First International Conference on Myositis
May 8-11, 2015,
Radisson Blu Royal Park Hotel, Stockholm, Sweden

Preliminary program – please notice that exact times may be subject to changes

Friday May 8, Pre-conference meetings

14.00 - 15.30 Steering committee meeting for Euromyositis

16.00 - 18.00 Workshops
a) Genetics workshop – Janine Lamb, UK/Hector Chinoy, UK
b) Euromyositis registry: Interactive workshop on how to use the registry - Niels Steen Krogh, DK

18.30 Refreshments

19.00 Welcome – Ingrid Lundberg


19.30 Get together with dinner at Radisson Blu Royal Park Hotel, Stockholm

Saturday May 9, 2015

08.30 - 08.40 Opening remarks – Ingrid Lundberg

08.40 - 10.10 Genes and environment
Chairs: Robert Cooper, UK, Lisa Rider, US

- Introduction, what is known about HLA and IIM, link with serology and outcome - Hector Chinoy, UK
- How the GWAS and Immunochip has furthered our understanding of HLA and IIM, use of imputation and current status – Janine Lamb, UK

Selected abstracts:

- HLA analysis in idiopathic inflammatory myopathy identifies significant association of classical HLA alleles in polymyositis and dermatomyositis, and amino acids in inclusion body myositis - Simon Rothwell, UK
- Genes and environment – what is the role of HLA in presentation of auto antigens - Hector Chinoy, UK

Selected abstract:

- A genome-wide association study of statin induced myopathy – Ana Alfirevic, UK

10.10 - 10.40 Coffee

10.40 - 12.10 Pathogenesis (1)
Chairs: Lucy Wedderburn, UK, Jens Schmidt, Germany

- T cells in myositis – Viviane Malmström, Sweden
Seed and soil model for autoimmunity in myositis – Hitoshi Kohsaka, Japan
• Non-immune mechanisms in myositis – Kanneboyina Nagaraju, US

Selected abstracts:
A new mouse model of spontaneous myositis: NOD mice with disrupted T cell co-stimulatory ICOS pathway - Gwladys Bourdenet, France
Experimental myositis inducible with transfer of dendritic cells presenting a skeletal muscle C-protein derived CD8 epitope peptide – Naoko Okiyama; Japan

12.10 – 1310 Lunch

13.10 – 14.40 Pathogenesis (2)
Chairs: Lars Klareskog, Sweden, Britta Maurer, Switzerland
• Muscle specific autoantibodies in Inclusion body myositis - Ger Pruijn, Netherlands
• Amyloid deposits and inflammatory infiltrates in sporadic inclusion body myositis - Olivier Benveniste, France
• HMGCR and its role in the pathogenesis of inflammatory myopathies - Andrew Mammen, US
Selected abstracts:
Pathogenicity of anti-HMGCR auto-antibodies in necrotising autoimmune myopathy – Cecile Bergua, France
A novel mouse model of chronic myositis triggers protein aggregation reminiscent of inclusion body myositis (IBM) - Judith Bauer, Germany

14.40 -15.10 Coffee and poster viewing

15.10- 16.30 Classification and diagnosis of myositis
Chairs: Rohit Aggarwal, US, Jan De Bleecker, Belgium
• New Classification criteria for myositis - Ingrid Lundberg, Sweden
• Diagnostic/classification criteria for inclusion body myositis - David Hilton Jones, UK
Selected abstracts:
Increasing incidence of immune mediated necrotizing myopathy, anti-HMGCR antibodies and statin use – single centre experience – Martin Klein, Czech Republic
Auto-antibodies in necrotizing autoimmune myopathies: from diagnosis to pathogenicity - Olivier Boyer, France

16.40 -18.00 Poster session (1) with poster tours
Poster tour leaders: Robert Cooper, UK, Hitoshi Kohsaka, Japan, Kanneboyina Nagaraju, US, Ger Pruijn, Netherlands, Lisa Christopher-Stine, US

Posters # 1- 45
• GENES AND ENVIRONMENT
• PATHOGENESIS (1)
• PATHOGENESIS (2)
• AUTOANTIBODIES
• OUTCOME and OUTCOME MEASURES
18.00 - 18.45 Workshops
(c) Standards of Treatment for Adults with Myositis and different Phenotypes (STAMP) – Neil McHugh, UK

19.00 Dinner at Radisson Blu Royal Park Hotel, Stockholm

Sunday May 10, 2015

08.30 – 10.00 Diagnostic tools and outcome measures in myositis
Chairs: Neil McHugh, UK, Antonella Notarnicola, Sweden
- Myositis specific autoantibodies – Zoe Betteridge, UK
- Muscle biopsy features and standardization of biopsy evaluation - Jan De Bleecker, Belgium
- Imaging a tool in diagnosis and as an outcome measure in myositis – Marianne de Visser, Netherlands
Selected abstracts:
  Evaluation of dysphagia in IBM by novel real-time MRI - Jens Schmidt, Germany
  Biomarkers for Sub-Phenotyping of Juvenile Dermatomyositis - Claire Deakin, UK

10.00 - 10.30 Coffee and poster viewing

10.30 – 12.00 Clinical Phenotypes and pathogenesis of myositis
Chairs: Paul Plotz, US, Louise Diederichsen, Denmark
- Dermatomyositis clinical and autoantibody features- Victoria Werth, US
- Clinical phenotypes of Juvenile Dermatomyositis- Lisa Rider, US
- Pathogenesis in juvenile Dermatomyositis – Lucy Wedderburn, UK
Selected abstracts:
  Cancer and necrotizing immune myopathy: high incidence in anti-HMGCR positive and seronegative patients but not in anti-SRP positive patients - Yves Allenbach, France
  Characterization of autoantibodies directed against transcription intermediary factor 1-gamma (TIF1gamma) in patients with dermatomyositis. - Audrey Aussy, France

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

13.00 - 14.00 The lung in myositis
Chairs: Øyvind Molberg, Norway, Lisa Christopher-Stine, US
- Clinical features and management of ILD in myositis – Rohit Aggarwal, US
- Lung as a target of the immune activity in myositis – Inka Albrecht, Sweden

14.00 – 14.30 Coffee and Poster viewing

14.30 – 16.00 Poster session with poster tours
Poster tour leaders: David Hilton-Jones, UK, Chester Oddis, US, Øyvind Molberg, Norway, Victoria Werth, US

Posters #46-84
- DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS AND OUTCOME MEASURES
- TREATMENT
- CLINICAL PHENOTYPES
16.00 - 18.15 Informal discussions

18.45 Reception at Stockholm City Hall – Bus transfer at 18.00 from Radisson Blu Royal Park Hotel

20.45 Assembly for bus transport back to the hotel

Monday May 11, 2015

08.30 – 10.00 Update on treatment in myositis
Chairs: Olivier Benveniste, France, Ingrid Lundberg, Sweden
- Update on pharmacological treatment in adult myositis – Chet Oddis Pittsburgh, US
- Physical exercise in adult and juvenile myositis - Helene Alexanderson, Sweden
- Chinese multicenter study – Guochun Wang, China
Selected abstract:
Gene expression profile in muscle tissue before and after immunosuppressive treatment in patients with myositis - Joan Raouf, Sweden

10.00 - 10.30 Coffee

10.30 – 11.45 Improvement criteria and Patient reported outcome measures
Chairs: Marianne de Visser, Netherlands, Victoria Werth, US
- Improvement criteria for juvenile and adult inflammatory myopathies; background on the methodology - Lisa Rider, US
- Results - Jiri Vencovsky, Czech Republic
- Patient reported outcome measures - Lisa Christopher-Stine, US

11.45 - 12.30 Open discussion on future plans in myositis research - Lundberg IE, Rider L and Benveniste O

12.30 End of meeting - Ingrid Lundberg

Snacks available