

AIDA NETWORK MEETING

AUTOINFLAMMATORY DISEASES

RED FLAGS FOR DIAGNOSIS,
THERAPEUTIC PERSPECTIVES,
AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

18–19 December 2026

Siena



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08.30 Participants Registration

09.10 AIDA Network Welcome and Overview

Luca Cantarini; Bruno Fediani

09.15 The International AIDA Network and Its Registries: A Journey of Global Expansion, Innovation, and Achievement

Claudia Fabiani

09.30 Students Powering Science: Inside the AIDA Network Experience

Fabio Ferretti – President of the Degree Program in Medicine
and Surgery

09.40 Institutional Greetings

Roberto Di Pietra – Rector of the University of Siena

Antonio Davide Barretta – Chief Executive Officer of Azienda
Ospedaliero-Universitaria Senese

Bruno Frediani – Department of Medical Sciences, Surgery
and Neurosciences

Elena Bargagli – Head of Department of Medical Sciences of
Azienda Ospedaliero-Universitaria Senese

Session I – Monogenic Autoinflammatory Diseases

Chairs: Luca Cantarini; Salvatore Grosso; Donato Rigante

10.00 Lecture

Differential Diagnosis of Autoinflammatory Diseases

Luca Cantarini

10.20 Lecture

Familial Mediterranean Fever: understanding the disease and
its modern management

Abdurrahman Tufan

10.40 Question to the experts

10.50 Recent Advances in the Treatment of Familial Mediterranean fever: Real-World Data from the AIDA Network
Antonio Vitale

11.05 The Expanding Spectrum of Monogenic Uveitis: From ROSAH Syndrome to VEXAS Syndrome
Claudia Fabiani

11.20 Discussion

11.30 Coffee break

Session II – VEXAS Syndrome

Chairs: Luca Cantarini; Matteo Della Porta; Antonio Vitale

11.50 Lecture
Hematologic Manifestations of VEXAS Syndrome
Matteo Della Porta

12.10 VEXAS Syndrome: recognizing a new autoinflammatory disorder in clinical practice
Antonio Vitale

12.30 Questions to the experts

12.40 Red Flags for the Diagnosis of VEXAS Syndrome
Valeria Caggiano

12.55 Treatment of VEXAS Syndrome: Real-World Data from the AIDA Network
Francesco Gavioli

13.10 Discussion

13.20 Lunch

Session III – VEXAS Syndrome: Challenging Cases Driving a Multispecialty Discussion on Diagnosis and Clinical Recognition

14.10 Challenging Clinical Cases

Annachiara Alemanno; Valeria Caggiano; Jessica Sbalchiero; Antonio Vitale

14.50 Round Table

(A roundtable on awareness, referral pathways, and missed cases)

Lost Between Specialties: Recognizing VEXAS Earlier

Discussants: Alberto Balistreri; Elena Bargagli;

Monica Bocchia; Paolo Cameli; Luca Cantarini;

Mario Milco D'Elios; Claudia Fabiani; Mauro Galeazzi;

Luigi Gennari; Stefano Gentileschi; Pietro Enea Lazzerini;

Alessandra Renieri; Pietro Rubegni; Antonio Vitale

15:40 Coffee break

Session IV– Spondyloarthritis

Chairs: Luca Cantarini; Giuseppe Lopalco; Dennis McGonagle

16.00 Lecture

The Autoinflammatory nature of Spondyloarthritis: insights from innate immunity and the entheses

Dennis McGonagle

16.20 The Gut - Joint Axis: a New Paradigm in Spondyloarthritis Pathogenesis

Francesco Ciccia

16.40 Questions to the expert

16.50 Clinical Phenotypes and Disease Evolution in Axial Spondyloarthritis

Giuseppe Lopalco

17.05 Imaging and Diagnostic Delay in Axial Spondyloarthritis

Maria Antonietta Mazzei

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- 17.20** Spondyloarthritis: Treatment Selection in the Era of Personalized Medicine
Maria Sole Chimenti
- 17.35** Uveitis and Ocular Involvement in Spondyloarthritis
Claudia Fabiani
- 17.50** Combination Therapies with Biologic Agents or JAK Inhibitors in Refractory Arthritis
Valeria Caggiano
- 18.00** The Systemic Face of Spondyloarthritis: Insights into Febrile Phenotypes
Maria Tarsia
- 18.10** AIDA Network Spondyloarthritis Registry: Updates and Recent Publications
Annachiara Alemanno; Antonio Vitale
- 18.20** Discussion
- 18.30** Closing Remarks of Day 1

08.20 Participants Registration

Session V – Behçet's Disease

Chairs: Luca Cantarini; Haner Direskeneli; Claudia Fabiani

08.40 Lecture

Unraveling Clinical Heterogeneity in Behçet's Disease: From Phenotypes to Tailored Care

Haner Direskeneli

09.00 Questions to the expert

09.10 Behçet's Disease: Disease Burden, Patient-Reported Outcomes, and Multidimensional Impact

Rosaria Talarico

09.25 Major Organ Involvement in Behçet's Disease: Data from the AIDA Network

Jurgen Sota

09.40 Behçet's Disease in Pediatric Age

Carla Gaggiano

10.00 Discussion

10.10 Coffee Break

Session VI – Still's Disease

Chairs: Luca Cantarini; Mario Milco D'Elis; Roberto Giacomelli

10.30 Lecture

EULAR/PReS Recommendations for the Diagnosis and Management of Still's Disease

Roberto Giacomelli

10.50 Lecture

Still's Disease: how to recognize it and differentiate it from mimicking conditions

Paolo Sfriso

11.10 Lecture

Complications of Still's Disease and Management of Macrophage Activation Syndrome

Piero Ruscitti

11.30 Questions to the experts

11.40 Update on Recent Advances in the Treatment of Still's Disease: Real-life data from International AIDA Network

Jessica Sbalchiero

Cross-Disciplinary Lecture

11.50 Dual GIP/GLP-1 Receptor Agonists in Chronic Inflammatory Diseases: Beyond Metabolic Control

Maria Grazia Castagna

12.10 Beyond Sjögren's Syndrome: Dry Eye Across Systemic Rheumatic Diseases

Saviana Gandolfo

Session VII – AIDA Network in Action: Emerging Evidence and Challenging Clinical Cases

Chairs: Luca Cantarini; Claudia Fabiani; Antonio Vitale

12.30 AIDA Clinical Studies

13.00 Challenging Clinical Cases

13.20 Course Closing and CME questionnaire

General Information

COURSE VENUE

Four Points by Sheraton Siena
Via Antonio Lombardi, 41
53100 Siena

REGISTRATION

The course is free of charge and reserved for 40 participants.

The registration includes:

- Congress kit
- Participation in the sessions
- Certificate of attendance
- CME certificate (for eligible participants)
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- Lunch

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Number of credits assigned: 11

Training objective: Guidelines - Protocols - Procedures

Profession: Medical Doctor

Disciplines: Allergology and Clinical Immunology; Dermatology; Gastroenterology; General Medicine; Hematology; Infectious Diseases; Internal Medicine; Medical Genetics; Ophthalmology; Pediatrics; Pediatrics (Primary Care Pediatricians); Pulmonology; Rheumatology

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- The match between the participant's profession and discipline and those for which the event is intended*
- Attendance of at least 90% of the scientific sessions*
- Submission of the evaluation and learning questionnaires duly completed Please note that passing the learning assessment requires a minimum of 75% correct answers*

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