

Report WASOG 2023 Montse Janssen Bonás

After only visiting small or hybrid symposia and conferences it was an amazing experience to visit and be a part of the WASOG 2023 conference in Stockholm. The program consisted mostly of plenary sessions and was very diverse, it varied from very clinical presentations on patient care, to ethical discussions on ethnicity, to basic research presentations on monocytes and T cells and finally there was a very interesting session on the use of AI and big data analysis. My abstract was selected for a short presentation in the “poster moderated session II” which was scheduled on Tuesday afternoon, I was the last speaker of the day which was a bit challenging as it had been a long day but nevertheless it was an amazing experience to stand on the stage of the WASOG2023 and have the opportunity to present my work on ‘MTX-polyglutamates as a potential marker for effectiveness of therapy in sarcoidosis’. On Wednesday there was very interesting talk on the potential of monocytes subtypes to predict outcome of disease. After engaging in the plenary discussion I had the opportunity and privilege to further discuss monocytes in sarcoidosis with the presenting researcher from the Karolinska Institutet over coffee. The closing session ended with the award ceremony in which I was (to my utter surprise) awarded the WASOG2023 Poster Moderated session award.

Visiting the WASOG2023 conference in the beautiful city of Stockholm and participating the amazing scientific sessions and the very well organized social events in the evening has been a special milestone in my early career as a researcher. It has boosted my drive to be the enthusiastic and thorough researcher I aspire to be.