22nd Belgian Congress on Rheumatology

26 - 28 September 2018
Centre Culturel, Spa

Preliminary Programme & Call for Abstracts

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Welcome Address & Call for Abstracts

Dear colleagues,

The Royal Belgian Society for Rheumatology takes great pleasure in announcing the 22nd Belgian Congress on Rheumatology, taking place in Spa on 26-28 September 2018.

The congress will take place at the Centre Culturel de Spa, located in the very heart of the city of Spa famous for its several natural mineral springs.

The KBVR-SRBR also has the pleasure to invite you to submit an abstract and present your scientific work at the 22nd Belgian Congress on Rheumatology.

All topics in the area of rheumatologic research are welcomed. We would be pleased to receive proposals representing every field of our participants’ interest.

Your abstract should be submitted as a word document (max 3/4 page A4, font: Calibri 11) by email to Mrs. Myriam Schreurs: srbrkbvr@skynet.be

The deadline for abstract submission is 1 May 2018. All abstracts will be displayed as posters with a reviewer tour hosted during the congress. Consequently, we remind you that the presence of the presenting author is required in order to contribute to the discussions during this tour. The scientific committee will further select a limited number of abstracts for oral presentation.

The ‘Thieves Market’ has secured its permanent time slot in the programme. For this session - dedicated to assistants and young rheumatologists - we look forward to receiving your most remarkable clinical cases! The best cases will be the core of the ‘Thieves Market’.

Together with the KBVR-SRBR Board members, we hope to welcome you to BCR’18 in Spa and remain,

Yours sincerely,

Vanessa Smith
Scientific Organiser
Wednesday, September 26

10.00  Young Investigator Meeting
10.30  Meeting of the BRV-ARB
12.00  Welcome Lunch
12.30  Opening Ceremony

SESSION 1

12.50  Vesalius Lecture
**Clinically suspect arthralgia**
*Annette van der Helm, Leiden, The Netherlands*

13.35  Abstract Presentations

14.05  FWRO/FRSR award ceremony

14.30  Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from Sanofi

15.00  Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from Pfizer

15.30  Coffee Break

SESSION 2

16.00  The bisexuality of estrogens in autoimmunity and cancer
*Maurizio Cutolo, Genova, Italy*

16.30  SpA: State-of-the-art
*Filip Van den Bosch, UGent*

17.00  Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from Roche

17.30  Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from AbbVie

18.00  Walking Dinner

SESSION 3 - Ethics & Economy

19.00  EU Rare Diseases Reference Networks: ‘(non)sense?: The case of France
*Eric Hachulla, Lille, France*

19.45  Panel Discussion

22.00  End of Day 1

Thursday, September 27

08.00  **Workshop 1**
*Intra-articular injections and biopsy under ultrasound guidance*
Anne Durnez (AZ Jan Portaels Vilvoorde, UCL), Alla Ishchenko (ZNA Jan Palfijn, Middelheim hospital, UZ Gasthuisberg, KUL), Maria-José Fernandez (Centre Medicis, UZ Antwerpen), Laurent Méric de Bellefon (CNDG, CHU Saint-Pierre Brussels, UCL), Adrien Nzeusseu Toukap (UCL), Ruth Wittoek (UGent), Maria S. Stoenoiu (UCL)

**Workshop 2**
*How to evaluate muscle strength*
Yves Piette (AZ Sint-Jan & UGent)

SESSION 4

09.15  Abstract Presentations

09.45  **Stem cell transplantation in Rheumatology: Friend or foe?**
*Jaap van Laar, Utrecht, The Netherlands*

10.35  Coffee Break

SESSION 5

11.15  **Year in review – Clinical and basic science**
*Philippe Carron (UGent and AZ Alma) and Peggy Jacques (UGent)*

11.45  Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from BMS

12.15  **Interstitial lung disease in connective tissue diseases**
*Wim Wuyts, KUL*

12.45  Lunch

13.30  Poster Tour

14.00  General Assembly
Thursday, September 27

**SESSION 6**

14.30  Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from MSD

15.00  **All we need to know about juveniles**  
*Nicola Ruperto, Genova, Italy*

15.40  Coffee Break

**SESSION 7**

16.15  Abstract Presentations

16.45  Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from Celgene

17.15  End of Day 2

Friday, September 28

**SESSION 8**

09.00  **Difficult clinical cases in osteoporosis**  
*Hans Zmierczak (UGent)*

09.30  Abstract Presentations

10.00  Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from Eli Lilly

10.30  Update in Therapeutics – Organised with an educational grant from Novartis

11.00  Coffee Break

11.30  **Bone and Joint Lecture**  
*Osteoarthritis: The holy grail?*  
*Frank Luyten (KUL)*

**SESSION 9**

12.00  **Thieves Market**

12.30  Closure of the Congress

12.45  Farewell Lunch

13.30  KBVR-SRBR Board Meeting
## Registration

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Workshops**  
Free  
Free

* Registration as a trainee or researcher non-MD will only be accepted if accompanied by a copy of your student card or a certificate of your director (proof to be uploaded during the registration process). Without proof the non-member fee will be charged.

** Participation in the workshops is free of charge and is limited to 30 participants.

### The registration fee for participants includes

- Participation in all scientific sessions
- Participation in the hands-on workshops (separate registration required, limited to 30 participants)
- Participation in the ‘Updates in Therapeutics’ organised by the Industry
- Congress bag with the Programme and Abstracts, tourist info and congress related documents
- Access to the exhibition
- Lunches and coffee breaks

### How to register - Registration opens on 1 June

You can register online through the congress website [www.rheumacongress.be](http://www.rheumacongress.be). Click on ‘Registration’ for details and access to the online registration form. When your registration is completed successfully, you will receive an automatic confirmation. You can also print an invoice when you finalise your online registration.

### Changes/Name Substitutions

You will receive a personal link in your final confirmation email. With this link it will be possible to make changes or transfer your registration to a colleague free of charge.

### Cancellations

Participants canceling their registration before 1 September 2018, will receive a full refund, less € 50,00 administration costs. There will be no refunds for cancellations received after this date. Cancellations must be confirmed in writing to the Organising Secretariat. All refunds will be processed after the Congress.

## Hotel Accommodation

A number of hotel rooms have been booked at special group rates, including breakfast and VAT. You can reserve your hotel room through the online registration form.

The below rates are only valid for reservations made through Medicongress.

Any requests for hotel accommodation must be accompanied by a credit card number, in order to secure the room. This credit card will not be charged by the organisers but only serves as a reservation guarantee.

Participants will have to pay their hotel room and personal expenses at the reception of the hotel. In case of late cancellation or no show, the room will be charged on the credit card.

** Radisson Blu Palace Hotel **

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### Cancellation Policy

Rooms can be cancelled free of charge until 25 June 2018. Rooms cancelled between 25 June and 10 days before arrival: 50% will be charged. Rooms cancelled after 10 days before arrival: 100% will be charged.

### City tax

€ 0,96/person/night