

Baku Rheumatology Symposium

21-23 November 2025

InterContinental Hotel Baku, Azerbaijan

Day 1---Friday

Time	
08:45 – 09:00	Opening Session Dr. Nergis Hüseynova / Dr. Sedat Kiraz
09:00 – 10:30	Session I: Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) Chairs: İhsan Ertenli, Nergis Hüseynova, Reşad Ceferov - Current Treatment Approaches in RA: Treat-to-Target and Drug Sequencing Nevsun İnanç - Inadequate Response and Management of the Difficult-to-Treat Patients in RA Mete Kara - Pregnancy and Breastfeeding in RA: Safety of bDMARDs and tsDMARDs Muhammet Emin Kutu
10:30 – 11:00	 Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session II: Psoriatic arthritis (PsA) Chairs: Umut Kalyoncu, Şehla Hacıyeva, Aytən Əliyeva - Clinical Subtypes and Treatment Selection in PsA Sibel Bakırcı - Metabolic Comorbidities and Cardiovascular Risk in PsA Sevtap Şimşek - EULAR 2025 Updates in PsA Ali Şahin
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Session III: Axial Spondyloarthritis (AxSpA) Chairs: Sedat Kiraz, Serdal Uğurlu, Elvin Ağayev - Diagnostic and Imaging Updates in AxSpA

	Ecem Hatice Konak - Axial Spondyloarthritis: Treatment Targets and Low Disease Activity Bünyamin Kısacık - ACR &EULAR &APLAR 2025: New treatments in axSpA Adem Küçük
15:30 – 16:00	 Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00	Session IV: Controversies in Rheumatology Chairs: Gökhan Keser, Aynyre İsmaylova, Sevinc Kərimova - Selecting b/tsDMARDs: Patient and Disease Characteristics and the Role of Comorbidities Sercan Gücenmez - Tapering and Discontinuation of Biologic Agents: Patient Selection and Timing” Zevcet Yılmaz
17:00-17:30	Summary and Closing Remarks
19:00	Dinner

Day 2-Saturday

Time	
09:00 – 10:30	Session V: Systemic Autoimmune Diseases – I Chairs: Murat İnanc, Nergiz Huseynova, Reşad Ceferov - SLE: Organ-Oriented Treatment and Follow-Up Hakan Babaoğlu - Systemic Sclerosis: Management of ILD Duygu Tecer - Management and Follow-Up Strategies in Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathies Alper Yıldırım
10:30 – 11:00	 Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session VI: Systemic Autoimmune Diseases – II

	Chairs: Ayşe Çefle, Əli Əlizade, Şehla Hادیeva - Management of Sjögren’s Syndrome: Symptomatic and Disease-Modifying Approaches Rıdvan Mercan - Update on Polymyalgia Rheumatica & Giant Cell Arteritis Levent Kılıç - Novel Biological Agents in Vasculitis Duygu Ersözlü
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Session VII: Biologics and Biosimilars I Chairs: Timur Pırıldar, Sahib Musayev, Sevda Mustafayeva - Fundamentals of Biosimilars: Development, Therapeutic Equivalence, and Regulatory Framework Pınar Akyüz Dağlı - Efficacy and Safety of Biosimilars: Evidence from RCTs and Real-World Data Volkan Yılmaz - Immunogenicity and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring of Biosimilars İsmail Uçar
15:30 – 16:00	 Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00	Session VIII: Biologics and Biosimilars II Chairs: Ömer Kuru, Sevinc Kərimova, Sahib Musayev - Reference-to-Biosimilar Transition and Interchangeability: Clinical Evidence Oğuz Gürler - Long-Term Use of Biosimilars: Treatment Continuity and Pharmacovigilance Yusuf Karabulut - Drug Development and Artificial Intelligence: Future prospects and Challenges Emre Bilgin
17:00 – 17:30	Summary and Closing Remarks

Day 3-Sunday

Time	
09:00 – 10:00	Session IX: Infections and Comorbidities Chairs: Aytən Əliyeva, Elvin Ağayev - Vaccination and Infection Prophylaxis in Inflammatory Rheumatic Diseases Hasan Satış - Screening and Infection Prophylaxis Prior to b/ts in Inflammatory Rheumatic Diseases Bahar Özdemir Ulusoy
10:00 – 10:30	 Coffee Break
10:30 – 11:30	Session X: Rational Use of Medicines Chairs: Sedat Kiraz/ Nergis Hüseynova - Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs, Optimum Anti-Inflammatory Doses and Adverse Events Ali Aytuğ Kuştaş - Rational Use of Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) Ecem Hatice Konak
11:30-12:00	Closing Remarks