

PAH in SSc: Multidisciplinary care of a complex disease

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Faculty Biographies

Pavel Jansa

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Pavel Jansa, MD, PhD, was educated at the Charles University in Prague, First Faculty of Medicine (1996). He specialised in internal medicine in 1999 and cardiology in 2005. He is Chief of the Centre for Pulmonary Hypertension at the Department of Cardiology and Angiology, General University Hospital, Prague, and Associate Professor at the First Faculty of Medicine, Charles University, Prague. Dr. Jansa is Chairman of the Working Group on Pulmonary Circulation of the Czech Society of Cardiology. His research interests include epidemiology of pulmonary arterial hypertension, coagulation disorders in pulmonary hypertension, small-vessel disease in chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension, and balloon pulmonary angioplasty. Dr. Jansa has served as the principal investigator and steering committee member of pulmonary hypertension clinical trials and has co-authored research articles published in numerous international peer-reviewed medical journals.



Dilia Giuggioli

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Dilia Giuggioli, MD, PhD, is Full Professor at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Department of Rheumatology, AOU of Modena and is Head of Rheumatology at the University Hospital of Modena. As well as her clinical work in the field of scleroderma, she is regularly involved in teaching activities and presenting at conferences and further educations. Her approach is to listen to her patients' needs which are at the core of her ongoing projects concerning the humanisation of healthcare for scleroderma patients. Prof. Giuggioli has over a decade of experience in the management of systemic sclerosis. She has published over 200 peer-reviewed articles, and her research interests include etiopathogenesis of Raynaud's phenomenon and systemic sclerosis, pathogenesis and treatment of scleroderma skin ulcers, personalised medicine, and clinical trials of the most common rheumatic diseases.

Hanno H. Leuchte

Neuwittelsbach Hospital, Munich, Germany



Hanno H. Leuchte, MD, is Medical Director of the Neuwittelsbach Hospital, an academic Hospital of the Ludwig Maximilians University (LMU), in Munich and member of the German Center of Lung Research (DZL). He was also a faculty member of the 5th World Symposium on Pulmonary Hypertension in Nice, 2013. Since 2010, he has been serving as the Chief Physician of Internal Medicine II and is Head of the Center for Pulmonary Hypertension and the Center for Rheumatic Lung Diseases, with a special focus on connective tissue disease. Prof. Leuchte graduated from medical school (Justus Liebig University Giessen) where he also prepared his doctoral thesis employing an experimental model of pulmonary hypertension. He was trained in respiratory medicine and as a cardiologist at the Klinikum Grosshadern in Munich (LMU). His main research interests include mechanisms of cardiorespiratory interaction in experimental models as well as in the clinical setting of pulmonary hypertension, especially focussing on the diagnostic and therapeutic value of various peptides in the field of pulmonary hypertension.



Sean Gaine

Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin, Ireland

Sean Gaine, MD, PhD, is a Consultant Respiratory Physician at Mater Misericordiae University Hospital in Dublin. He completed his residency and fellowship training at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, USA, and subsequently held faculty positions at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. He established the Pulmonary Hypertension Center at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1999 and subsequently the National Pulmonary Hypertension Unit in Dublin. His research interests include new therapeutic agents for the management of pulmonary vascular diseases. Prof. Gaine is a member of numerous international associations and is a Fellow of the College of Chest Physicians, the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland, and the Faculty of Sports and Exercise Medicine. He was Chief Medical Officer of the Olympic Council of Ireland and led the medical team at the Olympic Games in Athens, Beijing, London and Rio de Janeiro.

Francesco Del Galdo

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Francesco Del Galdo, MD, PhD, is Susan Cheney Professor of Experimental Medicine at the University of Leeds, UK, where he has established a multidisciplinary translational research programme focused on improving outcome and clinical management of patients affected by systemic sclerosis. He trained in medicine in Italy where he also obtained the national award for Best Young Researcher of the Year in 2001. Prof. Del Galdo specialised in immunology in 2003 and then moved to the USA where he obtained his PhD and post-doctoral fellowship in rheumatology. Prof. Del Galdo is the President of EUSTAR (EULAR Scleroderma Trial and Research consortium), and scientific advisor for the World Scleroderma Congress. His research interests include identification of the key events driving immunopathogenesis of disease and validation of biomarkers to improve outcome measures and clinical trial design in systemic sclerosis.