

# Meetings and courses

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## April, 2003

### **The 7th national symposium on progress and new technique of hepatobiliary, pancreas and spleen surgery**

#### **Bo'ao, China**

The symposium, co-sponsored by the Chinese Medical Association and the *Chinese Journal of Hepatobiliary Surgery* and scheduled on April, 2003 in Bo'ao Water City, Qionghai, China, is delayed. For further information, please contact; Editorial Board of the *Chinese Journal of Hepatobiliary Surgery*, 28 Fuxing Road, Beijing 100853, China. Email: zhgdwkwz@fm365.com.

### **The 8th national conference on experimental surgery**

#### **April, 2003; Dalian, China**

This symposium is held on April 2003, in Dalian, China. Main topics include new technique and theory of surgery; basic and clinical study on liver, bile duct, pancreas and gastrointestinal surgery; new progress on carcinoma; apply of molecular biology, biological engineering, and Nami medicine on surgery; experimental study on animal, et al. For further information, please contact; Xiang Xu (Coordinator), Department of General Surgery, the First Affiliated Hospital, Dalian Medical University, Dalian 116011, China. Tel: 86-411-3635963 ext 3082, 2072, or 2076.

## May

### **2003 national symposium on pancreatic diseases** **May 9-12, 2003; Shanghai, China**

Sponsored by Branch of Digestive Disease, Chinese Medical Association, the symposium is to be held on May 9-12, 2003 in Shanghai, China. Topics include basic and clinical study on acute pancreatitis, chronic pancreatitis and pancreatic carcinoma; imaging and diagnosis of pancreatic diseases; and therapy of pancreatic diseases. The deadline for the submission of abstract is February 15, 2003. For further information, please contact; Ya-Jun Liu (Coordinator), Department of Science, Chinese Medical Association, 42 Dongsi Xi Dajie, Beijing 100710, China.

### **2003 engineering science forum-symposium of organ transplantation progress**

#### **May, 2003; Hangzhou, China**

Sponsored by the First Affiliated Hospital, Zhejiang University School of Medicine, this forum will be held on May, 2003, Hangzhou, China. Faculties include Academicians Fa-Zu Qiu, Meng-Chao Wu, Jie-Shou Li, Zheng-Guo Wang, Ying-Lu Guo, Zhi-Qiang Huang, Dao-Pei Lu, Jian-Ren Gu, Xiao-Dong Zhu, and Shu-Sen Zheng. Topics include liver transplantation, pancreas transplantation, kidney transplantation, heart transplantation, lung transplantation, intestines transplantation, spleen transplantation; multi-organ transplantation; transplant immunology; and the study on the tissues. The deadline for the submission of abstract is March 20, 2003. For further information, please contact; Academician Shu-Sen Zheng, the First Affiliated Hospital, Zhejiang University School of Medicine, 79 Qingchun Road, Hangzhou 310003, China. Tel: 86-571-87236601; Fax: 86-571-87236609; Email: zhengss@mail.hz.zj.cn.

### **China organ transplant immunology symposium**

#### **May, 2003; Nanjing, China**

The symposium is sponsored by Microbiology and Immunology Division, Chinese Medical Association. The theme of the symposium is organ transplantation and transplant immunology. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is February 28, 2003. For further information, please contact; Rui-Peng Jia, MD, Institute of Urology, Nanjing Medical University, 68 Changle Road, Nanjing 210006, China. Tel: 86-25-6624213 ext 8480, or 8331. Email: urologist025@sohu.com, or jianruipengnj@msn.com.

### **The 4th national liver diseases conference**

#### **May, 2003; Bo'ao, China**

The Fourth National Liver Diseases Conference will be sponsored by the *Chinese Journal of Hepatology* on May 2003 in China. Topics include viral hepatitis, liver fibrosis and liver cirrhosis, hepatocellular carcinoma, alcoholic liver diseases, etc. For further information, please contact; Editorial Board of the *Chinese Journal of Hepatology*, 74 Linjiang Road, Chongqing 400010, China. Tel: 86-23-63706512; Fax: 86-23-63701383. Email: chnhepa@public.cta.cq.cn.

## June

### **Prague hepatology meeting 2003**

#### **June 5-7, 2003; Prague, Czech Republic**

Prague Hepatology Meeting 2003 will be focused on

clinically significant stages in hepatology. Leading speakers—outstanding hepatologists from Europe and the United States—will present in ten program blocks new ideas and suggestions on pathophysiology, diagnostics, and therapy of liver diseases. Main topics include cirrhosis, guidelines in hepatology, cholestasis, acute liver failure, indications for LTx, techniques of LTx, complications of LTx, fibrogenesis, viral hepatitis B, and viral hepatitis C. Lower registration fees will be granted to early registering participants and young doctors. Scientific organizer: Petr Hulek, MD, Foundation of the Czech Society of Hepatology, Department of Internal Medicine, Charles University, 500 05 Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic. Email: hulek@fnhk.cz. For further information, please contact: Ms. Veronika Revicka, Congress Prague. Tel: 420-241 445 759; Fax: 420-241 445 806; Email: veronika@congressprague.cz. Official Web site: [www.czech-hepatology.cz](http://www.czech-hepatology.cz).

**Canadian association for the study of the liver single topic conference on hepatotoxicity  
June 13-15, 2003; White Oaks Conference Resort & Spa, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada**

The 2003 CASL Single Topic Conference will focus on the manifestations and mechanisms of Hepatotoxicity with major themes concentrating on Overload Toxicity (bile acids, lipids, copper), Environmental Toxicity (genetic determinants, industrial products, foods and recreational drugs), and Drug Toxicity (acetaminophen, natural health products, anti-retrovirals). State-of-the-art lectures will also give overviews of major pathologic liver toxicities, apoptosis, and other mechanisms of cell death and protection. The faculty is composed of internationally renowned hepatologists and liver scientists. The 2003 CASL Single Topic Conference is an exceptional opportunity to update the recent developments in liver toxic injury in a very relaxed and collegial atmosphere. Deadline for abstracts: April 30, 2003. For program, registration, and abstract submission information contact: Réanne Bélisle, CASL, 2235 Shepard Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M2J 5B5. Tel: 416-847-0053; Fax: 416-847-0054; Email: [rbelisle@liver.ca](mailto:rbelisle@liver.ca).

**2nd national congress on artificial liver  
June 15-18, 2003; Hangzhou, China**

This congress will be jointly sponsored by the Divisions of Medical Engineer, Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, CMA, and First Affiliated Hospital, Zhejiang University School of Medicine, Hangzhou, China. Chairman is Professor Lan-Juan Li. It is to introduce newly developed techniques in artificial liver and problems.

Topics include basic research on artificial liver, hepatocellular culture investigation, artificial liver and liver transplantation, clinical care, equipment, and diagnosis of severe hepatitis. The deadline for submission of abstracts is April 30, 2003. For further information, please contact: Jian-Rong Huang or Qian Yang (Coordinators), Train Center of Artificial Liver, First Affiliated Hospital, Zhejiang University School of Medicine, Hangzhou 310003, China. Tel: 86-571-87236743; Fax: 86-571-87236755.

**2003 international hepatobiliary surgery forum  
June 27-30, 2003; Chongqing, China**

Sponsored by Chongqing Science Association, 3rd Military Medical University, and the Editorial Board of *Journal of Digestive Surgery*, 2003 International Hepatobiliary Surgery Forum is to be held on June 27-30, 2003 at Chongqing. Topics include hepatobiliary surgery, bile surgery, pancreas surgery, spleen surgery, portal hypertension, carcinoma, minor injury, nutrition, surgical infection, et al. The deadline for submission of abstracts is May 31, 2003. For further information, please contact: Xiao-Dong Gu (Coordinator), Editorial Board of *Journal of Digestive Surgery*, Gaotanyan, Shapingba, Chongqing 400038, China. Tel: 86-23-68754655; Fax: 86-23-65317637; Email: [digsurg@263.net](mailto:digsurg@263.net).

## August

**2003 certifying examination in pediatric gastroenterology  
August 18, 2003**

This examination will be held on August 18, 2003. Registration for first-time applicants should be post-marked from September 16, 2002 through December 16, 2002. Registration for re-registrants should be post-marked from December 16, 2002 through March 15, 2003. The final month of each registration requires payment of a late fee. First-time applicants using fellowship training to qualify for subspecialty examinations may complete applications online during the registration periods for new applicants. The requirements for online applications may be found on the ABP website at [www.abp.org](http://www.abp.org) or may be obtained by contacting the ABP. Additional information including eligibility requirements may also be found on the ABP website. Each applicant will be considered individually and must be acceptable to the ABP. Contact: American Board of Pediatrics, 111 Silver Cedar Court, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514-1513; Tel: 919-929-0461; Fax: 919-918-7114 or 919-929-9255; or visit the website at [www.abp.org](http://www.abp.org).

**The 7th congress of Asian society of hepatobiliary pancreatic surgery association**

**August 28-31, 2003; Chennai, Madras, India**  
**President: Dr. B. Krishna Rau**

For further information, please contact: #.9(5), Chandrabagh Avenue, IInd Street, Mylapore, Chennai, 600004, Madras, India. Tel/Fax: 91-44-8473804/8473777/8473577; Email: bkr@vsnl.com; Web site: [www.ashbps2003.com](http://www.ashbps2003.com).

**September**

**8th congress of the Asian society of transplantation 2003**

**September 23-27, 2003; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

Sponsored by the Malaysia Society of Transplantation, the 8th congress of the Asian society of transplantation (CAST) is to be held in September 3-27, 2003 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. A panel of distinguished experts from all over the world has been invited to discuss various developments in the field of transplantation. There has been rapid growth in both the science and practice of transplantation. Problems of organ procurement and issues unique to Asia will be highlighted. The registration fees are to be paid in USD for foreign delegates. Payment within Malaysia must be made in Ringgit Malaysia (RM). The secretariat will not process any registration received after 1st September 2003. The abstract submission deadline is May 15, 2003 and early registration deadline is July 1, 2003. For further information, please contact: Secretariat, MediTech Media (M) Sdn Bhd, Plaza 138, Suite W6.08, 138, Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Tel: 603-2162 9098; Fax: 603-2162 9078; Email: 8thcast@meditech.com.my; Website: [www.8thcast.com](http://www.8thcast.com).

**October**

**9th general surgery congress—2003 general surgery symposium**

**October 10-13, 2003; Nanjing, China**

The 4-day congress is to be held on October 10-13, 2003 at Nanjing, China. Topics include diagnosis of general surgery diseases, its treatment and experimental research, advanced technique, transplant surgery, and experimental surgery. The deadline for submission of abstracts is July 31, 2003. For further information, please contact: Kai Ding (Coordinator), the Institute of General Surgery, Nanjing General Hospital of Nanjing PLA Command, Nanjing 210002, China.

**2003 general surgery week**

**October, 2003; Xiamen, China**

This symposium is sponsored by the Surgery Branch, CMA on October, 2003 at Xiamen, China. Topics include progress of general surgery, course of lectures, and science exchange. For further information, please contact: Professor Xi-Sheng Leng, MD, Department of General Surgery, People's Hospital, Beijing University, Beijing 100044, China.

**2003 national organ transplantation symposium**

**October, 2003; Tianjing, China**

Sponsored by the Organ transplant Branch, CMA, this 3-day symposium is to be held on October, 2003, at Tianjing, China. It focuses on the progress of experimental and clinical study on transplantation. For further information, please contact: Zhong-Yang Shen, Tel: 86-22-23682662.

**February 2004**

**Hong Kong-Shanghai international liver congress 2004**

**February 14-17, 2004; Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong**

The Hong Kong-Shanghai International Liver Congress 2004 is jointly organized by Cheng Si Yuan (China-International) Hepatitis Research Foundation. The Shanghai Organizing Committee, and the Faculty of Medicine, University of Hong Kong. It is also the Fifth Shanghai International Symposium on Liver Cancer and Hepatitis as well as the Third Scientific Meeting of CSY (China-International) Hepatitis Research Foundation. Topic: liver diseases in post-genomic era. Confirmed speakers include Prof. Yung-Chi Cheng (USA), Prof. Graham Cooksley (Australia), Prof. Robert Gish (USA), Prof. Blaine Hollinger (USA), Prof. Hsiang-Fu Kung (HK), Prof. Ching-Lung Lai (HK), Prof. Zai-Ping Li (PRC), Dr. Stephen Locarnini (Australia), Prof. Anna Lok (USA), Prof. Michael Manns (Germany), Prof. Kunio Okuda (Japan), Prof. Roger Williams (UK), Dr. Teresa Wright (USA), Prof. Meng-Chao Wu (PRC). Deadline for online abstract submission; October 15, 2003. For further information, please contact: Ms. Kristie Leung, Room 102-105 School of General Nursing, Queen Mary Hospital, 102 Pokfulam, Hong Kong. Tel: 852-28184300/852-81012442; Fax: 852-28184030; Email: [kristieleung@hepa2004.org](mailto:kristieleung@hepa2004.org); or Prof. Shuang-Jian Qiu, 136 Yi Xue Yuan Road, Shanghai 200032, China. Tel: 86-21-64041990 ext 2436; Fax: 86-21-64037181; Email: [qiusj68@zshospital.net](mailto:qiusj68@zshospital.net). Official Web site: <http://www.hepa2004.org>.