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CME credits for the Falk Workshop have been applied for at the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) – European Board of Gastroenterology (EBG). The number of credits awarded will be printed in the final program.

Invitation

It is my great pleasure to invite you to the FALK workshop 'Translational Research in Chronic Liver Diseases', which will take place in Heidelberg from January 29th – 30th 2009. The scientific board has selected this topic in order to emphasize the urgent need to make better use of the rapid progress in basic biomedical research in addressing liver function and disease in terms of diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic applicability. Since the translational research today develops the innovative therapy for tomorrow we are convinced that the workshop will meet broad interest in the community of liver researchers, clinical scientists, and innovatively thinking hepatologists and oncologists.

Chronic viral hepatitis, fatty liver disease and their consequences are the clinically relevant liver diseases. Despite the significant progress in basic biomedical research we are still struggling with a lack of specific predictive tests and efficient therapies. With the advent of e.g. large scale profiling analyses, high-output functional tests, and tailored *in vitro* and *in vivo* model systems we are now witnessing exponentially growing numbers of potential therapeutic target structures and diagnostic markers.

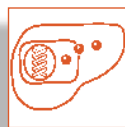
As a consequence, many novel and more specific therapeutic substances are in the process of being developed and will dramatically change our diagnostic and clinical approach to chronic liver disease in the future.

The aim of translational research is to motivate basic biomedical researchers to reflect upon clinical questions and to integrate these questions into their research topics and to support clinicians in understanding and utilizing the potential of basic biomedical research. The FALK workshop on 'Translational Research in Chronic Liver Diseases' intends to make its contributions and bring together internationally leading experts, who will present recent progress in preclinical liver research. I am sure that Heidelberg and its Research Campus will provide the ideal framework for interesting presentations, stimulating discussions, and some new ideas and I hope to see you all in Heidelberg in January

Sincerely,

Peter Schirmacher

Falk Workshop



Translational Research in Chronic Liver Diseases

January 29-30, 2009

University Hospital, Heidelberg
Germany

The **25th Annual Meeting of the German Association for the Study of the Liver** will follow the Falk Research Workshop:
January 30, 12.30 h to
January 31, 13.00 h

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Official language:

English

Call for posters:

for Details see page 9

► Thursday, January 29, 2009

11.00 Welcome

P. Schirmacher,
Heidelberg

Chronic Hepatitis

11.05 Novel antiviral therapy approaches to HBV-infection

U. Protzer,
Munich

11.35 Therapeutic potential of synthetic HBV-peptides

S. Urban,
Heidelberg

12.05 New insights into the hepatitis C virus replication cycle.
Definition of novel drug targets

R. Bartenschlager
Heidelberg

12.35 Hepatitis C: Molecular virology and antiviral targets

D. Moradpour,
Lausanne

13.05 Lunch and Poster session

Protection, Regeneration and Cell-based Therapies

14.00 What makes liver grow, what makes it stop and how
it escapes disasters

G. Michalopoulos,
Pittsburgh

14.30 Modulation of liver regeneration by cytokines –
Is there an application

C. Trautwein,
Aachen

15.00 The rationale of stem cells and cytokines for the treatment
of chronic hepatitis?

M. Ott,
Hannover

15.30 Novel protective strategies for liver surgery

P.-A. Clavien,
Zürich

16.00 Coffee break and poster viewing

16.30 Poster Review

Fibrosis/Fibrogenesis

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| 16.45 | Non- invasive monitoring of liver fibrosis | D. Schuppan,
Boston |
| 17.15 | Interfering with profibrogenic cytokines in hepatic fibrosis | S. Dooley,
Mannheim |
| 17.45 | Reversibility of fibrosis – therapeutic implications | J.P. Iredale,
Edinburgh |
| 18.15 | New mechanistic treatment concepts in liver fibrosis | M. Pinzani,
Florence |
| 18.45 | End of afternoon session | |

Friday, January 30, 2009

Steatohepatitis and Oxidative stress

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| 8.00 | Experimental therapeutic concepts for alcoholic steatohepatitis: From pathology to therapy | H.K. Seitz,
Heidelberg |
| 8.30 | Mechanistic approaches to NASH-therapy | C. Day,
Newcastle |
| 9.00 | Modulation of oxidative stress and CD95-mediated apoptosis | R. Reinehr,
Düsseldorf |
| 9.30 | Coffee Break and poster viewing | |

Hepatocellular Carcinoma

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| 9.45 | Non-biased approaches to HCC-subtyping | S. Thorgeirsson,
Bethesda |
| 10.15 | Telomere shortening and Telomerase mutations: Molecular mechanistic and prognostic factors in hepatocarcinogenesis | K.L. Rudolph,
Ulm |
| 10.45 | Innovative targeted therapeutic approaches in HCC | N.N. |
| 11.15 | Immunotherapy of HCC | T. Greten,
Hannover |
| 11:45 | End of the workshop | |
| 12.30 | Opening of the Annual Meeting of the GASL | |

Poster Session

Posters will be exhibited on January 29-30, 2009 at the University Hospital Heidelberg. The authors will be in attendance during coffee- and lunch breaks on both days.

Call for posters

Please submit your poster abstract before **October 30, 2008**. Only one page abstracts not exceeding 250 words, written in English and saved in Microsoft Word format will be accepted.

The abstracts will be selected by the scientific committee, preference given to those thematically related to one of the session of the program.

The accepted abstracts will be printed and distributed to the participants of the congress together with the documents of the meeting.

The authors will receive notification about acceptance and further instructions in **November 2008**.

Contact address for further information on the poster session:

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Web address for submitting poster abstracts:

<http://www.falkfoundation.com/poster>

The first author of an accepted poster will receive a travel grant of € 200,-

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Thursday, January 29, 2009	9.00 – 18.45 h
Friday, January 30, 2009	7.45 – 12.00 h

Congress Fees

The participation at the Falk Workshop is free of charge, however **registration is mandatory.**

Refreshments during coffee breaks on January 29 and 30, lunches on January 29th and 30th, 2009, the dinner in the evening of January 29, 2009 and a copy of the abstract volume of the Workshop are also free of charge.

Registration

Congress registrations must reach the Falk Foundation by **December 31, 2008 at the latest.**

After receipt of the registration form, each participant will be provided with confirmation of his registration. On presentation of this confirmation at the Congress Office in Frankfurt participants will receive the congress folder containing name badges, admission tickets and the abstract volume.

All participants will receive a written confirmation of attendance and CME credits, certified by the UEMS/EBG, at the end of the symposium.

Admission to Scientific Events

For admission to the scientific events you are requested to wear your name badge in a clearly visible place.

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