

IKDS NEWSLETTER

INTERNATIONAL KAWASAKI DISEASE SOCIETY



Fostering global collaborations to solve KD

We've heard you. We're planning a program that is inspired from the past, listening to the present and targeting the future.

The 2024 IKDS meeting is being structured around the thematic of **Fostering global collaborations to solve KD**. Chairs and speakers will be a transgenerational, intercontinental bouquet of faculty, discussants, proponents and opponents.

Here's a sneak peek of what's new in the 2024 Scientific Program.

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2024 Scientific program

HERE'S WHAT'S NEW

1) Structured collaboration



An opening session to get to know the collaborations currently taking place in the field and how far collaborative efforts can lead. For this, **we need your help**. If you are leading a structured KD collaboration, whether focused on science, clinical care or advocacy, and are interested in sharing your experience as a group, please go to:

[CALL FOR COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS](#)

2) Acute CA syndrome summit

A session on surveillance of giant CAA patients; what the images mean, when, how, and who's the best to treat acute CA syndrome? A panel of multi specialists from across the continents are here to share and listen. Stay tuned !

3) Teaching sessions

Once again, we've heard your call to action. Twice in the upcoming IKDS-2024, there will be breakout sessions with 2 simulation sessions each with the following topics:

- Hands-on, Eyes-on cardiac imaging & image interpretation;
- All Ears-on, Eyes-on session on acute clinical vignettes;
- What makes a research career plan successful & purposeful ? Hints & pitfalls for young investigators;
- Pathology matters! From microscopy to structural pathophysiology & subcellular mechanisms.



4) PIMS/MIS-C conundrum

What's inherently new following the covid-19 pandemic? How was KD knowledge and half a century of science helpful in curtailing an unpredictable new syndrome? If one disease helped the other, now it's time for covid-19 to payback KD: we will be listening to experts discussing similarities and dissimilarities between the two entities and how PIMS/MIS-C science could eventually solve the many mysteries behind what causes KD.

5) Patients / Parents / Advocacy

Parents and patients have listened and heard a lot from us. Time for us to lend our ears. A session inaugurated by parents' representatives telling us what they don't say in the clinic.



Scientific Planning Workforce (SPW)

IKDS-2024 SPW

An important event such as IKDS cannot be organized alone. The **SPW** will include approximately 50 colleagues from the KD community around the world that will work hand-in-hand to make the 14th edition a great success! A first wave meeting was held on April 13, 2023 that will be followed by a second wave invitation to join the **SPW** effort in the upcoming month.

The **SPW** will be meeting regularly in the next few months to address all immediate tasks; such as main scientific program topics, sessions and objectives. This will be followed by building subgroups, developing sessions and recruiting Speakers, Discussants and Moderators (**orange** flowchart).

In parallel, we will be working with KD foundations around the globe in the next year to address the needs of patient advocacy groups (**blue** flowchart).

IKDS is a global collaboration

We are always open to suggestions and comments: askme@ikds.org

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