Allergy School
Allergy and Immunotherapy – from tolerance to early intervention
31 March – 03 April 2011
Saariselkä, Finland

Organisers: EAACI Immunotherapy Interest Group and Finnish National Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

DAY 1: Thursday, 31 March 2011

13:00-15:00 Lunch
16:00-17:00 Registration and coffee
17.00-18.45 Epidemiology and Environmental Factors of Allergic Diseases
   Chairpersons: Elina Toskala, Finland and Moises Calderon
   17:00-17:15 Wellcome by the Finnish Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology Elina Toskala, by EAACI Moises Calderon, and by EAMG Lars Jacobsen
   17:15-17:30 Epidemiology of respiratory allergic diseases – setting the scene for the school, Lars Jacobsen
   17:30- 18:00 Environmental exposure and influence by the genes, - Adnan Custovic, UK
   18:00- 18:30 Risk factors for adult asthma, hormones or environment?- Maritta Kilpeläinen, Finland
   18:30-19:00 Tolerance induction and the Finnish Allergy Programme - Erkka Valovirta, Finland
   19:00 General discussion
19:15-20:00 Finnish Experience: Sauna!
20:30-22:00 Get-To-Gether party and buffet dinner in the hotel

DAY 2: Friday, 01 April 2011

08:30-12:15 Basic immunology and antigen characterisation
   Chairpersons: Johannes Savolainen, Finland
   08:30-09:00 Allergen meets the epithelium - Risto Renkonen, Finland
   09:00-09:30 Antigen presentation and inflammation - tbc
   09:30-10:00 Humoral and cell-mediated immunity specific antibodies Harri Alenius, Finland
   10:00-10:30 Coffee break
   10:30-10:50 Allergen sources and protein technology – Lars Jacobsen
   10:50-11:10 Chemical and physical modification of allergens - Oliver Cromwell, Germany
   11:10-11:30 Recombinant methodology - Lars Jacobsen/Oliver Cromwell
   11:30-11:45 General discussion
11.45-12.30 Lunch

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
16.00-17.20 Identification of patients suitable for allergen specific immunotherapy and SOTI
Chairpersons: Paula Pallasaho, Finland and Pascal Demoly, France

16:00-16:30 The regulation of allergen extracts and products for immunotherapy
Stefan Vieths, Germany

16:30-16:50 Allergic rhinitis - Elina Toskala, Finland

16:50-17:10 Asthma - Maritta Kilpeläinen, Finland

17.10-17.30 SOTI in food allergy - Mikael Kuitunen, Finland

17.30-17.50 Coffee break

17.50-19.10 Allergens, tolerance and specific immunotherapy
Chairpersons: Harri Alenius, Finland and Moises Calderon, UK

17.50-18.10 Stinging insect allergy - Paula Pallasaho, Finland

18:10-18:40 Mechanisms of allergen induced tolerance and of allergen specific immunotherapy
Johannes Savolainen, Finland

18:40-19:10 Choosing the optimal immunotherapy – single or multiple allergens
Hans-Jorgen Malling, Denmark

Off-site dinner in an exotic Lapland restaurant, departure from the hotel at 19.45, return at 23.00

DAY 3: Saturday, 02 April 2011

09:00-15:00 Immunotherapy in allergic diseases for 100 years:
Chairpersons: Hans-Jorgen Malling, Denmark and Erkka Valovirta, Finland

Patient cases; an interactive voting session
09:00-09:30 Patients with allergic rhinoconjunctivitis - Pascal Demoly, France
09:30-10:00 Patients with allergic asthma - Hans-Jorgen Malling, Denmark
10:00-10:30 Patients with stinging insect allergy - Antti Lauerma, Finland

SIT in children and Quality of Life
10:30-11:00 Immunotherapy in children - Erkka Valovirta, Finland
11:00-11:30 Allergic children - Maritta Paassilta, Finland
11:30-12:00 SOTI for children with food allergies - Mikael Kuitunen, Finland

12:00-13:00 Lunch

Chairpersons: Maritta Kilpeläinen, Finland and Mikael Kuitunen, Finland

13:00-13:30 Allergy and Qol, impact of immunotherapy: perennial vs pre-seasonal
Giovanni Passalacqua, Italy

13:30-14:00 Practical issues to be considered during immunotherapy - Moises Calderon, UK

14:00-14:30 ARIA and GINA Guidelines - treatment of respiratory allergic diseases - Pascal Demoly SIT

14.30-15.00 100yrs: Past, Present, Future - Giovanni Passalacqua, Italy

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

FREE EVENING

DAY 4: Sunday, 03 April 2011

Breakfast in the hotel, Free time, Outdoor activities, Departures