

Editorial



ESPAI is honored to invite you to a couple of celebrations this month! On Sunday April 13, there will be a workshop for celebrating the World Allergy Week (April 6-13, 2014) 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 WAO is "Anaphylaxis - When Allergies Can Be Severe and Fatal". Please visit the WAO website for many resources on the subject (<http://www.worldallergy.org/worldallergyweek/>). The second event is the Primary Immunodeficiency (PI) Week (April 22-29) by holding a training course about PI diseases on April 26-27, 2014 in the Training and Education Enhancement Center (TEEC) of Ain Shams University Hospitals. You can get the program and details of both events from our homepage (<http://www.espai-eg.org/espai.htm>).

I strongly recommend that you to submit abstracts and register to attend the World Allergy Organization International Scientific Conference (WISC 2014) that will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on December 6-9, 2014 (<http://www.worldallergy.org/wisc2014/>). The quality of the scientific program and CME gain are at very high standard for those interested in allergy/immunology, pulmonology, and dermatology

You will enjoy reading this issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology. The review article contains recent advances on leukotrienes and leukotriene modifiers in pediatric allergic diseases then test your knowledge in the self-assessment MCQs. The peer-reviewed original articles were carefully selected from the many articles submitted to the journal. The first article focuses on an every day's problem that we meet. It is about hen's egg white hypersensitivity among a group of Egyptian atopic children. The paper evaluated the frequency of egg white sensitization in relation to other phenotypic parameters of the patients. The authors of the second article sought to investigate the effect of serum angiotensin II and angiotensin II type 1 receptor gene polymorphism on pediatric lupus nephritis. It is worth reading as it paves the way for potential therapeutic interventions. The 3rd article evaluated the plasma high sensitivity C-reactive protein as a marker of severity in children with diabetic ketoacidosis. It is a simple easy to assess marker that may prove useful in DKA after wider scale studies. High dose intravenous immunoglobulin in RH and ABO hemolytic disease of Egyptian neonates is the title of the last article which is a valuable piece of work that targets this off-label use of IVIG.

The glossary of this issue contains some terms related to the articles published hereby. Do not forget to go through the Calendar of forthcoming allergy and immunology scientific meetings and our collection of allergy/immunology abstracts from international periodicals.

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On behalf of the associate editors, 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".

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