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PROGRAM

DECEMBER 04-06, 2025

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WELCOME LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to invite you to the upcoming **8th ILBJH Scientific congress**, taking place in **Baghdad, Iraq**, from **December 4-6, 2025**. This prestigious event will gather leading rheumatologists from around the country to share cutting-edge research, clinical advancements, and innovative treatment approaches in rheumatology.

The congress will feature keynote presentations, interactive workshops, and engaging symposia designed to enhance your clinical practice and expand your professional network. This is an unparalleled opportunity to collaborate with experts, exchange ideas, and stay abreast of the latest developments in the field.

Baghdad, a city with a rich history and vibrant culture, offers a unique backdrop for this event. We encourage you to join us and experience the hospitality and heritage of this remarkable city.

Your participation is crucial to the success of this congress, and we are confident that your contributions will enrich the discussions and outcomes.

Best regards,

Nizar Abdulateef, MD

President of the ILBJH

President of the Congress



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THURSDAY DECEMBER 04, 2025

08:30 - 09:00

Registration

09:00 - 13:00

WORKSHOP

Coordinator: Ahmed Abdulbari, MD

Advanced MSK Ultrasound: From Diagnosis to Guided Intervention

Trainers:

Adham AboulFotouh, MD

Ahmed Abdulbari, MD

Zeyad Tareq, MD



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THURSDAY DECEMBER 04, 2025

14:00 - 15:00

Registration

15:00 - 16:20

SESSION I | MULTIDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES IN INFLAMMATORY ARTHRITIS

Moderators: Kamel Mroue, MD - Avin Maroof, MD

15:00 - 15:20

Rheumatoid Arthritis: Treat-to-Target vs Difficult-to-Treat

Faiq Isho Gorial, MD

15:20 - 15:40

Rheumatology-Cardiology and Endocrine: A Growing Link

Salwa El Cheikh, MD

15:40 - 16:00

Management of Foot Health in Inflammatory Arthritis

Layla Kazkaz, MD

16:00 - 16:20

Panel Discussion
Personalized Medicine in Inflammatory Arthritis

Kamel Mroue, MD
Avin Maroof, MD

16:20 - 16:50

Satellite Symposium 1 Supported by National Health Factory

Rituximab Biosimilar in Rheumatology: Evidence, Experience, and Exceptional Cases

Moderator: Ali Abdulrahman, MD



Saad Waheed, MD

16:50 - 17:20

Satellite Symposium 2 Supported by ROCHE

A New Hope for Lupus Nephritis Patients!

Moderator: Faiq Isho Gorial, MD



Nizar Abdulateef, MD

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17:20 - 17:40

Coffee Break

17:40 - 18:05

Spot it Right. Picture. Guess and Learn

Nizar Abdulateef, MD
Asal Adnan, MD

18:05 - 18:35

Satellite Symposium 3 Supported by Abbvie

*Title: Breaking the Signal: How JAKs will shape the
Rheumatological Destiny in Iraq*

Moderator: Asal Adnan, MD



Nizar Abdulateef, MD

18:35 - 18:50

Panel Discussion

19:30 - 20:30

OPENING CEREMONY

20:30

Gala Dinner

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FRIDAY DECEMBER 05, 2025

07:45 - 08:15

Registration

08:15 - 10:00

SESSION II | BONE & MUSCLE HEALTH WORKSHOP

Moderator: Raouf Rahim Mirza, MD - Ali Mohammed Alqazzaz, MD - Ahmed Abdulbari, MD

08:15 - 08:35

A Personalized Approach to the Treatment of Osteoporosis and Fragility Fractures: Which is the Best Treatment to Start with?

Chra Hawezi, MD

08:35 - 08:55

Osteoarthritis: Risk-Stratified vs Stepped Care

Sami Salman, MD

08:55 - 09:15

Early Diagnosis & Imaging in Spondyloarthritis

Abdullateef Aliasghar, MD

09:15 - 09:45

Satellite Symposium 4 Supported by Johnson & Johnson

PsA Management & role of IL23i



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Nizar Abdulateef, MD

09:45 - 10:00

Panel Discussion

10:00 - 10:20

Coffee Break

10:20 - 12:00

SESSION III | BRIDGING EVIDENCE & PRACTICE

Moderators: Ziad Al-Rawi, MD - Abbas Hamzah Zainel, MD - Elaf Raad, MD

10:20 - 10:40

Lupus Nephritis: Integrating Nephrology - Rheumatology Care

Ali Abdulrahman, MD

10:40 - 11:00

CNS Manifestations in Sjogren: New Horizons

Gheyath Shallal, MD

11:00 - 11:20

Review Cutting-Edge Treatment Options in Behcet Disease

Chiman Hasan, MD

11:20 - 11:50

Satellite Symposium 5 Supported by National Health Factory

Etanercept Biosimilar :Clinical Role in Psoriatic Arthritis



Chiman Hasan, MD

11:50 - 12:00

Panel Discussion

12:00 - 13:30

Prayer and Lunch

13:30 - 14:15

Round Table | Nizar Abdulateef, MD

Voices in Education: Enhancing Rheumatology Learning in Iraq

Panelists : Salwa Alcheikh, MD - Sami Salman, MD - Hilal Al Saffar, MD - Faiq Isho Gorial, MD

Muthana Allobaidi, MD

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14:15 - 14:45

Satellite Symposium 6 Supported by Organon

Arcoxia in Osteoarthritis: Science, Functionality and Daily Living

Moderator: Rawaa Sadeq, MD



Ahmed Abdulbari, MD

14:45 - 14:55

Panel Discussion

14:55 - 15:25

Satellite Symposium 7 Supported by Johnson & Johnson

Simponi Across RA and Ax-SpA: Clinical Trial Insights and Real-World Data Outcomes, Persistence, and Use in Anti-TNF-Experienced Patients

Moderator: Marwa Moayad, MD



Mohammed Hadi Alosami, MD

15:25 - 15:35

Panel Discussion

15:35 - 15:50

Coffee Break

15:50 - 17:50

SESSION IV | PEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY & AUTOINFLAMMATORY WORKSHOP

Moderator: Abbas Toma, MD - Ali M. Kadhim Al-Tuma, MD - Bilind Hasan, MD

15:50 - 16:10

Back Pain in Children-More Thinking?

Marwa Moyad, MD

16:10 - 16:30

Unraveling the Mystery of Pediatric Rare Disease

Nabaa Ihsan, MD

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16:30 - 16:50	Childhood-Onset Sjögren Disease: Classification in Progress and Transition into Adult Rheumatology	Muthana Allobaidi, MD
16:50 - 17:10	When Limping Isn't Just Growing Pain	Saad Waheed, MD
17:10 - 17:40	Satellite Symposium 8 Supported by Sobi <i>Still's disease: New insights and Opening windows of opportunity</i>	 Asal Adnan, MD
17:40 - 17:50	Panel Discussion	
17:50 - 18:20	Satellite Symposium 9 Supported by Gasgous Group	 Nizar Abdulateef, MD
18:20 - 18:30	Panel Discussion	

08:30 - 09:40

SESSION V | SYSTEMIC DISEASE ACROSS ORGANS

Moderator: Mohammed Hadi Alosami, MD - Ali Hussein Al-Hafidh, MD - Zainab Albahrani, MD

08:30 - 08:50

Navigating Medication Practices During Ramadan Fasting in Patients with Rheumatic Diseases

Khalid Alnaqbi, MD

08:50 - 09:10

Ocular Inflammation in RMDs: Rheumatology–Ophthalmology Collaboration

Mustafa Emad, MD

09:10 - 09:30

Hematological Concepts in RMDs

Yasameen Abbas, MD

09:30 - 09:40

Panel Discussion

09:40 - 10:10

Satellite Symposium 10 Supported by AstraZeneca

Redefining the SLE Care: Highlighting Burden and the Transformative Role of Biology Treatment

Moderator: Yasameen Abbas, MD



Atheer Al-Ansari, MD

10:10 - 10:20

Panel Discussion

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 06, 2025

10:20 - 10:50

**Satellite Symposium 11 Supported by
Boehringer-Ingelheim / Alshifa Pharm**

Ofev Outcomes in SSc Patients: One Year and Beyond
Moderator: Aryan Jalal, MD



Boehringer
Ingelheim

Saad Waheed, MD

10:50 - 11:00

Panel Discussion

11:00 - 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 - 13:20

SESSION VI | HOT TOPICS & INNOVATION

Moderator: Faez Ibrahim Al-hamdani, MD - Aaraf Khalaf, MD

11:15 - 11:35

Bone disease Beyond Osteoarthritis

Taha Qaradagi, MD

11:35 - 11:55

Personalised Treatment Plans for Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathy

Farah Jaafar, MD

11:55 - 12:15

Out of Evidence Myth

Atheer Al-Ansari, MD

12:15 - 12:35

**Cellular Regeneration and Immune Modulation:
The Promise of Stem Cell Therapy in Medicine**

Zahraa Sameer, MD

12:35 - 13:05

Satellite Symposium 12 Supported by National Health Factory

Ridging Evidence with Practice : D2T SpAs with TNFi Biosimilar



Asal Adnan, MD

13:05 - 13:20

Panel Discussion

13:20 - 14:30

Lunch Break

14:30 - 15:45

SESSION VII | LEGO THEME CASE PRESENTATION

Moderator: Shahlaa Basim, MD - Reem Abbas, MD

14:30 - 14:45

Case Presentation 1

Lobaba Bassim, MD

14:45 - 15:00

Case Presentation 2

Mustafa Mohanad, MD

15:00 - 15:15

Case Presentation 3

Saja Jabbar, MD

15:15 - 15:30

Panel Discussion

15:30 - 15:45

Closing Remarks

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