

Editorial



ESPAI held its workshop on juvenile idiopathic arthritis on September 28-29, 2016. Attendees had the chance to attend 14 lectures spanning the whole subject, to actively participate in hands-on sessions and to test their knowledge at the end of the workshop. Our 13th International Congress will be held on April 12-13, 2017 in Cairo. It is my pleasure to bring you the good news that the World Allergy Organization Training School (WATS) will be held on the sideline of the Congress and will include lectures, practical training and case studies. The preliminary program and list of international and local speakers will be available on our website by December 2016. Please keep track of the latest updates on ESPAI meetings and activities on <http://www.espai-eg.org>.

In this issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology, you will enjoy reading the review article which answers the question as to whether children with type 1 diabetes mellitus are more prone to atopic diseases or not. One original article was selected after expert peer-reviewing. The article by ElSherbeny et al., investigated the serum levels of copper and lead, as two important trace elements required for the activity of antioxidant enzymes, in asthmatic children.

In this issue also, you will find an English/Arabic glossary which presents a definition of some of the relevant allergy and immunology terms, a selection of abstracts from recent international publications in allergy/immunology and a calendar of events which provides you with a list of the important forthcoming allergy/immunology meetings.

I would like to remind you that the WAO e-letter (News & Notes) is displayed on our website both in English and Arabic on monthly basis. A link on our homepage will guide you to the WAO online open access journal (World Allergy Org J) and you can sign up to get the journal monthly alerts for free (<http://www.editorialmanager.com/waojournal/>). I encourage you indeed to submit your articles to this very well peer-reviewed journal.

We look forward to receiving your comments and feedback at journal@espai-eg.org

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Y. EL GAMAL' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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