

Editorial



ESPAI is honored to invite you to two important events this April that will be held in collaboration with the Pediatric Allergy and Immunology Unit of Ain Shams University in the conference hall of the Children's Hospital of Ain Shams University. On Sunday April 14, there will be a workshop for celebrating the World Allergy Week (April 8-14, 2013). The main theme of this year's World Allergy Week which is put forward by the World Allergy Organization is the Food Allergy – A Rising Global Health Problem. Please visit our website for its program (<http://www.espai-eg.org/World%20allergy%20week%202013%20Program.pdf>). More info is available on the WAO website (<http://www.worldallergy.org/worldallergyweek>). The second event is our celebration of the Primary Immunodeficiency (PI) Week (April 22-29) by holding a symposium on the subcutaneous use of intravenous immunoglobulin on April 23, 2013. You can get details from <http://www.espai-eg.org/espai.htm>.

You will enjoy reading this issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology. The review article is about drug allergy and you will find 10 relevant self-assessment MCQs and their answers. The peer-reviewed original articles were carefully selected from the many articles submitted to the journal. The first article is about the value of serum Interleukin 27 as a possible biomarker of pediatric systemic lupus erythematosus. The second article focuses on the sensitization of Egyptian infants and children to fish. The third article was submitted by a colleague from Zagazig University. It reports data on rate of use of controller medications in Egyptian asthmatic children which proved to be below expectations. A fourth original article investigated oxidant-antioxidant balance in childhood asthma and the last article reports the changes in interleukin-12 levels in Egyptian children with type 1 diabetes mellitus. An English/Arabic glossary that contains relevant terms and expressions is included as well as a collection of abstracts from recent international publications in allergy/immunology.

Please do not forget to have a glance on the calendar of forthcoming allergy and immunology events especially that the WAO-EAACI World Allergy and Asthma Congress (WAAC 2013), that will be held in Milan Italy from June 22-26, 2013, is approaching soon. There is still a chance to register and participate in the congress. The congress website is <http://www.eaaci-wao2013.com/SiteSpecific/EAACI2013/StartPage.aspx>. Do not miss the opportunity.

I would like also to remind you that the WAO monthly e-letter (News & Notes) is displayed on our website both in English and Arabic. You can also get information on how to submit an article for publication in the WAO online journal (World Allergy Organ J) and can sign up to get the journal alerts (<http://www.editorialmanager.com/waojournal/>).

On behalf of the associate editors of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology, I look forward to receiving your comments and any suggestions you may have on journal@espai-eg.org.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Y. EL GAMAL" with a horizontal line underneath.

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