Pathogenesis and Clinical Practice in Gastroenterology

June 15–16, 2007
Grand Hotel Bernardin, Portorož

Preliminary Program
CME credits for the Falk Symposium 160 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.
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

we are pleased to welcome you to Portorož for the 160th Falk Symposium on Pathogenesis and Clinical Practice in Gastroenterology. The aim of these meetings is to provide practicing gastroenterologists with updated information on a number of topics that are relevant for our daily practice. The symposium aims to critically discuss established and emerging concepts in the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal diseases. We feel confident that you will enjoy the comprehensive and exciting programme delivered by top experts during these two days.

The organizers thank all speakers for accepting the invitation and the Falk Foundation for sponsoring the meeting.

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**Registration:**
Thursday, June 14, 2007
16.00–21.00 h
at the congress office

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**Call for posters:**
A poster session will take place. For details see page 10.

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The final program will be available on the homepage www.falkfoundation.de one week before.
Friday, June 15, 2007

9.00 Welcome

I. Ferkolj, Ljubljana

Session I: Dysphagia and reflux
Chair: A. Gangl, Vienna; M. Kozelj, Ljubljana

9.15 Physiology of swallowing and anti-gastroesophageal reflux – Mechanisms: Anything new? C. Kulinna-Cosentini, Vienna

9.35 Oropharyngeal dysphagia, achalasia and other esophageal motility problems: Clinical relevance and management N.J. Shaheen, Chapel Hill

9.55 NERD, ERD and GERD: Which diagnostic tools are available and when are they needed? M. Riegler, Vienna

10.15 Outcomes of different treatment approaches for GERD J. Labenz, Siegen

10.35 Barrett's esophagus: Screening, surveillance, treatment. Are all questions answered? F. Schreiber, Graz

10.55 Coffee break with poster session

Session II: Helicobacter pylori, NSAID, gastric cancer
Chair: B. Tepes, Rogaska Slatina; N.N.

11.30 Helicobacter Pylori: Diagnosis, treatment and risks of untreated infection P. Malfertheiner, Magdeburg

11.50 Gastric Cancer: Diagnostic and therapeutic options for early mucosal lesions R. Kiesslich, Mainz

12.10 GI-endoscopy and anticoagulation A. Weltermann, Vienna

12.30 Prevention and treatment of gastrointestinal problems caused by NSAID and aspirin T. Hinterleitner, Graz

12.50 Lunch break with poster session
Friday, June 15, 2007

Session III:
IBD Section
Chair: I. Ferkolj, Ljubljana; B. Vucelic, Zagreb

14.00 Genetics, immunology and biomarkers in clinical practice N.N.


14.50 Biologics, novel therapeutic approaches N.N.

15.20 Coffee break with poster session

Session IV:
Lower GIT (coeliac disease, infection and malignancy)
Chair: A. Gangl, Vienna; B. Stabuc, Ljubljana

15.50 New development in coeliac disease S. Kolacek, Zagreb

16.10 GI manifestations of AIDS J. Tomazic, Ljubljana

16.30 CRC – Prevention and screening B. Stabuc, Ljubljana

16.50 State-of-the-art lecture
Treatment of CRC P. Rouigier, Boulogne

17.10 Primary lymphomas of GIT – Review and current therapy N.N.

17.30 End of afternoon session
Saturday, June 16, 2007

Session V:
Clinical challenges in liver diseases
Chair: C. Trautwein, Aachen; G. Paumgartner, Munich

9.00 Rational approach for diagnosis of liver disease  
C. Trautwein, Aachen

9.20 Do we still need biopsies?  
P. Schirmacher, Heidelberg

9.40 Hepatic incidentalomas: Rational approach and differential diagnosis  
S. Markovic, Ljubljana

10.00 Microenvironment and Cancer: Inflammation, microRNA and p53  
C. C. Harris, Bethesda

10.20 Coffee break with poster session

Session VI:
Viral hepatitis
Chair: F. Negro, Geneva; S. Zeuzem, Homburg

10.40 New insights in the immunology of viral hepatitis B and C  
A. Bertoletti, Singapore

11.00 New aspects of treatment of HBV  
W. O. Böcher, Mainz

11.20 New aspects of treatment of HCV  
S. Zeuzem, Homburg

11.40 State-of-the-Art Lecture
Introduction  
P. R. Galle, Mainz

Chronic inflammation, apoptosis and hepatocarcinogenesis  
G. J. Gores, Rochester

12.10 Lunch break and poster session
Saturday, June 16, 2007

Session VII: 
Metabolic and autoimmune liver injury
Chair: A.J. Czaja, Rochester; N.N.

13.00 NASH – Metabolic syndrome of the liver
C. P. Day, Newcastle

13.20 News from the well known: Hemochromatosis and Wilson’s disease
A. Pietrangelo, Modena

13.40 Autoimmune hepatitis
S. Kanzler, Mainz

14.00 PBC, PSC
M. E. Gershwin, Davis

14.20 Alcoholic hepatitis
H. Tilg, Innsbruck

14.40 Presentation of poster prizes
P. R. Galle, Mainz; A. Gangl, Vienna

14.50 Coffee break with poster session

Session VIII:
Complications of cirrhosis
Chair: M. Geissler, Esslingen; M. Schuchmann, Mainz

15.10 Hepato-renal syndrome
A. L. Gerbes, Munich

15.30 Variceal bleeding
T. Sauerbruch, Bonn

15.50 HCC – Surveillance and Prevention
M. Colombo, Milano

16.10 HCC – Algorithms of diagnosis and options of therapy
J. M. Llovet, New York

16.30 Resection and transplantation
G. Otto, Mainz

16.50 Liver transplantation – What if the disease reoccurs?
V. Mazzaferrro, Milan

17.10 Concluding remarks
B. Vucelic, Zagreb
Poster Session

Posters will be exhibited on June 15–16, 2007, at the “Grand Hotel Bernardin”, Portorož.
The authors will be in attendance during coffee and lunch breaks on both days.

Call for posters

Please submit your poster abstract before January 31, 2007. Only one-page abstracts not exceeding 250 words, written in English and saved in Microsoft Word format will be accepted. Abstracts must be submitted via our Internet Abstract Submission System (http://www.falkfoundation.com/poster) where further information regarding the submission format and the submission process is available. The abstracts will be selected by the scientific committee, preference being given to those thematically related to one of the sessions 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 February 2007.

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For the first author of an accepted poster, expenses for accommodation (June 14–17, 2007) and fees for the scientific and social program will be covered during the Falk Symposium 160. Travel expenses are not covered.

Poster prizes

Three prizes will be awarded for the best presentations. Prize winners will be presented with a prize certificate and cheques for € 1.500.–, € 1.000.–, and € 500.– respectively. Travel expenses will be covered additionally for the first author of prize winning posters.
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– Welcome Evening on June 14, 2007
– Refreshments during coffee breaks
– Lunch on June 15 and 16, 2007
– A copy of the symposium’s abstract volume
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