

Trainees can continue to expect fantastic opportunities to learn from the best, including the Resident's Review Course. Trainees will also have the chance to provide top-line learning points for ASM attendees during the Mysterious Cases and Clinical Pearls session, a perennial highlight of the ASM!

Our ASM Headliners!

We are delighted to present an outstanding meeting that includes world-renowned speakers:

- Professor Tim Spector will kick off the ASM as our Keynote Speaker. As the author of the global phenomenon "The Diet Myth," he will address the role of the microbiome in human health and rheumatic diseases.
- Dr. Dinesh Khanna from the University of Michigan will present the State-of-the-Art Lecture on interstitial lung disease in scleroderma.

- Dr. Betty Diamond from the Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research will present the Dunlop-Dottridge Lecture. She will summarize the latest cutting-edge research in lupus, including how her work has led to new understanding of the cause of neuropsychiatric manifestations in lupus.

Registration opened November 29th! Old friends, new connections, important causes, Canadian content, and world-class opportunities in rheumatology await. I look forward to seeing you in Victoria. Bienvenue!

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Update from the Abstract Review Committee

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The abstracts are in, and the CRA Abstract Review Committee has begun the hard work of reading and scoring the abstracts, ably supported by Virginia Hopkins, our research and innovation coordinator. The committee selects the abstracts worthy of podium and poster presentations. Our meeting continues to garner interest from researchers, clinicians, trainees and industry. More than 280 abstracts were submitted this year on rheumatology-related topics ranging from basic science, clinical and translational medicine, education, and quality improvement to health services research. Each abstract will be scored by three reviewers, and the best in each category are chosen based on the average score; the chair and co-chair will break any tie for a spot at the podium by consensus. Thank you reviewers!

There will be two podium sessions, during which the top-ranked abstracts in each category will be presented and judged. There will also be two interactive poster sessions where attendees will be able to discuss posters with the presenters. Both podium and poster presentations will be judged for awards, available in the following categories:

- Best Abstract on Quality Care Initiatives in Rheumatology
- Best Abstract on Research by Young Faculty
- Best Abstract on Pediatric Research by Young Faculty
- Best Abstract on Basic Science Research by a Trainee
- Best Abstract on Clinical or Epidemiology Research by a Trainee – Phil Rosen Award

- Best Abstract on SLE Research by a Trainee – Ian Watson Award
- Best Abstract by a Medical Student
- Best Abstract by a Rheumatology Resident
- Best Abstract by an Undergraduate Student
- Best Abstract by a Post-Graduate Research Trainee
- Best Abstract by a Rheumatology Post-Graduate Research Trainee
- Best Abstract on Spondyloarthritis Research Award (New)

We look forward to seeing you all in beautiful Victoria!

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