

The 5th Controversies in Rheumatology and Autoimmunity Conference

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The 5th Controversies in Rheumatology and Autoimmunity Conference (CORA) was held on March 14–16, 2019. The city of Florence hosted approximately 1000 participants – clinicians and researchers from all the world, including 29 representatives from Poland.

The congress was chaired by Prof. Andrea Doria and Prof. Zoltan Szekanecz, with Prof. Yehuda Shoenfeld as honorary chairperson. The meeting took place in the historic Palazzo dei Congressi. The events of the congress included long and short discussions, scientific lectures, abstract presentations, sponsored blocks, as well as an exciting session called „Corridor Consult”, in which experts discussed difficult clinical cases. The presented lectures included some devoted to controversial new concepts, e.g. inclusion of Behçet’s disease in spondyloarthritis complex or the problem of over-recognition of early non-radiographic spondyloarthritis. Among the major events, the debate on the new criteria for lupus erythematosus must be noted in particular because it revealed divided views on the matter.

Representatives from different Polish rheumatology centers (Lublin, Łódź, Cracow, Białystok, Wrocław, and Warsaw) presented the results of their research concerning epigenetics, T-cell populations in systemic sclerosis, antiphospholipid syndrome, and aspects of the usefulness of salivary gland ultrasonography in primary Sjögren’s syndrome.

The conference was, as always, based on an exchange of views and presentation of contrasting viewpoints: “for” and “against” specific concepts, making the debates interesting and inspiring for the listeners. It also allowed new scientific and social contacts to be established in the community of people interested in autoimmunity and rheumatology.

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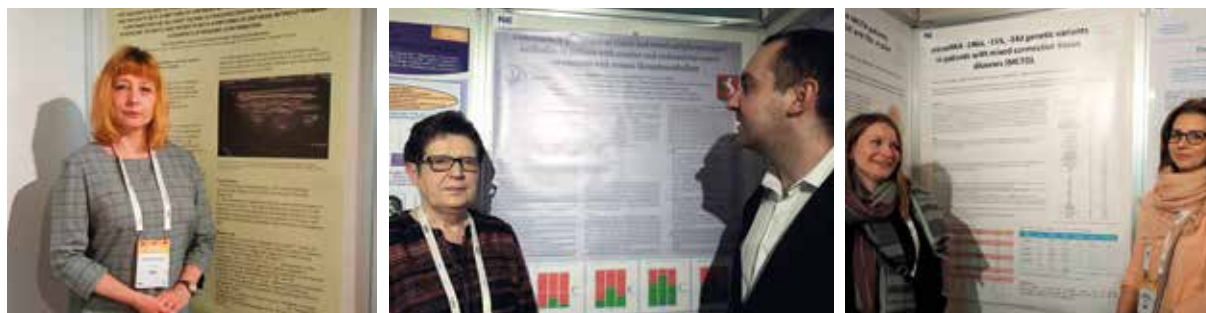


Fig. Conference participants.