The Isil Berat Barlan Memorial Lectureship (2nd year)

2521 Beyond LEAP: NIAID-Supported Studies in Peanut Allergy Prevention
Saturday, February 25, 2023
Convention Center, Ballroom Level, Stars at Night B1, 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm
Lecturer: Corinne Keet, MD MS PhD
Early Peanut Introduction: Translation to Clinical Practice

The AAAAI Foundation and Isil Berat Barlan Memorial Lectureship will be presented by Corinne Keet, MD MS during 2521 Beyond LEAP: NIAID-Supported Studies in Peanut Allergy Prevention session on February 25th in Convention Center, Ballroom Level, Stars at Night B1, 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm (presentation at 12:30 pm)

Isil Berat Barlan, MD

Professor Dr. İşıl Berat Barlan (1958-2015) was born in Trabzon, Turkey. She attended Robert College in Istanbul and received her medical degree from Istanbul University Cerrahpaşa Faculty of Medicine. She completed her residency in Pediatrics at Marmara University Faculty of Medicine, Istanbul. She trained in Allergy and Immunology first with Dr. Müjdat Başaran at Marmara University and later with Dr. Ralf Geha at the Boston Children’s Hospital. She went on to become the Chair of Pediatrics and the Chief of the Division of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology at Marmara University.

Professor Barlan was a visionary physician-scientist who made a profound impact on the science and health care delivery in Allergy and Immunology in Turkey and beyond. She was a highly productive investigator, with more than 120 peer-reviewed papers in international and national Journals. Critically, she engaged in building a research and academic infrastructure in Allergy and Immunology in Turkey, established enduring international collaborations and mentored a large number of investigators and practitioners in the field. Professor Barlan has made numerous key contributions to the field of Allergy and Immunology at large. In a series of highly cited papers, she established the efficacy of pharmacotherapy with intranasal steroids in allergic rhinitis and rhinosinusitis, and that of sublingual immunotherapy for allergic upper airway disease and asthma. She also pioneered combination subcutaneous and sublingual immunotherapy for allergic asthma.

Professor Barlan made critical contributions in the field of primary immunodeficiencies (PID). Professor Barlan actively engaged in national and international collaborations on the investigation, diagnosis and management of primary immunodeficiency diseases.

She played a critical role in studies that led to the identification of DOCK8 deficiency as the underlying cause of the autosomal recessive form of the hyper IgE syndrome as well as other novel immunodeficiencies.

The ambitious scope of Professor Barlan’s studies was enabled by her creation of productive research and training programs and community outreach efforts. She established the first Jeffrey Modell Center for Primary Immunodeficiency and the first International Patient Organization for Primary Immunodeficiencies chapter in Turkey, both placed at Marmara University.
A critical achievement of Dr. Barlan was her training of a large number of academic physician-scientists in Allergy/Immunology, with many of her trainees assuming leadership positions in Turkey and abroad. Professor Barlan had a particular interest in women advancement in science, an issue that she strongly advocated for in both national and international forums. She trained several women physician-scientists, who went on to lead their own programs in Allergy and Immunology. Professor Barlan was a member of the AAAAI, and an active participant and speaker at its annual meetings. She served on the executive committee of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (EAACI). She was the recipient of a number of awards, including the highly prestigious Sedat Simavi Prize in Turkey for her scientific contributions in the field of immunotherapy, as well as multiple prizes by the Turkish Society of Pediatrics, Marmara University Medical Faculty and Istanbul Provincial Directorate for her medical research and clinical excellence.

Corinne Keet, MD MS PhD

Dr. Keet is a Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Pediatric Allergy/Immunology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She completed her undergraduate education at the University of California, Berkeley with a chemistry major, and then her MD and MS in a joint medical program between University of California, Berkeley and the University of California, San Francisco. She then did pediatric residency and Allergy/Immunology fellowship at Johns Hopkins, as well as a PhD in Epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. After 11 years on the faculty at Johns Hopkins, she moved to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 2021, where she is Vice Chair of Clinical and Translational Research. Her research focuses on the epidemiology and management of allergic diseases, particularly food allergy and asthma. She has published more than 100 papers on these topics. She is protocol chair of the SUNBEAM birth cohort, in addition to serving as PI of several other large NIH funded studies. She has mentored many fellows and junior faculty into careers in research in Allergy/Immunology. She is Associate Editor at JACI, and is on the ABAI, where she is co-chair of the certifying exam committee.