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EXCELLENCE IN RHEUMATOLOGY 2012 SCHOOLS

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The Excellence in Rheumatology Schools Faculty consists of:

Professor **George T. Tsokos**, (USA) *Chairman*; **Betty Diamond** (USA) *Systemic Autoimmunity School Co-chairperson*, **Tsutomu Takeuchi** (Japan), **Nan Shen**, (China), **Raashid Luqmani** (UK), **David S. Pisetsky** (USA); **Gabriel Panayi** (UK) *Arthritis School Co-chairman*, **Raphael Hirsch** (USA), **Xenophon Baraliakos** (Germany), **Robert Moots** (UK).

The Arthritis and Systemic Immunology Schools

The Excellence in Rheumatology 2012 will host two Schools in the topics of **Arthritis and Systemic Immunology**, taking place on the pre-conference day Wednesday 25 January 2012.

The Schools' main objective is to train junior rheumatologists in an intensive course on clinical practice in an informal setting, offering networking opportunities with fellow colleagues and mentoring advice from the Faculty members.

The format of the Schools day will include:

- Introduction from the Schools Faculty Chairman Prof. George T. Tsokos
- Presentation of the case studies by the fellows
- In depth analysis of each case study with ample opportunity for discussion and feedback
- A specific 'career mentoring' session led by Faculty to review and assist in the fellows' career choices and next steps

The Schools fellowships awardees

The Excellence in Rheumatology 2012 Organising Committee and the Schools Faculty are delighted to announce that fellowships have been awarded to **twenty-four fellows and junior rheumatologists**.

The awardees are from rheumatology and immunology centres in: **Belarus, Bulgaria, China, Egypt, India, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Nepal, Russia, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain**.

The selected work will be presented also as posters during the Excellence in Rheumatology 2102 conference and will be **published in the Abstract Book as a supplement to 'Rheumatology' by Oxford University Press**.

The awardees have received full support to attend the Schools, including **complimentary registration, round trip travel and hotel accommodation in Madrid**, to attend both the Schools and the Excellence in Rheumatology 2012 conference.