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21 November 2025, Friday

08:45-09:00	Opening Session <i>Nergiz Hüseynova, Sedat Kiraz</i>
09:00-10:30	Session I: Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) Chairs: <i>İhsan Ertenli, Nergiz Hüseynova, Reşad Ceferov</i> Current Treatment Approaches in RA: Treat-to-Target and Drug Sequencing <i>Nevsun İnanç</i> Inadequate Response and Management of the Difficult-to-Treat Patients in RA <i>Fatih Sarıtaş</i> Pregnancy and Breastfeeding in RA: Safety of bDMARDs and tsDMARDs <i>Bahar Özdemir Ulusoy</i>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break ☕
11:00-12:30	Session II: Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA) Chairs: <i>Umut Kalyoncu, Şehla Hacıyeva, Aytan Əliyeva</i> Clinical Subtypes and Treatment Selection in PsA <i>Sibel Bakırcı</i> Metabolic Comorbidities and Cardiovascular Risk in PsA <i>Ali Şahin</i> EULAR 2025 Updates in PsA <i>Ali Ayтуğ Kuştaş</i>
12:30-14:00	Lunch 🍽️
14:00-15:30	Session III: Axial Spondyloarthritis (AxSpA) Chairs: <i>Sedat Kiraz, Serdal Uğurlu, Elvin Ağayev</i> Diagnostic and Imaging Updates in AxSpA <i>Hasan Satış</i> Axial Spondyloarthritis: Treatment Targets and Low Disease Activity <i>Fatih Albayrak</i> ACR & EULAR & APLAR 2025: New Treatments in axSpA <i>Adem Küçük</i>
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break ☕
16:00-17:00	Session IV: Controversies in Rheumatology Chairs: <i>Gökhan Keser, Aynire İsmaylova, Sevinc Kərimova</i> Selecting b/tsDMARDs: Patient and Disease Characteristics and the Role of Comorbidities <i>Sercan Gücenmez</i> Tapering and Discontinuation of Biologic Agents: Patient Selection and Timing <i>Zevcet Yılmaz</i>
17:00-17:30	Summary and Closing Remarks
19:00	Dinner 🍽️

22 November 2025, Saturday

09:00-10:30	Session V: Systemic Autoimmune Diseases-I Chairs: <i>Murat İnanç, Nergiz Huseyinova, Reşad Ceferov</i> SLE: Organ-Oriented Treatment and Follow-Up <i>Hakan Babaoğlu</i> Systemic Sclerosis: Management of ILD <i>Duygu Tecer</i> Management and Follow-Up Strategies in Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathies <i>Alper Yıldırım</i>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break ☕

11:00-12:30	Session VI: Systemic Autoimmune Diseases-II Chairs: <i>Ayşe Çefle, Əli Əlizadə, Şehla Hədiyeva</i> Management of Sjögren's Syndrome: Symptomatic and Disease-Modifying Approaches <i>Rıdvan Mercan</i> Update on Polymyalgia Rheumatica & Giant Cell Arteritis <i>Levent Kılıç</i> Novel Biological Agents in Vasculitis <i>Duygu Ersözlü</i>
12:30-14:00	Lunch 🍽️
14:00-15:30	Session VII: Biologics and Biosimilars I Chairs: <i>Timur Pırıldar, Sahib Musayev, Sevdə Mustafayeva</i> Fundamentals of Biosimilars: Development, Therapeutic Equivalence, and Regulatory Framework <i>Pınar Akyüz Dağlı</i> Efficacy and Safety of Biosimilars: Evidence from RCTs and Real-World Data <i>Volkan Yılmaz</i> Immunogenicity and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring of Biosimilars <i>İsmail Uçar</i>
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break ☕
16:00-17:00	Session VIII: Biologics and Biosimilars II Chairs: <i>Ömer Kuru, Sevinc Karimova, Sahib Musayev</i> Reference-to-Biosimilar Transition and Interchangeability: Clinical Evidence <i>Oğuz Gürler</i> Long-Term Use of Biosimilars: Treatment Continuity and Pharmacovigilance <i>Yusuf Karabulut</i> Drug Development and Artificial Intelligence: Future Prospects and Challenges <i>Emre Bilgin</i>
19:00	Dinner 🍽️
23 November 2025, Sunday	
09:00-10:00	Session IX: Infections and Comorbidities Chairs: <i>Aytan Əliyeva, Elvin Ağayev</i> Vaccination and Infection Prophylaxis in Inflammatory Rheumatic Diseases <i>Hasan Sətiş</i> Screening and Infection Prophylaxis Prior to b/ts in Inflammatory Rheumatic Diseases <i>Bahar Özdemir Ulusoy</i>
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break ☕
10:30-11:30	Session X: Rational Use of Medicines Chairs: <i>Sedat Kiraz, Nergiz Hüseynova</i> Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs, Optimum Anti-Inflammatory Doses and Adverse Events <i>Ali Aytuğ Kuştaş</i> Rational Use of Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) <i>Ecem Hatice Konak</i>
11:30-12:00	Closing Remarks