Clinical Hepatology Practice in 2016: From Science to Therapy

September 2 – 3, 2016
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Preliminary Program
CME credits for the Symposium 204 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

Dear colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure, with Prof. David Adams and Prof. Robert Thimme, to invite you to attend the Symposium 204 in Birmingham, UK. Our programme, entitled “Clinical Hepatology Practice in 2016: From Science to Therapy” represents an international liver meeting that spans the relevant scientific and clinical aspects of Hepatology, needed for those practicing liver medicine in 2016.

Over two days in Birmingham we have assembled an international group of speakers well placed to deliver state-of-the-art talks, covering the full range of liver disease encountered in hospital and clinic practice around the world.

In keeping with previous Symposia, the meeting combines science with practice, and in particular translational aspects of liver disease. As is the tradition at Symposia of the Falk Foundation we invite clinicians in training, as well as established clinicians, to attend, and in particular present their work during our poster sessions.

On behalf of the scientific committee I therefore look forward to welcoming you to Birmingham and the UK, to enjoy our symposia and the city of Birmingham.

Gideon Hirschfield

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Registration:
Thursday, September 1, 2016
16.00 – 21.00 h
at the congress office

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Call for Posters:
A poster session will take place.
For details see page 10.

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August 2016

The final program will be available on
the homepage www.falk-foundation-symposia.org one week before.
Friday, September 2, 2016

9.00 Welcome

Session I
Hepatology 2016 – The panorama
Chair: G. Hirschfield, Birmingham; P. Newsome, Birmingham

9.10 Lessons from epidemiology: The burden of liver disease
J. Verne, Bristol

9.30 Liver fibrosis: Understanding the dynamics of bidirectional wound repair to inform the design of markers and therapies
J. Iredale, Edinburgh

9.50 Novel opportunities to image liver disease - technologies for the future?
G. P. Aithal, Nottingham

10.10 Genes and environment in the development of liver disease: Which is more important in 2016?
T. H. Karlsen, Oslo

10.30 Coffee break with poster session

Session II
The science of hepatitis
Chair: X. Forns, Barcelona; D. Mutimer, Birmingham

11.00 Co-existing with viral hepatitis - lessons from fundamental virology studies
J. McKeating, Birmingham

11.20 The immunology of viral hepatitis
R. Thimme, Freiburg

11.40 The history of direct anti-viral therapy for hepatitis C: The molecular virology landscape
R. Bartenschlager, Heidelberg

12.00 How to cure hepatitis B - the hope?
F. Zoulim, Lyon

12.20 Lunch break with poster session
Friday, September 2, 2016

Session III
Hepatitis treatment: The challenges
Chair: R. Thimme, Freiburg; F. Zoulim, Lyon

14.20 Treating hepatitis C in the patient with renal failure
X. Forns, Barcelona

14.40 Peri and post-transplant treatment of viral hepatitis C
D. Mutimer, Birmingham

15.00 Hepatitis B reactivation - prevention and treatment
J. Feld, Toronto

15.20 Is hepatitis E really a problem?
H. Wedemeyer, Hannover

15.40 Coffee break with poster session

Session IV
Autoimmune liver disease
Chair: G. P. Aithal, Nottingham; J. Feld, Toronto

16.10 What comes after UDCA in PBC?
D. E. J. Jones, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne

16.30 How do you design the new drug for PSC?
G. Hirschfield, Birmingham

16.50 Pruritus - old treatment or new treatments?
U. Beuers, Amsterdam

17.10 Can understanding the pathogenesis of AIH lead to rational therapy?
A. W. Lohse, Hamburg
Saturday, September 3, 2016

Session V
Metabolic liver disease

Chair: R. Jalan, London; F. Nevens, Leuven

9.00 Is NASH a disease or a syndrome: Scientific basis for developing new therapies
C. P. Day, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne

9.20 Why you should establish a dedicated NAFLD/NASH clinic
P. Newsome, Birmingham

9.40 What is the current best medical management of NASH?
V. Ratziu, Paris

10.00 The microbiome and the hepatologist - will our bugs prove to be the missing link?
M. Pallen, Coventry

10.20 Coffee break with poster session

Session VI
Liver and bile duct cancer

Chair: D. H. Adams, Birmingham; C. P. Day, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne

10.50 The molecular biology of liver cancer evolution
S. S. Thorgeirsson, Bethesda

11.10 Treating hepatobiliary cancer: the interventional approach
R. Lencioni, Pisa

11.30 Treating hepatobiliary cancers: the oncology way
P. R. Galle, Mainz

11.50 Treating hepatobiliary cancer: the immunologic approach
T. F. Greten, Bethesda

12.10 Presentation of Poster Awards
R. Thimme, Freiburg

12.20 Lunch break with poster session
Saturday, September 3, 2016

Session VII
Complications of liver disease
Chair: P. R. Galle, Mainz; P. Newsome, Birmingham

13.30 Novel approaches to reducing the risk of variceal hemorrhage
F. Nevens, Leuven

13.50 How do you identify and treat the patient with acute-on-chronic failure?
R. Jalan, London

14.10 How to translate our current understanding of ascites into new treatments for patients
A. Cardenas, Barcelona

14.30 Nutrition and liver health - evidence based understanding of an important complication of liver disease
A. A. Jackson, Southampton

14.50 Coffee break with poster session

Session VIII
Perspectives for the future of Hepatology
Chair: G. Hirschfield, Birmingham; R. Thimme, Freiburg

15.20 Liver preservation: Where we are and future perspectives
P.-A. Clavien, Zurich

15.40 Unmet needs - what are the scientific gaps holding back Hepatology in 2016?
D. H. Adams, Birmingham

16.00 Closing Remarks
G. Hirschfield, Birmingham
Poster Session

Posters will be exhibited on September 2-3, 2016 in the ICC Birmingham. The authors will be in attendance during coffee and lunch breaks on both days.

Call for Posters

Please submit your poster abstract before **March 31, 2016**. 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 procedure 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 for the meeting.

The authors will receive notification about acceptance and further instructions in **April 2016**.

Contact address for further information on the poster session:

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For the **first author** of an accepted poster, expenses for accommodation (September 1-4, 2016) and fees for the scientific program and evening activities will be covered during the Symposium 204. Travel expenses will not be covered.

Poster Awards

Three prizes will be awarded for the best presentations. Poster award winners will be presented with a certificate and prize money for EUR 1,500,-, EUR 1,000,- and EUR 500,- respectively. Travel expenses will be covered additionally for the first author of award winning posters.
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Friday, September 2, 2016            8.00 – 17.30 h
Saturday, September 3, 2016          8.30 – 16.00 h

Congress Fees

Scientific program of Symposium 204 EUR 200.00
For students (copy of student ID required) EUR 100.00

** **OR** **

Day ticket EUR 120.00
For students (copy of student ID required) EUR 60.00

Employees of pharmaceutical or other companies and their guests
Symposium 204 EUR 600.00

The congress fees include:
- Welcome Evening on September 1, 2016
- Refreshments during coffee breaks
- Lunch on September 2 and 3, 2016
- A copy of the abstract volume
Registration

Congress registrations must reach the Falk Foundation e.V. by June 30, 2016 at the latest.

After receipt of the registration form, each participant will receive an invoice / confirmation of his registration. On presentation of this confirmation at the congress office in Birmingham 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 EUR 20,- 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 Symposium 204 “Clinical Hepatology Practice in 2016: From Science to Therapy” will be published in English in the first half of 2017 by Karger, Switzerland. Orders for this book at a reduced subscription price of EUR 4.95 can be placed at the Congress Office during the congress in Birmingham.

Congress Short Report

The congress short report of the Symposium 204 “Clinical Hepatology Practice in 2016: From Science to Therapy” will be published by the Falk Foundation e.V. with number FSR 204 in November 2016.

Hotel Accommodation

http://visitbirmingham.com/where-to-stay/
Directions to ICC Birmingham

Arriving by plane

From Birmingham International Airport simply take the free and fast Air-Rail Link to Birmingham International railway station and then catch a train to New Street Station in Birmingham City Centre, which takes about 10 minutes and operates up to 9 times an hour. Alternatively, take a taxi from outside the airport to the ICC, which is 12 kilometres away.

Arriving by car

The ICC is located centrally in Birmingham city centre and is easily accessible by road. Visitors from any direction can travel in to Birmingham using many different routes connected to the following motorways: M1, M5, M6, M6 Toll, M40 and M42.

There is abundant, secure multi-storey parking available located within the Barclaycard Arena, which is just a short walk away from the ICC. Both the ICC and Barclaycard Arena are signposted on motorways and major roads and are marked on most road maps.

Arriving by train

The ICC is served by the UK’s largest interchange rail station, Birmingham New Street and the smaller Five Ways Station. Both stations are a short walk from the ICC and taxi ranks are situated close by. Birmingham New Street has direct and regular services to Birmingham International railway station which directly links to Birmingham International Airport.

It also has many direct services to London Euston, including a service that takes just 80 minutes and runs every 20 minutes.

Birmingham’s two other city centre train stations, Moor St and Snow Hill, are also within quick and easy access of the ICC and directly connected to London Marylebone or London Paddington via an hourly service.
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