

Editorial



ESPAI will hold this month its 11th International Congress in Cairo Sonesta Hotel (April 8-9, 2015). It gives us pleasure and honor to host two eminent international speakers. Prof. Stanley Fineman will represent the American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology (ACAAI) in this event. We will also enjoy presentations from Prof. Alessandro Fiocchi, editor-in-Chief of the World Allergy Organization Journal. The Egyptian experts will also present very important topics in the field and we look forward to your input and feedback.

A couple of events will be also held this month by ESPAI. On Sunday April 22, there will be a workshop for celebrating the World Allergy Week (April 13-19) in the conference hall of the Children's Hospital of Ain Shams University. The main theme of this year's World Allergy Week as put forward by the World Allergy Organization is airway allergies: the human and economic burden. Please visit our website (<http://www.espai-eg.org>) for details. You will find resources on the WAO website (<http://www.worldallergy.org/worldallergyweek/about.php>). The second important event is the Primary Immunodeficiency Week WPIW (April 22-29) which we will celebrate by holding a symposium about PI diseases. You can get details from our website or visit the website of the international event (<http://www.worldpiweek.org>). The scientific editorial of this year's WPIW is co-edited by Prof. Shereen Reda; board member of ESPAI. The editorial addresses the importance of vaccination and immunoglobulin treatment for patients with primary immunodeficiency diseases (http://www.worldpiweek.org/sites/default/files/article_docs/Editorial%20WPIW2015_11022015%20Final_0.pdf).

In this issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology, the review article addresses the vulnerable groups at risk of anaphylaxis. It answers many questions concerning the management of anaphylaxis in infants, pregnant women, adolescents, and the elderly. There are 10 related MCQs for self-assessment. Three original articles were chosen amongst many submitted manuscripts after being reviewed by international and local experts in the field. The first article, in my opinion, is important to those interested in neonatal sepsis. It investigates the myeloperoxidase activity as an indicator of neutrophil-induced inflammation and sepsis in neonates. The second article is entitled CXCR3 renal expression in glomerulonephritis in children and its connection to the course of the disease. The authors concluded that it might probably act as a therapeutic target rather than a prognostic marker. The cytokine profile in obese asthma phenotype is the subject of the third original article. From this investigation, it seems that obesity and asthma coexist together but systemic and airway inflammations operate independently.

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. 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 that reads "Y. EL GAMAL".

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Editor-in-Chief.

