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6 Credit hours have been awarded for the Falk Workshop by the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) – European Board of Gastroenterology (EBG).
Preface

Liver transplantation has developed from an experimental therapy to the standard treatment for end stage liver disease over the past decades. Successful surgery is followed by long term survival under a minimal toxic regimen of postoperative treatment in many cases these days. Nevertheless, a growing field of indications under a persistent shortage of donor organs challenges physicians in this field all over the world.

It is our great pleasure to organize the 2008 Falk workshop entitled “perspectives in liver transplantation”. We have chosen some of the most striking aspects in liver transplantation that will be key issues now and in the future. Viral hepatitis is one of the most common indications for liver transplantation nowadays. With a growing incidence of Hepatitis C in Germany, as well as in the whole world, treatment strategies before and especially after liver transplantation are of major concern.

The treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma with liver transplantation has become a routine procedure. However, extended tumor criteria and a more biological understanding of liver cancer may change the indications in the next years. Cholangiocellular carcinoma may develop to a growing indication for liver transplantation under neoadjuvant treatment as well.

Acute liver failure and metabolic diseases are important, but rare indications for liver replacement. Extracorporeal liver support and hepatocyte transplantation are interesting and modern methods in this changing field.

Experts in the field of hepatology and liver transplantation will discuss the upper mentioned key issues together with the auditorium. We look forward seeing you in Frankfurt for this interesting meeting in January 2008.

Prof. Dr. W. O. Bechstein
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Following the Falk Workshop the Annual Meeting of the German Association for the Study of the Liver (GASL) will take place.

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12.30 Welcome

Liver transplantation for viral hepatitis
Chair: J. Bruix, Barcelona; E. Roeb, Giessen

12.45 Preventing hepatitis B recurrence after liver transplantation
D. Samuel, Paris

13.20 Treatment of hepatitis B recurrence after liver transplantation
M. Schuchmann, Mainz

13.55 Risk factors for Hepatitis C recurrence after liver transplantation
M. Berenguer, Valencia

14.30 Treatment of hepatitis C recurrence after liver transplantation
S. Zeuzem, Frankfurt

15.05 Coffee break and poster session

Liver transplantation in malignant disease
Chair: H.E. Blum, Freiburg; C. Mönch, Frankfurt

15.45 Liver transplantation for hilar cholangiocarcinoma
H. Lang, Mainz

16.15 The future of liver transplantation for hepatocellular carcinoma
J. Bruix, Barcelona

16.45 Liver transplantation for uncommon tumors of the liver
J. Lerut, Brussels

17.15 Liver transplantation for pediatric tumors
D. Broeering, Kiel

17.45 End of afternoon session
Friday, January 25, 2008

Acute liver failure
Chair: A.W. Lohse, Hamburg; C. Sarrazin, Frankfurt

8.00 Changing epidemiology of acute liver failure  
G. Gerken, Essen

8.30 Extracorporal liver support in acute liver failure  
M.P. Manns, Hannover

9.00 Liver transplantation for acute liver failure  
J. Pratschke, P. Neuhaus, Berlin

Liver transplantation in metabolic disease
Chair: G. Ramadori, Göttingen; C.W. Strey, Frankfurt

9.45 Liver transplantation for familiar amyloid polyneuropathy  
A. P. Barreiros, Mainz

10.15 Hepatocyte transplantation  
A. Dhawan, London

10.45 Pediatric liver transplantation in metabolic liver disease  
M. Burdelski Kiel

11.15 Adult liver transplantation for metabolic disease  
H. J. Schmidt, Münster

11.45 Lunch

12.30 Opening of the Annual Meeting of the GASL
Poster Session

Posters will be exhibited on January 24 – 25 at the University Hospital lecture hall in Frankfurt.

The authors will be in attendance during coffee breaks on both days.

1. Accessibility of microRNAs by real-time PCR is equal in formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded and snap-frozen tissue

2. Acute mesenteric ischemia (AMI)
   P. Hasanpour Haghighi (Shiraz, IR)

3. Intrasplenic or subperitoneal transplantation of hepatocytes increases survival after surgically induced hepatic failure in an allogenic rat model?

4. Living liver donation a non-calculatable risk for the donor?
   Or just a lack of standardized reporting of negative events in LDLT?
   C. Wilms, N. Heits, D.C. Bröring (Kiel, D)

5. Resection of leiomyosarcoma of the inferior vena cava (IVC) with renal infiltration and pulmonary metastases. Is a radical concept justified? A case report
   S. Minouchehr, M.-B. Pitton, G. Otto (Mainz, D)
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Friday, January 25, 2007 7.45 – 12.00 h

Congress Fees
The participation at the Falk Workshop is free of charge, however registration is mandatory.

Refreshments during coffee break on January 24 and 25, lunch on January 25, 2008, the dinner in the evening of January 24, 2008 and a copy of the abstract volume of the Workshop are also free of charge.

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For admission to the scientific events you are requested to wear your name badge in a clearly visible place.

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