

Scientific Program

Friday, 23 October, 2026		
08:30-08:40	Opening	Vedat Hamuryudan – Maia Tsutskiridze
08:40-10:00	Session 1: Rheumatoid Arthritis Chairs: Emel Gönüllü – Mamuka Lortkipanidze	
08:40-09:00	Immunohistochemical changes in the synovial membrane and osteochondral components of the knee joints across different grades of Rheumatoid Arthritis	Khatuna Germisashvili
09:00-09:20	The use of USG in diagnosing and treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis	Nevsun İnanç
09:20-09:40	Pulmonary manifestations of rheumatic disease: Diagnosis and Treatment	Nino Tsiskarishvili
09:40-10:00	Challenges of Biologic Therapy in Management of patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis	Levan Shalamberidze – Maia Tsutskiridze
10:00-11:00	Session 2: Spondyloarthritis Chairs: Hasan Fatih Çay – Nana Kurashvili	
10:00-10:20	Cardivascular morbidity in Psoriatic Arthritis	İsmail Uçar
10:20-10:40	Is there a difference between HLAB27 positive and negative Axial Spondyloarthritis?	Sibel Bakırcı
10:40-11:00	Multidisciplinary rehabilitation management of Axial SpA	Tamuna Gorgadze
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30-12:00	Symposium Chairs: Önay Gerçik – Cemal Bes	
11:30-12:00	One drug with 2 forms: The story of Infliximab	Nevsun İnanç
12:00-12:40	Session 3: Gout Chairs: Gözde Yıldırım Çetin – Nanuli Shakulashvili	
12:00-12:20	Friend or foe: The story of uric acid	İhsan Ertenli
12:20-12:40	Hyperuricemia and Cardio-vascular Disease-association, risk assessment and interdisciplinary risk approach	Marika Toidze
12:40-13:40	Lunch	
13:40-15:00	Oral presentations Chairs: Levent Kılıç – Svetlana Teneshvili – Rıdvan Mercan	
13:40-14:00	Teriparatide use in pregnancy and lactation associated osteoporosis: A case study	Tamar Zekeridze
14:00-14:20	Cryoglobulinemic vasculitis diagnosed with renal biopsy	Öznur Çağdaş
14:20-14:40	Rheumatologists should be aware of residual pain in RA patients receiving Tocilizumab	Erdoğan Ünal
14:40-15:00	Coffee break	
15:00-16:40	Session 4: Therapeutics Chairs: Yavuz Pehlivan – Rima Akhvlediani	
15:00-15:20	Immune checkpoint inhibitor induced rheumatic syndromes: Recognition, diagnosis and management	Lasha Bokeria

15:20-15:40	Autoimmune and Rheumatic Manifestations after COVID-19 in children	Tinatin Kutubidze – Eka Nakhutsrishvili
15:40-16:00	Therapeutic Management of Rheumatic Patients during pregnancy and birth giving: Challenges and Updates	Maka Ioseliani
16:00-16:20	Predictive biomarkers in the treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis with Methotrexate and Tocilizumab	Nestan Gvetadze
16:20-16:40	Biologic DMARD's in the management of Juvenile RA	Maia Lekishvili
Saturday, 24 October, 2026		
09:00-10:00	Session 5: Connective Tissue Diseases (I) Chairs: Bünyamin Kısacık – Irina Gvichia	
09:00-09:20	Can capillaroscopic abnormalities influence treatment decisions in Systemic Sclerosis patients	Süleyman Serdar Koca
09:20-09:40	Salivary gland USG in Sjögren's Disease	Gökhan Sargın
09:40-10:00	Extraglandular manifestations of Sjögren's Disease	Atalay Doğru
10:00-11:00	Session 6: Connective Tissue Disease (II) Chairs: Sedat Kiraz – Irina Gvichia	
10:00-10:20	Microvascular involvement in antiphospholipid syndrome: The impact of triple positivity	Reyhan Köse Çobanoğlu
10:20-10:40	Immune mediated myositis: Tips for diagnosis	Mustafa Ekici
10:40-11:00	Anti DFS70 antibodies: What do they mean?	Pınar Akyüz Dağlı
11:00-11:20	Coffee break	
11:20-12:40	Session 7: Osteoarthritis – Osteoporosis Chairs: İlhan Sezer – Svetlana Teneshvili	
11:20-11:40	Inflammatory and proliferative phenotypes of the osteochondral unit and synovium in advanced osteoarthritis	Nino Qavtaradze
11:40-12:00	New trends in osteoarthritis treatment	Nilay Şahin
12:00-12:20	Statistical analysis of osteoporosis prevalence in patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis	Nino Tskhadadze
12:20-12:40	Management of osteoporosis in rehabilitation: Restoration of stability, balance and movement	Ketevan Kontselidze
12:40-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:00	Session 8: Vasculitis Chairs: Haner Direskeneli – Nana Kalandadze	
14:00-14:15	Current management of ANCA Associated Vasculitis	Emine Sarıyıldız
14:15-14:30	Shared and distinct approaches in Takayasu and Giant Cell Arteritis	Haner Direskeneli
14:30-14:45	Assessment of sarcopenia in Takayasu arteritis	Zeynep Dilara Selçuk
14:45-15:00	Treatment of vascular involvement of Behçet's Syndrome	Gül Sandal Uzun
15:00-15:30	Coffee break	
15:30-16:15	Session 9: FMF Chairs: Serdal Uğurlu – Karaman Pagava	
15:30-15:45	MEFV-associated palindromic-like arthritis: a pyrin-related autoinflammatory phenotype or a subtype of palindromic rheumatism?	Ayşe Elif Boncukcuoğlu
15:45-16:15	Clinical, Genetic and Epidemiological correlations of Familial Mediterranean Fever in a Georgian Cohort	Karaman Pagava
Sunday, 25 October, 2026		

09:00-11:00	Session 10: Poster Tours Chairs: Sedat Kiraz – İhsan Ertenli	
	Male Takayasu Arteritis Presenting with Aortic Dissection: A Rare Case Report	Özlem Şen
	Recurrent Myalgia and Erysipelas-like Erythema as the Initial Manifestations of Familial Mediterranean Fever: A Case Report	Özlem Şen
	Cryoglobulinemic Vasculitis Presenting with Purpura and Proteinuria: The Complementary Role of Skin and Kidney Biopsies	Öznur Sadioğlu Çağdaş
	Computed Tomography-Derived Esophageal Area Is Associated With Advanced Microvascular Damage and Interstitial Lung Disease in Systemic Sclerosis	Burak Okyar
	Nailfold Capillaroscopic Features in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus: Exploratory Associations With Serositis and Serological Phenotypes	Burak Okyar
	Recurrent Pancreatitis and Peripheral Arthritis in a Young Woman: Brucellosis as the Unifying Diagnosis	Senar Şan
	HIV-Positive Case Mimicking Behçet Disease	Senar Şan
	Idiopathic Orbital İnflammation with Sjögren syndrome	Ahmet Murat Gencer
	Persistent inflammation and lumbar syndesmophytes in biologic-treated axial spondyloarthritis	Ebru Atalar
	Delayed diagnosis of lipoma arborescens in a patient with ankylosing spondylitis: a case report	Ebru Atalar
	Extranodal NK/T-Cell Lymphoma Presenting as Necrotizing Granulomatous İnflammation: A Case Report	Seyyid Bilal Açıkgöz
	Anti-PL-7 Positive Antisynthetase Syndrome Presenting with Organizing Pneumonia	Seyyid Bilal Açıkgöz
11:00-11:30	Coffee break	
11:30-12:30	Session 11: Final Session Chairs: Vedat Hamuryudan – Maia Tsutskiridze	
11:30-12:00	Rheumatology in Türkiye and Georgia	Vedat Hamuryudan – Maia Tsutskiridze
12:00-12:30	Discussion for the next Black Sea Meeting	All Attendees
12:30-13:00	Closing Speeches	Vedat Hamuryudan – Maia Tsutskiridze



About Blacksea Rheumatology

Black Sea Rheumatology is an international meeting series launched in 2022 to strengthen collaboration among rheumatology experts across the Black Sea region. Following successful meetings in Batumi and Cluj, the 2026 meeting in Tbilisi will focus on the latest advances in rheumatic diseases while

fostering scientific exchange and supporting young researchers.

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