

# 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](mailto:askme@ikds.org)

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