

# Welcome Letter

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Following the success of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> International Congresses on Controversies in Rheumatology and Autoimmunity (CORA 2019 in Florence and CORA 2021 held virtually together with the 14<sup>th</sup> International Congress on SLE) and the 13<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Autoimmunity in Athens, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to **Turin, Italy**, for the **7<sup>th</sup> CORA Congress**.

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 in-person CORA congress in 2019 attracted over 850 participants and after a long period of virtual events, we expect to reach as many as **over 1000 delegates in 2023** to join us onsite in Turin.

CORA 2023 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.

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 2023 will cover many of these issues through a range of debates on contemporary and controversial topics.

CORA 2023 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 **Turin, Italy**, on **March 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**, in the wonderful surroundings of the Centro Congressi Lingotto, offering one of the best views over beautiful Turin.

Sincerely,

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