

Editorial



The Joint Congress of the World Allergy Organization and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI/WAO March 2-5, 2018) is approaching. It will be held in the magnificent city of Orlando, USA. This is the top-quality event in our specialty in terms of scientific standards. There is still a chance for reduced-fee registration and late breaking abstract submission. You may navigate the congress website at <http://annualmeeting.aaaai.org> or through its link on our home page (<http://www.espai-eg.org>). Info about this meeting and other important forthcoming events is present in the calendar of events of this issue .

Please get the latest updates on ESPAI meetings and activities from <http://www.espai-eg.org/scientific.htm>. Our 14th International Congress will be held on April 18-19, 2018 in Cairo Sheraton Hotel. The preliminary program and list of international and local speakers will appear soon on the congress website.

This issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology contains many state of the art articles. The review article is the English and Arabic versions of the Allergic Rhinitis and its Impact on Asthma (ARIA) Executive Summary. It is prepared by a group of esteemed international experts in allergy in collaboration with an Egyptian team from the Egyptian Society of Pediatric Allergy and immunology (ESPAI). The aim of the novel ARIA approach is to provide an active and healthy life to rhinitis sufferers, whatever their age, sex or socio-economic status, in order to reduce health and social inequalities incurred by the disease .

Three original articles were carefully selected after peer-reviewing by International and local experts in the field. Impact of maternal gestational diabetes on neutrophil functions of full term neonates is explored in the first article. The second article investigated the expression of the regulatory natural killer cells in atopic childhood asthma. It raises a question about the role of these cells of innate immunity in asthma pathogenesis. In the third article, the authors sought to investigate lymphocyte subtype dysregulation in a group of children with simple obesity in an attempt to link the body mass index with the adaptive immune system competence. 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 .

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. You will find reviews of recent international publications and a recent allergy/immunology book. A link on our homepage will guide you to the WAO online journal (World Allergy Organization Journal) 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 about this issue; you may contact us through the “contact us” icon on your left-hand side.

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