

**The 19th annual Israel Neuroimmunological meeting
Caesaria, Israel, 13-16 November 2019**



First day, Wednesday 13/11/2019

16:00 Arrivals, get together and registration

17:00: **Opening remarks:**

Dimitrios Karussis, President of the Israeli Society of Neuroimmunology

Ilan Shelef, President of the Israeli Society of Neuroradiology

18:15-20:00: Session 1

Neuroradiology in Neuroimmunology

(organized in collaboration with the Israel Society of Neuroradiology)

- Differential diagnosis of CNS demyelinating diseases
- Detection of progression of disease in multiple sclerosis (brain atrophy, active and expanding lesions)
- Novel neuroradiological techniques (DTI, fMRI etc)

21:00: **Invited speakers dinner**

Second day Thursday 14/11/2019

Session 2 (8:30-10:00): Neurodegeneration and Neuroinflammation

10:00-10:30: Coffee break and poster viewing

Session 3 (10:30-11:30) Autoantibodies (old and new) in Neuroimmune diseases

Invited lecture: Yehuda Shoenfeld (Sheba, Tel Aviv): Autoimmune dysautonomia; anti B2AR Abs and Small fiber neuropathy

Invited lecture: Anastasia Zekeridou (Mayo Clinic, USA): Novel autoantibodies in neuroimmune and paraneoplastic diseases

Lecture (TBA): Autoimmune encephalitis (update)

Session 4 (11:30-13:00) Neuroimmunology of the neuromuscular junction and peripheral nerves

13:00-14.00 Lunch break and poster viewing
General assembly meeting of the Neuroimmunological society

Session 4 (14:00-16:00): Special Neuroimmunology session dedicated to the memory of Avraham Ben-Nun

Chairpersons: Dimitrios Karussis and Ron Milo

14:00 – 14:10: Introduction: Ron Milo/Dimitrios Karussis
14:10 – 14:40: **Hartmut Wekerle**, Max Planck Institute, Munich
14:40 – 15:10: **Irun Cohen**, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot
15:10 – 15:25: **Nicole Kerlero-de-Rosbo**, University of Genoa, Genoa
15:25 – 15:40: **Natalie Kaushansky**, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot
15:40 – 15:55: **Rina Zilkha-Falb**, Sheba Medical Center, Tel-Hashomer
15:55 – 16:00: Conclusions; Avi's Family

16:00-16:30: Coffee break and poster view

Session 5 (16:30-18:00): Selected presentations

Invited lecture: Anastasia Zekeridou (Mayo Clinic, USA): Neurologic Autoimmunity in the Era of Checkpoint Inhibitor Cancer Immunotherapy

18:00-19:00:
Neuroimmunological and Neurophilosophical Tournament
(prize: travel grant to an International congress)

21:00-24:00: SOCIAL EVENING and Gala dinner

Third Day: Friday 15/11/2019

**Session 6 (08:30-13:00): Clinical Neuroimmunology-Multiple Sclerosis
Chairpersons:**

Early intensive treatment in MS and review of the CIS data

Long-term planning and treatment sequencing in MS

Approach and treatment of childhood MS

Family counseling for MS treatment

10:15-10:45: Coffee break

Short Presentation of the Neuroimmunology Society recommendations to MOH for radical change in the criteria for MS immunotherapy (Ron Milo, Dimitrios Karussis on behalf of a consensus advisory meeting)

Debate 1: Is disability improvement a feasible target in MS ?

Debate 2: Is cognitive improvement a feasible target in MS ?

Invited lecture: Sven Schippling: Brain atrophy and cognitive changes as markers of progression and treatment targets

Debate 3: Are there effective treatments for the progressive forms of MS? (PPMS and SPMS)

Debate 4: Anti-MOG spectrum, a separate disease or an overlap syndrome ?

Preliminary list of speakers

Alon Monsonogo
Dan Frenkel
Tamir Ben-Hur

Efrat Shavit-Stein
Sven Schippling
Adi Vaknin
Panayiota Petrou
Ariel Miller
Anastasia Zekeridou
Ron Milo
Dimitrios Karussis
Hartmut Wekerle
Irun Cohen
Nicole Kerlero-de-Rosbo
Natalie Kaushansky
Rina Zilkha-Falb
Yehuda Shoenfeld
Dror Mevorah
Ilan Shelef
Ruth Eliahu