Challenges of Liver Cirrhosis and Tumors: Prevent it, Treat it, Manage Consequences

October 5 – 6, 2012
Congress Center Mainz
Mainz, Germany

Preliminary Program

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Preface

It is our pleasure to invite you to join the Falk Symposium 186 „Challenges of Liver Cirrhosis and Tumors: Prevent it, Treat it, Manage Consequences“ which will take place in the city of Mainz, Germany.

As stated in the title, we focus on a program merging up-to-date data on pathogenesis of cirrhosis and cancer with relevant topics of clinical practice. Both scientists and clinicians will meet to inspire interdisciplinary discussions on new concepts for the treatment of liver diseases. Top-class scientists and clinicians will present talks on epidemiology and pathogenesis of liver tumors, viral hepatitis and complications of liver cirrhosis. The program is set out to stimulate state of the art discussions about the management of todays major clinical challenges in hepatology.

We invite you to the city of Mainz, which is traditionally an outstanding location for international meetings in the Rhine-Main area. As capital of the German state of Rhineland-Palatinate, Mainz enjoys a 2,000-year history - from the Romans to the medieval Christian cathedral to modern Germany, a history that is evident throughout the city. Furthermore, Mainz is the home to more than 40,000 students, 4000 scientists, and various academies and scientific facilities thus having been elected ‘City of Science 2011’.

We cordially invite you to participate in this extraordinary meeting and are looking forward to welcoming you in Mainz in October 2012.

Peter R. Galle, Mainz
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Registration:
Thursday, October 4, 2012
8.00 – 18.00 h
at the congress office

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Posters:
For details see page 12.

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The final program will be available on the homepage www.falkfoundation.org one week before.
Friday, October 5, 2012

Session I
HCC

Chair: M. Colombo, Milano; M. Peck-Radosavljevic, Vienna

8.30 The size of the problem – clinical algorithms J. Bruix, Barcelona

9.00 The potential of surveillance – the Japanese experience M. Kudo, Osaka

9.30 The size of the challenge – genetics of HCC S. Thorgeirsson, Bethesda

10.00 Diagnostic and interventional challenges R. Lencioni, Pisa

10.30 Coffee break with poster session

11.00 Systemic therapy and synergies by combination M.-A. Wörns, Mainz

11.30 Finite solution surgery P.-A. Clavien, Zurich

12.15 Lunch break with poster session

Session II
Liver Tumors

Chair: H. Lang, Mainz; D. Samuel, Villejuif

13.00 PSC and CC – pathogenesis and modes of diagnostic C. Schramm, Hamburg

13.30 Liver transplantation for CC G. J. Gores, Rochester

14.00 Liver Adenoma J. Zucman-Rossi, Paris

14.30 Hepatobiliar Malignancies – Lessons from Asia R. Poon, Hong Kong

15.00 Coffee break with poster session
Friday, October 5, 2012

Session III
Viral Hepatitis

Chair: S. Zeuzem, Frankfurt; P. R. Galle, Mainz

HCV
15.30 Replication Cycle of HCV
R. Bartenschlager, Heidelberg
16.00 How to treat in 2012
P. Mathurin, Lille

HBV
16.30 Insights in immunology
U. Protzer, Munich
17.00 Perspectives of future therapy
H. Wedemeyer, Hannover
Saturday, October 6, 2012

Session IV
Clinical Hepatology
Chair: M. Schuchmann, Mainz; N.N.

Controversies 2012: Serum markers or elastometry vs liver biopsy?

8.30 The clinicians’s perspective  L. Castera, Clichy
9.00 The pathologist’s perspective  P. Schirmacher, Heidelberg
9.30 Cholestatic Liver Disease  F. Lammert, Homburg

10.00 Coffee break with poster session

Concepts 2012

10.30 Hemochromatosis  A. Pietrangelo, Modena
11.00 NASH  C. P. Day, Newcastle
11.30 Autoimmune Hepatitis  M. P. Manns, Hannover

12.00 Presentation of the International Hans Popper Award  M. P. Manns, Hannover

Hans Popper Award lecture  N.N.

12.45 Lunch break with poster session
Saturday, October 6, 2012

Clinical Challenges 2012

13.30  TIPS for ascites and variceal bleeding  A. Sanyal, Richmond

14.00  Liver Transplantation  G. Otto, Mainz

14.30  Amyloidosis  A. P. Barreiros Clara, Mainz

15.00  Alcoholic Hepatitis  S. Zakhari, Bethesda

15.30  Antifibrotic therapy – Ready for the clinic?  D. Schuppan, Mainz

16.00  Poster Prize Presentation  P. R. Galle, Mainz
Hans Popper (1903-1988)

Hans POPPER was born 1903 in Vienna where he received his primary and secondary education and started Medical School in 1922. As a student already he was engaged in research in biochemistry, then a quite virgin discipline. Some of his student publications are still quoted today. After graduation in 1928 he continued in pathology and then, in 1933, moved to the famous Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Vienna where he acquired experience with emphasis on renal and hepatic diseases. A promising career was terminated in 1938 by the occupation of Austria. Hans POPPER escaped to the United States and received a research fellowship in Chicago at Cook County Hospital. He started de novo with his own work in the laboratory, had a private practice in gastroenterology, and acquired a Ph.D. in pathology and physiology at the University of Illinois. Within a few years he assembled a hepatic research group leading to the foundation of the Hektoen Institute for Medical Research with POPPER the first director. During World War II he served in the Army, and after return to civilian life, he became the director of pathology Cook County Hospital, Chicago. He did research on all aspects of liver disease and together with Fenton SCHAFFNER he wrote one of the first major English textbooks on the liver, published in 1957, followed by the continuing edition of „Progress in liver Diseases“. In the late forties he founded the American Association for the Study of the liver (AASLD); its first meeting taking place in the library of the Hektoen Institute. From these small beginnings grew the large AASLD of today. Subsequently, he organized with Dame Sheila SHERLOCK the International Association for the Study of the Liver (IASL), which in turn stimulated the creation of many continental and national societies. These, together with the many international symposia of the FALK Foundation, in which Hans POPPER played a leading role, contributed greatly to the establishment of hepatology as a discipline. Although the Chicago years were scientifically most rewarding, Hans POPPER accepted in 1956 the challenging offer to succeed Paul KLEMPERER as pathologist-in-chief at the highly prestigious Mount Sinai Hospital in New York to become professor at Columbia University in New York. Within a few years a new research group with scientists from all over the world assembled at Mount Sinai. Major fields of his scientific interests were cholestasis, the immunology of viral hepatitis, basic mechanisms of cellular and molecular pathology, including communication between liver cells, and hepatic carcinogenesis. The sophisticated research work performed at Mount Sinai Hospital led to the creation of Mount Sinai Medical School in 1964 with Hans POPPER the founding acting dean. For his Medical School he developed a unique philosophy searching for balance between quantitative molecular biology, attention to social and psychological needs of the patient, and the demands of the community at large. Hans POPPER combined the chairmanship of pathology, the leadership of the liver unit with the deanship of academic affairs until 1971, when he retired as chairman of the pathology department, but remained as Gustave L. Levy Distinguished Service Professor. After his retirement he became a Fogarty Scholar at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda and began cooperations with several laboratories and universities, particularly in the field of viral hepatitis and liver carcinogenesis. He called himself a Traveller in Academic Affairs. With unrelenting enthusiasm and inexhaustible energy in this 8th decade he acquired competence in the modern technology of molecular and cellular biology. The hepatologic community greatly benefited from his inspiring scientific contributions (almost 800 publications and 23 books), and his critical judgement and stimulating discussions at meetings until a few weeks before his death on May 6, 1988 at the age of 85. His merits have been honored by memberships in four major academies, including the National Academy of Sciences USA, 14 honorary doctorates, many medals and prizes,
and honorary memberships or presidencies of national and international societies. Last but not least the laboratories at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, and at the Department of Pathology of the University of Vienna are named after him. He has left us a rich heritage and we can only aspire to follow in his footsteps.

Leonardo Bianchi

International Hans Popper Award 2012

The International Hans Popper Award was created by the Falk Foundation e.V. and will be presented for the seventh time on the occasion of the Falk Symposium 186 on October 6, 2012. The prize will be endowed with € 25.000,-. It is awarded for outstanding contributors to basic and experimental hepatology, including molecular genetics, molecular biology, physiology, biochemistry and pathology of acute and chronic liver diseases and its sequelae.

Members of the Prize Committee:

- M. Colombo, Mailand (Italy)
- M. Trauner, Vienna (Austria)
- M. Houghton, San Francisco (USA)
- M. Omata, Hongo (Tokyo)
- P. Ginès, Barcelona (Spain)
- R. Perrillo, Dallas (USA)

Hans Popper Award Winners 1989 - 2012:

- 1989 - H.C. Thomas, London (Great Britain)
- 1992 - M. Rizzetto, Turin (Italy)
- 1995 - M. P. Manns, Hannover (Germany)
- 1999 - M. Houghton, Emeryville (USA)
- 2003 - S. L. Friedmann, New York (USA)
- 2006 - P. Ginès, Barcelona (Spain)
- 2012 - N.N.

Coordinator of the Hans Popper Award Committee:

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**Poster Session**

Posters will be exhibited on October 5 – 6, 2012, at the Congress Center Mainz. The authors will be in attendance during coffee and lunch breaks on both days.

**Call for posters**

Please submit your poster abstract before **June 30, 2012**. 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 **July 2012**.

Contact address for further information on the poster session:

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- Web address for submitting poster abstracts: http://www.falkfoundation.com/poster

For the **first author** of an accepted poster, expenses for accommodation (October 4 – 7, 2012) and fees for the scientific program and evening activities will be covered during Falk Symposium 186. **Travel expenses will not be covered.**

**Poster prizes**

Three prizes will be awarded for the best presentations. Prize winners will be presented with a certificate and prize money for € 1,500,-, € 1,000,- and € 500,- respectively. Travel expenses will be covered for the first author of prize winning posters.
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**Opening Hours:**

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**Congress Fees**

Scientific program of the Falk Symposium 186  
€ 200,—

Students and residents  
€ 100,—

**Day ticket**  
€ 120,—

Students and residents  
€ 60,—

**The congress fees include:**

- Refreshments during coffee breaks
- Lunch on October 5 and 6, 2012
- A copy of the abstract volume
Registration

Congress registrations must reach the Falk Foundation e.V. by **July 31, 2012 at the latest**. Congress fees may be paid by cheque payable to the Falk Foundation e. V. or by bank transfer to Volksbank Freiburg e. G., Germany, Bank No. 680 900 00, Account No. 145 2010, IBAN DE33 6809 0000 0001 4520 10, BIC Genode 61 FR1. Please mark bank transfers with „FS 186 Mainz”.

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 Mainz 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.

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Congress Report

The official congress report of the Falk Symposium 186 “Challenges of Liver Cirrhosis and Tumors: Prevent it, Treat it, Manage Consequences” will be published in English in the first half of 2013 by Karger Publishers, Basel, Switzerland. Orders for this book at a reduced subscription price of € 35,- can be placed at the Congress Office during the congress in Mainz.

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