Falk Symposium 200

Therapeutic Strategies in Diseases of the Digestive Tract – 2015 and Beyond

October 16 – 17, 2015
Konzerthaus Freiburg
Freiburg, Germany

Preliminary Program
CME credits for the Falk Symposium 200 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.
Preface

The last decades have brought an abundance of new knowledge regarding pathophysiology and practical advances in gastroenterology and Hepatology. Most recently the development of almost perfect drugs to cure chronic hepatitis C is a good example as is the advent of several new options for the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease. However, many unmet needs remain, for example effective therapies for carcinoma of pancreas, liver and stomach or the reversal of liver fibrosis.

The Falk Foundation has supported the advancement of understanding of pathophysiology, diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the digestive tract for meanwhile 48 years in particular by providing the possibility of scientific communication during the Falk Symposia. This symposium “Therapeutic strategies in diseases of the digestive tract – 2015 and beyond” will be symposium 200 in this series and can be considered a milestone. For this reason it is not devoted to a single disease entity or organ but to the state of the art and a look into the future of digestive diseases overall. The scientific organizers have attempted to cover the most important problems and developments and to provide an excellent faculty to present these in 26 lectures. They will describe the current state and try to predict further advances based on new insights into causes and mechanisms.

We hope that participants will gain new insights and connect with experts and colleagues and we all together will enjoy a journey through our innovative discipline.

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The final program will be available on the homepage www.falkfoundation.org one week before.

Registration:
Thursday, October 15, 2015
8.30 – 18.00 h
at the congress office

Scientific Organization:
M. J. Bruno, Rotterdam (The Netherlands)
E. M. El-Omar, Aberdeen (Scotland)
P. Ginès, Barcelona (Spain)
D. K. Podolsky, Dallas (USA)
J. Schölmerich, Frankfurt (Germany)

Congress Venue:
Konzerthaus Freiburg
Konrad-Adenauer-Platz 1
79098 Freiburg
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Friday, October 16, 2015

8.30 Welcome and Introduction
J. Schölmerich, Frankfurt

Session I
Esophagus
Chair: C. Ell, Offenbach; T. Matysiak-Budnik, Nantes

8.40 Eosinophilic esophagitis: Not just for children
A. Schoepfer, Lausanne

9.00 Endoscopic management of early cancer
R. E. Pouw, Amsterdam

9.20 Achalasia: From bench to POEMS
G. E. E. Boeckxstaens, Amsterdam

9.40 State-of-the-Art Lecture:
From reflux to cancer
R. F. Souza, Dallas

10.10 Coffee break with poster session

Session II
Stomach
Chair: E. M. El-Omar, Aberdeen; P. Malfertheiner, Magdeburg

10.40 Functional dyspepsia and gastroparesis
M. Camilleri, Rochester

11.00 Strategies for prevention of gastric cancer: Progress from mass eradication trials
K. Sugano, Tochigi

11.20 Failed eradication of Heliobacter pylori: What should be done?
F. Mégraud, Bordeaux

11.40 State-of-the-Art Lecture:
New biology to new treatment of gastric cancer
R. Peek, Nashville

12.10 Lunch break with poster session

13.10 Presentation of the Hans Popper Award
M. P. Manns, Hanover

13.20 Hans Popper Award Lecture
N. N.
Saturday, October 17, 2015

Session III
Pancreas
Chair: M. J. Bruno, Rotterdam; T. Gress, Marburg

8.30 Decision making in necrotizing pancreatitis
M. Büchler, Heidelberg

8.50 Development of pancreatic cancer:
Targets for early detection and treatment
M. M. Lerch, Greifswald

9.10 Autoimmune pancreatitis:
A riddle wrapped in an enigma
G. Webster, London

9.30 State-of-the-Art Lecture:
Improving the outcome of acute pancreatitis:
Current guidelines and beyond
H. G. Gooszen, Nijmegen

10.00 Coffee break with poster session

Session IV
Systemic disorders and systemic approaches
in the digestive tract
Chair: A. Dignass, Frankfurt; Y. Liu, Beijing

10.30 Gut and liver in vasculitic disorders
U. Müller-Ladner, Bad Nauheim

10.50 Gut and liver in sepsis
C. Trautwein, Aachen

11.10 Five genetic disorders a gastroenterologist should know
J. Cho, New York

11.30 Molecular imaging as a basis of treatment
R. Atreya, Erlangen

11.50 State-of-the-Art Lecture:
Microbiota as therapeutic targets
R. J. Xavier, Boston

12.20 Presentation of Poster Prizes
P. Ginès, Barcelona

12.30 Lunch break with poster session
Saturday, October 17, 2015

Session V
Small and large bowel

Chair: J.-F. Colombel, New York; G. Rogler, Zurich

13.30 IBS: More than motility
J. Tack, Leuven

13.50 Therapeutic approaches in IBD beyond the immunosuppressive paradigm
J. Wehkamp, Tuebingen

14.10 Targeted therapies in colon cancer today and tomorrow
W. Schmiegel, Bochum

14.30 Endoscopy beyond visible light as basis of treatment
M. Götz, Tuebingen

14.50 State-of-the-Art Lecture: Building a better intestine
M. A. Helmrath, Cincinnati

15.20 Coffee break with poster session

Session VI
Liver and biliary system

Chair: M. Trauner, Vienna; S. Zeuzem, Frankfurt

15.50 FXR agonists for liver disease
S. Fiorucci, Perugia

16.10 Treatment of liver fibrosis
D. A. Brenner, La Jolla

16.30 Treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma
J. Bruix, Barcelona

16.50 State-of-the-Art Lecture: Hepatology after hepatitis C
J. G. Fitz, Dallas

17.20 Conclusion and farewell
D. K. Podolsky, Dallas
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 the 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 2015

The International Hans Popper-Award was created by the Falk Foundation e.V. and will be presented for the eighth time on the occasion of the Falk Symposium 200 on October 16, 2015. The prize will be endowed with EUR 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)
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Hans Popper Award Winners 1989 - 2015:

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. Friedman, New York (USA)
2006 - P. Ginès, Barcelona (Spain)
2012 - J. Bruix, Barcelona (Spain) / J. M. Llovet, Barcelona (Spain)
2015 - N.N.

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**Poster Session**

Posters will be exhibited on October 16-17, 2015 in the Konzerthaus Freiburg. 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, 2015**. Only one-page abstracts not exceeding 300 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.org/poster) where further information regarding the submission format and the submission process will be 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 2015**.

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For the **first author** of an accepted poster, expenses for accommodation (October 15 – 18, 2015) and fees for the scientific program and evening activities will be covered during the Falk Symposium 200. **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 additionally for the first author of prize winning posters.
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Thursday, October 15, 2015  8.30 – 18.00 h
Friday, October 16, 2015  7.30 – 14.00 h
Saturday, October 17, 2015  8.00 – 17.30 h

Congress Fees

Scientific program of the Falk Symposium 200  € 200.00
Students and residents  € 100.00

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Day ticket  € 120.00
Students and residents  € 60.00

Employees of pharmaceutical or other companies and their guests
Falk Symposium 200  € 600.00

The congress fees include:
- Refreshments during coffee breaks
- Lunch on October 16-17, 2015
- A copy of the abstract volume
- Underground parking at the „Konzérthaus Freiburg“
Registration

Congress registrations must reach the Falk Foundation e. V. by **July 31, 2015 at the latest.**

After receipt of the registration form, each participant will be provided with an invoice/confirmation. On presentation of this confirmation at the congress office in Freiburg 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 € 20.00 will be deducted from the refund. All participants will receive a written confirmation of attendance at the meeting.

Admission to Scientific Events

For admission to scientific events your name badge should be clearly visible.

Congress Report

The official congress report of the Falk Symposium 200 “Therapeutic Strategies in Diseases of the Digestive Tract – 2015 and Beyond” will be published in English in the first half of 2016 by Karger, Switzerland. Orders for this book at a reduced subscription price of € 35.00 can be placed at the Congress Office during the congress in Freiburg.

Congress Short Report

The congress short report of the Falk Symposia 199-200 will be published by the Falk Foundation e.V. with number FSR 199-200 in the first half of 2016.
Airports

EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg

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www.frankfurt-airport.com

Airport Transfer
http://www.freiburger-airportservice.de/en/

Train Connections
http://www.bahn.com

Directions to Konzerthaus Freiburg

From the North or the South, take A5 autobahn/motorway Frankfurt-Basel along the Rhine Valley, exit “Freiburg Mitte“. Stay on the autobahn feeder road “Mitte“ until exit ”Konzerthaus Freiburg“ (10 min.), follow signs to the Konzerthaus Freiburg.

A81 Stuttgart-Singen autobahn/motorway or B31 (Höllental), Donaueschingen, Titisee-Neustadt. Go through Freiburg on the Schwarzwaldstrasse, this becomes Schreiberstrasse, direction of the autobahn feeder road “Mitte“. There are road signs to the Konzerthaus Freiburg.

Connections to the French and Swiss autobahn/motorway networks. 950 parking places in the underground car park at the Konzerthaus and central train station (Hauptbahnhof).
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