



ESPAI will celebrate the World Allergy Week 2019 (April 6-13) that adopted the topic of "The Global Problem of Food Allergy" by holding a workshop in the Training Center of Ain Shams University Hospitals on April 13 that is open for free registration without any fees. The workshop will present lectures and hands-on sessions covering all what concerns the topic. The World Allergy Organization (WAO) will hold an international webinar on April 12 (2 pm Egypt's time) that is open for free registration on the WAO website <https://www.worldallergy.org/resources/world-allergy/2019>. Another important event this month is the World Primary Immunodeficiency Week (April 22-29) and ESPAI will hold a symposium on April 22 on the topic of "Predominantly Antibody Deficiency" in the Children's Hospital of Ain Shams University.

Please get the latest updates on ESPAI meetings and activities from <http://www.espai-eg.org>. Our 15th International Congress will be held on September 25-26, 2019 in Cairo Sheraton Hotel. The preliminary scientific program and list of international and local speakers will be out soon. Abstract submission is open now! I am happy to announce that there will be a certified World Allergy Training School on the second day of the congress (Sep 26) held by the WAO and will involve 3 international speakers from the US (Prof. Stanley Fineman; Prof. Kathleen May and Prof. Allen Meadow) as well as the Egyptian experts from the Pediatric Allergy and Immunology Unit of Ain Shams University.

This issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology contains many state of the art articles. The review article is entitled "Eczema the hidden face of primary immunodeficiency diseases". It is tailed by some MCQs for self-assessment. Four original articles were carefully selected after peer-reviewing by International and local experts in the field. Membrane endothelial protein C receptor expression in renal tissue of pediatric lupus nephritis patients is the subject of the first article. The authors reported a link between this tissue marker and severity of lupus nephritis. Double negative alpha beta T cells in pediatric hemophagocytic syndromes are investigated in the second article. The third article is aimed to assess the FOXO3a gene polymorphism and bronchial asthma in Egyptian children. The results concluded that FOXO3a polymorphism had no role in the pathogenesis of asthma or atopy and had no relation to disease severity. In the last article, the authors sought to investigate the association of vitamin D expression in preschool children with recurrent wheeze, and its relation to the severity of the wheezing episodes. They reported an inverse relationship between vitamin D status and the severity of wheeze.

An English/Arabic glossary that contains a list of allergy and immunology relevant terms and expressions is included as well as a collection of abstracts from recent international publications in allergy/immunology .

I would like to remind you that the WAO e-letter (News & Notes) is displayed on our website both in English and Arabic on monthly basis. You will find reviews of recent international publications and a recent allergy/immunology book. A link on our homepage will guide you to the WAO open access journal (World Allergy Organization Journal) I encourage you indeed to submit your articles to this Q1 high impact very well peer-reviewed journal.

We look forward to receiving some feedback from you on [journal@espai-eg.org](mailto:journal@espai-eg.org).

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