

Dear Rheumatology Partners, Colleagues and all,

Sincerest appreciation for your commitment and participation in this SASUF Satellite event. Please take this as a personal invitation, and to please also share with your networks.

After you have signed up on <https://sasufevents2024.sched.com/login>, we welcome you to join Karolinska Institutet's Rheumatology division in collaboration with partner Institutions in South Africa (University of Cape Town and Stellenbosch University, and other Rheumatology organisations locally and abroad. Together, we pioneer precision medical care, with a special nod to our invaluable patient community.

Aligned with the South Africa-Swedish University Forum (SASUF) and the United Nations sustainable development goals (SDGs) <https://www.sasuf.org/>, our focus is crystal clear: "**Understanding the burden of Rheumatic diseases in Sweden and South Africa**". This event promises dynamic exchanges of knowledge, engaging students, teachers, researchers, patients, and stakeholders. With a hybrid webinar format, we're bridging borders, and strengthening partnerships in rheumatic illnesses, which propels us toward a sustainable, equitable future.

Please save the date: May 13, 2024, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM at Center for Molecular Medicine (CMM) Lecture Hall, Visionsgatan 18. L8:00 "Seminar room Germinal Center", Karolinska Institutet located opposite the Old Karolinska University Hospital, Solna, Stockholm, Sweden.

PROGRAM: ZOOM link: <https://ki-se.zoom.us/j/67547032928?pwd=aVjdk9rRFBdNm5xZGZY0tY1IUUT09>
Meeting ID: 675 4703 2928, Passcode: 720551

Session One:

- 8:30: Registration/Set-up/Posters
- 9:00: Opening Remarks (**Yogan Kisten**)
- 9:10: Welcome (**Prof Per-Johan Jakobsson**: Head of Rheumatology Division, Karolinska Institutet (KI))
- 9:25: Burden of Rheumatic Diseases: "A Swedish Perspective" (**Prof Lars Klareskog**)
- 9:45: Rheumatic Diseases and Care "A South African Perspective" (**Prof Bridget Hodkinson**)

10:15: **Break:** (Refreshments: Poster-Viewing/ Pharmaceutical Company Expo.)

Session Two:

- 10:40: Impact of Genes in Rheumatic Diseases (**Leonid Padyukov**)
- 10:55: Environmental Impact on Rheumatic Diseases: an International Perspective (**Prof Lars Alfredsson**)
- 11:10: Rheumatology in Africa: Research Challenges and Opportunities (**Riëtte du Toit**)
- 11:40: Importance of Networking and Collaboration (**Prof Ingrid Lundberg**)

12:00: **Lunch:** (Poster Viewing/ Pharmaceutical Company Expo.)

Session Three

- 13:00: Living with a Rheumatic disease: The Role of Patient Partners in Sweden (**Yvonne Enman**)
- 13:15: Special Insights into Patient's struggles in South Africa (**Maranda van Dam**)
- 13:30: Precision Medicine and Care: A Rheumatologist's Perspective (**Aikaterini Chatzidionysiou**)
- 13:45: Raising Awareness of Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases in Africa (**Farzana Moosajee**)
- 14:00: Sustainable Solutions in Medical Education (**Ioannis Parodis**)
- 14:15: Selected Abstract: A Descriptive Study of Patients with Interstitial Pneumonia with Autoimmune Features Compared to Connective Tissue Disease Associated Interstitial Lung Disease at Tygerberg Hospital, a Tertiary Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa (**Gurveen Soin**)
- 14:30: Selected Abstract: Systemic Sclerosis: Clinical features and Health Related Quality of Life at Groote Schuur Hospital, Cape Town (**Rahul Daimari**)
- 14:45: Selected Abstract: Understanding Fatigue in Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients in South Africa: Prevalence, Impact, and Contributing Factors (**Sariu Ali didi**)
- 15:00: Intercontinental Rheumatology Research: A Collaborative Study Proposal (**Yogan Kisten**)

15h15: **Coffee/Tea break:** (Poster Viewing/ Pharmaceutical Company Expo.)

15:30: Closing remarks: (**Lars Klareskog**)

Session Four: (will alternate among groups to departmental and site visit)

- 15:35-16:30: Guided tour/ Karolinska Institutet Campus and Center for Molecular Medicine
- 15:35-16:30: Karolinska University Hospital and Rheumatology Department visit

Seating limited. **Please register (hybrid or in-person) on this link : [SASUF Rheumatology Event Registration](#).**

Together, let's shape the future of healthcare using cutting edge rheumatology practices.

Yours sincerely,

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