

3rd Black Sea International Immunology School

(14-16 October 2016, Lukovit, Bulgaria)

Program and Speakers

The following speakers (in alphabetical order) have accepted to animate 3rd BSIS 2016

1. Assoc. Prof. **Andrey Tchorbanov**, PhD, Institute of Microbiology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria
2. Assoc. Prof. **Dobroslav Kyurkchiev**, MD, DSc, Medical University of Sofia, Bulgaria
3. Assoc. Prof. **Ivaylo Alexiev**, PhD, National Reference Laboratory of HIV, National Center of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, Sofia, Bulgaria
4. Assoc. Prof. **Joseph Prechl**, PhD, Dept. Immunology, University L. Eotvos, Budapest, Hungary
5. Prof. **Maria Nikolova**, MD, DSc, National Reference Laboratory of Immunology, National Center of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, Sofia, Bulgaria
6. Assoc. Prof. **Massimo Amicosante**, PhD, Department of Biomedicine and Prevention, University Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy
7. Prof. **Massimo Ciccozzi**, National Institute of Health, Department of infectious Diseases, Rome Italy
8. Assoc. Prof. **Radostina Alexandrova**, PhD, Institute of Experimental Morphology, Pathology and Anthropology with Museum, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria
9. Assoc. Prof. **Roumen Roussev**, MD, PhD, Specialized hospital for active treatment in gynecology and assisted reproduction “Dr Malinov”, Sofia, Bulgaria
10. Univ.-Prof. **Tobias Bopp**, PhD, Institute for Immunology, UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER of the Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz, Germany

14 October		
11:00 – 14:00	Registration; Opening	
<i>The immune system against viruses</i>		
14:00 – 14.40	R. Alexandrova, Bulgaria	The mystery of endogenous retroviruses
14.45 – 15.25	M. Ciccozzi, Italy	Phylogeny and evolution of the last two pandemics: from Ebola to Zika viruses
15.30 – 16.10	M.Amicosante, Italy	Genetic diversity and epitope variation of EBOLA virus: insight and lessons from the 2014-2015 epidemic
16.15 – 16.40	Coffee break	
16.40 – 17.20	I. Alexiev, Bulgaria	HIV Evolution and Molecular Epidemiology
17.25 – 18.05	M. Nikolova, Bulgaria	Chronic HIV infection: where are we now?
18.10 – 18.40	Discussion	
19.00	Dinner	
15 October		
<i>The immune system against itself</i>		
9:00– 9.40	D. Kyurkchiev, Bulgaria	“Bystander suppression” - the communication between tolerogenic dendritic cells and T regulatory lymphocytes
9.40 - 10.20	J. Prechl, Hungary	Protective and pathogenic antibodies in autoimmunity: the effects of isotype and affinity
10.20 – 11.00	R. Roussev, Bulgaria	Immune cause for reproductive failures: what can we do to diagnose and treat?
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break	
11.30 – 12.10	T. Bopp, Germany	Context- and Tissue-specific Regulation of Immunity and Tolerance by Regulatory T cells
12.10 – 12.50	A.Tchorbanov, Bulgaria	The dark side of the autoimmunity: why me?
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch	
14.30 – 18.30	Students’ oral presentations & Discussion	
19.00	Dinner	
16 October		
8.30 – 12.00	Visit of the National Geopark “Iskar-Panega” – the caves and stones	
12.00 – 13.00	Discussion & closure	