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Preface

Dear Colleagues,

Digestive diseases represent a relevant group within internal medicine. Treatment modalities become more and more complex.

The surface of the gastrointestinal tract is 100 times larger compared to the skin, thus building the most significant barrier between the environment and the body. Maintenance of this barrier and consecutive development of intestinal disorders strongly depends on the luminal content such as food and bacterial flora, environmental factors as well as the genetic background of the host.

There has been a dramatic increase in knowledge in this area resulting in a better understanding of the pathophysiology leading to new methods in diagnosis and novel treatment strategies. However, still many questions remain to be answered.

The prevalence of digestive diseases in Ukraine and in other parts of the world is high (17,000 per 100,000 of the population in the Ukraine). The most prevalent gastrointestinal diseases in the Ukraine are irritable bowel syndrome, chronic pancreatitis and chronic hepatitis. Diagnosis and treatment of inflammatory intestinal diseases including celiac disease, ulcerative colitis and Crohn’s disease have been recognized recently as major clinical challenges.

This international conference organized by the Falk Foundation will summarize the progress in disease pathogenesis, diagnostics and treatment. Discussion and scientific exchange between speakers, moderators and participants are emphasized and will lead to strategies for optimizing clinical care in intestinal diseases.

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Inflammation in the Intestinal Tract: Pathogenesis and Treatment

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

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April 2009

The final program will be available on the homepage www.falkfoundation.de one week before.
Friday, May 15, 2009

8.30 Welcome

**Session I**

**Pathogenesis of inflammatory bowel disease**

*Chair:* N. V. Kharchenko, Kiev; M. Zeitz, Berlin

8.40 Genetic basis of IBD

D. P. Jewell, Oxford

9.00 Clinical implications resulting from genetic findings

S. Schreiber, Kiel

9.20 Intestinal barrier defects

J. R. Turner, Chicago

9.40 Therapeutic options to modulate barrier defects

J.-D. Schulzke, Berlin

10.00 Immunoregulatory disturbances in IBD

R. S. Blumberg, Boston

10.20 Targeted therapies in IBD

B. Siegmund, Berlin

10.40 **Coffee break and poster session**

**Session II**

**Diagnostic approach in IBD**

*Chair:* O. Y. Babak, Kharkov; A. Stallmach, Jena

11.10 Mucosal healing: Impact on the natural course or therapeutic strategies

M. H. Vatn, Oslo

11.30 Diagnostic approach to small bowel involvement in IBD: View of the endoscopist

K. A. Papadakis, Heraklion

11.50 Diagnostic approach to small bowel involvement in IBD: View of the radiologist

P. Rogalla, Berlin

12.10 Experience of video capsule endoscopy in intestinal pathology

S. Tkach, Kiev

12.30 Significance of abdominal ultrasound in IBD

C. F. Dietrich, Bad Mergentheim

12.50 **Lunch break and poster session**

15 minutes lecture 5 minutes discussion
**Friday, May 15, 2009**

**Session III**
**Differential diagnosis of chronic diarrhea**
*Chair: A. Dorofeev, Donetsk; N.N.*

- **14.00** Celiac disease  
  D. Schuppan, Boston
- **14.20** Chronic diarrhea syndrome as high risk factor of gluten enteropathy  
  E. U. Gubskaya, Kiev
- **14.40** Whipple disease  
  T. Marth, Daun
- **15.00** Microscopic colitis  
  S. Miehlke, Dresden
- **15.20** Coffee break and poster session

**Session IV**
**Clinical manifestation of IBD**
*Chair: A. Gasbarrini, Rome; N. B. Gubergric, Donetsk*

- **15.50** Case report: Arthritis in IBD  
  A. Dorofeev, Donetsk
- **16.10** Joint involvement associated with IBD  
  M. de Vos, Gent
- **16.30** Can we modulate the clinical course by our current treatment strategies?  
  J. Cosnes, Paris
- **16.50** Case report: PSC  
  N. B. Gubergric, Donetsk
- **17.10** Surveillance strategies in PSC  
  G. Gerken, Essen
- **17.30** Poster session
- **18.30** End of afternoon session

  **15 minutes lecture 5 minutes discussion**
Saturday, May 16, 2009

**Session V**  
**Treatment algorithms in IBD (1)**  
**Chair:** B. Siegmund, Berlin; I. Skrypnyc, Poltava

9.00  
**State-of-the-Art Lecture:** Medical management of Crohn’s disease  
S. B. Hanauer, Chicago

9.20  
**State-of-the-Art Lecture:** Medical management of ulcerative colitis  
G. Rogler, Zurich

9.40  
**Diagnostic and treatment algorithms of ulcerative colitis in Ukraine**  
I. Skrypnyc, Poltava

10.00  
**Case Report:** CMV infection in IBD  
I. Zaytsev, Donetsk

10.20  
**Therapy and non-therapy dependent infectious complications in IBD**  
N.N.

10.40  
**Coffee break and poster session**

**Session VI**  
**Treatment algorithms in IBD (2)**  
**Chair:** H. J. Buhr, Berlin; M. P. Zacharash, Kiev

11.10  
**Surgical treatment of Crohn’s disease**  
G. I. Vorobjev, Moscow

11.30  
**Treatment algorithms in case of perianal complications of Crohn’s disease**  
U. S. Lozinsky, Lviv

11.50  
**Indications for surgical therapy in ulcerative colitis, results and complications**  
J.-P. Ritz, Berlin

12.10  
**Advantages and disadvantages of laparoscopic surgery in IBD**  
R. J. Rosenthal, Fort Lauderdale

12.30  
**Lunch break and poster session**

15 minutes lecture 5 minutes discussion
Session VII
Malignant transformation in IBD: Prevention – surveillance – treatment
Chair: G. Järnerot, Örebro; N. D. Kucher, Kiev

14.10 Basic mechanisms of malignant transformation in intestinal inflammation
F. Greten, Munich

14.30 Surveillance guide
N. N.

14.50 New techniques in endoscopy
N. N.

15.10 Diagnostic standards in pathology
F. Autschbach, Heilbronn

15.30 Chemoprevention of epithelial neoplasia in IBD
G. R. Lichtenstein, Philadelphia

15.50 End of meeting

15 minutes lecture 5 minutes discussion
Poster Session

Posters will be exhibited on May 15 – 16, 2009, at the “International Art and Culture Centre” in Kiev.
The authors will be in attendance during coffee and lunch breaks on both days.

Call for posters

Please submit your poster abstract before January 15, 2009.
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 February 2009.

Contact address for further information on the poster session:
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For the first author of an accepted poster, expenses for accommodation (May 14 – 17, 2009) and fees for the scientific program and evening activities will be covered during the Falk Symposium 169. 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 € 1.500,-, € 1.000,- and € 500,- respectively.

Travel expenses will be covered additionally for the first author of prize winning posters.
## List of Speakers, Moderators and Scientific Organizers

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Congress Fees

Scientific program of the Falk Symposium 169  € 200,-  
Students and residents  € 100,-

* * *OR* **

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

The congress fees include:

- Welcome Evening on May 14, 2009  
- Refreshments during coffee breaks  
- Lunch on May 15 and 16, 2009  
- A copy of the symposium's abstract volume
Registration

Congress registrations must reach the Falk Foundation e.V. by **March 30, 2009 at the latest.**

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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 Kiev 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.

Hotel Accommodation

Hotel reservations can be made online: www.bookings.com
Congress Report

The official congress report of the Falk Symposium 169 "Inflammation in the Intestinal Tract: Pathogenesis and Treatment" will be published in English in the second half of 2009 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 Kiev.

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