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The last several decades have witnessed great advances in our understanding of inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis), some arising from bench research, others from the study of patients and their responses to treatment. These advances have informed about many aspects of disease pathogenesis including its genetic and the role of epithelial cells in the prevention or facilitation of inflammation. Slowly, it fitfully, a general paradigm of disease pathogenesis is emerging that visualizes inflammatory bowel disease as a multifactorial abnormality in the immune response to antigens in the gut microflora. The problem facing the therapist of IBD is therefore most simply put as the restoration of mucosal immune homeostasis.

The Falk Foundation has arranged for a group of scientists at the forefront of inflammatory bowel disease research to assemble in Dresden on October, 9–10, 2007. These scientists will define through the presentation of their current work and through robust discussion the status of our knowledge of inflammatory bowel disease. It is hoped that out of intense focus, new ideas for research and treatment of the disease will materialize.

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Tuesday, October 9, 2007

19.00-22.00 Poster presentation with dinner reception

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

9.00 Welcome and introduction

Session I
Genetic factors in IBD
Chair: J. P. Hugot, Paris; D. P. Jewell, Oxford

9.05 New genetic defects in IBD and their relation to epithelial barrier function
S. Schreiber, Kiel

9.20 Genetic polymorphisms in the IL-23R locus and susceptibility to IBD
J. Cho, New Haven

9.40 Innate immune recognition
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10.00 Mechanism of NOD2 mutations in Crohn’s disease
W. Strober, Bethesda

10.30 Coffee break with poster session

Session II
Cytokine abnormalities underlying inflammatory bowel disease
Chair: P. J. Mannon, Bethesda; A. Radbruch, Berlin

11.00 IL-12 family members in experimental colitis
M. F. Neurath, Mainz

11.20 IL-17/IL-23 function in mucosal inflammation
M. Kullberg, York

11.40 RORγt and IL-17 responses
D. Littman, New York

12.10 IL-13 and the IL-13α2R and the pathogenesis in ulcerative colitis
I. Fuss, Bethesda

12.30 Lunch break with poster session
Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Session III
Intestinal microflora and its role in IBD
Chair: C. O. Elson, Birmingham; R. B. Sartor, Chapel Hill

13.30 Molecular analysis of the intestinal microflora in IBD
   G. Tannock, Dunedin

13.50 Identification of the predominant antigenic epitopes in intestinal flora in IBD
   R. Duchmann, Berlin

14.10 Intestinal microflora and immunoregulation
   M. Boirivant, Rome

14.30 TLR responses and their role in intestinal inflammation
   S. Rakoff-Nahoum, New Haven

Session IV
Epithelial barrier function in inflammatory bowel disease
Chair: L. Mayer, New York; D. K. Podolsky, Boston

15.00 Defensin defects and IBD
   J. Wehkamp, Stuttgart

15.20 IL-13 and epithelial cell function
   J.-D. Schulzke, Berlin

15.40 The role of NF-κB in epithelial integrity
   M. Pasparakis, Rome

16.00 Regulation of intestinal epithelial function by XBP1
   A. Kaser, Innsbruck

16.30 Coffee break with poster session

Session V
Regulatory defects in IBD
Chair: A. Hamann, Berlin; T. T. MacDonald, London

17.00 TGF-β1 and Smad7 in the regulation of IBD
   G. Monteleone, Rome

17.20 Regulatory T cells and the induction of IL-17
   L. Xu, Bethesda

17.40 CEACAM and the regulation of mucosal inflammation
   R. S. Blumberg, Boston

18.00 Regulatory T cells and the treatment of IBD
   F. Powrie, Oxford

18.30 Presentation of poster prizes and farewell
   W. Strober, Bethesda
**Poster Session**

Posters will be exhibited on October 9–10, 2007, at the “International Congress Center Dresden”.
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, 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 **July 2007**.

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For the **first author** of an accepted poster, expenses for accommodation (October 9–11, 2007) and fees for the scientific and social program will be covered during the Falk Workshop. **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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Saturday, October 13, 2007 8.15 – 17.40 h
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Congress Fees

Scientific program of the Falk Workshop € 100,-
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The congress fees include:
– Dinner reception, October 9, 2007
– Welcome Evening on October 10, 2007
– Refreshments during coffee breaks
– Lunch on October 10, 2007
– A copy of the abstract volume
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Congress registrations must reach the Falk Foundation e.V. by **August 15, 2007 at the latest.**

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