



FINAL PROGRAMME

ASAS e-Core Course on Axial Spondyloarthritis Friday 12th - Saturday 13th March 2021

FRIDAY 12 th MARCH 2021 *All times are displayed in CET		
15:00-15:10	Welcome and Introduction Helena Marzo-Ortega	
15:10-15:25	The concept of axial spondyloarthritis: navigating the disease spectrum Joachim Sieper	
15:25-15:45	The challenge of diagnosing axial spondyloarthritis Lianne Gensler	
15:45-16:15	Imaging in axial spondyloarthritis: what you need to know to enhance your clinical practice Kay-Geert Hermann	
16.15-16.30	Q&A session	
16.30 -16.35	Break	
16.35- 17.30	Interactive workshop on imaging (sacroiliac joints) with WebApp and voting Kay-Geert Hermann and Joachim Sieper	
17:30-18:15	Interactive workshop on imaging (spine) with WebApp and voting Kay-Geert Hermann and Joachim Sieper	
18:15-18:30	Q&A session	
Close		

SATURDAY 13 th MARCH 2021 *All times are displayed in CET	
15:00-15:10	Welcome and Introduction Helena Marzo-Ortega
15.10- 15.40	Clinical aspects of axial spondyloarthritis Victoria Navarro Compán
15:40- 16:10	Outcome parameters in axial spondyloarthritis: What and how to measure? Sofia Ramiro
16:10- 16:40	Treatment of axial spondyloarthritis: aiming for the right treatment for each patient at the right time Xenofon Baraliakos
16:40- 17:00	Question and answer session All Faculty
17:00 -17:05	Break
17:05-17:45	"The good, the ugly and the bad" Interactive workshop on treatment of axial Spondyloarthritis (with voting) Denis Poddubnyy
17:45 -18:30	Case based discussion Delegates invited to bring their own cases All Faculty
Summary and Close	
Helena Marzo-Ortega	

FACULTY

Joachim Sieper

Prof Dr Joachim Sieper, MD, was head of Rheumatology at the Campus Benjamin Franklin of the Charitè University Hospital in Berlin, Germany, until March 2016 and past President of 'Assessment in SpondyloArthritis international Society' (ASAS) (2018-2020). He has a longstanding interest in the pathogenesis, epidemiology, diagnosis and treatment of spondyloarthritides with a focus on axial spondyloarthritis over the recent years. He was involved



in several of the pivotal clinical studies showing the good efficacy of biologic agents in the treatment of axial spondyloarthritis. Professor Sieper is the recipient of the Carol-Nachman-Award for Rheumatology 2000, EULAR-Award 2003 and the Inaugural Gent Oration in Spondyloarthritis 2018. He is member of the editorial board of several international rheumatology journals and has published more than 500 scientific articles in peer reviewed journals.

Lianne Gensler



Dr. Lianne Gensler, MD, is a rheumatologist and serves as director of the UCSF Ankylosing Spondylitis Clinic, which is dedicated to care for this inflammatory disease. Dr Gensler's primary research interest is the disease progression of axial spondyloarthritis (a category that includes ankylosing spondylitis). Her research also seeks to identify predictors of osteoporosis development in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus. Lianne earned her

medical degree at the University of California, Irvine. She completed an internal medicine residency, chief residency and rheumatology fellowship at UCSF, and subsequently joined the medical staff in the rheumatology program.

Kay-Geert Hermann

Dr. Kay-Geert Hermann, MD, PhD, is a musculoskeletal radiologist focused on imaging of arthritides. He focuses on peripheral joints as well as the axial skeleton. The majority of his research projects are in the field of spondyloarthritis, where he is also connected with other researchers from Canada, UK, Germany and Israel. He has also a strong track in applying innovative technology within medical education. He is active member of ASAS, RSNA, ESSR and DRG and was has won the Conrad Wilhelm Roentgen award in 2011. He was promoted to associate professor in 2019.



Victoria Navarro Compán



Dr. Victoria Navarro, MD, PhD, MsC is a rheumatologist working at the University Hospital La Paz and IdiPaz in Madrid, Spain since 2015. She studied Medice at the University of Sevilla and did her training as rheumatologist at the University Hospital Virgen Macarena in Sevilla. She spent two periods in international centres of excellence: the first of 4 months in the Charité-Universitätsmedizin in Berlin and the second of 2 and a half years in the Leiden University Medical

Center, where she obtained her doctoral degree.

Currently, she combines clinical practice and research at the Hospital Universitario La Paz and teaching at the Universidad Rey Juan Carlos in Madrid (Spain), mainly focus on spondyloarthritis. She has participated in and led national and international research projects in the area of spondyloarthritis. She is currently a member of the executive committee of ASAS (Assessment of SpondyloArthritis Society), also acting as executive secretary.

Xenofon Baraliakos

Dr Xenofon Baraliakos, MD PhD is a Senior Consultant and scientific coordinator at the Rheumazentrum Ruhrgebiet Herne and Professor for Internal Medicine and Rheumatology at the Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany. He studied Human Medicine at the universities of Magdeburg and Berlin, Germany and went on to receive a PhD degree in 2005. His research interests include clinical and



academic research in the field of spondyloarthritides, with special emphasis on imaging outcomes and treatment of the disease.

Among others, Dr Baraliakos won the EWRR Award, in 2005, the EULAR Young Investigator Award, in 2006 and 2008, the German patient's AS Society Award in 2010 and the 2014 Award for Excellence in Clinical Research from the European Society for Clinical Investigations.

Dr Baraliakos is the current President of ASAS (Assessment of Spondyloarthritis International Society) and Past Chair of the EULAR standing committee for musculoskeletal imaging and current member of the EULAR Council. He holds membership of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR), the Group for Research and Assessment of Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis (GRAPPA) and the German Society of Rheumatology. He also acts as a reviewer and is an Associate Editor in a number of major rheumatological journals.

Sofia Ramiro



Dr Sofia Ramiro MD, Msc, PhD, is a consultant rheumatologist and a senior researcher at Leiden University Medical Center and Zuyderland Medical Center, the Netherlands. Sofia graduated from Medical School in the New University of Lisbon, Portugal. She completed a Master in Epidemiology at Maastricht University and obtained her PhD on long-term outcomes in ankylosing spondylitis at the

University of Amsterdam, under the supervision of Prof. Landewé and Prof. van der Heijde.

She did her specialist rheumatology training at Leiden University Medical Center. Sofia is a clinical epidemiologist and her research focuses on outcomes research, with a special interest on axial spondyloarthritis (axSpA), psoriatic arthritis (PsA) and rheumatoid arthritis (RA). She is a member of the EULAR Scientific Committee, of the Executive Committee of the Assessment of Spondyloarthritis international Society (ASAS) and of the Advisory Board of the EULAR School of Rheumatology (ESoR) and co-convenor of the OMERACT Shoulder Working Group.

Denis Poddubnyy

Prof Dr Denis Poddubnyy, MD PhD, is a professor of rheumatology at the Charité University Hospital, Berlin, Germany. In 2008 he completed his PhD thesis related to the cardiovascular pathology in ankylosing spondylitis and in 2013 his lecturer qualification thesis dedicated to the topic of 'Prediction and prevention of disease progression in early axial spondyloarthritis'. Since 2003 his research activities have focused on early diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes in patients with axial spondyloarthritis. Dr Poddubnyy is a member of



the executive committee of the Assessment of SpondyloArthritis International Society (ASAS) and author of a number of publications on the topic of spondyloarthritis in peer-reviewed journals and book chapters.