

Preliminary Programme

The information provided is provisional and will be updated on a regular basis until the final programme is available

Wednesday April 22, 2015

**Post-Graduate Course: Liver Transplant
Organised by EASL-ILTS-ELITA-LICAGE**

Chairs:

John Klink (United Kingdom)

Richard Freeman (United States)

8:00 - 8:20	Acute on chronic liver disease: when is the patient too sick for transplant? Speaker: <u>Henrik Petrowsky</u> (Switzerland)
8:20 - 8:40	Hepatopulmonary syndrome and portopulmonary hypertension: when is the optimal timing for liver transplantation? Speaker: <u>Susan Mandell</u> (United States)
8:40 - 9:00	Severe acute alcoholic hepatitis non-responding to steroid therapy: when is it justified to transplant? Speaker: <u>Philippe Mathurin</u> (France)
9:00 - 9:20	Are there age limits for living or deceased donors or for recipients? Speaker: <u>Juan Carlos Garcia Valdecasas</u> (Spain)
9:20 - 9:30	Discussion
9:30 - 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 - 10:20	How should candidates with previous history of non-hepatic malignancy be selected for liver transplantation: what is the risk for recurrence after liver transplant ? Speaker: <u>Federico Vilamil</u> (Argentina)
10:20 - 10:40	Retransplant the non-compliant and compliant adolescents? Speaker: <u>Anil Dhawan</u> (Argentina)
10:40 - 11:00	Discussion
11:00 - 11:30	Break

Chairs:

Patrizia Burra (Italy)

Paolo Muesian (United Kingdom)

11:30 - 11:50	Neo-adjuvant and adjuvant anti-HCV treatment and transplantation: have we solved the problem? Speaker: <u>Xavier Forns</u> (Spain)
11:50 - 12:10	HCC and downstaging procedures: have the results of liver transplantation been improved? Speaker: <u>Vincenzo Mazzaferro</u> (Italy)
12:10 - 12:30	Selection and timing of liver transplantation for patients with drug and hepatotoxins induced liver injury Speaker: <u>Giacomo Germani</u> (Italy)
12:30 - 12:50	Current status of liver transplantation in HIV infected recipients: long-term outcome Speaker: <u>Didier Samuel</u> (France)
12:50 - 13:10	Morbidly obese patients: should they receive simultaneous liver transplantation and sleeve gastrectomy? Speaker: <u>Julie Heimbach</u> (United States)
13:10 - 13:40	Ethics in donor living related liver transplantation: Eastern perspective Speaker: <u>Chao-Long Chen</u> (Taiwan)
13:10 - 13:40	Ethics in donor living related liver transplantation: Western perspective Speaker: <u>Elizabeth Pomfret</u> (United States)
13:40 - 13:45	Discussion and Closing remarks

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Joint Workshop: EASL- ILC Viral Hepatitis Workshop

Chairs:

Jean-Michel Pawlotsky (France)

Markus Peck-Radosavljevic (Austria)

8:00 - 8:30	Is HBV infection curable? Speaker: <u>Fabien Zoulim</u> (France)
8:30 - 9:00	Challenge: the HCC epidemics in "cured" hepatitis patients Speaker: <u>Jordan Feld</u> (Canada)
9:00 - 9:30	HCV treatment to PWID-results from the ACTIVATE trial Speaker: <u>Stephane Chevaliez</u> (France)
9:30 - 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 - 10:30	Management of patients with HCV-related advanced liver disease or in the peritransplant setting with new DAA-based therapies Speaker: <u>Norah Terrault</u> (United States)
10:30 - 11:00	Are hepatitis C medications too expensive? Speaker: <u>Donald Jensen</u> (United States)

Joint Workshop: EASL-ILCA

Chairs:

Helen Reeves (United Kingdom)

Peter Galle (Germany)

8:00 - 8:30	Identification of biomarkers and candidates for targeted drug therapy Speaker: <u>Helen Reeves</u> (United Kingdom)
8:30 - 9:00	HCC Staging Systems 2014 – Time for a change? Speaker: <u>Ronnie Poon</u> (Hong Kong, China)
9:00 - 9:30	Current clinical landscape in systemic therapy Speaker: <u>Markus Wörns</u> (Germany)
9:30 - 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 - 10:30	Locoregional therapy: Patient selection, methods, response assessment Speaker: <u>Riccardo Lencioni</u> (Italy)
10:30 - 11:00	Surgery at the borderline: extended resection, Tx beyond Milan Speaker: <u>Eric Vibert</u> (France)

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Joint Workshop: EASL-Public Health CAG

Chairs:

Alessio Aghemo (Italy)

Angelos Hatzakis (Greece)

8:00 - 8:15	Meeting the challenge of estimating chronic HBV infection prevalence and future trends on a global and country level Speaker: <u>Joerdis Ott</u> (Switzerland)
8:15 - 8:30	HBV vaccination: A global success story and prospects for universal coverage Speaker: <u>Pierre van Damme</u> (Belgium)
8:30 - 8:45	Modelling studies to assess the global burden of HCV in the next 20 years Speaker: <u>Homie Razavi</u> (United States)
8:45 - 9:00	Current and future HCV burden in Egypt Speaker: <u>Imam Waked</u> (Egypte)
9:00 - 9:15	Current and future HCV burden in Greece Speaker: <u>Vana Sypsa</u> (Greece)
9:15 - 9:30	Current and future HCV burden in Germany Speaker: <u>Heiner Wedemeyer</u> (Germany)
9:30 - 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 - 10:15	Current and future options to treat high risk groups and difficult to treat patients: Chronic HBV Speaker: <u>Maurizia Brunetto</u> (Italy)
10:15 - 10:30	Current and future options to treat high risk groups and difficult to treat patients: Chronic HCV Speaker: <u>Jason Grebely</u> (Australia)
10:30 - 10:45	Prospects for an effective HCV vaccine Speaker: <u>Thomas Baumert</u> (France)
10:45 - 11:00	Discussion

Joint Workshop: EASL-International PSC study group

Chairs:

Cyriel Ponsioen (Netherlands)

Tom Karlsen (Norway)

8:00 - 8:30	A brief history of prognostic models and clinical trial end-points in PSC Speaker: <u>Olivier Chazouillères</u> (France)
8:30 - 9:00	Regulatory aspects of clinical trial end-point considerations Speaker: <u>Elmer Schabel</u> (Germany)
9:00 - 9:30	Does a PSC specific fibrosis biomarker profile exist? Speaker: <u>Morten Karsdal</u> (Denmark)
9:30 - 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 - 10:30	End-point strategies for anti-fibrotics in NASH - lessons for PSC Speaker: <u>Massimo Pinzani</u> (United Kingdom)
10:30 - 11:00	Discussion

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Joint Workshop: EASL- FLIP

Chairs:

Cecilia Rodrigues (Portugal)

Vlad Ratziu (France)

8:00 - 9:00	Advances in Pathogenesis
8:00 - 8:30	Mechanisms of NASH-related fibrogenesis : clues for individual variability Speaker: <u>Fabio Marra</u> (Italy)
8:30 - 8:50	Cholesterol toxicity and hepatic inflammation Speaker: <u>Ronit Shiri-Sverdlov</u> (Netherlands)
8:50 - 9:00	Discussion
9:00 - 9:30	Advances in Diagnosis
9:00 - 9:20	The FLIP algorithm and SAF score : a new histological classification in NAFLD Speaker: <u>Pierre Bedossa</u> (France)
9:20 - 9:30	Discussion
9:30 – 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 - 10:50	Clinical Hotspots
10:00 - 10:20	A critical review of the evidence linking diabetes and obesity to liver cancer Speaker: <u>Hashem El-Serag</u> (United States)
10:20 - 10:40	NASH in developing countries: the paradox of the Indian subcontinent Speaker: <u>Abhijit Chowdhury</u> (India)
10:40 - 10:50	Discussion
10:50 - 11:00	General Discussion and Closing Remarks

Joint Workshop: EASL-Virtual Liver Network

Chairs:

Frank Tacke (Germany)

Steven Dooley (Germany)

8:00 - 8:20	LPS showcase of the VLN: Feedback and feedforward signaling loops in the LPS mediated acute phase response of the liver Speaker: <u>Johannes Bode</u> (Germany)
8:20 - 8:50	LPS and cell-cell communication in inflammatory and fibrogenic responses of the liver Speaker: <u>Sophie Lotersztajn</u> (France)
8:50 - 9:10	HGF showcase of the VLN: - Multi- (molecular-, cell-, tissue- and body-) scale, spatial & temporal model of HGF mediated liver regeneration Speaker: <u>Dirk Drasdo</u> (Germany)
9:10 - 9:30	Discussion
9:30 – 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 - 10:15	EGFR mediated crosstalk in liver injury and hepatocarcinogenesis Speaker: <u>Matias Avila</u> (Spain)
10:15 - 10:30	Cell-cell communication in damage induced liver regeneration Speaker: <u>Robert Schwabe</u> (United States)
10:30 - 10:45	Steatosis showcase of the VLN: Hedgehog as master regulator of liver lipid metabolism Speaker: <u>Madlen Matz-Soja</u> (Germany)
10:45 - 11:00	Discussion

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Joint Workshop: EASL-MSF-Prolifica-TAG

Chairs:

Laurent Castera (France)
Tracy Swan (United States)

8:00 - 8:20	HCV treatment access in LMICs: civil society activities Speaker: <u>Karyn Kaplan</u> (United States)
8:20 - 8:40	Access to treatment in Asia Speaker: <u>Nicolas Durier</u> (Thailand)
8:40 - 9:00	Access to HCV treatment in Ukraine and role of civil society Speaker: <u>Ludmila Maistat</u> (Ukraine)
9:00 - 9:30	Access to HBV and HCV diagnostics and treatments in RLS Speaker: <u>Isabelle Andrieux-Meyer</u> (Switzerland)
9:30 - 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 - 10:30	HBV Prevention of mother to child transmission Speaker: <u>Mark Thursz</u> (United Kingdom)
10:30 - 11:00	HBV prevalence among HIV people in some MSF cohorts Speaker: <u>Dmytro Donchuk</u> (Belgium)

Joint Workshop: EASL-ICA

Chair:

Mauro Bernardi (Italy)
Paolo Angeli (Italy)

8:00 - 8:10	Introduction Speaker: <u>Mauro Bernardi</u> (Italy)
8:10 - 8:30	Microbiology of bacterial infections in cirrhosis; how has it changed over the last years? Speaker: <u>Pierluigi Viale</u> (Italy)
8:30 - 8:50	The microbiome and bacterial translocation in cirrhosis Speaker: <u>Bernd Schnabl</u> (United States)
8:50 - 9:10	Non antibiotic prophylaxis of bacterial infections in cirrhosis; where we are and where we are going to? Speaker: <u>Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao</u> (United States)
9:10 - 9:30	Discussion
9:30 - 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 - 10:20	New protocols of empirical antibiotic treatment of bacterial infections in cirrhosis Speaker: <u>Javier Fernandez</u> (Spain)
10:20 - 10:40	The changing role of albumin in the management of patients with cirrhosis and bacterial infections: from plasma expander to immunoregulator and anti-inflammatory agent Speaker: <u>Rajeshwar Mookerjee</u> (United Kingdom)
10:40 - 11:00	Conclusions Speaker: <u>Paolo Angeli</u> (Italy)
10:40 - 10:50	Discussion

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Joint Workshop: EASL-VALDIG

Chairs:

Andrea de Gottardi (Switzerland)

Frank Lammert (Germany)

8:00 - 8:05	Introduction Speaker: <u>Frank Lammert</u> (Germany)
8:05 - 8:35	Liver histology in non-cirrhotic portal hypertension: several facets of the same disease? Speaker: <u>Dominique Cazals-Hatem</u> (France)
8:35 - 9:05	Extrahepatic portal vein obstruction and portal biliopathy Speaker: <u>Yogesh Chawla</u> (India)
9:05 - 9:30	Novel findings in portal vein thrombosis in cirrhotic patients Speaker: <u>Juan Carlos Garcia-Pagan</u> (Spain)
9:30 – 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 - 10:30	Novel insights into the JAK2 signalling pathway: linking the V617F mutation with clotting abnormalities Speaker: <u>Jonel Trebicka</u> (Germany)
10:30 - 11:00	How imaging techniques may help clinicians in the management of splanchnic vein thrombosis today and tomorrow Speaker: <u>Fabrizio Fanelli</u> (Italy)

Joint Workshop: EASL-INHSU

Chairs:

Cihan Yurdaydin (Turkey)

Olav Dalgard (Norway)

8:00 - 8:30	Somatic illness in PWID -the impact of liver disease Speaker: <u>Kunt Boe Kielland</u> (Norway)
8:30 - 9:00	Screening for fibrosis among PWID Speaker: <u>Peer Brehm Christensen</u> (Denmark)
9:00 - 9:30	HCV treatment to PWID-results from the ACTIVATE trial Speaker: <u>Gregory Dore</u> (Australia)
9:30 – 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 - 10:30	Reinfection following SVR Speaker: <u>Janke Schinkel</u> (Netherlands)
10:30 - 11:00	Interventions to prevent HCV transmission Speaker: <u>Sharon Hutchinson</u> (United Kingdom)

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Post Graduate Course - Metabolic liver disease

Chairs:

Jean-François Dufour (Switzerland)

Vlad Ratziu (France)

Herbert Tilg (Austria)

Challenges in the Diagnosis of NASH

11:30 - 11:45	Q&A (QUESTIONS) case presentation Presenter: <u>Felix Brunner</u> (Switzerland)
11:45 - 12:05	Who should be screened for NASH? Speaker: <u>Naga Chalasani</u> (United States)
12:05 - 12:25	Histological classifications: how and when to trust the pathologist Speaker: <u>Pierre Bedossa</u> (France)
12:25 - 12:45	Non-invasive diagnosis of fibrosis in NAFLD: how reliable is it? Speaker: <u>Leon Adams</u> (Australia)
12:45 - 13:05	Pediatric NASH: is it different and should we look for it? Speaker: <u>Valerio Nobili</u> (Italy)
13:05 - 13:25	NASH in lean patients Speaker: <u>Vincent Wong</u> (Hong Kong, China)
13:25 - 13:30	Q&A (ANSWERS)
13:30 - 14:00	Lunch

NAFLD and Interactions with Insulin Resistance

14:00 - 14:15	Q&A (QUESTIONS) case presentation Presenter: <u>Pierre-Emmanuel Rautou</u> (France)
14:15 - 14:35	Excessive body weight and risk of NASH: are all obese patients equal? Speaker: <u>Amalia Gastaldelli</u> (Italy)
14:35 - 14:55	Insulin resistance: should we measure it and does it promote liver disease progression? Speaker: <u>Elisabetta Bugianesi</u> (Italy)
14:55 - 15:15	Dysmetabolic hyperferritinemia Speaker: <u>Yves Deugnier</u> (France)
15:15 - 15:35	Bariatric surgery: a cure for NASH? Speaker: <u>Carel Leroux</u> (United Kingdom)
15:35 - 15:40	Q&A (ANSWERS)
15:40 - 16:00	Coffee Break

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Extrahepatic Complications of Liver Fat

16:00 - 16:15	Q&A (QUESTIONS) case presentation Presenter: <u>Fabio Nascimbeni</u> (Italy)
16:15 - 16:35	Why does liver fat contribute to cardio-metabolic outcomes? Speaker: <u>Hannele Yki-Jarvinen</u> (Finland)
16:35 - 16:55	NAFLD, pre-atherogenic lesions and cardiovascular events Speaker: <u>Sven Francque</u>
16:55 - 17:15	Does steatosis place patients at risk for diabetes development and progression? Speaker: <u>Naveed Sattar</u> (United Kingdom)
17:15 - 17:35	Current and future insulin sensitizers in the treatment of NASH? Speaker: <u>Vlad Ratziu</u> (France)
17:35 - 17:40	Q&A ANSWERS

Basic Science Seminar - Liver Tumours

Chairs:

Maria Martinez-Chantar (Spain)
Helen Reeves (United Kingdom)
Lars Zender (Germany)

Introduction and aims

Speaker: Helen Reeves (United Kingdom)

Hepatocellular Cancer Genomics

Oncogenomics and identification of drivers of genetic hepatocarcinogenesis

Speaker: Jessica Zucman Rossi (France)

Fellow: Eric Letouzé (France)

11:35 - 11:45	Lecture Speaker: <u>Jessica Zucman Rossi</u> (France)
11:45 - 11:55	Mutational signatures in liver cancer Fellow: <u>Eric Letouzé</u> (France)
11:55 - 12:00	Discussion

Genome wide epigenomics in HCC

Speaker: Manelle Esteller (Spain)

Fellow: Anna Martinez-Cardus (Spain)

12:00 - 12:10	Lecture Speaker: <u>Manelle Esteller</u> (Spain)
12:10 - 12:20	Value of DNA methylation Alterations in Liver Cancer Fellow: <u>Anna Martinez-Cardus</u> (Spain)
12:20 - 12:30	Discussion

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Biomarkers for risk stratification emerging from genomic studies in HCC

Speaker: Yujin Hoshida (United States)

Fellow: Anu Venkatesh (United States)

12:30 - 12:40	Lecture Speaker: <u>Yujin Hoshida</u> (United States)
12:40 - 12:50	Molecular signature-based prognostic prediction in liver cirrhosis and HCC Fellow: <u>Anu Venkatesh</u> (United States)
12:50 - 13:00	Discussion

Functional genomics leading to new therapeutic targets

Speaker: Lars Zender (Germany)

Fellow: Florian Heinzmann (Germany)

13:00 - 13:10	Lecture Speaker: <u>Lars Zender</u> (Germany)
13:10 - 13:20	In vivo RNAi screening to dissect tumor suppressor networks in HCC Fellow: <u>Florian Heinzmann</u> (Germany)
13:20 - 13:30	Discussion
13:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break

Hepatocellular cancer - Signalling in the tumour microenvironment

Signalling pathways in Hepatocarcinogenesis

Speaker: Tom Luedde (Germany)

Fellow: Jérémie Gautheron (Germany)

14:00 - 14:10	Lecture Speaker: <u>Tom Luedde</u> (Germany)
14:10 - 14:20	Cell Death and Inflammation in Hepatocarcinogenesis Fellow: <u>Jérémie Gautheron</u> (Germany)
14:20 - 14:30	Discussion

EGFR interaction in Hepatocarcinogenesis

Speaker: Maria Sibilä (Austria)

Fellow: Karin Komposch (Austria)

14:30 - 14:40	Lecture Speaker: <u>Maria Sibilä</u> (Austria)
14:40 - 14:50	Role of EGFR in liver fibrosis and cancer Fellow: <u>Karin Komposch</u> (Austria)
14:50 - 15:00	Discussion

The contribution of post translational modification

Speaker: Maria Luz Martinez Chantar (Spain)

Fellow: Teresa Cardoso Delgado (Spain)

15:00 - 15:10	Lecture Speaker: <u>Maria Luz Martinez Chantar</u> (Spain)
15:10 - 15:20	Neddylation as a metabolic therapeutic target in HCC Fellow: <u>Teresa Cardoso Delgado</u> (Spain)
15:20 - 15:30	Discussion
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break

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Hepatocellular cancer - a focus on metabolism

Metabolic Reprogramming in Cancer

Speaker: TBD

16:00 - 16:10	Lecture
16:10 - 16:20	TBD
16:20 - 16:30	Discussion

Lipid metabolism and HCC

Speaker: Stephan Herzig (Germany)

Fellow: Mauricio Berriel Diaz (Germany)

16:30 - 16:40	Lecture Speaker: <u>Stephan Herzig</u> (Germany)
16:40 - 16:50	Molecular links between fatty liver disease and HCC Fellow: <u>Mauricio Berriel Diaz</u> (Germany)
16:50 - 17:00	Discussion

Wnt and metabolism in HCC

Speaker: Sabine Colnot (France)

Fellow: Angélique Gougelet (France)

17:00 - 17:10	Lecture Speaker: <u>Sabine Colnot</u> (France)
17:10 - 17:20	How beta-catenin reprograms the hepatocyte in liver cancer Fellow: <u>Angélique Gougelet</u> (France)
17:20 - 17:30	Discussion

Nurses and Associates Forum

Chairs:

Michelle Clayton (United Kingdom)

Cristina Rivoltella (Italy)

	Foreword
14:00 - 14:30	How to address the burden of liver disease in Europe Speaker: <u>Dominique-Charles Valla</u> (France)
14:30 - 15:00	Tackling fatty liver disease with lifestyle measures Speaker: <u>Shira Zelber-Sagi</u> (Israel)
15:00 - 15:30	Reviewing the educational needs of liver nurses Speaker: <u>Jacqui Richmond</u> (Australia)
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 16:30	Multi resistant organisms in liver transplantation: lessons learnt from practise Speaker: <u>Enrica Capitori</u> (Italy)
16:30 - 17:00	Weight gain, overweight and obesity in solid organ transplantation: Need for action? Speaker: <u>Sonja Beckmann</u> (Switzerland)
17:00 - 17:30	Exploring the supportive care needs of people with advanced chronic liver disease Speaker: <u>Barbara Kimbell</u> (United Kingdom)
	Closing

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Major Sponsor Industry Satellite Symposium

18:00 - 19:30

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Industry Satellite Symposium

7:30 - 8:30

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Carcinogenesis and NAFLD

8:30 - 8:45	Q&A (QUESTIONS) case presentation Presenter: <u>Heinz Zoller</u> (Austria)
8:45 - 9:05	Carcinogenesis and the spectrum of hepatic tumours in NASH Speaker: <u>Augusto Villanueva</u> (United Kingdom)
9:05 - 9:25	Liver cancer in NAFLD: magnitude of the problem. Speaker: <u>Jean-François Dufour</u> (Switzerland)
9:25 - 9:45	Do inflammation networks trigger NASH and drive its progression? Speaker: <u>Herbert Tilg</u> (Austria)
9:45 - 10:05	Impact of lifestyle on NASH (inclusive on HCC) Speaker: <u>Ingrid Hickman</u> (Australia)
10:05 - 10:10	Q&A ANSWERS
10:10 - 10:30	Coffee Break

Progression of Liver Disease in NAFLD

10:30 - 10:45	Q&A (QUESTIONS) case presentation Presenter: <u>Grace Dolman</u>
10:45 - 11:05	Who are the NAFLD patients a risk of disease progression? Speaker: <u>Chris Day</u> (United Kingdom)
11:05 - 11:25	NAFLD diabetes and alcohol: is there a safe threshold? Speaker: <u>Stefano Bellentani</u> (Italy)
11:25 - 11:45	The course of cirrhotic NASH: how different is it from other cirrhotoses? Speaker: <u>Arun Sanyal</u> (United States)
11:45 - 12:05	OLT for NASH Speaker: <u>Pierre-Alain Clavien</u> (Switzerland)
12:05 - 12:10	Q&A ANSWERS
12:10 - 13:30	Lunch Break

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Basic Science Seminar - Liver Tumours

Chairs:

Maria Martinez-Chantar (Spain)
Helen Reeves (United Kingdom)
Lars Zender (Germany)

Cellular Plasticity , stem cells and liver tumours

The cellular origins of liver tumours

Speaker: Thomas Longerich (Germany)

Fellow: Rosella Pellegrino (Germany)

8:30 - 8:40	Lecture Speaker: <u>Thomas Longerich</u> (Germany)
8:40 - 8:50	Modes of MDM4 dysregulation in hepatocellular carcinoma Fellow: <u>Rosella Pellegrino</u> (Germany)
8:50 - 9:00	Discussion

FGF Signalling in hepatocarcinogenesis

Chair: Lewis Roberts (United States)

Fellow: Renumathy Dhanasekaran (United States)

9:00 - 9:10	Lecture Speaker: <u>Lewis Roberts</u> (United States)
9:10 - 9:20	Modulation of FGF Signaling by Heparan Sulfate Sulfatases in Liver Cancer Fellow: <u>Renumathy Dhanasekaran</u> (United States)
9:20 - 9:30	Discussion

Modeling pathogenesis of primary liver cancer in lineage-specific mouse cell types

Speaker: Snorri Thorgeirson (United States)

Fellow: Jens Marquardt (Germany)

9:30 - 9:40	Lecture Speaker: <u>Snorri Thorgeirson</u> (United States)
9:40 - 9:50	Targeting of "stemness" as a promising therapeutic strategy in liver cancer Fellow: <u>Jens Marquardt</u> (Germany)
9:50 - 10:00	Discussion

10:00 - 10:30 | Coffee Break

Microenvironment and therapy

The inflammatory response and its consequences - can we intervene?

Speaker: Derek Mann (United Kingdom)

Fellow: Caroline Wilson (United Kingdom)

10:30 - 10:40	Lecture Speaker: <u>Derek Mann</u> (United Kingdom)
10:40 - 10:50	The role of neutrophils in HCC Fellow: <u>Caroline Wilson</u> (United Kingdom)
10:50 - 11:00	Discussion

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Oncolytic viral therapy

Speaker: Oliver Ebert (Germany)

Fellow: Jennifer Altomonte (Germany)

11:00 - 11:10	Lecture Speaker: <u>Oliver Ebert</u> (Germany)
11:10 - 11:20	Targeting, delivery and imaging of oncolytic virotherapeutics Fellow: <u>Jennifer Altomonte</u> (Germany)
11:20 - 11:30	Discussion

Immunotherapy for HCC?

Speaker: David Adams (United Kingdom)

Fellow: Ka-Kit Li (United Kingdom)

11:30 - 11:40	Lecture Speaker: <u>David Adams</u> (United Kingdom)
11:40 - 11:50	Immune responses to hepatocellular carcinoma: complex regulation and therapeutic potential Fellow: <u>Ka-Kit Li</u> (United Kingdom)
11:50 - 12:00	Discussion
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Break

Fellowship and Registry Grant Presentations

12:00 - 13:30	TBD
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EU and Impact on General Health

Chairs:

Laurent Castera (France)

Liliana Gheorghe (Romania)

12:00 - 12:15	Challenges and Opportunities in liver disease in the EU Speaker: <u>Patrizia Burra</u> (Italy)
12:15 - 12:30	Opportunities for Liver Disease Research & Collaboration in Horizon 2020
12:30 - 12:45	Opportunities for collaboration in the EU Health Programme 2014-2020
12:45 - 13:00	The role of the European Parliament in promoting liver health
13:00 - 13:15	The view from the Member States
13:15 - 13:30	Discussion

General Session 1 & Opening

Chair:

Markus Peck-Radosavljevic (Austria)

TBD

13:30 - 15:30	TBD
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Parallel Sessions

16:00 - 18:00 | TBD

Abdominal Sonography Course- Beginners

Limited space: Pre-Booking required at registration

Tutors:

Robert de Knecht (Netherlands)

Michael Gebel (Germany)

Andrei Potthoff (Germany)

Dave Sprengers (Netherlands)

Pavel Taimr (Netherlands)

Christoph Terkamp (Germany)

18:30 – 20:00 |

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18:30 - 20:00 |

Friday, April 24, 2015

Early Morning Workshops

Alcohol & Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH) – important challenge for the Public health

Moderators:

Nick Sheron (United Kingdom)

Mira Kojouharova (Bulgaria)

7:30 - 8:30

HEV in immunocompromised patients

Moderators:

Harry Dalton (United Kingdom)

Stanislas Pol (France)

7:30 - 8:30

Selection of patients for TACE

Moderators:

Joong-Won Park (Korea, South)

Wolfgang Sieghart (Austria)

7:30 - 8:30

Controversies in the diagnosis of HCC

Moderators:

Alejandro Forner (Spain)

Fabio Piscaglia (Italy)

7:30 - 8:30

IFN free regimens in the OLT setting

Moderators:

Stefano Fagiuoli (Italy)

Xavier Forns (Spain)

7:30 - 8:30

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Viral hepatitis form a payer-perspective

Moderators:

TBD

7:30 - 8:30

Clinical Use of HBsAg quantification

Moderators:

George Papatheodoridis (Greece)

Jörg Petersen (Germany)

7:30 - 8:30

Selecting patients for artificial liver support

Moderators:

Didier Samuel (France)

TBD

7:30 - 8:30

Optimal Management of IFN containing regimens

Moderators:

José Luis Calleja (Spain)

Maria Grazia Rumi (Italy)

7:30 - 8:30

Finite Treatment of Chronic Hepatitis B

Moderators:

Maria Buti (Spain)

Milan Sonneveld (Netherlands)

7:30 - 8:30

Managing HCV patients with decompensated cirrhosis

Moderators:

Kosh Agarwal (United Kingdom)

Paolo Caraceni (Italy)

7:30 - 8:30

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Non-coding RNAs in liver pathophysiology

Moderators:

Christoph Roderburg (Germany)

Chiara Braconi (United Kingdom)

7:30 - 8:30

Regression of fibrosis/cirrhosis: clinical implications

Moderators:

Vincent Mallet (France)

Francesco Paolo Russo (Italy)

7:30 - 8:30

Novel treatments in autoimmune liver disease

Moderators:

Gideon Hirschfield (United Kingdom)

Christoph Schramm (Germany)

7:30 - 8:30

Endpoints for antifibrotic trials: what does it take to be a game changer?

Moderators:

Veronica Miller (United States)

Detlef Schuppan (Germany)

7:30 - 8:30

General Session 2 & Award 1

Chairs:

Laurent Castera (France)

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8:30 - 10:30

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J.P. Benhamou State of the Art Session

Speaker:

Antonello Pietrangelo (Italy)

10:30 - 11:00

Iron and the liver...of pathogens, metabolic adaptation and human disease

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Grand Rounds: Complications of end-stage Liver Disease and link with liver transplantation

Chair:

Frederik Nevens (Belgium)

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| 11:30 - 12:00 | HCC and the concept of downstaging and bridging
Case Presentation: <u>Jeroen Dekervel</u> (Belgium)
Case Discussion: <u>Chris Verslype</u> (Belgium) |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | Refractory hepatic encephalopathy and indications for interventional radiology
Case Presentation: <u>Len Verbeke</u> (Belgium)
Case Discussion: <u>Wim Laleman</u> (Belgium) |

Grand Rounds: Cholangiopathies: from basic to clinic

Chair:

Domenico Alvaro (Italy)

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| 11:30 - 12:00 | Case 1: A challenging case of PSC
Speaker: <u>Vincenzo Cardinale</u> (Italy), <u>Andrea Laghi</u> (Italy) |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | Case 2: Cholangiocarcinoma, a cancer in search of the right classification
Speaker: <u>Vincenzo Cardinale</u> (Italy), <u>Guido Carpino</u> (Italy) |

Grand Rounds: Liver transplantation – new challenges in an aging population

Chair:

Christian Trautwein (Germany)

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| 11:30 | Introduction
Speaker: <u>Christian Trautwein</u> (Germany)
Case 1
Speaker: <u>Tom Luedde</u> (Germany)
Case 2
Speaker: <u>Daniela Kroy</u> (Germany) |
| 12:30 | Conclusions
Speaker: <u>Frank Tacke</u> (Germany) |

Grand Rounds: Viral Hepatitis

Chair:

Fabien Zoulim (France)

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| 11:30 - 12:00 | Hepatitis C: IFN-free therapy for the rescue of a cirrhotic patient who failed protease inhibitor based triple therapy
Case Presentation: <u>Kerstin Hartig-Lavie</u> (France)
Case Discussion: <u>François Bailly</u> (France) |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | Hepatitis B: Long-term antiviral therapy of chronic hepatitis B : management of resistance and side effects
Case Presentation: <u>Fanny Lebossé</u> (France) |

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Case Discussion: François Bailly (France)

Grand Rounds: Basic Science - in vivo Imaging

Chair:

Paul Kubes (Canada)

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| 11:30 - 11:50 | How to image the liver and the pros and cons of spinning disk versus two photon microscopy
Speaker: <u>Craig Jenne</u> (Canada) |
| 11:50 - 12:10 | Spinning disk imaging liver disease
Speaker: <u>Paul Kubes</u> (Canada) |
| 12:10 - 12:30 | Imaging liver viral infections using two photon
Speaker: <u>Matteo Iannacone</u> (Italy) |

Young Investigator Seminar - Liver Cell Death

Chairs:

Cecilia Rodrigues (Portugal)
Femke Heindryckx (Sweden)

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| 11:30 - 11:50 | Type of cell deaths
Speaker: <u>Patrice Codogno</u> (France) |
| 11:50 - 12:10 | Cell death in different liver diseases
Speaker: <u>Jose Fernandez Checa</u> (Spain) |
| 12:10 - 12:30 | Biomarkers of cell death in liver
Speaker: <u>Heike Bantel</u> (Germany) |

Endoscopy and Liver Vein Catheter Live Session

Moderators:

Andres Cardenas (Spain)
Arnulf Ferlitsch (Austria)
Roberto de Francis (Italy)

11:30 - 14:30

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Basic Symposium - Hepatokines and their role in energy homeostasis

Chair:

Catherine Postic (France)

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| 14:00 - 14:30 | The role of hepatokines in metabolism : the example of Fetuin
Speaker: <u>Norbert Stefan</u> (Germany) |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | PTEN signaling in metabolic liver diseases and crosstalk to peripheral organs through the release of hepatokines
Speaker: <u>Michelangelo Foti</u> (Switzerland) |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | Interplay between FGF21 and insulin action in the liver regulates metabolism
Speaker: <u>Brice Emmanuelli</u> (Denmark) |

Translational Workshop - Liver mitochondria: plastic mediators of organ and integrated body responses

Chair:

Luca Scorano (Italy)

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| 14:00 - 14:30 | The role of the mitochondrial Mtch1 in hepatic metabolism
Speaker: <u>Atan Gross</u> (Israel) |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | The role of mitochondria-derived vesicles in hepatic carcinogenesis
Speaker: <u>Heidi McBride</u> (Canada) |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | Mitochondrial plasticity in the fasting-fed liver
Speaker: <u>Luca Pellegrini</u> (Canada) |

Clinical Symposium - PBC

Chair:

Michael Trauner (Austria)

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| 14:00 - 14:05 | Introduction
Speaker: <u>Michael Trauner</u> (Austria) |
| 14:05 - 14:30 | Risk stratification in PBC
Speaker: <u>Christophe Corpechot</u> (France) |
| 14:30 - 14:55 | Bile acid-targeted therapy of PBC: UDCA and beyond (FXR, PPAR)
Speaker: <u>Ulrich Beuers</u> (Netherlands) |
| 14:55 - 15:20 | Should we treat PBC as an autoimmune disease?
Speaker: <u>Gideon Hirschfield</u> (United Kingdom) |
| 15:20 - 15:30 | General Discussion |

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Clinical Symposium - Towards HCV eradication

Chair:

Antonio Craxi (Italy)

14:00 - 14:05	Introduction Speaker: <u>Antonio Craxi</u> (Italy)
14:05 - 14:25	HCV screening strategies in a changing scenario Speaker: <u>Angelos Hatzakis</u> (Greece)
14:25 - 14:45	Cure to eradicate Speaker: <u>Alfredo Alberti</u> (Italy)
14:45 - 15:05	Vaccinate to eradicate Speaker: <u>Jake Liang</u> (United States)
15:05 - 15:30	General Discussion

Parallel Sessions

16:00 - 18:00 | TBD

Recent Highlights from the Literature: Ask the Authors

Chair:

Frank Lammert (Germany)

16:00 - 18:00 | TBD

Abdominal Sonography Course- Advanced

Limited space: Pre-Booking required at registration

Tutors:

Robert de Knegt (Netherlands)

Michael Gebel (Germany)

Andrej Potthoff (Germany)

Dave Sprengers (Netherlands)

Pavel Taimr (Netherlands)

Christoph Terkamp (Germany)

18:30 – 20:00 |

Major Sponsor Industry Satellite Symposium

18:30 - 20:00 |

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Industry Satellite Symposium

7:30 - 8:30

General Session 3 & Award 2

Chairs:

TBD

8:30 - 10:30

TBD

State of the Art Session - Basic Science

Speaker:

Rakesh Jain (United States)

10:30 - 11:00

Reengineering the microenvironment to improve treatment of fibrotic diseases

Parallel Sessions

11:30 - 13:30

TBD

Basic Symposium - Metabolic Disorders: Metabolism and cancer: the circadian clock connection

Chair:

Selma Masri (United States)

14:00 - 14:30

Partitioning of circadian metabolism in the liver

Speaker: Selma Masri (United States)

14:30 - 15:00

Role of SIRT1 in liver regeneration

Speaker: Marina Bellet (Italy)

15:00 - 15:30

High-throughput analysis of circadian liver gene expression

Speaker: Frederic Gachon (Switzerland)

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Clinical Symposium - Future of HBV treatments

Chair:

Fabien Zoulim (France)

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| 14:00 - 14:20 | The current treatment situation and definitions of a cure for chronic HBV infection
Speaker: <u>Goeffrey Dusheiko</u> (United Kingdom) |
| 14:20 - 14:40 | The main unresolved questions to cure HBV infection
Speaker: <u>Ulrike Protzer</u> (Germany) |
| 14:40 - 15:00 | The new direct antivirals in pre-clinical and early clinical development
Speaker: <u>Fabien Zoulim</u> (France) |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | Novel concepts of immune therapy (restoration of innate and/or adaptive immune responses)
Speaker: <u>Antonio Bertoletti</u> (Singapore) |

Clinical Symposium - Bacterial infections in patients with liver disease

Chair:

Javier Fernandez (Spain)

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| 14:00 - 14:05 | Introduction
Speaker: <u>Javier Fernandez</u> (Spain) |
| 14:05 - 14:30 | Advances in the pathogenesis and diagnosis of bacterial infections in cirrhosis
Speaker: <u>Reiner Wiest</u> (Switzerland) |
| 14:30 - 14:55 | Multiresistant bacterial infections: mechanisms of resistance, prevention strategies and clinical implications
Speaker: <u>Alex Soriano</u> (Spain) |
| 14:55 - 15:20 | Prognostic impact and treatment of bacterial infection in critically-ill and non-critically-ill cirrhotic patients
Speaker: <u>Thierry Gustot</u> (Belgium) |
| 15:20 - 15:30 | Discussion |

Clinical Symposium - Treatment decisions in intermediate stage HCC

Chair:

Jens Rieke (Germany)

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| 14:00 - 14:05 | A critical appraisal of where we are in the intermediate stage today
Speaker: <u>Jens Rieke</u> (Germany) |
| 14:05 - 14:30 | How to determine the appropriate TACE candidate and when to time the next intervention
Speaker: <u>Wolfgang Sieghart</u> (Austria) |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | Is there a role of combination treatments today – arguments and evidence for the combined or sequential use of the current toolbox
Speaker: <u>Maciej Pech</u> (Germany) |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | Where is the place for Y90-radioembolization today?
Speaker: <u>Bruno Sangro</u> (Spain) |

Saturday, April 25, 2015

WHO-EASL Symposium

Chair:

Markus Peck-Radosavljevic (Austria)

Stefan Wiktor (Switzerland)

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| 14:00 - 14:15 | WHO Prequalification of hepatitis serologic tests - A review of the results of the analysis of the performance of hepatitis B and C rapid and enzyme immunoassay tests and assessment of manufacturers' production quality
Speaker: <u>Anita Sands</u> (Switzerland) |
| 14:15 - 14:30 | Cost-effectiveness analysis of screening – NICE UK example. An economic analysis of risk-based screening for hepatitis B
Speaker: <u>Natasha Martin</u> (United Kingdom) |
| 14:30 - 14:45 | Providing testing services for persons who inject drugs and linking them to care– Scottish example
Speaker: <u>David Goldberg</u> (United Kingdom) |
| 14:45 - 15:00 | Implementing the birth-cohort approach to hepatitis C testing – the US example
Speaker: <u>John Ward</u> (United States) |
| 15:00 - 15:15 | Providing hepatitis testing services to persons with HIV infection in low- and middle-income countries – the MSF experience
Speaker: <u>Isabelle Andrieux-Meyer</u> (Switzerland) |
| 15:15 - 15:30 | WHO recommendations on screening and testing
Speaker: <u>Philippa Easterbrook</u> (Switzerland) |

Young Investigator Forum

Chair:

Giacomo Germani (Italy)

Helen Reeves (United Kingdom)

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| 14:00 - 14:10 | Who are the YI CAG?
Speaker: <u>Giacomo Germani</u> (Italy) |
| 14:10 - 14:30 | How to publish in top journals: do's and don't
Speaker: <u>Rajiv Jalan</u> (United Kingdom) |
| 14:30 - 14:50 | How you are evaluated for positions and grants (talk about bibliometrics, points to be emphasized in the CV)
Speaker: <u>Helen Reeves</u> (United Kingdom) |
| 14:50 - 15:10 | How to make an effective presentation
Speaker: <u>Alessio Aghemo</u> (Italy) |
| 15:10 - 15:30 | Research in hepatology: past, present and future
Speaker: <u>Jean-Michel Pawlotsky</u> (France) |

Late Breakers

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| 16:00 - 18:00 | TBD |
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EASL Business Meeting

18:15 - 19:30 | Access restricted to active EASL members

Abdominal Sonography Course- 'Acute Medicine' in Hepatology

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Tutors:

Robert de Knegt (Netherlands)

Michael Gebel (Germany)

Andrei Potthoff (Germany)

Dave Sprengers (Netherlands)

Pavel Taimr (Netherlands)

Christoph Terkamp (Germany)

18:30 – 20:00 |

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Early Morning Workshops

New oral anticoagulants in patients with liver disease

Moderators:

TBD

Fuat Saner (Germany)

7:30 - 8:30

Fatigue in chronic liver disease

Moderators:

David Jones (United Kingdom)

Aleksander Krag (Denmark)

7:30 - 8:30

Acute on chronic liver failure: new definitions

Moderators:

Javier Fernandez (Spain)

Claire Francoz (France)

7:30 - 8:30

Study design in gut microbiome assessments

Moderators:

Antonio Gasbarinni (Italy)

Herbert Tilg (Austria)

7:30 - 8:30

Animal models of liver fibrosis

Moderators:

Rabea Hall (Germany)

Fiona Oakley (United Kingdom)

7:30 - 8:30

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Update on classification and management of liver adenomas

Moderators:

Olivier Farges (France)

Peter Schirmacher (Germany)

7:30 - 8:30

Interventional strategies in patients with portal hypertension

Moderators:

Roberto de Francis (Italy)

Arnulf Ferlitsch (Austria)

Andres Cardenas (Spain)

7:30 - 8:30

Immunosuppression after OLT in PSC

Moderators:

Kirsten M. Boberg (Norway)

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7:30 - 8:30

Antibody-mediated rejection after liver transplantation: practical implications

Moderators:

Daniel Gotthardt (Germany)

Desley Neil (United Kingdom)

7:30 - 8:30

Diagnosis and Treatment of chronic HDV infection

Moderators:

Ramazan Idilman (Turkey)

Heiner Wedemeyer (Germany)

Antiviral Therapy in HIV-HCV coinfectd patients

Moderators:

Raffael Bruno (Italy)

Mattias Mandorfer (Austria)

7:30 - 8:30

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Towards ultrashort treatments for HCV

Moderators:

Graham Foster (United Kingdom)

Christophe Hezode (France)

7:30 - 8:30

Public health and viral hepatitis: what can we do to reduce the future burden of disease?

Moderators:

Sylvie Deuffic-Burban (France)

Magda Rosinka (Poland)

7:30 - 8:30

Metabolomic technologies and applications in liver disease

Moderators:

Jeff Idle (Switzerland)

José Matos (Spain)

7:30 - 8:30

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8:30 - 10:00

Basic Symposium - Liver stem cells

Chair:

Tamir Rashid (France)

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| 10:00 - 10:50 | Regenerative approaches through developmental biology
Speaker: <u>Takanori Takebe</u> (Japan) |
| 10:50 - 11:10 | Regenerative approaches through endogenous targets
Speaker: <u>Stuart Forbes</u> (United Kingdom) |
| 11:10 - 11:30 | Regenerative approaches through tissue engineering
Speaker: <u>Suchitra Sumitran-Holgersson</u> (Sweden) |

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Clinical Symposium - Re-focusing transplant hepatology

Chair:

François Durand (France)

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| 10:00 - 10:50 | The decline of immunology in liver transplantation: for how long?
Speaker: <u>François Durand</u> (France) |
| 10:50 - 11:10 | Changes in the management of HCV-infected patients, pre and post transplantation
Speaker: <u>Adrian C. Gadano</u> (Argentina) |
| 11:10 - 11:30 | Reconsidering alternatives to transplantation for hepatocellular carcinoma in the context of organ shortage
Speaker: <u>Massimo Colombo</u> (Italy) |

Clinical Symposium - Liver disease management in Eastern Europe

Chair:

Jerzy Jaroszewicz (Poland)

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| 10:00 - 10:50 | Current trends in hepatitis B epidemiology and prevention in CEE
Speaker: <u>Liana Gheorghe</u> (Romania) |
| 10:50 - 11:05 | Current trends in hepatitis C epidemiology and prevention in CEE
Speaker: <u>Robert Flisiak</u> (Poland) |
| 11:05 - 11:20 | Access to novel therapies and possible strategy for countries with limited resources
Speaker: <u>Béla Hunyady</u> (Hungary) |
| 11:20 - 11:30 | Discussion |

Clinical Symposium - Multidisciplinary management of alcoholic liver disease

Chair:

Giovanni Addolorato (Italy)

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| 10:00 - 10:50 | Management strategies in patients with alcoholic Liver disease
Speaker: <u>Chris Day</u> (United Kingdom) |
| 10:50 - 11:10 | Management of alcohol dependence in patients with alcoholic liver disease
Speaker: <u>Lorenzo Leggio</u> (United States) |
| 11:10 - 11:30 | Liver transplantation in patients with alcoholic liver disease
Speaker: <u>Philippe Mathurin</u> (France) |

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Clinical Symposium - Value-Based Medicine in Hepatology

Chair:

Mario Strazzabosco (Italy)

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| 10:00 - 10:50 | Value and outcome in delivering healthcare
Speaker: <u>Paul Kind</u> (United Kingdom) |
| 10:50 - 11:10 | What is Value in Health Care: how physicians can change the future of Health
Speaker: <u>Jens Deerberg-Wittram</u> (Germany) |
| 11:10 - 11:30 | Generation and validation of outcome measurements for the main liver diseases
Speaker: <u>Mario Strazzabosco</u> (Italy) |

General Session 4 & Closing

Chair:

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| 11:30 - 13:00 | TBD |
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