WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues from Italy and Israel,

This is the third Israel-Italy Meeting on Advances in Autoimmunity and Rheumatology. A third meeting is not an incidental meeting. It indicates tradition. Moreover, we are already planning the 4th Israel-Italy Meeting which will take place in Siena on September 27-29, 2015 and will be organized by Prof. Mauro Galeazzi. These meetings are a great opportunity for exchange of ideas, which on many occasions materialize in real collaborations, common papers and projects. Likewise, the meetings lead to exchange of young and senior physicians and researchers between our centers and countries, further strengthening the ties that bond us. Let us hope that the young fellows will continue this wonderful tradition for many years to come.

We welcome all of you with open arms in our small country and hope that you will enjoy not only the scientific interaction but also the cultural events that we have planned for you.

Grazie mille,

Yours always,

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Roberto Gerli, New perspectives in diagnosis and therapy

Coffee break

Nicola Bizzaro, Prediction of autoimmunity

Maria Arango: Narcolepsy: A new autoimmune disease

Coffee break

Chairs G. Zandman-Goddard (Israel), A. Livneh (Israel), B. Raisch (Italy)

Alessandra Melegari: Harmonization of imaging studies - lessons from advanced brain imaging studies

8:45-9:00

Brian Graham: B cells from inflammatory bowel disease patients induce behavioral changes in healthy mice

9:00-9:15

Elon Pras: Fishing for genes in autoimmunity

9:15-9:30

Howard Amital: Understanding the aspects of fibromyalgia in a large Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) and clinical relevance

9:30-9:45

Yee Wen Tan: Autoimmunity in rheumatic diseases: not a passive bystander

9:45-10:00

Costantino Spinelli: Gardasil vaccinations of healthy and NZB/W F1 mice induce behavioral changes in healthy mice

10:00-10:15

Antonio Puccetti: A new approach to the understanding of levamisole induced autoimmunity

10:15-10:30

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Irun Cohen: Arresting beta-cell destruction in NOD mice

11:45-12:00

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12:00-12:15

Davide Lazzeri: Pathogenesis of autoimmunity in systemic lupus erythematosus

12:15-12:30

Diana Malagutti: Immunotherapies for autoimmune diseases: not a passive bystander

12:30-13:30

Lunch break

Leonard Hardin: Towards a mucosal vaccine approach for prevention and treatment of autoimmunity

13:40-13:50

Antonio Puccetti: A new approach to the understanding of levamisole induced autoimmunity

13:50-14:00

Carlo Perricone: The autoimmune side of still's disease: a biomarker for macrophage activation in NZB/W and MRL-lpr mice

14:00-14:30

Coffee break

14:30-14:45

Giorgia Bizzaro: Vitamin D and autoimmunity

14:45-15:00

Coffee break

15:30 -15:45

Roberto Gerli: New perspectives in diagnosis and therapy