

Editorial



ESPAI is honored to invite you to a couple of celebrations this month that will be held in collaboration with the Pediatric Allergy and Immunology Unit of Ain Shams University. On Sunday April 22, there will be a workshop for celebrating the World Allergy Week (April 16-22) in the conference hall of the Children's Hospital of Ain Shams University. The main theme of this year's World Allergy Week which is put forward by the World Allergy Organization is the Rising Global Burden of Allergic Diseases and Asthma. Please visit our website for its program (<http://www.espai-eg.org/World%20Allergy%20Week%20Program.pdf>). The second event is our celebration of the Primary Immunodeficiency (PI) Week (April 22-29) by holding a training course about PI diseases on April 23-24, 2012 in the Training and Education Enhancement Center (TEEC) of Ain Shams University Hospitals. You can get details from our website (<http://www.espai-eg.org/World%20PI%20Week%20training%20course%20program.pdf>).

In this issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology, the review article addresses the use of antihistamines in pediatric allergy. It answers many questions concerning the indications and adverse effects of such therapy. There are 10 related MCQs for self-assessment. Five original articles were chosen amongst many submitted manuscripts after being reviewed by international and local experts in the field. The first article investigates Platelet activating factor and monocyte chemoattractant protein-1 in children with refractory epilepsy. The second article, in my opinion, is important to those interested in neonatal sepsis. It is about serum calprotectin as a diagnostic marker of late onset sepsis in full term neonates. The authors of the third article sought to investigate cellular-mediated and humoral immunity in children with autism. The results led to some interesting conclusions. The fourth article tackles a practical subject concerning ventilatory function response to breathing training versus aerobic training in asthmatic children. Study of Treg FOXP3 in childhood bronchial asthma in relation to corticosteroid therapy is the title of the last original article in this issue.

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. Do not forget to have a glance at the list of forthcoming allergy/immunology meetings in our calendar of events and this includes information on the World Allergy Organization International Scientific Conference (WISC 2012) that will be held in Hyderabad, India, on December 6-9, 2012. You will find a link to this congress website (<http://www.worldallergy.org/wisc2012/>) on our homepage (<http://www.espai-eg.org/espai.htm>).

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 will also find valuable interactive case reports (http://www.worldallergy.org/interactive_case_reviews/). You can also get information on how to submit an article for publication in the WAO online journal (WAO 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, reading 'Y. EL GAMAL' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Editor-in-Chief.