

# Meetings and courses

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## January, 2003

### **European postgraduate gastro-surgical school: imaging of the abdomen; an update**

**January 23-24, 2003; Amsterdam, Netherlands**  
This course will be held January 23-24, 2003, at the Lecture Hall 5, AMC, Amsterdam, Netherlands. JS Laméris and J Stoker are on the Organizing Committee. There will be live demonstrations. Plenary sessions will concern imaging of the esophagus, liver, pancreas, and colorectal cancer and IBD. Contact: Tel: 31-20566-3926/4386; Email: epgs@amc.uva.nl; or visit the website at [www.epgs.nl](http://www.epgs.nl).

### **X international symposium on viral hepatitis**

**January 23-25, 2003; Madrid, Spain**

This symposium will be held at the Melia Castilla Hotel in Madrid. Chairman: Dr. Vicente Carreno, Madrid, Spain. Topics include pathogenesis and molecular biology of hepatitis viruses and antiviral therapy of chronic viral hepatitis. Opportunities for discussions will be provided. The deadline for submission of abstracts is December 9, 2002. For further information, please contact: Dr. Inmaculada Castillo, Fundación Estudio Hepatitis Virales, Guzman el Bueno 72, 28015 Madrid, Spain. Tel: 34-91-3571292; Fax: 34-91-308251/34-91-5449228; Email: fehvpha@fehv.org.

### **Liver allocation for hepatocellular carcinoma: where do we go from here?**

**January 26, 2003; Eden Roc Resort Hotel, Miami Beach, FL**

This symposium will be held in conjunction with The American Society of Transplant Surgeon's Winter Symposium on Tumors and Transplantation. At this symposium we will try to lay some data-driven foundations for future liver allocation policy for patients with HCC under the MELD system.

### **The Dame Sheila Sherlock memorial symposium, hepatology 2003**

**January 26-28, 2003; London, UK**  
Hepatology at the Royal Free was created by Dame Sheila Sherlock. The Royal Free continues to stand for excellence in hepatology and dedicates this meeting to

her memory. Hepatology has rarely been more exciting, as innovations in medical and surgical practice and biological science radically alter day-to-day management. This course will describe the state-of-the-art in clinical hepatology and explore innovations in the understanding and treatment of liver disease. Included in the course will be interactive sessions, case discussions, and problem solving. Topics include cholestatic liver disease, autoimmune and pediatric liver disease, acute liver failure, chronic viral hepatitis, hepatocellular cancer, and developments in liver transplantation with a panel of international speakers. CME accreditation will apply. Special rates are available for trainees. Organizing Committee: Professor H. Hodgson, Professor G. Dusheiko, Dr. M. Caplin, and Dr. K. Moore. Official Language: English. For further information, please contact: Terri Dolan, Course Administrator, PA to Professor H. Hodgson, Royal Free and University College Medical School, Royal Free Campus, Centre for Hepatology, Upper 3rd Floor, Rowland Hill Street, London NW3 2PF, UK. Tel: 44-20-74332851; Fax: 44-20-74332852; Email: [t.dolan@rfc.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:t.dolan@rfc.ucl.ac.uk).

## February

### **Abdominal radiology postgraduate course 2003**

**February 16-21, 2003; Cancun, Mexico**

Presented by the Society of Gastrointestinal Radiologists and the Society of Uroradiology, this meeting will be held February 16-21, 2003, at the Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Hotel, Cancun, Mexico. This course will incorporate all methods of diagnostic imaging and radiologic intervention with emphasis on state-of-the-art utilization, performance, and interpretation. The course is designed primarily for radiologists in practice and in training, but will also benefit other physicians who care for patients with abdominal disease. Accreditation includes Category 1 credit for up to 29 hours towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. The cost is \$ 750 for physicians (non-members), \$ 450 for residents/fellows, and \$ 300 for members. Contact: International Meeting Managers, Inc., 4550 Post Oak Place, Suite 342, Houston, Texas 77027; Tel: 713-965-0566; Fax: 713-960-0488; Email: [arc@meeting-managers.com](mailto:arc@meeting-managers.com); or visit the websites at [www.SGR.org](http://www.SGR.org) and [www.uradiology.org](http://www.uradiology.org).

## April

### **The 5th international symposium on functional gastrointestinal disorders**

**April 3-7, 2003; Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

This symposium will be held April 3-7, 2003, at the P. ster Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The pediatric component will be held April 3-4, 2003; a separate registration is required. This meeting is sponsored by the International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders and the Functional Brain-Gut Research Group. An international audience of clinicians and investigators will gather to exchange information on the latest advancements in the areas of functional gastrointestinal disorders. The symposium will offer a format of plenary sessions and interactive workshops. Contact: Cathy Means, CME, 2715 Marshall Court, Madison, Wisconsin 53705; Tel: 608-263-6637; Fax: 608-262-8421; or Email: cjmeans@facstaff.wisc.edu.

**The 7th national symposium on progress and new technique of hepatobiliary, pancreas and spleen surgery****April, 2003; Bo'ao, China**

Sponsored by the Chinese Medical Association and the *Chinese Journal of Hepatobiliary Surgery*, the symposium will be held on April, 2003 in Bo'ao Water City, Qionghai, China. The deadline for the submission of abstract is February 30, 2003. For further information, please contact: Editorial Board of the *Chinese Journal of Hepatobiliary Surgery*, 28 Fuxing Road, Beijing 100853, China. Email: zhgdwkzz@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 molecule biology, biological engineering, and Nami medicine on surgery; experimental study on animal, et al. For further information, please contact: Xiang Xu, 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, 2003; Shanghai, China**

Sponsored by Branch of Digestive Disease, Chinese Medical Association, the symposium is to be held on May, 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; transplantant 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 Hepatobiliary* 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.

## 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: 91-44-8473 804/8473777/8473577; Email: bkr@vsnl.com; Web site: [www.ashbps2003.com](http://www.ashbps2003.com).

## 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), De. 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: 852-28184300/852-8101 2442; Fax: 852-28184030; Email: kristieleung@hepa2004.org; or Prof. Shuang-Jian Qiu, 136 Yi Xue Yuan Road, Shanghai 200032, China. Tel: 86-21-640 41990 ext 2436; Fax: 86-21-64037181; Email: qiusj68@zshospital.net. Official Web site: <http://www.hepa2004.org>.

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