

Welcome Message

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Following the success of the 7th CORA Congress in 2023 in Turin and the 14th International Congress of Autoimmunity in 2024 in Ljubljana, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to **Venice, Italy**, for the **8th International Congress on Controversies in Rheumatology and Autoimmunity (CORA 2025)**.

First launched in Florence in 2011, CORA has since become a **major event in the field of rheumatology and autoimmunity** thanks to its fresh and intuitive structure featuring debate sessions on burning and controversial issues. The last CORA congress in 2023 attracted over 600 participants after a long period of transition from virtual to in-person events.

CORA 2025 will feature the well-known and highly attended **debate sessions** where scientists passionately defend their convictions on burning issues. We have also prepared a rich portion of **scientific lectures, abstract presentations, sponsored blocks**, and **curbside consults** where controversies on different topics will be presented and discussed by top experts. Additionally, this year we aim to give more opportunities to young investigator to present their findings in interactive settings.

Today, new aspects and new drugs are being discovered in rheumatological and autoimmune conditions including rheumatoid arthritis, spondyloarthropathies and systemic lupus erythematosus to name just a few. New discoveries and descriptions are being rapidly released by leading scientists and these findings **raise further questions related to the clinical diagnosis, management, as well as the pathogenesis of rheumatological and autoimmune disorders**. The

scientific program of CORA 2025 will cover many of these issues through a range of debates on contemporary and controversial topics.

CORA 2025 promises a bountiful and cutting-edge program, and we look forward to **your contribution by submitting an abstract and joining the discussions** on these issues.

We await to see you in **Venice, Italy**, on **March 6th – 8th**, in the wonderful surroundings of the Palazzo del Casino, located on the picturesque Giudecca Island overlooking the beautiful old town with charming canals and traditional boats.

Sincerely,

Prof. Andrea Doria Prof. Piercarlo Sarzi-Puttini Prof. Zoltan Szekanecz <i>Congress Chairs</i>	□Prof. Yehuda Shoenfeld <i>Honorary Chair</i>
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