

Announcements

EASL NEWS

The 34th Annual Meeting of the European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL) will take place in Naples, Italy on 8–12 April 1999. The 1999 Postgraduate Course will be on “The Liver and Systemic Disorders”. The President of the 1999 meeting is Professor Giuseppe Giusti, Naples, Italy. EASL will offer Travel Bursaries to 120 Young Investigators and 30 Eastern Europeans, pending application and submission of an abstract. EASL will offer free registration to 20 additional Eastern Europeans. Selection will be based on merit. First authors under 35 years of age who submit abstracts will have free registration. This is part of EASL's policy to encourage attendance and participation by young investigators. For further information, please contact: EASL Liaison Bureau, Hepatology-Necker Hospital, 149 Rue de Sèvres, 75747 Paris Cedex 15, France. E-mail: isabelle.porteret@nck.ap-hop.paris.fr, Fax: +33 1 44 49 51 65.

8–9 April 1999: Workshop on Positron Emission Tomography of the Living Liver, 33rd Annual Scientific Meeting, European Society for Clinical Investigation (ESCI), Milan, Italy. The topics of the workshop will be: Clinical use; Radiotracers; Quantification by kinetic models; Regulation of metabolism and blood perfusion; Effects of liver disease on liver metabolism, hepatic encephalopathy, kidney and muscles; Tumor diagnostics. For further information, please contact: Susanne Keiding, M.D., PET Centre and Department of Hepatology V, Aarhus University Hospital, DK-8000 Aarhus C, Denmark. Telephone: +45 8943 3031; Fax: +45 8949 3020; E-Mail: susanne@per-auh.dk

5–8 May 1999, Sivilri/Istanbul, Turkey: 10th International Symposium on Hepatic Encephalopathy and Nitrogen Metabolism. Speakers include: A. J. McCullough, H. Vilstrup, D. Häussinger, R. F. Butterworth, A. S. Basile. Deadline for abstracts: 1 February 1999. For further information please contact: Dr. Hakan Bozkaya, Gaziler Sok. 22/1, Abidinpasa, 06620, Ankara, Turkey. Tel: 00 90 312 362 07 87/362 21 45, Fax: 00 90 312 362 59 48, e-mail: gastro@superonline.com

3–4 June 1999: The Third Amsterdam International Update on Hepatology, Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam. Registration fee NLG 450,-. Sessions: Potpourri of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Issues; Advances in Viral Hepatitis; Toxic Liver Injury; Complications of Chronic Liver Disease; Review Lectures; Live Demonstrations. Information: Helma Stockmann, managing director European Postgraduate Gastro-Surgical School, G-4-zuid, Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Tel. 31 20 5663926, Fax: 31 20 5666569 or 31 20 6914858- E-mail: W.J.Stockmann@amc.uva.nl

18 June 1999: 5th International Meeting of the GEMHEP (French Study Group for the Molecular Investigation of Viral Hepatitis). “Hepatitis C virus: Epidemiology, Natural History, Vaccine Perspectives”, Hilton Suffren Hotel, Paris, France. Main topics: Molecular epidemiology of HCV; Epidemiology of HCV in Europe; Epidemiology of HCV in the US; Mother-to-infant transmission of HCV and natural history in children; Nosocomial transmission of HCV; Natural history of HCV infection; DNA vaccination; HCV HVRI mimotopes as potential vaccine components; Studies of immunogenicities of HCV-like particles synthesized in insect cells: implications as a potential vaccine candidate; Therapeutic vaccination with the HCV E1 protein; Development of a recombinant HCV vaccine; TIV: a novel hepatitis agent? Faculty: H. Alter (USA), M. Alter (USA), O. Bernard (F), M. Houghton (USA), G. Inchauspé (F), M. Lechmann (USA), J. J. Lefrère (F), F. Lunel (F), G. Maertens (B), P. Marcellin (F), Y. Miyakawa (J), A. Nicosia (I), J. M. Pawlotsky (F), A. Prince (USA), F. Roudot-Thoraval (F), P. Simmonds (UK), D. Thomas (USA), J. P. Zarski (F). Official language: English. For further information, please contact B.C.A., 6 Boulevard du Général Leclerc, 92115 Clichy, France. Tel: +33 (1) 41 06 67 70. Fax: +33 (1) 41 06 67 79. E-mail: bca@worldnet.fr. For scientific information, e-mail: pawlotsky@univ-paris12.fr