

Editorial



There is still a chance to register and participate in the World Allergy Organization (WAO) Symposium on Immunotherapy and Biologics that will be held in Chicago, USA, on December 13-14, 2013. You will find information about and a link to this congress website (<http://www.worldallergy.org/symposium2013/>) on our home page (<http://www.espai-eg.org/espai.htm>). It is a unique event that is concerned with everything related to immunotherapy and the use of biologics in human disease. The symposium will host some of the best international speakers and chairpersons in the field of allergy/immunology offering their knowledge and experience in presentations and discussions. Do not miss this opportunity.

This issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology contains subjects that are of paramount significance. The review article is about mast cell activation disease. It covers most updates on classification, diagnosis, and management of this expanding clinical entity and after reading it you will find some multiple choice questions for self-assessment. Four original articles were carefully selected after peer-review by International and local experts in the field. Sesame seed sensitization in a group of atopic Egyptian children is the title of the first article. It is a pilot study that sought to investigate the prevalence of sesame sensitization in physician-diagnosed allergy. The second article reports on the frequency of vitamin D deficiency among asthmatic Egyptian children. The 3rd article is about neonatal screening for absolute lymphopenia in a trial to detect infants with severe combined immune deficiency. Health-related quality of life in childhood bronchial asthma is the subject of the last article; a subject that carries a heavy impact on the patients and health care providers.

From beyond our pages, a collection of recent abstracts from international allergy/immunology periodicals is included as usual. Do not forget to go through our glossary of allergy and immunology medical terms and our calendar of forthcoming allergy/immunology scientific meetings.

We look forward to receiving your suggestions and comments on journal@espai-eg.org.

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