

Editorial



ESPAI is honored to invite you to an important event this month! On Saturday April 28, there will be a workshop for celebrating the World Allergy Week (April 22-28, 2018) in the conference hall of the Children's Hospital of Ain Shams University. The main theme of this year's World Allergy Week is "Atopic Dermatitis - an Itch that Rashes" Please visit the WAO website for many resources on the subject (<http://www.worldallergy.org/worldallergyweek/>). The WAO will also hold a webinar on April 25 with state of the art lectures in atopic dermatitis and the speakers include Prof. Elham Hossny from our society. You can log-in for free and share in the discussions (see details at www.worldallergy.org).

ESPAI will be holding next month its 14th International Congress in Cairo Sheraton Hotel (May 5-6, 2018). It gives us pleasure and honor to host two eminent international speakers; Prof. Motohiro Ebisawa, President-Elect of the World Allergy Organization (WAO) and Prof. Antoine Deschildre Head of the Pediatric Pulmonology and Allergy Unit in Lille University Hospital, France. The Egyptian experts will also present very important topics in the field of pediatric allergy/immunology and we look forward to your input and feedback.

You will enjoy reading this issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology. The review article contains updated knowledge about pathogenetic mechanisms of early life wheeze. The relation to viral infections and bacterial colonization is highlighted. You may 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. One article focuses on the pattern of juvenile idiopathic arthritis in a retrospective study on Egyptian children. The results showed predominance of the oligoarticular subtype especially at rural areas of the country which differed from patterns in Western and Gulf countries. The authors of the second article sought to investigate the neutrophil CD64 expression as a diagnostic marker of sepsis in children. The mean CD64 expression in children with sepsis was significantly higher than in the control group with a significant positive correlation to the CRP level.

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. As you must know, our journal has become an open access journal. Please visit our journal's new website <http://www.jespai.org/> and be informed that online submission is currently available.

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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

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