

Meetings and Courses

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May 2004

2004 Guangdong provincial liver carcinoma meeting May, 2004; Guangzhou, China

The meeting is sponsored by Liver Carcinoma Committee, Guangdong Provincial Anti-Cancer Association and undertaken by Cancer Prevention Center, Guangzhou University. Topics include surgical treatment of liver carcinoma (liver transplantation), intervention therapy for liver carcinoma, recurrence and metastasis of liver carcinoma, diagnosis and combined treatment of liver carcinoma, and basic research into liver carcinoma. The deadline for submission of abstract is February 28, 2004. For further information, please contact Qi-Ya Zhang, Yun-Fei Yuan, or Xiao-Jun Lin (coordinators), Department of Hepatobiliary, Zhongshan Tumor Hospital, 651 Dongfeng Dong Lu, Guangzhou 510060, China. Tel: 86-20-87343480, 87343118, or 8734 3017; Email: ming@gzsums.edu.cn.

June

5th international liver transplantation course June 14-15, 2004; Shanghai, China

The 2-day course will invite international/national experts from Kyoto University, Japan; Institute of Organ Transplant Center, Pittsburgh University, USA; Humboldt University, Germany; Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taiwan; Hongkong University; First Affiliated Hospital, Shanghai Jiaotong University; First Affiliated Hospital, Zhejiang University School of Medicine; Institute of Organ Transplantation, Tongji Hospital, Huazhong University of Science and Technology; Huaxi Hospital, Sichuan University; Xinan Hospital, 3rd Military Medical University; First Affiliated Hospital, Nanjing Medical University; Tianjin First Center Hospital, First Affiliated Hospital, Zhongshan University; Renmin Hospital, Peking University; Changzheng Hospital, 2nd Military Medical University; Zhongshan Hospital, Fudan University; Ruijin Hospital, Shanghai Second Medical University, Beijing 301 Hospital; Beijing Chaoyang Hospital, Capital Medical Hospital; Beijing Wujing Hospital, Third Affiliated Hospital, Sun Yat-Sen University and Xiangya Third Hospital, Central South University. The last registration is May 10, 2004. For more information, please contact Zhi-Tai Ma, Tel: 86-10-65221634 ext 1704; Professor Zhi-Hai Peng, Tel: 86-21-63240090 ext 3101; or Jia-Long Lu, Tel: 86-21-53836006 ext 207.

2004 China experimental surgery forum

June, 2004; Wuhan, China

Topics include oncology surgery, tissue engineering, nanom technology in vascular surgery and other medical areas. The deadline for submission of abstract is March 15, 2004. For further information, please contact Shao-Li Sheng, Editorial Office of *Chinese Journal of Experimental Surgery*, 100 Dingziquao Road, Wuhan 430064, China. Tel: 86-27-87893475.

July

2nd world congress on pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology, and nutrition

July 3-7, 2004; Palais des Congrès, Paris, France

This international event will be organized under the umbrella of the Federation of International Societies of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (FISPGHAN). A great effort will be made to highlight important topics relevant to the evaluation and care of infants, children and adolescents with gastrointestinal, hepatic, pancreatic and nutritional disorders in both developing and developed countries. Physicians and scientists in the fields of pediatrics, gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition are invited to attend the congress. Young investigators from all around the world are invited to submit their original works for presentation in plenary sessions, symposia, free oral communications, parallel sessions and poster sessions. The program is designed to place emphasis on updating scientific and educational knowledge. Topics of current interest are geared to pediatric gastroenterologists, hepatologists, endoscopists, nutritionists, and surgeons, thus bridging science, clinical practice and public health. For further information, please contact MCI France, Philippe Fournier, 11 Rue de Solferino, 75007 Paris, France. Website: www.wcpghan2004.com.

August

Symposium on prevention of bile duct injury and stricture

August 12-15, 2004; Harbin, China

Co-sponsored by *Chinese Journal of Hepatobiliary Surgery* and Department of General Surgery, First Affiliated Hospital, Harbin Medical University, the 4-day symposium is to be held on August 12-15, 2004 at Harbin, China. Topics include cholecystectomy, exploratory cholecystectomy, liver surgery, liver carcinoma resection, and experience in prevention, diagnosis of biliary injury caused by gastroduodenal operation. The deadline for submission of abstract is June 30, 2004. For further information, please contact Editorial Office of *Chinese Journal of Hepatobiliary Surgery*, 28 Fuxing Road, Beijing 100853, China. Tel: 86-10-66936223; Fax: 86-10-68177009; Email: zhgdwkkzz@vip.163.com.

Asian-pacific conference on tumor biology and medicine 2004 and 21st IATMO conference

August 21-26, 2004; Xi'an, China

Topics include virus and tumor, tumor-related antigen and protein, tumor function gene, cell proliferation and cell differentiation, cell monitor and transmission, tumor microcirculation, formation of vasculature, inflammation and tumor, tumor biology, metabolism, tumor immunology and gene therapy, traditional treatment, combination treatment of tumor, tumor vaccine, new technology for tumor detection, application of tissue, serum, gene and cell, gene detection of tumor prognosis. The deadline for submission of abstract is May 31, 2004. For further information, please contact Jing Xu, or Jing Liu (coordinators), Institute of Cell Engineering Center, Forth Military Medical University, 17 Changle Xilu, Xi'an 710032, China. Tel: 86-29-3374547; Fax: 86-29-3293906; Email: chcer2@fmmu.edu.cn. Website: chcer.fmmu.edu.cn.

9th national PLA infectious diseases symposium
August, 2004; Beijing, China

This symposium is sponsored by the Infectious Diseases Committee, China PLA Medical Association. Topics include prevention, diagnosis, treatment and clinical research of infectious and parasitic diseases related to military medicine, emergency management, basic and clinical research of newly encountered diseases, management of hospital infection, and prevention of specific disease. The deadline for submission of abstract is April 30, 2004. For further information, please contact Professor Jun Cheng, The Gene Therapy Center, Institute of Infectious Diseases, 302 Hospital of PLA, Beijing 100039, China. Email: cj@genetherapy.com.cn.

2004 national organ transplantation meeting
August, 2004; Shenyang, China

Topics include experience of and clinical research into organ, tissue, and cell transplantation, experience in transplant related blood dialysis, anesthesia and nursing care. Papers on long-term graft survival and ethnics are especially welcome. The deadline for submission of abstract is June 30, 2004. For further information, please contact Ying Chen, Institute of Organ Transplantation, China Medical University, 155 Nanjing North Street, Heping Area, Shenyang 110001, China. Tel: 86-24-23256666 ext 6452; Email: chenying75@sina.com. Website: www.ctx.org or www.transplantspace.com.

September

XXXI congress of the European Society for artificial organs

September 8-11, 2004; Warsaw, Poland

The congress will be held at the premises of the Institute of Biocybernetics and Biomedical Engineering and the International Center of Biocybernetics, Polish Academy of Sciences,

4 Trojdena Street, Warsaw, Poland. English will be the official language of the Meeting. Congress president is Jan M. Wojcicki. Congress theme is "Towards medical technology of the future". Scientific programs include plenary lectures, regular oral and poster sessions, ESAO working groups' symposia, sponsored symposium and corporate member's symposium. Abstract submission deadline is April 26, 2004. For further information, Please contact Iona Grela, Congress Secretariat Warsaw Congress or Congress & Tourism Bureau, 47 Zurawia Street, Apt. 304, 00-680 Warsaw, Poland. Phone/Fax: 48-22-6213116, 48-22-6284548; Email: i.grela@congressor.com.pl or Contact Professor Jan M. Wojcicki, Institute of Biocybernetics and Biomedical Engineering, 4 Trojdena Street, 02-109 Warsaw, Poland. Phone: 48-22-6582 875; Fax: 48-22-6597030; Email: esao2004@ibib.waw.pl. Website: www.ibib.waw.pl/esao2004.

10th national pancreas surgery symposium
September 10-13, 2004; Weihai, China

The deadline for submission of abstract is June 30, 2004. For further information, please contact Professor Yu-Pei Zhao, Department of General Surgery, Beijing Union Hospital, 1 Shuaiyuan, Wangfujing Street, East Area Zone, Beijing 100730, China. Tel: 86-10-65296021, or 65296016; Fax: 86-10-65296021.

National conference on experimental and clinical liver diagnosis

September, 2004; Kunming, China

Co-sponsored by the Chinese Medical Association and the *Chinese Journal of Experimental Medicine*, the conference is to be held in September, 2004 at Kunming, China. Topics include establishment and application of experimental diagnosis and detection of various kinds of hepatitis; clinical application and evaluation of diagnostic reagents and instruments; research on molecular and gene detection; PCR in hepatitis and liver cancer diagnosis; experimental diagnosis on un-infectious hepatitis, such as fatty liver disease, alcoholic liver disease, liver cirrhosis, liver fibrosis, liver echinococcosis. The deadline for submission of abstract is May 30, 2004. For further information, please contact Dong Tang, the *Chinese Journal of Experimental Medicine*, 42 Dongsi Xidajie, Beijing 100710, China. Tel: 86-10-65249989 ext 1427; Email: cjlm@cma.org.cn, or tangdong@cma.org.cn.

November

3rd national oncology symposium & third Huaxia oncology meeting

November, 2004; Guangzhou, China

The topics include basic research into oncology, clinically characterized technique and skill exchange. For further information, please contact Hui Yu, guangweix@caca.sina.net.

December

Asian-pacific association for study of the liver (APASL) biennial conference

December 11-15, 2004; New Delhi, India

The next APASL meeting will be held in New Delhi, India. This conference will explore new horizons in clinical hepatology and incorporate recent advances in the diagnosis and treatment of liver diseases. The highlights of the conference will be a postgraduate course on clinicopathologic decision making, symposia, debates, interactive sessions, live workshops, and experimental models of liver disease. Additionally, parallel sessions on pediatric, surgical, and molecular hepatology will be conducted. This biennial meeting would be a platform to hybridize basic science with clinical hepatology to address emerging issues and challenges in liver disease. The invited international speakers who have confirmed participation include Andres Blei, H. E. Blum, Geoff Farrell, Ed Gane, Norio Hayashi, P. Kamath, S. K. Lam, George K. K. Lau, Nancy Leung, Y. F. Liaw, Stephen Locamini, Anna Lok, M. Omata, John Rodes, Jose Sollano, and Arun Sanyal. The deadline for submission of abstracts is June 30, 2004. For further information, please contact Dr. S. K. Sarin, President APASL, Room No. 201, Academic Block, Department of Gastroenterology, G. B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi-110002, India. Tel: (91) 11-23232013; Fax: (91) 11-23219710; Email: welcome@apaslindia-2004.com; Website: www.apaslindia2004.com.

4th liver carcinoma international symposium

December 15-16, 2004; Hong Kong

Main topics are the eastern and western experiences in dealing with liver carcinoma. For more information, please contact 4th HCC-EWE Conference Secretary, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Center, Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong. Tel: 852-28280232/852-28554235; Fax: 852-28181186; Email: hccewe04@hku.hk. www.hc-ewe.org.

2nd national general surgery symposium

December, 2004; Wuhan, China

This symposium is co-sponsored by the Liver Group, Chinese General Surgery Association on December 2004 at Wuhan, China. Honorary president is academician Fa-Zu Qiu; Consultants are Academicians Meng-Chao Wu, Wan-Yee Lau, Zhao-You Tang, Jie-Shou Li, Zhi-Qiang Huang and Shu-Sen Zheng, vice-minister Jie-Hu Huang, and Professor Han Chen. Topics include state-of-the-art discussion, progress in general surgery and new techniques. The deadline for submission of abstract is August 30, 2004. For further information, please contact Professor Xiao-Ping Chen, or Zhi-Wei Zhang (coordinators), Institute of Hepatobiliary Pancreas, Affiliated Tongji Hospital, Huazhong Science and Technology University, Wuhan 430030, China. Tel: 86-27-83662599; Email: chemxp_53@163.com.

1st symposium of the Chinese hepato-pancreato-biliary chapter of the international hepato-pancreato-biliary association

December, 2004; Wuhan, China

The symposium is held every two years in China according to the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association. The first symposium of China Chapter is to be held in December 2004 at Wuhan, China. Topics include basic study in hepato-pancreato-biliary diseases, photographic diagnosis of hepato-pancreato-biliary diseases, benign/malignant hepato-pancreato-biliary tumor, liver cirrhosis, portal hypertension, endoscopy detection of hepato-pancreato-biliary diseases, nutrition, antibiotics, immunotherapy of malignant tumor, use of interventional treatment of malignant tumor, liver transplantation, pancreas transplantation, and perioperative management. For further information, please contact Professor Xiao-Ping Chen, Association Professor Zhi-Yong Huang, Institute of Hepatobiliary Pancreas, Affiliated Tongji Hospital, Huazhong Science and Technology University, Wuhan 430030, China. Email: chemxp_53@163.com.

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