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Confirmed speakers and chairs:

Ravinder Maini, Uni. of Oxford	Jane Buckner, Benaroya Inst.
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Johan Askling, KI	Georg Schett, Erlangen Univ.
Chris Buckley, Uni. of Birmingham	Marc Feldmann, Oxford
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Saedis Saevarsdottir, KI	Iain McInnes, Univ. of Glasgow
Soumya Raychadhuri, Harvard	Karim Raza, Univ. of Birmingham
Anca Catrina, KI	Sofia Ernestam, KI
Mariana Kaplan, NIH	Tore Kvien, Oslo Univ.
Karin Lundberg, KI	Rikard Holmdahl, KI
Felipe Andrade, Johns Hopkins	Tom Huizinga, Leiden Univ.
Ranjeny Thomas, Univ. of Queensland	John Isaacs, Newcastle Univ.
Cos Pitzalis, QMUL, London	Rene Toes, Leiden Univ.
Jill Norris, Univ. of Colorado, Denver	Anne Barton, Manchester Univ.
Ronald van Vollenhoven, KI and Amsterdam	Jon Lampa, KI

Lars Klareskog, Karolinska Institutet (Co-organizer)
Zhanguo Li, Beijing Medical University (Co-organizer)
Kazuhiko Yamamoto, U. of Tokyo (Co-organizer)

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Aula Medica, KI



International forum for RA (IFRA)

**Welcome to an international
meeting focused on
Rheumatoid Arthritis**

Time: Saturday September 23rd - Tuesday
September 26th 2017

Venue: Aula Medica, Karolinska Institutet,
Stockholm, Sweden

Organizers: Rheumatology Karolinska (main responsible prof Lars Klareskog) together with co-organizers prof Zhanguo Li, (Beijing) and prof Kazuhiko Yamamoto (Tokyo) in collaboration with an international advisory board and a local organizing committee.

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Progress in RA research

- The presently proposed symposium aims to present progress in RA research and outline prospects and plans for coming years. The rationale of the current symposium is to change the perception and focus of research in RA and develop and implement the view that RA should become a preventable disease.
- A symposium named *RA Forum* has since 2009 been organized in China (Beijing) and in 2016 in Japan (Tokyo). In the present symposium organized in Europe (Stockholm), we hope to assemble a dynamic and forward-looking group of clinicians and scientists from all over the world interested in the disease RA - which so far has rarely been the entire focus of international meetings. We believe that this focus will allow us to make and create new contacts and new visions and new joint projects in RA research.
- The meeting will be organized in several sessions reaching from epidemiology to molecular sciences and also include sessions on treatment and prevention. All sessions will include keynote lectures from international leading scientists/clinicians as well as opportunities for oral and poster presentations, based on abstract submissions to present oral and poster-based contributions.
- Our overall ambition is to make the symposium a stepping stone both for the new era of RA research that is currently under way, and for a new generation of scientists who should use the currently planned meeting to make new scientific plans and new international alliances.

OVERALL STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

(Format will be plenary, not parallel sessions)

1. The good aspects of the situation today and how did we arrive here?
2. The unresolved clinical and scientific problems of today - and why are they unresolved?
3. Why do we get RA? What can we learn from genetic epidemiology and genomics?
4. The longitudinal course of RA
5. Can RA (or subsets of RA) be triggered by infectious agents?
6. Adaptive vs. Innate immunity and mesenchymal functions as driving forces in RA
7. Mesenchymal functions in RA
8. The systemic features of RA; focus on pain and cognition
9. Mechanisms of pain, fatigue and more
10. New targets for therapy; other mechanisms
11. New ways of understanding the individual's most urgent problems and how they change over time; What role for e-health
12. New targets for prevention and therapy - adaptive and innate immunity again
13. Future trials for prevention and curative treatments; Which strategies?

Submission of abstracts and early registration is

June 15th 2017.

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