Netherlands)

09.30-09.50 **Composite indexes and STAR (Sjögren Tool for Assessing Response to treatment) for using in clinical trials**

R. Seror (France)

09.50-10.10 **Focused clinical endpoints vs. trial endpoints**

L. Quartuccio (Italy)

10.10-10.30 **Evaluation of the disease-related component of chronic pain and fatigue**

W.F. Ng (UK)

10.30-10.50 Selected oral presentations

10.50-11.10 Coffee break





FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

5. ASSOCIATION OF SS WITH OTHER AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES: IMPLICATIONS FOR DISEASE BIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

Chairs: T. Dörner (Germany), R. Gerli (Italy)

- 11.10-11.25 **pSS, SLE and UCTD**
A. Doria (Italy)
- 11.25-11.40 **pSS with autoimmune thyroid disease or coeliac disease**
R. Gerli (Italy)
- 11.40-11.55 **pSS with SSc**
N. Del Papa (Italy)
- 11.55-12.05 **pSS with RA**
G. Nocturne (France)
- 12.05-12.15 **Polyautoimmunity in Sjögren's syndrome**
J.M. Anaya (Colombia)

12.15-12.30 **Selected oral presentations**

6. THE NOMENCLATURE OF SS

Chairs: S. De Vita (Italy), A.G. Tzioufas (Greece)

- 12.30-12.35 **Introduction**
H.M. Moutsopoulos (Greece)
- 12.35-12.47 **Sjögren syndrome vs Sjögren disease**
A. Baer (USA)
- 12.47-13.00 **Secondary vs. Associated Sjögren**
P. Brito-Zerón (Spain)
- 13.00-13.30 **Round table with experts and plenary discussion**

13.30-14.30 *Lunch and Poster tour*





FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

7. THE INVOLVEMENT OF DIFFERENT SPECIALITIES IN THE CARE OF SS

Chairs: F. Conti (Italy), J. Barrio Cortes (Spain)

- 14.30-14.45 **New developments in the management of dry mouth**
M. Jonsson (Norway)
- 14.45-15.00 **Extraglandular ocular findings of Sjögren's syndrome**
E.K. Akpek (USA)
- 15.00-15.15 **Pediatric pSS: Clinical manifestations**
S. Retamozo (Argentina)
- 15.15-15.30 **Pediatric pSS: Recurrent parotitis, US and parotid biopsy in children**
A. Tommasini (Italy)
- 15.30-15.40 **seXX matters in Sjögren's syndrome**
R. Priori (Italy)
- 15.40-15.50 **Migraine headache and pSS**
R. Fox (USA)
- 15.50-16.00 **Concomitant causes of fatigue and chronic pain in pSS**
P. Sarzi Puttini (Italy)
- 16.00-16.10 **Organization of referral pathways in specialized centers**
E. Bartoloni Bocci (Italy)
- 16.10-16.20 **Future improvements proposed by European Rare Disease Network ReCONNECT**
M. Mosca (Italy)
- 16.20-16.45 Selected oral presentations**
- 16.45-17.00 Coffee break**





FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

8. pSS AND COVID-19 INFECTION

Chairs: L. Quartuccio (Italy), C. Vitali (Italy)

17.00-17.15 **Autoimmunity and COVID-19**
M. Galli (Italy)

17.15-17.30 **Sjögren's syndrome and COVID-19**
P. Brito-Zerón (Spain)

17.30-18.20 **Selected oral presentations**





SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

9. EVOLVING TOPICS IN pSS THERAPY

Chairs: S. Bowman (UK), C.H. Shiboski (USA)

- 08.30-08.50 **Current recommendations and unmet needs**
M. Ramos-Casals (Spain)
- 08.50-09.05 **INPUTS from trials**
S. Bowman (UK)
- 09.05-09.15 **Selection of patients and endpoints for clinical trials**
S. Arends (The Netherlands)
- 09.15-10.45 **New therapies in the pipeline**

10.45-11.05 *Coffee break*

10. EVOLVING TOPICS IN HEALTH POLICIES

Chairs: S. Bombardieri (Italy), C. Baldini (Italy)

- 11.05-11.17 **Geographic variation in the management of pSS in Europe**
C. Seghierl (Italy)
- 11.17-11.29 **pSS and the general practitioner**
J.M. Cortes (Spain)

Patients' needs and health policies

- 11.29-11.41 **Sjögren Europe EULAR PARE patient federation?**
A. Vieira (Portugal)
- 11.41-11.55 **SSF USA**
K. Hammitt (USA)





SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

11. EVOLVING TOPICS IN COOPERATIVE RESEARCH

Chairs: T. Sumida (Japan), M. Ramos-Casals (Spain)

- 11.55-12.05 **ERN Reconnect**
M. Mosca (Italy)
- 12.05-12.15 **A new multi-center US Sjögren disease research collaboration**
C.H. Shiboski (USA)
- 12.15-12.25 **Big Data**
M Ramos-Casals (Spain)
- 12.25-12.35 **PRECISESADS**
J.O. Pers (France)
- 12.35-12.45 **HarmonicSS**
A. Goules (Greece)
- 12.45-12.55 **Necessity**
X. Mariette (France)
- 12.55-13.05 **Essential**
A.G. Tzioufas (Greece)

13.05-13.30 Closing remarks and Poster Awards

