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Jordanian Rheumatism Society



The British Society for Rheumatology

**المؤتمر الدولي الثالث لجمعية أطباء المفاصل والروماتيزم الأردنية  
بالتعاون مع**

**الجمعية البريطانية لأمراض المفاصل والروماتيزم**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Congress of the Jordanian Rheumatism Society (JRS)**

In collaboration with

**British Society for Rheumatology (BSR)**

21-23 October 2014  
Le Meridien Hotel Amman  
Amman – Jordan  
First Announcement

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## Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues & Friends,

On behalf of the executive committee, it gives me a great pleasure to welcome you to The 3rd International Congress of the Jordanian Rheumatism Society (JRS), which is organized in collaboration with British Society for Rheumatology (BSR) held at Le Meridien Hotel, Amman-Jordan, October 21-23, 2014.

The scientific program of the congress will include Plenary Lectures, multiple Symposia in addition to free-paper presentations, posters, and workshops. Local, regional, and international speakers will contribute to making this meeting a unique learning experience.

Overall, I think this congress will also provide an opportunity for interaction and exchange of information between attendees from different countries.

During the congress, exhibits from major pharmaceutical and medical equipment companies will be available. There will be ample opportunity to meet representatives of these companies for information regarding their products and/or services.

For those of you interested in enjoying more of Jordan than just the congress, numerous social events are planned. These will provide visits within Amman, in addition to trips to famous historic and touristic sites, including Petra, Jerash, the Desert Castles, and the Dead Sea.

We thank our colleagues from the BSR for their active contribution, which will enrich our scientific program, and give us all a chance to develop mutual friendships.

Finally, your attendance is what will make this congress a success, so I hope you will join us for this great educational activity.

Sincerely,

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## Committees of the Congress

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## Major Topics of the Preliminary Scientific Program

- Systemic Lupus Erythematosus.
- Connective Tissue Diseases.
- Rheumatoid Arthritis.
- Spondyloarthropathy.
- Vasculitis.
- Behcet Disease.
- Antiphospholipid Syndrome.
- Metabolic Bone Disease.
- Osteoporosis.
- Osteoarthritis.
- Pulmonary involvement in rheumatic diseases.
- Brain and Musculoskeletal imaging in rheumatic diseases.
- Skin and Rheumatic Diseases.

## Faculty Speakers

- Chris Deighton (UK)
- Ali Jawad (UK)
- David Scott (UK)
- Ernest Choy (UK)
- Peter Lanyon (UK)
- Mohammad Tawarah (Jordan)
- Nusaiba Ryalat (Jordan)
- Osama Ababneh (Jordan)
- Saeed Dahbour (Jordan)
- Khaled Al-Asad (Jordan)



## Call for Abstracts

Participants are invited to submit their abstracts before **August 18, 2014**. Abstracts should be no more than 250 words, sent via electronic mail to the addresses below.

The Official Language of the congress is English. There will be no simultaneous translation.

The presenting author(s) must be registered in the congress.

The contents of the abstract are the sole responsibility of the author (s).

All abstracts must be submitted electronically to following emails:

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## CME

This congress will be accredited CMEs by the Jordanian Medical Council.



## Abstract Form

The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Congress of the Jordanian Rheumatism Society (JRS)

Full Name:

Institute:

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Telephone:

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Email:

Author (s):

Title:

Introduction:

Materials & Methods:

Results:

Conclusion:



## Registration Form

Name:.....  
 Country:..... Position:.....  
 Affiliation:..... Address:.....  
 Telefax:..... Email:.....  
 Date of Application:.....  
 Number of Accompanying Persons (s):.....  
 Name of Accompanying Person (s):.....

## Congress Registration Fees

International Participants	\$500 early Registration by August 15, 2014 \$600 late registration
British Society for Rheumatology members	\$150
Jordan Medical Association Members	\$150
Residents and Fellows in training	\$70

The Registration fees include: Access to the opening ceremony, the scientific sessions, exhibition, lunches, coffee breaks, congress bag, certificate of attendance and abstract book. (except medical students).

## Hotel Accommodation

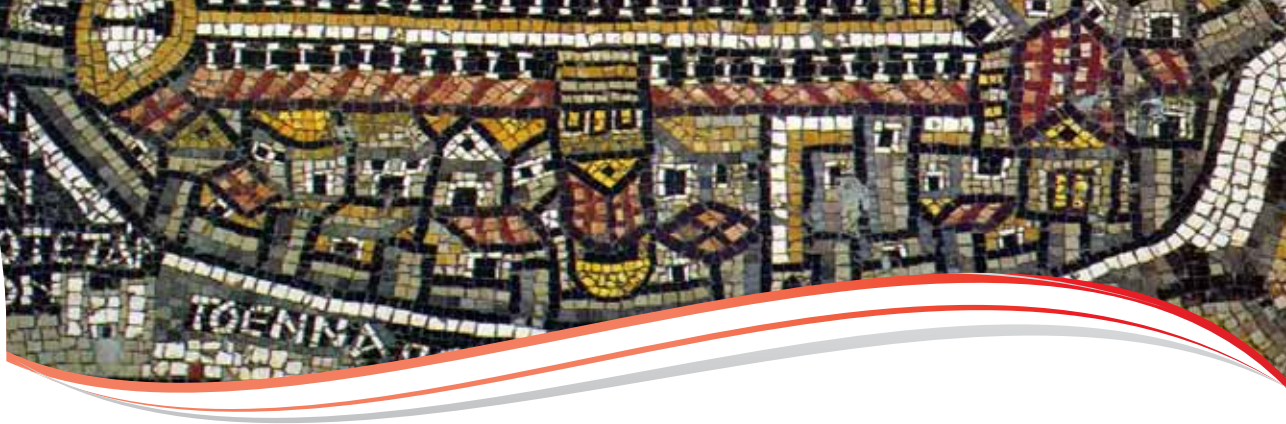
<b>Le Meridien Hotel Amman (5 stars)</b>	Single	Double
<b>Standard Room (Main venue of the Congress)</b>	US\$175	US\$190

- Above rates in US dollar, per night per room inclusive of 10% service charge & 16% sales tax.
- Above rates include Buffet Breakfast.
- Parking is free for participants.

### Registration forms to be sent to

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## General Information

### **Currency:**

One Jordanian Dinar is equivalent to 1.4 US Dollar. Foreign currency may be exchanged freely at any bank or money exchanger. Credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shopping malls.

### **Insurance Liability:**

- It is suggested that participants obtain travel and health insurance before they depart from their countries.
- The Congress will not be liable for any accident, injury or illness that may occur.

### **Visa Requirements and Passports**

You must possess a valid passport at least for 6 months.

Nationals of most countries including British Nationals can obtain a visa at Queen Alia International Airport upon arrival. However participants requiring a visa should apply to Jordan Embassies or Diplomatic Missions in their countries.

### **Electrical Current:**

220 V. When using 110V, you need an adapter.

### **Language:**

The official language of the congress is English.

### **Weather:**

Temperature in October is expected to be around 18-20C

### **Time Zone**

Jordan is three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).





## Touristic Localities

### Sightseeing Tour in Amman

(Half-day Tour)

Amman is the modern and ancient capital of Jordan, known in history as Philadelphia & Rabbath-Ammon in the Roman-Greco period. Originally spread over seven hills like Rome, Amman now covers twenty hills. The city is crowned by the Citadel, a hill with the ruins of the Temple of Hercules, and a museum with artifacts dating back to the earliest settlement in the region, some 7,000 years ago. At the foot of the citadel lies the 5,000 - seat Roman Amphitheater; while there visit the museum of Popular Tradition and the Folklore museum, one flanks either side of the Amphitheater.



### Tour to Jerash

(Half-Day Tour)

An easy 25 minutes drive from Amman is the Roman City of Jerash, known in the past as Gerasa or Pompeii of the East. It is considered the best preserved and most complete city of the Decapolis, a confederation of ten Roman cities dating back to first century B.C. Within the city you will see the great oval Forum, approached by what is termed the Street of Columns. This forum was once the center of social activity. There are two public baths, three theaters, and a hippodrome. There is also a nymphaeum, which is a complex of fountains and sculptures. You may walk under the triumphal arch built in honor of Emperor Hadrian, and let your mind return to the dream of time in the Temple of Artemis.

One of Jordan's most highly anticipated culture / fun events is the annual Jerash Festival held for two weeks each summer. During the remainder of the year there is an impressive and unique sound-and-light show given within the walls of the ancient city.





## Religious Tour to Ma'daba, Mount Nebo, Baptism Site & Dead Sea

(Full-Day Tour)

### Ma'daba:

Thirty minutes drive south from Amman, along the 5,000 – years old King's Highway is the city of Madaba (Madaba of the Bible).

Madaba's chief attraction is the contemporary Greek Orthodox Church of St. George. The church contains the earliest surviving original mosaic map of the Holy Land dating back to the sixth century.



### Mount Nebo:

Ten minutes to the west is the most revered site in Jordan: Mount Nebo, the memorial of Moses, the presumed site of the prophet's death and burial place. The Byzantines built a small church whose floor is still covered with marvelous mosaics.



### Baptism Site:

Ten minutes drive from Mount Nebo, Some 2000 years ago, John the Baptist lived and baptized in a settlement called "Bethany Beyond the Jordan" (John 1:28). This important site of early Christianity, which Jesus also visited, has been rediscovered in Jordan, about 1500 meters east of the Jordan River. It has been carefully excavated by international archeologists, receiving pilgrims and visitors.



### Dead Sea

Ten minutes drive from Baptism Site, at 1,306 feet (400meters) below sea level, this is the lowest spot on Earth. As the name suggests, the sea is devoid of life due to an extremely high content of salts and minerals, giving the waters their curative powers, recognized since the days of Herod the Great, more than 2500 years ago. Take a swim where it is impossible to sink, and bath in the water that have flowed from the river Jordan and from the hills of Moab and Gilead.



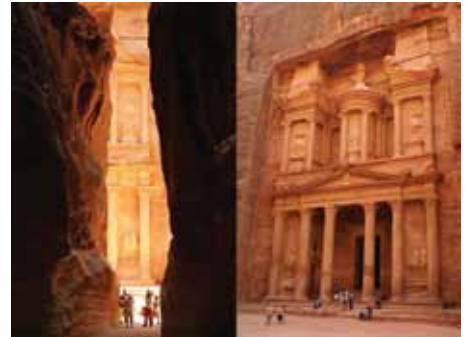
## Historical Tour to Petra

### (Full-Day Tour)

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Fortified behind a narrow deep siq (gorge) that slowly winds through a massive rock wall. It is a wading, one kilometer long fissure between the overhanging clefts that seem to meet 300 feet overhead. Within Petra you will see soaring temples, royal tombs, Roman theatre, water channels, arched gates and others. Petra was discovered when a Swiss explorer disguised as an Arab, fell on it in 1812.



## 2 days Petra, Wadi Rum & Aqaba

### (2 day tour)

Stunning in its natural beauty, Wadi Rum epitomizes the romance of the desert. With its "moonscape" of ancient valleys and towering sandstone mountains. Climbers are especially attracted to Wadi Rum because of its sheer granite and sandstone cliffs, while hikers enjoy its vast empty spaces. Wadi Rum is best known because of its connection with the British officer T.E. Lawrence. You can rent out a four-wheel-drive jeep with a Bedouin driver. Also available are camels, which you can hire. For those with the sense of adventure, the best way to see Wadi Rum is by hiking and camping in it.



In Aqaba, King Solomon built a fleet that sailed to Ophir (Somalia) and returned with 420 talents of gold. The Aqaba fort was rebuilt in 1587 AD. In one of the most exciting discoveries in recent times, archaeologists in Aqaba have unearthed what they believe to be the world's oldest church, from the late 3rd Century AD. Surrounded by rugged purplish mountains, Aqaba enjoys formidable weather throughout the year. The Gulf of Aqaba is a world known diving area. Aqaba itself offers eager divers the chance to experience virgin coral reefs, rare marine life forms, and encounters with friendly sea animals like turtles and dolphins.



**For more information please visit the website of the  
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