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Third Al-Ain International Immunology Meeting  
**IMMUNOREGULATION IN CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY DISORDERS**

March 17-20, 2008  
Al-Ain, United Arab Emirates

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**CLINICAL WORKSHOP I: Inflammatory/Autoimmune Diseases**

	<b>SESSION CHAIRS:</b> Dr. Martin Herrmann and Dr. Walter Conca
<b>10:00-10:20</b>	<b>Organ-Specific Autoimmune Disorders</b> - Dr. Noel Rose, Director, Center for Autoimmune Disease Research, Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD, USA
<b>10:25-10:45</b>	<b>Type-2 Diabetes</b> - Dr. Marc Donath, Department of Internal Medicine, Clinic for Endocrinology and Diabetes, University Hospital Zürich, Switzerland
<b>10:50-11:10</b>	<b>Acute Renal Failure and Kidney Transplantation</b> - Dr. Hamid Rabb, Department of Medicine, Comprehensive Transplant Center, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, USA
<b>11:10-11:30</b>	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>

**BD Workshop**

<b>11:30-11:50</b>	<b>Cytometric Bead Array - Multiplexed Quantification of Cytokines and Chemokines</b> - Dr. Eva Zemlickova, Becton Dickinson, Belgium
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**Lunch Break**

<b>12:00-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch for Workshop Registrants</b>
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**CLINICAL WORKSHOP II: Autoimmune Connective Tissue Diseases**

	<b>SESSION CHAIRS:</b> Dr. Noel Rose and Dr. Mazen Taha
<b>13:30-13:50</b>	<b>Markers of Heterogeneity in Rheumatoid Arthritis</b> - Dr. Pierre Miossec, Professor, Department of Immunology & Rheumatology, Hopital Edouard Herriot, Lyon, France
<b>13:55-14:15</b>	<b>Current Concepts on Pathogenesis-Oriented Therapeutic Options in Rheumatoid Arthritis</b> - Dr. Saifeddin Alsalamah, Department of Medicine, Tawam Hospital/Johns Hopkins Medicine, Al-Ain, UAE
<b>14:20-14:40</b>	<b>What Determines the Pathogenicity of Nucleic Acid-Binding Autoantibodies in Patients with SLE?</b> - Dr. Martin Herrmann, Professor of Internal Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine 3, University Hospital Erlangen, Institute for Clinical Immunology, Erlangen, Germany
<b>14:45-15:05</b>	<b>Pathogenesis, Diagnosis and Treatment of SLE</b> - Dr. Walter Conca, Associate Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences, UAE University, Al-Ain, UAE
<b>15:05-15:30</b>	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>
<b>15:30-15:45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>

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**CLINICAL WORKSHOP III: Hepatitis**

- SESSION CHAIRS:** Dr. Ridha Barbouche and Dr. Mariam Al-Shamsi
- 15:50-16:10 Hepatitis-Induced Cirrhosis**  
- Dr. David A. Brenner, Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences and Dean, School of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, University of California San Diego, San Diego, CA, USA
- 16:15-16:35 Epidemiological Aspects of HBV and HCV Infections**  
- Dr. Ahmed El-Gohary, Professor and Head, Department of Clinical Pathology, Faculty of Medicine, and President of the Federation of African Immunological Societies, Suez Canal University, Egypt
- 16:40-17:00 Dr. Zaher Koutoubi**  
- Consultant, Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Department of Medicine, Tawam Hospital/Johns Hopkins Medicine, Al-Ain, UAE
- 17:00 PANEL DISCUSSION**
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