

## Editorial



I encourage you all to register to participate in the World Allergy Organization International Scientific Congress (WISC 2014) that will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on December 6-9, 2014. There is still a chance for reduced registration. You will find a link to this congress website (<http://www.worldallergy.org/wisc2014/>) on our home page (<http://www.espai-eg.org>). It is a unique event that invited the best international speakers in allergy and clinical immunology from all over the world. Do not miss this opportunity.

Please get the latest updates on ESPAI meetings and activities from <http://www.espai-eg.org/scientific.htm>. Our 11<sup>th</sup> International Congress will be held on April 8-9, 2015 in Cairo. The preliminary program and list of international and local speakers will be on our website by December 2014.

I would like to remind you that our journal is now an open access publication and you can submit your articles online via its unique website <http://www.ejpai.com>. In this issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology, you will enjoy reading the review article. It addresses the recent advances in immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP). You will also find 8 related MCQs on ITP for self-assessment. Two original articles were chosen amongst many submitted manuscripts after being reviewed by international and local experts in the field. The first article sought to investigate the renal expression of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) in lupus nephritis in the pediatric age group. The authors attempted to correlate the expression of this marker in renal biopsies of SLE patients to the disease severity and outcome and came out with some interesting conclusions. Expression and diagnostic utility of anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide antibodies (anti-CCP) in juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) is the title of the second article. From the results, it seems that its expression is expected only in the seropositive polyarticular variety which matches the adult form of rheumatoid arthritis.

An English/Arabic glossary that contains a list of allergy and immunology 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. I would like also 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 some feedback from you on [journal@espai-eg.org](mailto:journal@espai-eg.org).

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Y. EL GAMAL' with a horizontal line underneath.

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