

## Editorial



Welcome to our open-access online journal. Starting from this issue, the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology will come out online only. We decided to follow the “Go Green” global policy and there will be no more printed issues. By logging in you can access all new and previous journal issues for free (<http://www.jespai.org/>).

Please get the latest updates on ESPAI meetings and activities from <http://www.espai-eg.org/scientific.htm>. Our 13<sup>th</sup> International Congress (ESPAI 2017) will be held on April 12-13, 2017 in Ramses Hilton Hotel, Cairo. It is a pleasure indeed to announce that Prof. Mario Sanchez-Borges, President of the World Allergy Organization (WAO), will be among our distinguished international speakers. Prof. Timothy Craig from the University of Pennsylvania, USA will represent the American College of Allergy Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI) in our program and Prof. Dana Wallace from Florida, USA will also enrich our program. She is Chair of the World Allergy Training School (WATS) of the WAO and I am happy to announce that for the first time in Egypt, the WATS will be held for 2 days in conjunction with our ESPAI 2017 congress. Please visit our website for details of ESPAI 2017 Congress and the WATS!

I also encourage you all to hurry and register to participate in the World Allergy Organization Symposium (Hot Topics in Allergy: Pediatric and Regulatory Aspects) that will be held in Rome/Vatican City, on April 27-29, 2017. There is still a chance for registration; log into the meeting’s website (<http://www.worldallergy.org/rome2017>) or you may enter through the link on our home page (<http://www.espai-eg.org>). It is a unique global event that will gather basic and translational scientists, clinical immunologists, allergists and researchers interested in exploring the exciting field of Pediatric Allergy and Regulatory Aspects. Do not miss this opportunity.

This issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology contains many state of the art articles. The review article is entitled “Gastrointestinal manifestations in children with primary immunodeficiency diseases”. It is tailed by some MCQs for self-assessment. Three original articles were carefully selected after peer-reviewing by International and local experts in the field. Detection of rhinovirus-associated asthma exacerbations using reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction in Egyptian children is the title of the first article which really gives important recommendations on the use of PCR in this challenging clinical condition. The second article is about the relationship between tissue transglutaminase IgA antibodies and the clinical manifestations in a group of children, adolescent and adult patients with type -I diabetes mellitus. In the third article, the authors sought to evaluate the reliability of candida skin test in the evaluation of T-cell function in infancy. An English/Arabic glossary that contains a list of allergy and immunology relevant terms and expressions is included as well as a collection of abstracts from recent international publications in allergy/immunology. Do not forget to have a glance at the list of forthcoming allergy/immunology meetings in our calendar of events.

We look forward to receiving some feedback about this issue; you may contact us through the “contact us” on your left-hand side.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Y. EL GAMAL".

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Editor-in-Chief.