Chronic Inflammation of Liver and Gut

March 14 – 15, 2008
New Century Grand Hotel
Hangzhou/P. R. China

Jointly co-organized with the American Gastroenterological Association

Preliminary Program
CME credits for the Falk Symposium 163 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.
Preface

The Falk Symposium 163 will present the most recent progress in chronic inflammatory diseases of liver and gut. It will focus on molecular understanding, the therapeutic state of the art and future options of treatment. On the first day of the symposium we will concentrate on basic and clinical aspects of IBD. The lectures will demonstrate the role of the immune system, genetic factors and the intestinal microflora in IBD. Clinical lectures will give an evidence based update on the current diagnostic and therapeutic options and present future perspectives for the management of IBD. The second day is devoted to chronic liver diseases with particular focus on the liver as an immune organ, treatment strategies of viral hepatitis and liver fibrogenesis. The final section deals with basic and clinical aspects of liver cirrhosis, hepatocellular carcinoma and liver transplantation. The meeting will be concluded by an outlook on therapeutic options of hepatic stem cells.

A rather unique group of international experts from the United States of America, the People’s Republic of China and Europe will contribute their experience in different aspects of the mechanisms and management of chronic inflammatory diseases of liver and gut.

Thanks to the generosity of the Falk Foundation this meeting will take place in the city of Hangzhou which is famous for its splendid landscape, historic atmosphere and cultural wealth.

We hope that apart from the high scientific and educational value of this meeting, all the participants will get a flavour of this extraordinary place.

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**Registration:**
Thursday, March 13, 2008
16.00 – 21.00 h
at the congress office

**Scientific Organization:**
G. Adler, Ulm (Germany)
D.-M. Fan, Xi’an (P. R. China)
J.-D. Jia, Beijing (P. R. China)
N. F. LaRusso, Rochester (USA)
C. Owyang, Ann Arbor (USA)

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**Official language:**
English and Chinese
(simultaneous translation)

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

**Publication date of final program:**
March 2008

The final program will be available on the homepage www.falkfoundation.de one week before.
Friday, March 14, 2008

9.00 Welcome

Inflammatory bowel disease
Session I
Moderators: D.-M. Fan, Xi’an; C. Owyang, Ann Arbor

9.15 State-of-the-art lecture
The multifactorial pathogenesis of IBD
D. K. Podolsky, Boston

10.00 Role of innate and adaptive immunity in IBD
L. Mayer, New York

10.20 Implications of genetics for clinical practice in IBD
D. P. Jewell, Oxford

10.40 Epidemiology of IBD in China
Q. Ouyang, Chengdu

11.00 Coffee break with poster session

11.30 State-of-the-art lecture
Microbial flora: Implications for IBD
E. B. Chang, Chicago

12.15 What do we need for diagnosis of IBD?
K. Ch. Wu, Xi’an

12.35 Can we predict the natural history of IBD?
E. Loftus, Rochester

12.55 Lunch break with poster session
Friday, March 14, 2008

Inflammatory bowel disease
Session II
Moderators: E. B. Chang, Chicago; Q. Ouyang, Chengdu

13.55 Practical use of steroids in IBD
B. J. Sandborn, Rochester

14.15 The chemopreventive effect of aminosalicylates
D. T. Rubin, Chicago

14.35 Immunosuppressive therapy of IBD
M. F. Neurath, Mainz

14.55 Therapy of IBD: Bottom up or top down
J. Schölmerich, Regensburg

15.15 State-of-the-art lecture
Biologics: The future of IBD therapy
S. B. Hanauer, Chicago

16.00 Coffee break with poster session

16.30 Chronic inflammation of liver and gut: Presentation and discussion of 4 selected cases
Moderators: D. H. Present, New York; G. B. Yao, Shanghai

18.30 End of afternoon session
Saturday, March 15, 2008

Chronic liver disease
Session I

Moderators: J.-D. Jia, Beijing; N. F. LaRusso, Rochester

9.00 State-of-the-art lecture
The liver as an immune organ
G. Ahlenstiel, Bethesda

9.45 Treatment strategies of hepatitis B in the West
A. Lok, Ann Arbor

10.05 Treatment strategies of hepatitis B in China
G. B. Yao, Shanghai

10.25 State-of-the-art Therapy of chronic hepatitis C
M. P. Manns, Hannover

10.45 Coffee break with poster session

11.15 State-of-the-art lecture
Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis: Concepts on pathogenesis and therapy
J. George, Sydney

12.00 Liver fibrogenesis: How to stop progression?
S. L. Friedman, New York

12.20 Clinical aspects of primary biliary cirrhosis
U. Beuers, Amsterdam

12.40 Lunch break with poster session
Saturday, March 15, 2008

Chronic liver disease
Session II
Moderators: G. Adler, Ulm; A. Lok, Ann Arbor

13.40 State-of-the-art lecture
HCC-applications of genomics and proteomics in diagnosis and treatment
T. C. W. Poon, Hong Kong

14.25 Pathophysiology of portal hypertension
J. Bosch, Barcelona

14.45 Management of ascites and hepatorenal syndrome
F. Wong, Toronto

15.05 Bioartificial liver devices – Do they work and how do they work
Y.-M. Wang, Chongqing

15.25 Adult to adult donor liver transplantation – Triumphs and challenges
S.-T. Fan, Hong Kong

15.45 Presentation of poster prizes
G. Adler, Ulm
D.-M. Fan, Xi’an

15.55 Coffee break with poster session

16.15 Prevention and early diagnosis of carcinoma in chronic liver disease
J.-D. Jia, Beijing

16.35 State-of-the-art lecture
Hepatic stem cells: Therapeutic options for the future
N. Fausto, Seattle

17.20 Concluding remarks
C. Owyang, Ann Arbor
J.-D. Jia, Beijing

17.30 End of meeting
Poster Session

Posters will be exhibited on March 14-15, 2008, at the “New Century Grand Hotel” Hangzhou.
The authors will be in attendance during coffee and lunch breaks on both days.

Call for posters

Please submit your poster abstract before October 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 organizers, 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 November 2007.

Contact address for further information on the poster session:
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For the first author of an accepted poster, expenses for accommodation (March 13-16, 2008) and fees for the scientific and social program will be covered during the Falk Symposium 163. 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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Congress Fees

Scientific program of the Falk Symposium 163  € 200,-
Students and residents  € 100,-

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Day ticket  € 120,-
For students and residents  € 60,-

The congress fees include:
– Welcome Evening on March 13, 2008
– Refreshments during coffee breaks
– Lunch on March 14 and 15, 2008
– A copy of the symposium’s abstract volume
Registration

Congress registrations must reach the Falk Foundation e.V. by November 30, 2007 at the latest.

Congress fees and transfer costs may be paid by cheque payable to the Falk Foundation e.V. or by bank transfer to Volksbank Freiburg e.G., Germany, Bank No. 68090000, Account No. 1 45 20 10. (IBAN DE33 6809 0000 0001 4520 10, BIC Genode 61 FR1. Please mark bank transfers with “Falk Symposium 163”.

To ensure correct registration, participants are asked to send in their registration and the fee remittance together.

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

In the event of registration cancellations, a handling fee of € 20,- will be deducted from the refund.

All participants will receive a written confirmation of attendance at the end of the meeting.

Admission to Scientific Events

For admission to scientific events your name badge should be clearly visible.

Congress Report

The official congress report of the Falk Symposium 163 “Chronic Inflammation of Liver and Gut” will be published in English in the second half of 2008 by Springer, Dordrecht, Netherlands. Orders for this book at a reduced subscription price of € 35,- can be placed at the Congress Office during the congress in Hangzhou.
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Transfers between Shanghai Pudong International Airport and Hangzhou will be provided. Please make sure to state your flight details on the registration form.

Price for transfer: EUR 35,00 one way.
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