Diverticular Disease: A Fresh Approach to a Neglected Disease

September 2 – 3, 2011
Guerzenich Congress Center
Cologne, Germany

Preliminary Program
CME credits for the Falk Symposium 178 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.
As our populations age the prevalence of colonic diverticulosis and the complications of diverticular disease are steadily increasing. Although diagnosis is relatively straightforward the number of randomised controlled trials of clinical management are scarce and management follows tradition rather than principles of evidence based medicine. Much needs to be learnt. The symposium aim is to review current scientific knowledge and its application to clinical practice. We will adopt a critical interdisciplinary approach including epidemiology, anatomy, pathology, gastroenterology and surgery and identify the key challenges, both research and clinical, for the future.

Thanks to the generous support of the Falk Foundation it was possible to gather an international group of speakers and chairpersons experienced and involved in research of diverticular disease. We would like to invite you to be stimulated by the scientific sessions which will allow you to interact in with professional colleagues with widely differing perspectives but a common interest in diverticular disease. We also hope you will enjoy the attractions of the traditional and modern city of Cologne along the River Rhine and look forward to greeting you there.

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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.org one week before.
Friday, September 2, 2011

8.45 Welcome and Introduction

W. Kruis, Cologne

Session I
Pathogenesis

Chair: M. Schemann, Freising; J. Simpson, Nottingham

9.00 Changing epidemiology: Does it increase our understanding?
D. Humes, Nottingham

9.25 Abnormalities of neuromuscular anatomy
M. Boettner, Kiel

9.50 Abnormalities of neuromuscular function
G. Bassotti, Perugia

10.20 A pathologist’s view of diverticular disease
N. Haboubi, Manchester

10.45 Biomarkers of past and present inflammation
A. Tursi, Andria

11.10 Coffee break with poster session

Session II
Course of the disease

Chair: T. Hibi, Tokyo; T. Schiedeck, Ludwigsburg

11.30 Impact of lifestyle
L. L. Strate, Seattle

12.00 What determines the evolution of complications in diverticulitis?
M. M. Delvaux, Nancy

12.30 Is diverticular disease associated with colonic malignancy?
A. Ekbom, Stockholm

12.55 Lunch break with poster session
Friday, September 2, 2011

Session III
Diagnosis
Chair: H.-J. Buhr, Berlin; N. N.

Diagnostic criteria and accuracy of:

14.00 CT-scan / MRI
   P. Ambrosetti, Geneva

14.15 Ultrasound
   J. B. C. M. Puylaert, Den Haag

14.30 Endoscopy
   S. Bar-Meir, Tel Hashomer

14.45 Clinical cases and decision making with panel discussion
   M. A. Boermeester, Amsterdam

15.15 Coffee break with poster session

Session IV
Hypothesis and future directions of research
Chair: K.-W. Jauch, Munich; J. R. Malagelada, Barcelona

15.45 Is it diverticular disease or is it IBS?
   R. C. Spiller, Nottingham

16.15 The role of visceral fat
   N. N.

16.35 Genetics and inflammation
   S. Schreiber, Kiel

16.55 Perception and origin of symptoms
   J. Simpson, Nottingham

17.15 End of afternoon session
Saturday, September 3, 2011

Session V
Diverticulitis: First attack

Chair: H.-P. Bruch, Luebeck; P. L. Lakatos, Budapest

9.00 Classification J.-P. Ritz, Berlin
9.20 Conservative management W. Kruis, Cologne
9.50 Laparoscopic management of perforation D. C. Winter, Dublin
10.10 Hartmann’s procedure or primary anastomosis M. E. Kreis, Munich

10.30 Coffee break with poster session

Session VI
Medical treatment in details

Chair: M. E. Falagas, Marousi; P. Marteau, Paris

11.00 Modifying the microbiota G. Barbara, Bologna
11.25 Antibiotics H.B.A.C. Stockmann, Haarlem
11.45 Aminosalicylates V. Gross, Amberg
12.10 Presentation of poster prizes R. C. Spiller, Nottingham
12.30 Lunch break with poster session
Saturday, September 3, 2011

Session VII
Recurrent diverticulitis

Chair: F. Di Mario, Parma; P. Frileux, Suresnes

13.45 Clinical presentation and risks  
G. A. Binda, Genova

14.05 Smoldering vs. recurrent diverticulitis  
B. G. Wolff, Rochester

14.30 Risk stratification in elective surgery  
A. Engel, Zaandam

14.50 Differences in early outcome after open or laparoscopic sigmoid resection – What is the evidence?  
S. Papagrigroriadis, London

15.10 Long-term outcome of elective surgery: Symptoms, cicatrical hernia and ileostomy/colostomy rate  
B. Egger, Fribourg

15.30 Coffee break with poster session

Session VIII
Critical issue: When should we operate for recurrent diverticulitis?

Chair: B. G. Wolff, Rochester; G. Latella, L’Aquila

16.00 Statements:
The gastroenterologist’s view  
B. Lembcke, Gladbeck

The surgeon’s view  
A. Senapati, Portsmouth

16.30 Discussion

16.40 Critical issues: Questions and answers


17.20 Concluding remarks

17.30 End of meeting
Poster Session

Posters will be exhibited on September 2–3, 2011, at the Guerzenich Congress Center. The authors will be in attendance during coffee and lunch breaks on both days.

Call for posters

Please submit your poster abstract before May 31, 2011. 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 June 2011.

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For the first author of an accepted poster, expenses for accommodation (September 1–4, 2011) and fees for the scientific program and evening activities will be covered during Falk Symposium 178. Travel expenses will not be 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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8.30 – 17.30 h

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The congress fees include:
- Welcome Evening on September 1, 2011
- Refreshments during coffee breaks
- Lunch on September 2 and 3, 2011
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Registration

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