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XI. International Conference on Behçet's Disease Opens in Belek, Antalya – TURKEY

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the International Society of Behçet's Disease and the Organizing Committee I take great joy and pride in welcoming you to the XI. International Conference on Behçet's Disease.

We are expecting over 200 participants attending the scientific sessions, presenting and discussing around 250 abstracts. With additional 13 invited lectures by a team of international experts, we have a rather busy scientific program. On the other hand it is my sincere wish that your stay in Antalya will not be all work and you will also have some time to look around in that the "around" is full history and natural beauty. We have a gap in the scientific program for a full afternoon on October 29 when we will be visiting some historical sites with co-participation of the attendees

of the III. Patient Conference on Silk Road Disease (Behçet's disease). The same evening there is a special program to commemorate the 81st year of our Republic and we will be very pleased to have you as our guests on both occasions.

I am also happy to announce that Clinical and Experimental Rheumatology, which has kindly published the abstracts of this meeting in its 4th Special Supplement of Behçet's Disease and Familial Mediterranean Fever, is going to on-line publish the full texts of all submitted, peer reviewed and accepted manuscripts on Behçet's Disease and Familial Mediterranean Fever starting March 2005. The same manuscripts will continue to appear in hard-cover as usual in the annual special supplement. It is envisaged that this on-line publication will also be linked to the official web-site of the ISBD, www.behcet.ws, un-

doubtedly helping toward the much desired dynamism of our web site.

Many and sincere thanks go to our abstract reviewers, International Society for Behçet's Disease (ISBD), Society for Research and Education (RAED) - Turkey, Akdeniz University, Music Conservatory of Istanbul University, Turkish Scientific and Technical Council (TUBİTAK), Garanti Bankası, Coca Cola Co., Look Us Tasarım ve Prodüksiyon, Figür Congress and Organization Services and finally the drug- industry for their generous and most needed help in putting together this conference.

I wish you all a very enjoyable and fruitful meeting.

Hasan Yazıcı

President,

XI. International Conference on

Behçet's Disease

Secretary and President-elect, ISBD

Awards to be Presented During the Opening Ceremony

Hulusi Behçet Award

This newly established award is granted by the Society for Education and Research in Rheumatology (RAED) of Turkey to that scientist or cli-

nician who has made an outstanding contribution to the study of Behçet's disease. The award is a plaquet plus 5000 US dollars. RAED plans to grant these awards every two years during the international

conferences on Behçet's disease.

RAED is happy to announce that **Prof. Shigeaki Ohno (Japan)** is the first winner of

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this prestigious award.

Young Investigator Awards

The International Society for Behçet's Disease (ISBD) 500 US dollar travel grants to young investigators aged 35 years or less who present top quality scientific papers during the international conferences organized by ISBD.

The winners for the 11th Conference in alphabetical order were:

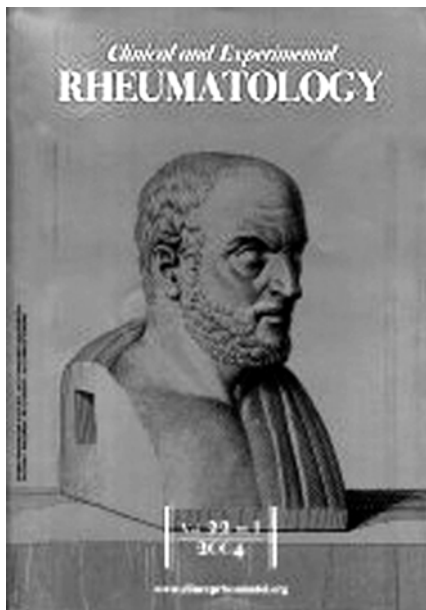
- Amberger M (Germany): Intracellular cytokines in

Behçet's disease and ankylosing spondylitis and effects of IFN- α -2a-treatment on their expression

- Bıçakçıl M (Turkey): Cytokine polymorphisms associated with Behçet's disease in Turkey
- Choi JS (Korea): HLA-G 3741 14bp Insertion in the 3'-UTR in Behçet's disease
- Coşgun S (Turkey): Prevalence of Behçet's Syndrome (BS) and Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) among hospital workers
- Elbir Y (Turkey): Toll like receptors in etiopathogenesis of Behçet's disease

- Houman MH (Tunisia): Characterisation of a cytotoxic CD8+ T cell population in patients with Behçet's disease
- Mertens D (Germany): Expression of α -defensins in Behçet's disease: effector molecules of spontaneous and pathergy induced (papulo)pustular lesions?
- Seyahi E (Turkey): The outcome of children with Behçet's syndrome
- Yapışlar H (Turkey): Decreased NO production and increased platelet aggregability in patients with Behçet's disease

Special Announcement Clinical and Experimental Rheumatology



Since the year 2000 Clinical and Experimental Rheumatology has dedicated an annual supplement, edited by Hasan Yazıcı and Eldad Ben-Chetrit, entirely to Behçet's disease and familial Mediterranean fever. This annual issue is rapidly becoming the international forum for the latest research on these conditions. Henceforth

all manuscripts accepted for publication in this annual supplement will be posted as preprints (full text) – beginning in March 2005 – on a special webpage now being prepared in collaboration with BD NEWS at the official web site of ISBD (www.behcet.ws). They will then be published in due course in the annual Be-

hçet's Disease and Familial Mediterranean Fever supplement. Moreover the congress participants will have the opportunity to subscribe to the journal for the year 2005 at the special discount price of **82 euros**.



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