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# Autoimmune Diseases of the Liver

May 8 – 9, 2015

Estoril Centro de Congressos

Lisbon, Portugal



Preliminary  
Program

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## Preface

Dear Colleagues,

Chronic diseases of the liver are among the most common chronic conditions worldwide. There is a lower awareness of chronic liver diseases compared to other types of chronic diseases, such as those affecting the lungs, heart, kidneys or joints. Furthermore the importance of chronic liver diseases as a health issue has been underestimated. In fact, recent epidemiological studies performed in a large number of countries around the world have shown that cirrhosis ranks among the top ten causes of death and the importance of hepatocellular carcinoma, which is almost always associated with cirrhosis, is increasing at a fast rate.

Among the etiological causes of chronic liver diseases, the frequency of autoimmune liver diseases is increasing markedly, particularly in western countries. The current symposium is devoted to "Autoimmune Diseases of the Liver" and will be divided in four different parts: an introductory part chaired by Prof. Cortez-Pinto (Lisbon) that will discuss miscellaneous issues and three parts devoted to the main autoimmune diseases of the liver: Autoimmune Hepatitis chaired by Prof. Ansgar Lohse (Hamburg); Primary Biliary Cirrhosis chaired by Prof. Albert Parés (Barcelona) and Sclerosing Cholangitis chaired by Prof. Ulrich Beuers (Amsterdam). In these three parts, the main issues related to each of the diseases will be discussed in depth by world renowned experts followed by active discussions.

Given the growing interest of the field of Autoimmune Liver Diseases and the excellent panel of speakers, the scientific organizers hope that the program will attract your interest. We look forward to welcoming you to the beautiful city of Lisbon on the occasion of the Falk Symposium 197 on Autoimmune Diseases of the Liver.

On behalf of the Scientific Organizers,



Pere Ginès



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## Registration:

Thursday, May 7, 2015  
16.00 – 21.00 h  
at the congress office

## Scientific Organization:

U. Beuers, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)  
H. Cortez-Pinto, Lisbon (Portugal)  
P. Ginès, Barcelona (Spain)  
A. W. Lohse, Hamburg (Germany)  
A. Parés, Barcelona (Spain)

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## Official Language:

English

## Call for Posters:

A poster session will take place.  
For details see page 8.

## Publication Date of the Final Program:

May 2015

The final program will be available on the homepage [www.falkfoundation.org](http://www.falkfoundation.org) one week before.



# Friday, May 8, 2015

**9.00 Welcome**

P. Ginès,  
Barcelona

## Session I Introduction

**Chair:** H. Cortez-Pinto, Lisbon; P. Ginès, Barcelona

- 9.05** What is the extent of the problem? Prevalence of autoimmune liver diseases in the world  
H. A. Vilstrup, Aarhus
- 9.30** Genetic predisposition. Are there common genetic factors among the three autoimmune liver diseases?  
T. H. Karlsen, Oslo
- 9.55** Extrahepatic manifestations associated with autoimmune hepatitis  
M. A. Heneghan, London
- 10.20** Pediatric autoimmune liver diseases  
R. Liberal, London
- 10.45 Coffee break with poster session**

## Session II Autoimmune hepatitis

**Chair:** A. W. Lohse, Hamburg; A. Parés, Barcelona

- 11.15** Diagnostic criteria: Scores and more  
A. W. Lohse, Hamburg
- 11.40** Role of histopathology: What is typical for, what is compatible with AIH?  
D. G. Tiniakos, Newcastle upon Tyne
- 12.05** Autoantibodies: Which ones, with what tests, how often?  
L. Muratori, Bologna
- 12.30** From Pathogenesis to novel immune therapies  
J. Herkel, Hamburg
- 12.55 Lunch break with poster session**

# ▶ Friday, May 8, 2015

## Session II (cont)

### Autoimmune hepatitis / Primary biliary cirrhosis

**Chair:** A. W. Lohse, Hamburg; A. Parés, Barcelona

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|--------------|--|----------------------------|
| <b>13.55</b> | Standard treatment in adults: Which steroids? Or without steroids? | D. C. Gleeson, Sheffield   |
| <b>14.20</b> | Which alternative for difficult to treat patients?                 | C. Schramm, Hamburg        |
| <b>14.45</b> | Geoepidemiology, genetic and environmental risk factors for PBC    | P. Invernizzi, Rozzano     |
| <b>15.10</b> | The immunobiology and pathophysiology of PBC                       | G. Hirschfield, Birmingham |
| <b>15.35</b> | Treatment duration: Should we ever stop?                           | G. Bouma, Amsterdam        |
| <b>16.00</b> | <b>Coffee break with poster session</b>                            |                            |

## Session III

### Primary biliary cirrhosis

**Chair:** U. Beuers, Amsterdam; A. Parés, Barcelona

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|--------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>16.30</b> | Fatigue in PBC. Prevalence, pathogenesis and management                    | D. E. J. Jones, Newcastle upon Tyne |
| <b>16.55</b> | Non-invasive assessment of liver fibrosis progression and prognosis in PBC | R. Poupon, Paris                    |
| <b>17.20</b> | Surrogate markers for optimal therapeutic response to UDCA                 | H. R. van Buuren, Rotterdam         |
| <b>17.45</b> | Novel approaches for patients with suboptimal response to UDCA             | A. Parés, Barcelona                 |
| <b>18.10</b> | <b>End of afternoon session</b>  |                                     |

# ▶ Saturday, May 9, 2015

## Session IV Primary sclerosing cholangitis

**Chair:** U. Beuers, Amsterdam; H. Cortez-Pinto, Lisbon

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|--------------|---|---|
| <b>9.30</b>  | Diagnosis, differential diagnosis and epidemiology of PSC | C. Y. Ponsioen,<br>Amsterdam                          |
| <b>9.55</b>  | Genetic Factors: Their role in pathogenesis of PSC        | A. Franke,<br>Kiel                                    |
| <b>10.20</b> | Immunopathology of PSC                                    | D. H. Adams,<br>Birmingham                            |
| <b>10.45</b> | Overlap syndromes   | O. Chazouillères,<br>Paris                            |
| <b>11.10</b> | <b>Coffee break with poster session</b>                   |   |
| <b>11.40</b> | <b>Presentation of poster prizes</b>                      | P. Ginès,<br>Barcelona<br><br>U. Beuers,<br>Amsterdam |

## Session IV (cont) Primary sclerosing cholangitis

**Chair:** U. Beuers, Amsterdam; P. Ginès, Barcelona

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| <b>11.50</b> | Therapy of PSC today and tomorrow                      | M. Trauner,<br>Vienna   |
| <b>12.15</b> | Pathogenesis and management of pruritus in PBC and PSC | A. Kremer,<br>Erlangen  |
| <b>12.40</b> | IgG4-associated cholangitis – a mimic of PSC           | U. Beuers,<br>Amsterdam |
| <b>13.05</b> | Malignancies in PSC – a continuing threat              | L. Fabris,<br>Padova    |
| <b>13.30</b> | <b>Farewell Lunch</b>                                  |                         |

## Poster Session

Posters will be exhibited on May 8-9, 2015 in the Estoril Centro de Congressos in Estoril/Lisbon. The authors will be in attendance during coffee and lunch breaks on both days.

## Call for Posters

Please submit your poster abstract before **January 31th, 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 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 **February 2015**.

Contact address for further information on the poster session:

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Web address for submitting poster abstracts:  
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For the **first author** of an accepted **poster**, expenses for accommodation (May 7-10, 2015) and fees for the scientific program and evening activities will be covered during the Falk Symposium 197. **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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### Opening Hours:

Thursday, May 7, 2015	16.00 – 21.00 h
Friday, May 8, 2015	8.00 – 18.00 h
Saturday, May 9, 2015	9.00 – 14.00 h

## Congress Fees

Scientific program of the Falk Symposium 197	€ 200.00
Students and residents	€ 100.00

**\* \* \*OR\* \*\***

Day ticket	€ 120.00
Students and residents	€ 60.00

### Employees of pharmaceutical companies and their guests

Falk Symposium 197	€ 600.00
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### The congress fees include:

- Welcome Evening on May 7, 2015
- Refreshments during coffee breaks
- Lunch on May 8 and 9, 2015
- A copy of the abstract volume

## Registration

Congress registrations must reach the Falk Foundation e. V. by **February 28, 2015 at the latest**. Congress fees may be paid by cheque payable to the Falk Foundation e. V. or by bank transfer to Volksbank Freiburg e.G., Germany, Bank No. 68090000, Account No. 1452010, IBAN DE33 6809 0000 0001 4520 10, BIC Genode 61 FR1. Please mark bank transfers with "Falk Symposium 197".

To ensure correct registration, participants are asked to send in their registration together with the fee remittance.

After receipt of registration form, each participant will be provided with a confirmation of the registration. On presentation of this confirmation at the congress office in Lisbon participants will receive the congress folder containing name badges, admission tickets and the abstract volume. In the case 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 end of the meeting.

## Admission to Scientific Events

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

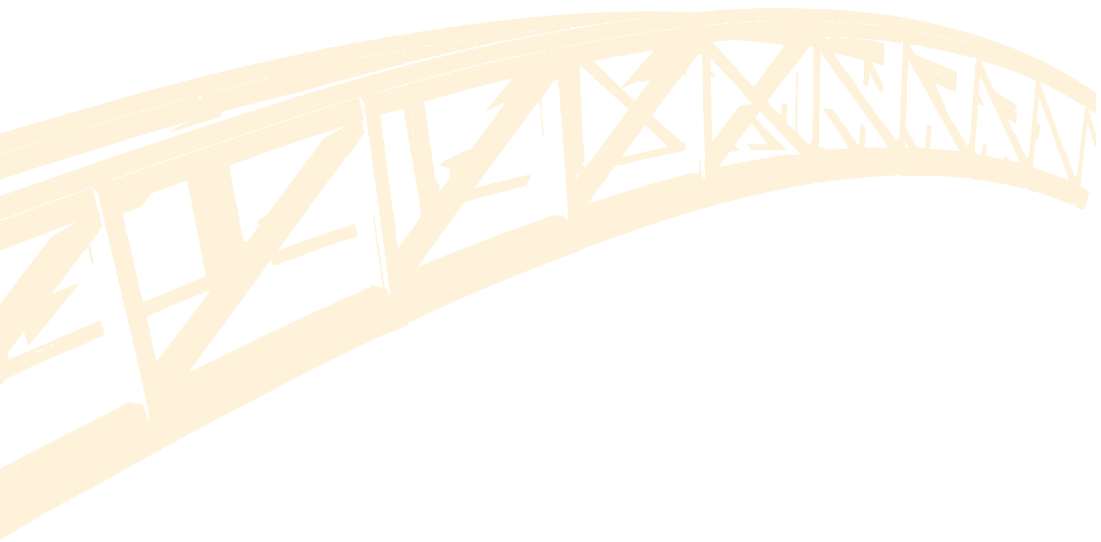
## Congress Report

The official congress report of the Falk Symposium 197 "Autoimmune Diseases of the Liver" will be published in English in the second half of 2015 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 Lisbon.

## Airport

Lisbon International Airport  
<http://www.lisbon-airport.com/>

→ 30 km from congress venue



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## Evening Activities

## ▶ Welcome Evening at Estoril Centro de Congressos

**Thursday, May 7, 2015**

**19.00** Buffet and drinks.  
Free of charge, **registration mandatory.**

## ▶ Dinner at Adega Regional de Colares

**Friday, May 8, 2015**

**18.30** Bus departure from Estoril Centro de Congressos

**22.00-  
23.00** Bus departure back to the hotels

**€ 95,- per person**, including transfer and dinner with drinks.



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# REGISTRATION CARD

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**Registration Deadline: February 28, 2015**

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Day ticket

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Students and residents

(please insert date \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EUR 60.00

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