

Meetings and Courses

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February 2004

Hong Kong-Shanghai international liver congress 2004

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

The Hong Kong-Shanghai International Liver Congress 2004 is jointly organized by Cheng Si-Yuan (China-International) Hepatitis Research Foundation and the Shanghai Organizing Committee. 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. Confirmed invited speakers include: Jordi Bruix (Barcelona), Roger F. Butterworth (Montreal), Ding-Shinn Chen (Taipei), Yung-Chi Cheng (New Haven), Anuchit Chutaputti (Bangkok), Graham Cooksley (Herston), Gary L. Davis (Dallas), John Fung (Pittsburgh), Sheung-Tat Fan (Hong Kong), Robert Gish (San Francisco), Mark Kane (Seattle), Blaine Hollinger (Houston), Hsiang-Fu Kung (Hong Kong), Ching-Lung Lai (Hong Kong), Sum P. Lee (Seattle), Laurentius A. Lesmana (Jakarta), Zai-Ping Li (Shanghai), Yun-Fan Liaw (Taipei), Stephen Locarnini (Melbourne), Anna Lok (Ann Arbor), Michael P. Manns (Hannover), Patrick Marcellin (Clichy), G. W. McCaughan (Camperdown), George McDonald (Seattle), Amin A. Nanji (Philadelphia), Nikolai Naoumov (London), Kunio Okuda-Memorial (Chiba), Masao Omata (Tokyo), Alan S. Perelson (New Mexico), Teerha Piratvisuth (Bangkok), Barbara Rehemann (Maryland), Shir Kumar Sarin (New Delhi), Teresa Wright (San Francisco), Craig Shapiro (Beijing), Daniel Shouval (Jerusalem), Jack R. Wands (Providence), Roger Williams (London), Khin Maung Win (Yangon), Meng-Chao Wu (Shanghai), Guang-Bi Yao (Shanghai). Topic: liver diseases in functional-genomic era. Deadline for online abstract submission: October 15, 2003. For further information, please contact: Congress Secretariat, Room 102-105 School of General Nursing, Queen Mary Hospital, 102 Pokfulam, Hong Kong. Tel: 852-2818 4300; Fax: 852-2818 4030; Email: info@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. Official website: <http://www.hepa2004.org>.

March

9th national nutrition support symposium

March, 2004; Qingdao, China

Sponsored by the Nutrition Support Group, General Surgery Branch, CMA, the 9th National Nutrition Support Symposium is to be held in March 2004 in Qingdao, China. Topics include clinical practice and research in clinical nutrition support, nutrition support for patients with pancreatic diseases and/or carcinoma. The deadline for submissions is November 30, 2003. For further information, please contact: Professor Guo-Hao Wu, Department of General Surgery, Zhongshan Hospital, Fudan University, Shanghai 200032, China.

April

Hepatology: state of the art Mayo clinic-Rochester April 16-18, 2004; Coronado Island Marriott Resort, San Diego, CA

Credit: 14 hours category 1 AMA. Fee: \$425.00. This course is intended for internists, hepatologists, and gastroenterologists. For further information, please contact: Mayo School of Continuing Medical Education, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905. Tel: 1-800-323-2688 (US) or 1-507-284-2509 (outside the US); Fax: 1-507-284-0532; Website: www.mayo.edu.

Liver pathobiology: molecular and cellular basis of fibrotic liver diseases annual meeting of the American Society for Investigative Pathology Experimental Biology 2004

April 19, 2004; Washington, D. C., USA

The annual meeting of the American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) will be held during the Experimental Biology 2004 Meeting, April 17-21, 2004 in Washington, D. C. The ASIP Program at Experimental Biology 2004 will include a number of special offerings for investigators who are interested in topics related to liver biology and pathobiology, including a workshop on the topic of "Liver Pathobiology: Molecular and Cellular Basis of Fibrotic Liver Diseases." This workshop will review recent advances in the field of liver fibrosis with special emphasis on the molecular mechanisms of hepatic stellate cell activation and up-regulation of type I collagen gene expression, and how these molecular events may be subject to therapeutic intervention. A complete description of this session, with speaker titles and abstracts, can be found at www.asip.org. This workshop is open to all registered participants of the Experimental Biology 2004 meeting. Additional scientific sessions (minisymposia and poster sessions) will be programmed from abstract submissions to the ASIP topic categories corresponding to Liver Pathology (4072-ASIP), including liver fibrosis (4078-ASIP), liver fibrosis-gene expression (4079-ASIP), liver fibrosis-extracellular matrix remodeling (4080-ASIP), liver fibrosis-role of oxidative stress (4081-

ASIP), liver fibrosis-extracellular matrix production (4082-ASIP). A complete listing of ASIP Topic Categories, abstract preparation guidelines, and online submission instructions are available at www.asip.org. Abstract submission deadline for Experimental Biology 2004: November 12, 2003. For further information on the ASIP program at Experimental Biology 2004, see www.asip.org. General information and the Call for Abstracts for Experimental Biology 2004 can be found at www.faseb.org.

8th national hepatobiliary surgery symposium

April 27-31, 2004; Kunming, China

Co-sponsored by Surgery Branch, Chinese Medical Association and *Chinese Journal of Surgery*, undertaken by Yunnan Provincial Renmin Hospital, the symposium is to be held at Kunming on April 27-31, 2003. Consultants are Academicians of Fa-Zu Qiu, Meng-Chao Wu, Zhao-You Tang, Ji-Shou Li, Zhi-Qiang Huang, Shu-Sen Zheng, Vice-Minister Jie-Fu Huang, Professor Wan-Yee Lau, and Professor Han Chen. Chairman is Professor Xiao-Ping Chen, Director of Hepatobiliary Group, CMA. Topics include basic study on hepatobiliary diseases; liver carcinoma, intrahepatic stones, liver vascular diseases, liver abscess and diagnosis; liver injury, treatment on liver-related diseases; portal hepatitis carcinoma; diagnosis on liver-biliary, liver-pancreas, liver-spleen, liver-lung related diseases; liver transplantation; new techniques; perioperative nutrition; nursery; and mini-injury applying in hepatobiliary surgery. The deadline for abstract submission is December 31, 2003. For further information, please contact: Professor Kai-Yuan Luo, or Bo Li, Department of General Surgery, Yunnan Second People's Hospital, 176 Qingnian Road, Kunming 650021, China. Tel: 86-871-5156650 ext 2952; Mobile cell: 86-13808700916; Email: ynluoky@sina.com.

6th sino-Japan hepatobiliary & pancreatic diseases symposium

April, 2004; Beijing, China

This symposium is sponsored by the Infectious Diseases Committee, China PLA Medical Association. State-of-the-art is to be arranged. Topics include viral hepatitis, liver fibrosis and cirrhosis, primary liver cancer, immunity liver diseases, fatty liver disease, liver transplantation, biliary disease, pancreatic disease, etc. The deadline for submission of abstract is January 31, 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.

May

2004 Guangdong provincial liver carcinoma meeting

May, 2003; 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 therapy of liver carcinoma (liver transplantation), liver carcinoma intervention therapy, mini-injury of liver carcinoma, recurrence and metastasis of liver carcinoma, diagnosis and combined treatment of liver carcinoma, and basic research related to liver carcinoma. The deadline for submission of abstract is February 28, 2004. For further information, please contact: Qi-Ya Zhang, Yun-Fei Yuan, Xiao-Jun Lin (co-ordinators), Department of Hepatobiliary, Zhongshan Tumor Hospital, 651 Dongfeng Dong Lu, Guangzhou 510060, China. Tel: 86-20-87343480, 87343118, or 87343017; Email: ming@gzsums.edu.cn.

July

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

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

For further information, please contact: MCI France, Philippe Fournier, 11 Rue de Solferino, 75007 Paris, France. Website: www.wcpgnar2004.com.

August

9th national PLA infectious diseases symposium

August, 2004

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, infectious and parasitic diseases related to military medicine, management of emergent affairs, basic and clinical research on newly occurred disease, 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.

Symposium of management on bile duct injury and stricture

August, 2004; Harbin, China

The symposium is co-sponsored by *Chinese Journal of Hepatobiliary Surgery* and Department of Surgery, First Affiliated Hospital, Harbin Medical University. Topics include cholecystectomy, bile duct exploration, liver surgery, liver cancer resection, and experience in prevention and diagnosis of bile duct injury caused by gastroduodenal surgery. The deadline for submission of abstract is June 31, 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: zhgdwkzz@vip.163.com.

September

National conference on experimental and clinical diagnosis of liver

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 Dongsì Xidajie, Beijing 100710, China. Tel: 86-10-65249989 ext 1427; Email: cjl@cm.a.org.cn, or tangdong@cm.a.org.cn.

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 Locarnini, 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 on 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.hcc-ewe.org.

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