

13th
International
Conference
on Reproduction,
Pregnancy
and Rheumatic
diseases

Vienna, Austria
8-10 May 2025

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME



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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome back to the RheumaPreg Conference 2025, set against the backdrop of Vienna, the enchanting home of Mozart and Freud!

As we assemble for this year's conference, we embark on a comprehensive exploration of the intricate relationship between rheumatic diseases and pregnancy, addressing key challenges and breakthroughs in our evolving understanding. We would like to exchange experiences, catch-up on the past two years, enjoy the springtime over a cup of Viennese coffee with old friends and new colleagues.

We are committed to interdisciplinarity. For this reason, panel discussions and curbside consultations will involve esteemed experts from the fields of rheumatology, obstetrics, haemostasiology, intensive care medicine and neonatology, pathology and patient representatives.

Among others, updates on evolving guidelines, medication use, counselling, use of assisted reproduction techniques, management during and after pregnancy and acute situations will be elaborated and presented together with clinical cases. We will dig down to the root of common problems during pregnancy and learn about immunology and placental pathologies related to rheumatic diseases and complications.

Furthermore, the conference will provide a platform for revisiting teratogenicity of therapies, scrutinizing the latest evidence to ensure an updated perspective on treatment safety during pregnancy, breastfeeding and data about long-term follow up of the children.

Lastly, we will revisit the progress of the existing registries and address the problems associated with the lack of standardized definitions, particularly delving into the complexity of terms like "adverse obstetric outcome" or "disease activity" which pose obstacles in comparing results.

We would like to thank the RheumaPreg 2025 Congress Committee, the organizational team and all members of the RheumaPreg community for their commitment and efforts in shaping this congress. Additionally, we wish to express gratitude to all delegates who will attend and contribute to the Congress in 2025 in Vienna.

Join us in this intellectual journey, where we will not only revisit established knowledge but also navigate the complexities of interdisciplinary management, pose new questions and address the latest developments.

Welcome back to RheumaPreg Vienna 2025 - Together, let's shape the future of rheumatology in pregnancy!

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Chair - Obstetrics/Gynecology



Dr. Antonia Mazzucato-Puchner
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Thursday, 8 May 2025 **Room OLYMPIA MANCINI 2**

13:45-14:00	Welcome Message
14:00-15:00	Challenges of fertility in context of rheumatic disease and social changes
15:00-16:00	Under the magnifying glass: the placenta as a cause of various pregnancy pathologies
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30-17:30	Navigating Pregnancy with SLE: Challenges and Innovations
17:30-18:30	Stay updated: news on pregnancy with...
18:30-19:00	Opening Lecture

Friday, 9 May 2025 **Room OLYMPIA MANCINI 2**

08:30-09:30	Master Session
09:30-10:50	Beyond the clot
10:50-11:20	Coffee Break
11:20-12:20	Curbside Consultation 1 - Neonatal Lupus
12:20-14:20	Lunch break and Poster Tour

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Friday, 9 May 2025 Room OLYMPIA MANCINI 2

14:20-15:20	Immunosuppression during pregnancy
15:20-16:20	The hormonal factor in rheumatic diseases
16:20-16:50	Coffee Break
16:50-17:50	Round table: update on the registries

Saturday, 10 May 2025 Room OLYMPIA MANCINI 2

08:30-09:30	INDUSTRY-SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM
09:30-10:15	Debate Session: Gyn vs Rheumatologist about immuno modulation for recurrent implantation failure and miscarriage
10:15-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-11:45	Curbside Consultation 2 - Patient perspectives: family planning with rheumatic diseases
11:45-12:45	Long-term post-partum challenges
12:45-13:45	Closing remarks

LEGENDA

CONGRESS SESSIONS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS

INDUSTRY-SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM

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Thursday, 8 May 2025

- 13:45-14:00** **WELCOME MESSAGE BY THE EULAR PRESIDENT**
*Chairs: K. Rosta (Vienna, Austria),
A. Mazzucato-Puchner (Vienna, Austria)*
To be defined
- 14:00-15:00** **CHALLENGES OF FERTILITY IN CONTEXT OF
RHEUMATIC DISEASE AND SOCIAL CHANGES**
Chairs: to be defined, I. Haase (Hamburg, Germany)
- 14:00-14:20 **Fertility indicators and fertility trends**
B. Toth (Innsbruck, Austria)
- 14:20-14:40 **Fertility preservation in rheumatic diseases**
To be defined
- 14:40-15:00 **Assisted reproductive techniques in rheumatic
diseases**
K. Rosta (Vienna, Austria)
- 15:00-16:00** **UNDER THE MAGNIFYING GLASS: THE PLACENTA
AS A CAUSE OF VARIOUS PREGNANCY
PATHOLOGIES**
Chair: J. Binder (Vienna, Austria)
- 15:00-15:20 **Placental pathology in systemic lupus
erythematosus pregnancies**
I.E.M. Bultink (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
- 15:20-15:40 **Trophoblast Organoids as a Novel Tool to Study
Human Placental Development and Function**
S. Haider (Vienna, Austria)

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- 15:40-16:00 **Preeclampsia: New Approach to an Old Enemy**
To be defined
- 16:00-16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30-17:30 NAVIGATING PREGNANCY WITH SLE:
CHALLENGES AND INNOVATIONS**
*Chairs: C. Nelson-Piercy (London, UK),
E. D'Costa (Innsbruck, Austria)*
- 16:30-16:50 **How to manage advanced new therapies during pregnancy?**
R. Fischer-Betz (Düsseldorf, Germany)
- 16:50-17:10 **Importance of complement in SLE**
R. Fritsch-Stork (Vienna, Austria)
- 17:10-17:30 **Lupus nephritis and preeclampsia, how to differentiate**
S. Sciascia (Turin, Italy)
- 17:30-18:30 STAY UPDATED: NEWS ON PREGNANCY WITH...**
*Chairs: C. Duftner (Vienna, Austria),
C. Nelson-Piercy (London, UK)*
- 17:30-17:50 **Inflammatory arthritis**
R. Dolhain (Rotterdam, The Netherlands)
- 17:50-18:10 **Connective tissue disorders**
M. Mosca (Pisa, Italy)
- 18:10-18:30 **Vasculitis**
M. Clowse (Durham, USA)

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18:30-19:00 **OPENING LECTURE**
BEYOND RHEUMATOLOGY: ETHICAL ISSUES
Chairs: A. Mazzucato-Puchner, K. Rosta,
J. Sautner (Vienna, Austria)
A. Drapkin Lyerly (Chapel Hill, USA)

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Friday, 9 May 2025

- 08:30-09:30** **MASTER SESSION**
to be defined
- 09:30-10:50** **BEYOND THE CLOT: CHALLENGES IN OBSTETRIC ANTIPHOSPHOLIPID SYNDROME**
*Chairs: N. Costedoat-Chalumeau (Paris, France),
K.I. Mayer-Pickel (Graz, Austria)*
- 09:30-09:50 **Implications of new classification criteria of APS -
What does it mean for you?**
A. Tincani (Brescia, Italy)
- 09:50-10:10 **"Quo vadis" obstetric APS**
K. Schreiber (Sønderborg, Denmark)
- 10:10-10:30 **IMPACT study**
J. Salmon (New York, USA)
- 10:30-10:50 **Oral communications**
- 10:50-11:20 Coffee break
- 11:20-12:20** **CURBSIDE CONSULTATION 1 - NEONATAL LUPUS**
Chair: J. Binder (Vienna, Austria)
- Title to be defined**
Presenter: A. Trolborg (Aarhus, Denmark)
Discussants: J. Buyon (New York, USA),
E. Seidl-Mlczoch (Graz, Austria)
- 12:40-14:20 Lunch break and Poster tour

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14:20-15:20 IMMUNOSUPPRESSION DURING PREGNANCY

*Chairs: B. Bermas (Dallas, USA),
O. Etomi (London, UK)*

14:20-14:40 **Update on guidelines**

F. Förger (Bern, Switzerland)

14:40-15:00 **Biologics during pregnancy**

I. Giles (London, UK)

15:00-15:20 **Oops, I am pregnant! Teratogenicity and decision making**

M. Hoeltzenbein (Berlin, Germany)

15:20-16:20 THE HORMONAL FACTOR IN RHEUMATIC DISEASES

Chair: M. Østensen (Norway)

15:20-15:40 **The influence of hormones on the course of rheumatic diseases**

M. Cutolo (Genoa, Italy)

15:40-16:00 **Contraception in rheumatic diseases**

K. Rosta (Vienna, Austria),
L. Sammaritano (New York, USA)

16:00-16:20 **Menopause - Hormonal therapy and alternatives in rheumatic diseases**

B. Bermas (Dallas, USA)

16:20-16:50 Coffee break

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**16:50-17:50 ROUND TABLE:
UPDATE ON THE REGISTRIES - PROSPECTIVE
COHORTS - TRIALS IN PREGNANCY**

*Chairs: C. Chambers (San Diego, USA),
T. Stamm (Vienna, Austria)*

L. Andreoli (Brescia, Italy),
M. Clowse (Durham, USA),
N. Costedoat-Chalumeau (Paris, France),
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A. Molto (Paris, France),
K. Schreiber (Sønderborg, Denmark),
A. Tincani (Brescia, Italy),
M. Wallenius (Trondheim, Norway)

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Saturday, 10 May 2025

08:30-09:30 INDUSTRY - SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM

09:30-10:15 DEBATE SESSION: GYNECOLOGIST VS RHEUMATOLOGIST ABOUT IMMUNOMODULATION FOR RECURRENT IMPLANTATION FAILURE AND MISCARRAGE

Chairs: to be defined,

A. Makrigiannakis (Crete, Greece)

VS *A. Mekinian (Paris, France)*

10:15-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-11:45 CURBSIDE CONSULTATION 2 - PATIENT PERSPECTIVES: FAMILY PLANNING WITH RHEUMATIC DISEASES

Chair: to be defined

Pre pregnancy counselling for complex scleroderma

Presenter: C. Nelson-Piercy (London, UK)

Discussants: O. Etomi (London, UK),

J. Sautner (Vienna, Austria)

11:45-12:45 LONG-TERM POST-PARTUM CHALLENGES

Chair: A. Ulbrich (Vienna, Austria)

11:45-12:05 **Long-term maternal cardiovascular risk: bridging risk assessment and postpartum care**

To be defined

12:05-12:25 **Long-term follow up of children**

L. Andreoli (Brescia, Italy)

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- 12:25-12:45 **Revisiting osteoporosis in reproductive years**
P. Hadji (Frankfurt am Main, Germany)
- 12:45-13:15 GENDER DIVERSITY: INCLUSIVITY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF LANGUAGE**
To be defined
- 13:15-13:30 CLOSING REMARKS**
K. Rosta (Vienna, Austria),
A. Mazzucato-Puchner (Vienna, Austria)

SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

Abstract Submission

Abstracts can only be submitted through the Congress website and no later than **December 2nd, 2024**. Abstracts received by e-mail will not be considered. Should you have any problems in submitting an abstract online, please contact the Organizing Secretariat at rheumapreg2025@aimgroup.eu.

Abstract Notification

Once the abstract is submitted, a confirmation email will be sent to the registered author's e-mail address provided in the 'Personal Details' section.

Notification of abstract acceptance will be sent via email by December 18th, 2024.

The registered author is responsible for sharing the outcome of the abstract examination and any other related information with their co-authors.

Please note that the presenting author of the accepted abstract must be registered to attend the Congress.

Abstract Requirements

When you submit the abstract, please indicate your preferred method of presentation (poster or oral communication) and select the category that best describes the content of your paper.

Topics:

- Immunosuppressive therapy of rheumatic diseases during pregnancy and lactation
- Management of Rheumatoid Arthritis, Psoriatic Arthritis, Axial Spondyloarthritis, and Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis during Pregnancy
- Pregnancy with Lupus
- Antiphospholipid Syndrome: from understanding to evolving management

- Myositis, Scleroderma, Sjögren's and Vasculitis in pregnancy
- Revisiting Osteoporosis in reproductive years
- Recurrent Pregnancy loss and the role of IVIG therapy: myth and evidence
- From placenta pathology to adverse obstetric outcome: mechanisms and management (Preeclampsia, FGR, Placental insufficiency)
- Challenges of fertility in context of rheumatic disease and social changes
- Artificial reproductive techniques and the role of fertility preservation in rheumatic diseases
- Update on the registries
- Gender medicine
- Navigating Teratogenic Terrain: contraception and management of unintended pregnancy
- Patient perspectives: family planning with rheumatic diseases, the essential role of teamwork
- Paternal rheumatic disease and medication-influence on family planning
- Supporting new mothers with rheumatic diseases: post-partum challenges
- Long-term follow up of children

Information For Presenters

Each corresponding Author (submitter) can send limitless abstracts. Each accepted abstract has to be presented by a different Presenting Author.

In order to attend the Congress, the Presenting Author of the accepted abstract must be registered.

Oral Presentations

The selected presenting authors are requested to upload their presentation (landscape format 16:9) on a USB drive or laptop and deliver it to the slide center room at least one hour before the beginning of the session.

Posters

All posters must have maximum dimensions of 70 x 100 cm (portrait format).

Please note that poster boards will be set up in a reserved area of the Congress venue and must remain up throughout the Congress, so that participants will be able to view them at their convenience.

Curbside Consultations

These sessions encourage a spontaneous discussion of a difficult clinical case. The case is presented by a speaker who raises a few key questions. The experts give their opinion on the best diagnosis/treatment options and discuss the case among themselves as physicians often do in their daily practice (without any slides).

The case is not previously known by any of the discussants. The speaker's role is to ensure a lively conversation and cover the various approaches, as well as to involve the audience in the conversation.

The Debate Session

The purpose of the debate is to have an intense discussion on some of the most burning controversies related to a specific topic. The two sides of the debate will be defended by two leading experts in the field, and the discussion will be controlled by a moderator whose role is to ensure that all aspects of the debate are duly discussed, as well as to involve the audience in the conversation.

EACCME/UEMS Credits

An application will be submitted to the EACCME® for CME accreditation of this event

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Congress Venue



**Austria Trend Hotel
Savoyen Vienna**
Rennweg 16
1030 Wien, Austria

How to reach the venue

Located in the heart of the embassy district, close to the Belvedere Palace and Botanical Gardens, the Austria Trend Hotel Savoyen is easily reachable by any means of transportation.

By flight

Vienna Airport has good connections to the public transport network. The congress venue can be reached quickly by train, bus or cab.

From Vienna Airport Train Station take the REX7 towards Wien Floridsdorf Bahnhof and get off at Wien Rennweg. Walk for about 3 minutes to reach the venue. The whole route takes about 20 minutes.

As an alternative, from Vienna Airport Train Station it's also possible to take the express train S7 towards Laa/Thaya Bahnhof and get off at Wien Rennweg. Walk for about 3 minutes to reach the venue.

Other options may be available depending on the time of departure. For detailed timetable information, please visit the website at www.oebb.at

Taxis are also always available outside the airport, with a fixed fare of 42 € (Taxi 40100, 60160) for a maximum of 4 passengers.

Ride-sharing services such as Uber and Bolt are also good alternatives.

By train



The congress venue is located at a 3-minute distance from the train station Wien Rennweg, and at a 19-minute walking distance from Wien Hauptbahnhof or Vienna Central Station, which is the main railway station in Vienna, located in the Favoriten district. From the Central Station it's also possible to take a train towards Bruno-Marek-Allee and get off at Wien Rennweg. For detailed timetable information, please visit the website at www.oebb.at

By car



Westautobahn (A1) - towards the centre of Vienna as far as Karlsplatz - continue straight to Schwarzenbergplatz - cross this square and make a right onto Rennweg.

Südbahn (A2) - taking the exit for the Vienna city centre - keep straight on Triester Strasse until you reach Matzleinsdorfer Platz - take the right lane onto Wiedner Hauptstrasse and continue until you reach Paulaner Gasse, where you will take a right - continue to the traffic light - make a left onto Favoriten Strasse - the right lane will take you to Schwarzenbergplatz - cross this square and make a right onto Rennweg.

Ostautobahn (A4) - exiting for the centre of Vienna - along Schüttelstrasse as far as Urania building / Aspernbrücke bridge - make a left across Aspernbrücke bridge and continue straight along Stubenring - keep on Ringstrasse until you reach Schwarzenbergplatz - turn left and cross the square onto Rennweg.

Parking facilities



There is a garage directly in the hotel building.
Garage fee: € 18 per day.

Accommodation



The Organizing Secretariat has reserved a limited number of rooms for the attendees at the Lindner Hotel Vienna Am

Belvedere (Rennweg 12 - 1030 Wien, Austria), located a few steps away from the congress venue.

These rooms are available for reservation in a limited number. We highly recommend taking advantage of this opportunity and book your accommodation as soon as possible.

The Lindner Hotel Vienna Am Belvedere is a top-rated hotel located in the heart of the city, offering easy access to the RheumaPreg conference and other major attractions.

Please note that the rooms are subject to availability and the deadline for booking is 31 January 2025.

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Visa regulations depend on your nationality and country of origin. For the most updated information regarding visa requirements, we do suggest you contact your local consulate for full and official instructions on the specific visa regulations and application procedures that apply to you.

If a visa is required, delegates should apply to the Austrian Diplomatic and Consular Representations in their country of residence with the documents outlined on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website. Invitation letters to the conference may be downloaded online through the registration area of our website.

Please Note: Visa applications may take several months. Therefore, we recommend checking all the necessary requirements and procedures well ahead of time.

Visa application fees vary. Please contact the embassy or consulate to enquire about costs.

Presentation of the requested documentation does not guarantee that the visa will be issued.

AIM Group International will be glad to assist you if you need any other written invitation or other document to support your visa application at the following e-mail address: visa@aimgroup.eu

Invitation Letter

The official invitation letter to be included in your application to enter Austria can be downloaded through the registration page.

Click here to access the Registration Page.

If you have not submitted your personal data yet, click on "time user" and fill in the form with your personal data. Once you have completed the form, click on "Invitation Letter (VISA)" on the left side menu.

If you have already submitted your personal data, just log in (using your User ID and Password) and click on "Edit your personal data" to insert the passport details. Then, click on "Invitation Letter (VISA)" from the left side menu.

The Invitation Letter will not be legally or financially binding on the organizing secretariat. Expenses related to the conference shall be borne by delegates themselves.

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Abstract submission deadline: December 2nd, 2024

Abstract notification: December 18th, 2024

Early registration deadline: January 15th, 2025

Regular registration deadline: April 24th, 2025

Organizing Secretariat



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Secretariat and Registration Desk

The on-site registration desks will be open during the following days:

- Thursday, 8 May 2025 12:30 - 19:00
- Friday, 9 May 2025 07:45 - 18:30
- Saturday, 10 May 2025 07:30 - 13:30

Admission

All participants are kindly requested to wear their badge during all congress activities. The badge will allow you to access the scientific sessions, the exhibition area, coffee breaks and lunch.

Language

The official language is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Certificate of Attendance

Participants will be able to download and print the Certificate of Attendance upon completion of the online evaluation form they will receive by email at the end of the Congress.

Registration

Registration Fees (all fees are 20% VAT included)

	EARLY REGISTRATION FEES by January 15 th , 2025	REGULAR REGISTRATION FEES by April 24 th , 2025	LATE REGISTRATION FEES from April 25 th , 2025 and on-site
Delegate	€ 350,00	€ 420,00	€ 500,00
Trainees, Students * and Health Professionals **	€ 150,00	€ 180,00	€ 200,00
Developing Countries ***	€ 200,00		

* In order to benefit from the special fee, a submission of your status confirmation must be uploaded online during the registration process (i.e. approval letter signed by the Head of Department or copy of your status ID).

** Nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and other nearby allied health professionals. A letter of confirmation of your status from the Head of Unit or Institute must accompany and uploaded in the online registration.

*** Lower and Middle Country classification as listed and defined according to the World Bank website.

The delegate fee includes:

- Admission to the scientific sessions
- Congress bag holding all the meeting materials
- Certificate of attendance
- Access to the poster area
- Coffee breaks and lunch, according to the programme

Payment

- **by Credit Card**

All major credit cards are accepted (VISA, Mastercard/Eurocard, American Express).

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Registration will be considered confirmed when the payment is received.

Name Changes

After 8 April 2025, sponsors who wish to make name changes will be charged of a handling fee of € 50,00 (VAT 20% included) per name change. A new registration form for each replacement participant will be required before the name change can be processed. Individuals may make name changes only in exceptional cases.

Cancellation Policy

Notification of cancellation must be sent in writing to the organizing secretariat (rheumapreg2025@aimgroup.eu).

Cancellations will be accepted until 8 April 2025, with a refund of all prepaid fees except for a 30% administration charge. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after this date.

Unexpected cancellation of the event or impossibility to hold it

In the unlikely case that the 13th RheumaPreg Conference 2025 cannot be held in whole or in part due to any event beyond the Organisers' control or force majeure (such as riot, fire, explosion, accident, flood, earthquake, sabotage, strikes, acts of any government, etc) the Congress Organisers cannot be held liable for any damage, cost, or loss incurred, such as registration fee, transportation and accommodation costs, or any other direct or indirect loss or consequential damage.