Americas Association of Sarcoidosis and Other Granulomatous Disorders

Annual Conference
April 13-14, 2018

“Sarcoidosis Advances and Controversies:
Vulnerable Populations, Disease Pathogenesis and Clinical Challenges”

Preliminary Program

Friday, April 13, 2018

8:00-9:00  Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:10  Opening and Welcome: Peter Sporn, MD (Northwestern University) and Nadera Sweiss, MD (University of Illinois College of Medicine)

Session 1. Disparities in Sarcoidosis: Implications of Epidemiology for Pathogenesis, Treatment and Outcomes
Moderators: Alicia Gerke, MD, MBA (University of Iowa) and Susan Russell, MD (Northwestern University)

9:10-9:35 Lisa Maier, MD, MSPH (National Jewish Health) – Occupation and sarcoidosis disease risk
9:35-10:00 Dave Prezant, MD (Albert Einstein College of Medicine and New York City Fire Department) – Sarcoidosis in World Trade Center first responders
10:00-10:25 Yvette Crozier, DSc (Boston University) – Unique aspects of sarcoidosis in African Americans and women

10:25-10:45  Coffee Break

Session 2. Pro-Con Debate: Is Sarcoidosis an Infectious Disease?

10:45-11:05 Pro: Wonder Drake, MD (Vanderbilt University)
11:05-11:25 Con: David Moller, MD (Johns Hopkins University)
11:25-11:30 Response: Wonder Drake, MD
11:30-11:35 Response: David Moller, MD
11:35-11:45 Discussion

11:45-12:30  Abstract Poster Viewing

12:30-1:15  Lunch

Session 3. Immunology of Granuloma Formation and Progression in Sarcoidosis and Other Diseases: Similarities and Differences
Moderators: Peter Sporn, MD (Northwestern University) and Ed Chen, MD (Johns Hopkins University)

1:15-1:50 Thomas Weichhart, PhD (Medical University of Vienna) – Role of the macrophage mTOR signaling in sarcoidosis
1:50-2:25 Andrew Fontenot, MD (University of Colorado) – Immunopathogenesis of berylliosis
2:25-3:00 Lalita Ramakrishnan, MD, PhD (University of Cambridge, UK) – Regulation and role of granuloma formation in tuberculosis
3:00-3:35 Kenneth Knox, MD (University of Arizona) – Granuloma formation in coccidioidomycosis and histoplasmosis

3:35-3:55 Coffee Break

Session 4. Transcriptome and Microbiome in Pulmonary Sarcoidosis and Related Lung Disease: What Have We Learned and What More Do We Need to Know?

Moderators: Courtney Montgomery, PhD (Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, PhD) and Laura Koth, MD (University of California San Francisco)

3:55-4:30 Naftali Kaminski, MD (Yale University) – Gene expression in sarcoidosis: GRADS and beyond
4:30-5:05 Alison Morris, MD, MS (University of Pittsburgh) – Microbiome in sarcoidosis: GRADS and beyond
5:05-5:40 Scott Budinger, MD (Northwestern University) – Macrophage transcriptomes in lung injury and fibrosis

6:00-7:45 Conference Dinner

8:00-10:00 AASOG/FSR Reception

Saturday, April 14, 2018

8:00-8:30 Continental Breakfast

Session 5. Cardiac Sarcoidosis: New Developments in Diagnosis and Management

Moderators: Clyde Yancy, MD (Northwestern University) and Marc Judson, MD (Albany Medical College)

8:30-8:55 Paco Bravo, MD (Harvard University) – Imaging cardiac sarcoidosis: MRI and PET
8:55-9:20 Frank Bogun, MD (University of Michigan) – Arrhythmias in cardiac sarcoidosis: the HRS cardiac sarcoidosis registry
9:20-9:45 Lori Blauwet, MD (Mayo Medical School) – Myocardial dysfunction in cardiac sarcoidosis
9:45-10:10 Elliott Crouser, MD (Ohio State University) – Cardiac sarcoidosis: unmet needs in diagnosis and treatment
10:15-10:30 Presentation by Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research

10:30-10:50 Coffee Break

Session 6: Featured Abstracts Oral Presentations

10:50-11:50 (4 x 15 min)

12:00-12:45 Lunch

Session 7. Clinical Approaches to Pulmonary and Extra-pulmonary Sarcoidosis: Where Is the Evidence?

Moderators: Catherine Bonham, MD (University of Chicago) and Kevin Gibson, MD (University of Pittsburgh)

12:45-1:05 Meyer Balter, MD (University of Toronto) – Pulmonary Perspective
1:05-1:25 Debra Goldstein, MD (Northwestern University) – Ophthalmology Perspective
1:25-1:45 Emily Keimig, MD (Northwestern University) – Dermatology Perspective
1:45-2:05 Nadera Sweiss, MD (University of Illinois College of Medicine) – Rheumatology Perspective
2:05-2:25 Jinny Tavee, MD (Northwestern University) – Neurology Perspective

2:25-2:45 Coffee Break

Session 8. The Future of Sarcoidosis Research

Moderators: Lisa Maier, MD, MSPH (National Jewish Health) and Dan Culver, DO (Cleveland Clinic)

2:45-3:10 Louis Vuga, MD, MPH, PhD (National Institutes of Health) – Sarcoidosis research opportunities and priorities: the view from NIH
3:10-3:35 Larry Schlesinger, MD (Texas Biomedical Research Institute) – How can we model sarcoidosis – in vitro, and in vivo?
3:35-4:00 Jerry Krishnan, MD, PhD (University of Illinois College of Medicine) – How should we design new, patient-centered clinical trials?
4:00-4:25 Bob Baughman, MD (University of Cincinnati) – New targets, new therapies

4:25-4:35 Conference Closing: Elliott Crouser, MD, President, AASOG

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