



ESPGHAN Monothematic conference

PROGRESSIVE FAMILIAL INTRAHEPATIC CHOLESTASIS

Dear colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the ESPGHAN monothematic conference on Progressive Familial Intrahepatic Cholestasis (PFIC) in the beautiful city of Budapest.

PFIC is an expanding family of disorders, diagnosed on mutations in the genes encoding key proteins in hepatic and sometimes extra-hepatic physiology. The first described conditions have been labeled PFIC type 1, type 2 and type 3, based on defective functions of specific canalicular transport proteins. More recently, however, additional mutations in other genes have been identified, that are also responsible for clinical phenotype of progressive cholestasis. The identification of responsible genes has significantly increased our insights in hepatic and biliary physiology. On the other hand, these different disorders have led to many new clinical challenges regarding optimal diagnosis, treatments and evolution of the disease into adulthood. The mutation analysis can also detect adult patients with a clinical phenotype different from the one at paediatric age. Presently, many of the affected children develop end-stage liver disease and need liver transplantation in childhood. Alternative therapies such as choleresis stimulation and partial biliary diversion have emerged, or are being developed - e.g. gene therapy.

The monothematic conference aims to provide an overview of the state-of-the-art knowledge of the pathophysiology of the classic and novel PFIC syndromes across the lifespan, their clinical aspects, present and emerging treatments, and to encourage collaboration between scientists and clinicians.

We look forward to seeing in Budapest!

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Nedim Hadzic
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Apply by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.espghan.org/index.php?id=569&eventId=111> or writing and email to office@espghan.org

Registration Fee: The registration fee covers the cost of accommodation, meals and social activities

Deadline for early fee: December 15th, 2016

Date: Jan 26 -28, 2017

Time slot: Thursday ~15.00h – Saturday ~12.00h

Venue: Hotel President (<http://www.hotelpresident.hu/en/>)

Location: Budapest, Hungary

Target audience: primarily clinicians (both junior and senior), enriched with basic scientists

Organizing Committee: Dino Hadzic, Henkjan Verkade, Jörg Jahnel, Ronald Oude Elferink (Amsterdam), Antal Dezsofi, Piotr Czubkowski

Please note that the attendance is limited due to reason of space. The registration can be closed early upon reaching the limit.

Deadline for abstracts: December 1th, 2016

Abstract Instructions

Case reports as well as original abstracts are welcome for submission.

Case reports will be considered by the organizing committee for oral presentations. Abstracts must have title, author(s) and institution(s) where the work was done and be written as per instructions below.

1. Abstracts must contain data and meet international ethical standards.
2. Abbreviations should be defined.
3. The abstract cannot contain more than 3,000 characters (approx. 450 words) (including blank spaces, punctuation as well as authors affiliation and titles).
4. The original abstract must be structured into the following sections:
 - Aims and Objectives
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusion
5. Case reports should be submitted as a short description of the case

Please send your abstract to office@espghan.org until December 1th, 2016

Definition of a Trainee

Active clinical or laboratory based researcher working in paediatric hepatology, with less than 5 years training experience. Letter of support from an ESPGHAN member.