CHAIRS: Stipan Jonjić & Alenka Gagro

## Friday, October 11th, 2024.

14:00-24:00 Hotel check-in
14:30-15:30 Registration
15:30-15:40 Opening ceremony
MARIASTEFANIA ANTICA, President of the Croatian Immunological Society
BOJAN POLIĆ, EFIS President-elect

15:40-16:20 Invited lecture: **BERISLAV BOŠNJAK**, Hannover Medical School, Institute of Immunology, Hannover, Germany

Genomic, phenotypic, and functional analysis of cytomegalovirus-specific T cells

16:20-17:20 Selected oral presentations – **Session 1** 

<u>16:20</u> **Lydia Gaćina,** Department of Histology and Embryology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Rijeka, Rijeka, Croatia

The role of NKG2D ligand H60a in the immune surveillance of murine cytomegalovirus infection

<u>16:40</u> **Lidija Cvetko Krajinović**, Research Department, University Hospital for Infectious Diseases "Dr. Fran Mihaljević", Zagreb, Croatia

Differential monocyte activation by SARS-CoV-2 variants: Implications for early immune response

17:00 Sara Aničić, University of Zagreb School of Medicine, Zagreb, Croatia

Effect of Notch signaling on human trilineage monocyte progenitors in patients with rheumatoid arthritis

17:20-18:00 Invited lecture: **TOMISLAV KELAVA**, Department of Physiology and Immunology, School of Medicine, Zagreb, Croatia

Targeting Notch signaling pathway in liver fibrosis - possibilities and limitations

## Saturday, October 12th 2024

CHAIRS: Vanda Juranić Lisnić & Asja Stipić Marković

9:00-9:40 Invited lecture: MARIA PIA FELLI, Department of Experimental Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, Sapienza University of Rome, Roma, Italy

Notch-ed up T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia development and progression

9:40-10:40 Selected oral presentations – Session 2

9:40 **Dora Višnjić**, University of Zagreb School of Medicine, Zagreb, Croatia

The Role of Ribonucleotide Reductase Activity in Monocytic Differentiation Induced by Pyrimidine Synthesis Inhibitors

<u>10:00</u> **Sanja Mikašinović,** Department of Histology and Embryology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Rijeka, Croatia

IGF-1 signaling enhances CD8 memory cell formation

10:20 **Sara Priselac,** Laboratory for Molecular Immunology, Croatian Institute for Brain Research, University of Zagreb School of Medicine, Zagreb, Croatia

Midline 1 promotes bone and cartilage damage during antigen-induced arthritis

10:40-11:20 Coffee break sponsored by GOREA PLUS

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11:20-12:00 Invited lecture: **BENCE RETHI**, Department of Medicine, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden

Early pathogenesis in rheumatoid arthritis - understanding and targeting key pathways in disease development

12:00-13:00 Selected oral presentations – Session 3 - Bright Spark 12:00 Maša Filipović, Department of Medicine, Solna, and Center for Molecular Medicine, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden Role of the chemokine CCL22 in rheumatoid arthritis development 12:20 Maja Jirouš Drulak, Dept. of Medical Chemistry, Biochemistry and Clinical Chemistry, Faculty of Medicine, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Croatia The distribution, transcriptome, and TCR profiles of peripheral  $\gamma\delta$  T cells in psoriasis vulgaris 12:40 **Dubravka Karner,** Center for Proteomics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Rijeka, Croatia Cellular prion protein alters viral control and enhances pathology after perinatal cytomegalovirus infection Invited lecture: SANJA NOVAK, Center for Regenerative Medicine and Skeletal Development, 13:00-13:40 School of Dental Medicine, UConn Health, Farmington, Connecticut, USA Notch signaling regulation of skeletal repair 13:40-15:20 Lunch break 15:20-16:20 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CROATIAN IMMUNOLOGICAL SOCIETY CHAIRS: Dora Višnjić & Alemka Markotić 16:20-17:00 Invited lecture: ILIJA BRIZIĆ, Center for Proteomics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Rijeka, Croatia Cytomegalovirus infection and inflammation in developing brain 17:00-19:00 POSTER SESSION - CHAIRS: Beata Halassy & Alan Šućur 19:00 Dinner Sunday, October 13th 2024 CHAIRS: Ines Mrakovčić-Šutić & Felix Wensveen 9:00-9:40 Invited lecture: IGOR AURER, Department of Hematology, University Hospital Centre Zagreb, CAR-T cells - a new generation of adoptive cellular immunotherapy 9:40-11:00 Selected oral presentations – Session 4 Marina Babić Čač, Department of Histology and Embryology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Rijeka, Rijeka, Croatia Immune cell crosstalk during neuroinflammation - role for cellular stress sensor NKG2D Maja Cokarić Brdovčak, Center for Proteomics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Rijeka, Rijeka, Croatia Immunization against SARS-CoV-2 using cytomegalovirus as a vaccine vector Beata Halassy, Centre for Research and Knowledge Transfer in Biotechnology, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia Is there a need to develop new procedures for the preparation of high-quality human

immunoglobulin G, in addition to the registered ones?

Karlo Mladenić, Faculty of Medicine, University of Rijeka, Rijeka, Croatia

The IL-17A and IFN-y dichotomy in MASLD compromises the immune response to mCMV infection

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

CHAIRS: Stana Tokić & Alan Šućur

Invited lecture: MARKO ŠESTAN, Department of Histology and Embryology, Faculty of 11:30-12:10 Medicine University of Rijeka, Croatia

Immune-mediated control of glucose metabolism in health and disease

12:10-13:00 Award ceremony and closing remarks