23rd Annual Congress of the Allergy Society of South Africa

6 – 8 August 2014

5th African School for Primary Immunodeficiencies
Diagnosis, laboratory investigation and management – case oriented step by step approach
8 – 10 August 2014
Main Programme

Elangeni Hotel, Durban

Frontiers in Allergy

1st Announcement & Call for Abstracts

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On behalf of ALLSA it gives me great pleasure to invite you to our 23rd Annual Congress. The congress will be hosted in Durban at the Elangeni Hotel from the 6th to the 10th of August 2014. The theme of the congress is “Frontiers in Allergy”. We aim to provide delegates with the latest in the field of allergy. Our faculty of local and international speakers are distinguished leaders in the field of allergy. The sessions will include talks, hands on workshops, case presentations and state of the art lectures. We will cover topics on food allergy, asthma, urticaria, atopic eczema, anaphylaxis, primary immune deficiency and many more.

The social programme will give you an opportunity to meet old friend and colleagues from different parts of the country. We look forward to seeing you at the 23rd ALLSA congress in 2014.

Sincerely

Dr Ahmed Manjra
Congress Convenor

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Invited International Faculty

**Professor Dianne Campbell (Australia)**

Professor Dianne Campbell is the Chair of Allergy and Clinical Immunology at Children’s Hospital Westmead, Sydney, Australia and Head of the Discipline of Paediatrics and Child Health, Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney. She is the current Chair of the Paediatric Subcommittee for Australian Society for Clinical Allergy and Immunology (ASCIA). She completed a PhD at Melbourne University and subsequently held a postdoctoral position at Stanford University, researching in the field of childhood atopic disease (atopic dermatitis and asthma). She has active roles in clinical Allergy and Immunology, Allergy research and Medical Education. Current research areas include: Mechanisms and treatment of childhood atopic dermatitis which focus on T regulatory cell dysfunction in atopic dermatitis; the immunobiology of FPIES and; the primary prevention and induction of tolerance in food allergy. She is the lead investigator of several clinical trials including the BEAT study (primary prevention egg allergy), ADDVIT study (Vit D therapy in AD), and the BAKE study (Baked egg tolerance in egg sensitised children). She oversees the paediatric curriculum across the graduate and postgraduate coursework programs in the Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney.

**Professor Wayne Shreffler (United States of America)**

Current
Director, Food Allergy Research Center at Massachusetts General Hospital
Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School
Chief of Paediatric Allergy and Immunology at MGH

Past
Fellow at AAAAI
Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Assistant Professor at Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Fellow, Allergy & Immunology at Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Resident, Pediatrics at Montefiore Medical Center

Education
New York University School of Medicine
University of Washington
**Professor Rudolf Valenta (Austria)**

Rudolf Valenta studied Medicine at the University of Vienna and obtained his MD degree in 1987 with distinction. He then started to work on the molecular characterization of allergens, became Associate Professor at the University of Vienna and founded his research group “Molecular Immunopathology” in 1993. He currently is full Professor for Allergology at the Medical University of Vienna, coordinated two allergy research programs there, served as chairman of the standardization committee of the International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS), as vice-president of the European Academy for Allergy and Clinical Immunology, as president of the Austrian Society for Allergology and Immunology and is member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. He has been working in the field of allergy research for more than 25 years. Starting with the molecular and immunological characterization of important allergens he continued to develop recombinant allergen-based diagnostic tests as well as therapeutic allergy vaccines based on recombinant allergens and genetically engineered hypoallergens and advanced them into clinical application. He has been awarded several prestigious national and international awards, among them the START Award of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF), the International Pharmacia Award and the Sarstedt Award which he received in 2000 for his work on the genetic analysis of allergy-eliciting substances and their recombinant production (after: J. Klose and P.H. O’Farrell 1986 “Two-dimensional electrophoresis”; H. Towbin, T. Staehelin and J. Gordon, 1988 “Western blot”; M. Wilchek and E. A. Bayer 1990 “Biotin-Avidin system”; F. S. Collins, J. Riordan, L.-C. Tsui 1993 “Cystic fibrosis gene”; B. Vogelstein and D. Sidransky 1997 “Molecular biology of malignant tumors”). Rudolf Valentas work is highly cited (Cumulative citation index: >17,000; h-index: 69), he has published more than 470 original scientific publications, reviews and book chapters, more than 105 patents/patent applications and introduced recombinant allergens into diagnosis and treatment of allergic diseases. He is currently working on mechanisms of allergic diseases, the introduction of new diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive concepts for allergy into clinical use and on the characterization of antigens in infectious diseases with the aim to develop diagnostic tests and vaccines also in this area.
Programme-at-a-glance

**Wednesday 6 August**
08h00  5th African School for Primary Immunodeficiencies
  Diagnosis, laboratory investigation and management – case oriented step by step approach Workshop

**Thursday 7 August**
08h00  5th African School for Primary Immunodeficiencies
  Diagnosis, laboratory investigation and management – case oriented step by step approach Workshop (Continues)
08h00  Exhibition build up

**Friday 8 August 2014**
08h00  5th African School for Primary Immunodeficiencies
  Diagnosis, laboratory investigation and management – case oriented step by step approach Workshop (Continues)
12h00  Registration opens for Congress
13h00  Official Opening
13h30  Scientific Sessions
18h00  Opening Cocktail function in the exhibition hall
19h00  Speakers' dinner for invited guests only

**Saturday 9 August 2014**
07h00  Trade sponsored breakfast symposia
08h00  Scientific Sessions
19h00  Congress dinner at the Durban Undersea Club

**Sunday 10 August 2014**
08h30  Scientific Session
12h30  Congress closing & Awards
13h00  Exhibition break down
Registration Information
The congress organisers will confirm all registrations in writing only once full payment has been received. The registration fees are payable in South African Rands only and will include:
- Admission to all scientific sessions for the duration of the congress including breakfast symposia, excluding the pre-congress workshop
- Congress bag
- Programme, abstract book and other congress material
- Luncheons and teas
- Admission to the cocktail function

Registration Procedures:
The registration form must be completed in full (see enclosed registration form). Please return your registration form with proof of payment to e-mail: yvonne@londocor.co.za or fax: 086 592 3390. You will receive confirmation of registration within 72 hours of submitting your registration form and proof of payment. Should you not receive your confirmation please contact Yvonne on e-mail: yvonne@londocor.co.za or tel: +27 11 954 5753.

Cancellation of Registration
Notice of cancellation must be given in writing. Cancellations received by the 25th of June 2014 will result in a 25% penalty. All cancellations received after the 25th of June 2014 will not be eligible for any refund and will result in a 100% cancellation fee.

Personal Insurance
Please note that all delegates are responsible for their own travel insurance, medical insurance and cancellation fees.

Language
The congress will be conducted in English. No translation service will be available.

CPD Accreditation
All scientific sessions and the breakfast symposia will be CPD accredited.
Name Badges
All participants must wear their name badges during the congress, whilst visiting the exhibition area and during social functions for security reasons.

Flights
Should you require any flight reservations please contact Karen Ashley at Club Travel on e-mail karena@clubtravel.co.za or on +27 11 760 1660

Airport Transfers
Our preferred supplier for airport transfers is Golf and Game Safaris. They will be running transfers from King Shaka International Airport to the Elangeni Hotel at the cost of R500.00 per person return at the following times.

Wednesday 6 August departing King Shaka at
08h00  11h00  15h00

Thursday 7 August departing King Shaka at
08h00  11h00  13h00  15h00  17h00  19h00

Friday 8 August departing King Shaka at
08h00  11h00  13h00  15h00  17h00  19h00

Sunday 10 August departing Elangeni Hotel at
08h00  10h00  12h00  14h00

These transfers are not complimentary and will be for your own account. All transfers must be pre-booked. If you are interested in using this shuttle service, please book and pay directly with Golf and Game Safaris.

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Accommodation Information

Southern Sun Elangeni Maharani (congress venue)
Rates: Single R1 350.00 per night including breakfast, excluding 1% tourism levy
      Double R1 600.00 per night including breakfast, excluding 1% tourism levy
Please click on the below link to book your accommodation.
Should you experience any problems with the online booking system please contact the reservation centre on 031 492 4001 for assistance.
The Group block / reference number is 688044

Booking Conditions:
Rates valid from 6th to 10th August 2014
• Rates extended to congress delegates only
• Please book and pay your accommodation by the 4th of July 2014.
• Please pay a deposit equal to your first nights' accommodation in order to guarantee your reservation.
• Rates applicable to standard rooms only
• Rates include breakfast
• Rates include 14% vat and exclude 1% tourism levy
• Rate is per room per night
• Check in is at 14h00 and checkout at 11h00 on day of departure
• If reservation is cancelled 30 days prior to arrival, a full refund will apply. If cancelled 29 days prior to arrival or non-arrival 100% of the payment will be forfeited.

Pavilion Hotel
Rates: Single R790.00 per night including breakfast
      Double R985.00 per night including breakfast
Contact number: +27 31 337 7366 (Desire Kumarsamy)
Email: info@pavilionhotel.co.za
Group block/reference number: 35200
**City Lodge – Durban**
Rates: Single R930.00 per night excluding breakfast & 1% tourism levy  
   Double R1190.00 per night excluding breakfast & 1% tourism levy
Full English Breakfast R120 per person
Contact number: +27 11 559 2648 (Rose Bischoff) or E-mail: rose@citylodge.co.za
Discounted rates available when booking online www.citylodge.co.za

**Protea Hotel Edward**
Rates subject to room type and availability starting from R985.00 per night, exclusive of meals.
Contact number: +27 31 337 3681 (Cathy Botha) or E-mail: reservations@proteaedward.co.za  
www.proteahotels.com/edwarddurban

**Garden Court Marine Parade – awaiting for details**
Rates: Single R1149 per night including breakfast, excluding 1% tourism levy  
   Double R1349 per night including breakfast, excluding 1% tourism levy
Please pay a deposit equal to your first nights’ accommodation within 48 hours of your booking in order to secure your reservation.
Contact number: +27 31 492 4001 (Jeanie Pillay or Zukiswa Lisa) or E-mail: jeanie.pillay@tsogosun.com / lisa@tsogosun.com  
http://www.tsogosunhotels.com/garden-court/marine-parade
Guidelines for submission of Abstracts

The Committee invites the submission of abstracts for Oral and E-poster presentations. The closing date for the submission of abstracts is 30 May 2014. Registrars are specifically invited to present.

All abstracts must be submitted via e-mail to yvonne@londocor.co.za. Faxed abstracts will not be accepted.

Please provide the presenting author’s full name, title, postal address, telephone, fax numbers & e-mail address. Please note that at least one of the authors of accepted abstracts must be a registered delegate.

All appropriately submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. Authors must indicate their preference for Oral and/or E-poster presentation, but the final decision rests with the Scientific Committee. All abstracts received will be acknowledged, and authors will be sent acceptance or rejection letters by 30 June 2014.

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1. Each abstract must clearly state the following:
   * Abstract title
   * Name and list of author(s). The name of the presenting author must appear first in the list of authors.
   * Affiliations of author(s).
   * Contact details of first author (telephone numbers, e-mail address, etc).
   * Preferred format of presentation (oral or poster).
2. Abstracts must be typed in English, single line spacing, Arial font.
3. The body of the text must not exceed 450 words.
4. Please adhere to the following format:
   * Introduction: should be brief and informative and state the aim of the study;
   * Methods: include description of subjects and research methodology;
   * Results: outline the findings of the study supported by statistics as appropriate. Do not use figures, graphs or tables in the abstract. The data provided must be sufficient to permit peer review of the abstract;
   * Conclusion: provide summary and relevance of the main findings.
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