

2024



ASIF COUNCIL MEETING

Hotel Tequendama, Carrera 10 #26-21
Bogotá, Colombia

17-19 October 2024

Welcome to the 15th ASIF Council Meeting

Please join us for a
Welcome Drinks Reception and Dinner
at the hotel at 18:30 Wednesday 16 October

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Thursday 17 October

TIME	DESCRIPTION
07:30	Breakfast
09:15	Welcome <i>Zhivko Yankov & Julieth Buitrago</i>
09:40	ASIF Update <i>Mike Mandelbaum & ASIF Team</i>
10:20	AxSpA in Colombia and Latin America <i>Dr Wilson Bautista Molano</i>
10:40	IMAS and the axSpA research agenda <i>Jo Lowe & Mike Mandelbaum</i>
11:10	Stretching followed by coffee break
11:30	Workshops - Research to support the work of patient organisations: what is needed?
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Improving axSpA knowledge among healthcare professionals <i>Chair: Raj Mahapatra</i> <i>Panellists: Dr Wilson Bautista Molano, Andri Phoka, Edbert Schwengle & Yoshihiko Shiono</i>
15:00	Stretching followed by coffee break
15:20	ASIF Members' Reports - Part 1/3 <i>Series of 3-5 minute presentations by members</i>
16:20	Group photo & free time
19:00	Dinner at the Hotel Tequendama



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Friday 18 October

TIME	DESCRIPTION
07:30	Breakfast
09:00	Introducing the Latin American collaboration between ASIF and ASOPAN <i>Mike Mandelbaum, Priscila Torres and Gonzalo Tobar</i>
09:30	Emerging therapies and research in axSpA <i>Professor Raj Sengupta</i>
10:10	Patient-focused research: Value of Achieving Remission in Inflammatory Rheumatic Diseases - Rheumacensus - <i>Andri Phoka</i>
10:40	Stretching followed by coffee break
11:00	How can patient organisations provide psychosocial support for their members? <i>Nadia Malliou</i>
11:45	Workshops - Exploring needs and gaps in psychosocial support for patients around the globe. Best practices and ways to overcome barriers.
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Strengthening relationships between patient organisations and professional rheumatology networks <i>Dieter Wiek, Gonzalo Tobar & Dr Dzifa Dey</i>
15:00	Stretching followed by coffee break
15:20	ASIF Members' Reports - Part 2/3 <i>Series of 3-5 minute presentations by members</i>
16:40	Free time
19:00	Dinner at the Hotel Tequendama



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Saturday 19 October

TIME	DESCRIPTION
07:00	Breakfast
09:00	ASIF AGM and Elections
10:00	ASIF Members' Reports - Part 3/3 <i>Series of 3-5 minute presentations by members</i>
11:00	Stretching followed by coffee break
11:20	From vision to action: a conversation celebrating the dedication of Michael Mallinson and Dr Muhammad Asim Khan, chaired by Maranda van Dam
12:00	Closing comments
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Sightseeing trip and farewell dinner

Sunday 20 October

TIME	DESCRIPTION
08:00	Breakfast
Departure of delegates	



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Your Speakers

Dr Wilson Bautista Molano MD, PhD

Head of Rheumatology Section at University Hospital Fundación Santa Fe de Bogotá; and Professor of the School of Medicine at the University El Bosque, Bogotá, Colombia.

Julieth Buitrago

Director and Founder of Fundación de Espondilitis Anquilosante en Colombia.

Dr Dzifa Dey MBChB, FWACP, MSC, SCE-RCP (Rheum)

President, AFLAR; FACR Senior lecturer at the University of Ghana Medical School; and Head of Rheumatology at Korle bu Teaching Hospital in Ghana.

Dr Muhammad Asim Khan, MD, FRCP, MACP, MACR

Professor Emeritus of Medicine at the Case Western Reserve University in the USA; and Founding Member of ASAS, SPARTAN and GRAPPA.

Jo Lowe

Project Manager at ASIF.

Raj Mahapatra

Trustee of ASIF and Chair of NASS.

Michael Mallinson

Ex-ASIF Trustee and long-standing volunteer.

Nadia Malliou MSc

Cognitive Psychologist; Vice President of the Hellenic League Against Rheumatism (ELEANA); Vice President of the Federation Rare Diseases Greece and a Board Member of Pain Alliance Europe.

Mike Mandelbaum

Executive Director of ASIF.



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Andri Phoka,

Secretary of ASIF; President of the Federation of Associations for Patients with RMDs of Southern Europe (AGORA); President of the Cyprus League Against Rheumatism; EUPATI Fellow and Member of EUPATI National Platform Cyprus.

Maranda van Dam

Trustee of ASIF and Founder of Axial Spondyloarthritis Spondyloarthritis Association South Africa (ASASA).

Edbert Schwengle

Co-founder and Secretary of the Caribbean Arthritis Foundation.

Yoshikiko Shiono

Chair of the Japan AS Club.

Professor Raj Sengupta MBBS, FRCP, PGCME

Consultant Rheumatologist and Lead for Ankylosing Spondylitis at The Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases in the UK.

Gonzalo Tobar Carrizo

Board Member of ASOPAN and Chair of the Chilean Network of Rheumatic Patients.

Lillann Wermskog

Trustee of ASIF and Leader of Spafo Norge in Norway.

Dieter Wiek

International Collaboration Liaison Officer of EULAR PARE.

Zhivko Yankov

Chair of ASIF and Chair of the Bulgarian Ankylosing Spondylitis Patient Society.



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