

THERAPEUTIC UPDATE IN GI-DISEASE

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PREFACE

Dear colleagues and friends,

It's our great pleasure and honour to invite you on behalf of the Falk Foundation, Fernando Gomollón, Rafael Bañares, Cesare Hassan, and myself to a „therapeutic update in GI disease“ in Madrid later this year. While diagnosis and treatment in GI disease are rapidly evolving Madrid as the capital of Spain stands firm as a rock and will provide us with an attractive and exciting environment to discover new avenues in medical practice.

We will start Friday morning with an IBD session asking ourselves whether endoscopy, microbiota, novel drugs, or surgery has revolutionized IBD treatment. Clearly in line with these thoughts treatment of celiac disease has been revolutionized but novel diseases such as cMUSE emerge and pose new challenges.

It is our greatest pleasure to announce Professor Jan Tack introduced by Professor Markus M. Lerch as the 2023 International Herbert Falk awardee contributing to the success of the 235th Falk Foundation Symposium.

Endoscopy is an integral part of our daily clinical practice and our on calls. Focus of our meeting in Madrid will therefore be the questions when sleepless nights scoping are justified. Moreover, artificial intelligence is on the brink of reinventing endoscopy but to the benefit of the patient? When it comes to organ failure the liver moves to the center of our attention and international experts will reflect on the development, staging, and treatment of chronic liver disease.

Recently, a Spanish consortium led by Enrique de Madaria has advanced to the treatment of acute pancreatitis optimizing fluid resuscitation. We therefore felt it timely to add a session during the Falk symposium on ways reducing morbidity and mortality of acute pancreatitis.

Who would not call checkpoint inhibitors the magic bullet and a game changer in GI cancer therapy? However, it comes at a cost with respect to side effects as well as the healthcare economy. Let's engage in a discussion on how to ride the double headed dragon.

Last but not least we invite you to actively participate in our case-based discussion to together solve our most difficult cases by audience voting and a lively discussion. A Falk meeting would not be complete without your contributions. We, therefore, ask you and your junior fellows to submit abstracts for the meeting to ensure its success.

We are convinced that the outstanding international faculty we have put together and your contribution will make this meeting a memorable success and worth joining.

On behalf of the Falk Foundation, we are very much looking forward to hosting you in Madrid.

Julia Mayerle on behalf of the scientific organizers Fernando Gomollón, Rafael Bañares, and Cesare Hassan

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Scientific Organization:

Prof. Rafael Bañares, Madrid (Spain)
Prof. Fernando Gomollón, Zaragoza (Spain)
Prof. Cesare Hassan, Milan (Italy)
Prof. Dr. Julia Mayerle, Munich (Germany)

Congress Venue:

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For admission to scientific events your name badge should be clearly visible.

Accompanying persons are not permitted during the conference at any time.

Call for Posters:

A poster session will be held. For details see page 17.

Start of Registration:

Thursday, November 2, 2023
08:00 - 21:00 h
at the congress office

Publication Date of the Final Program:

October 2023

The final program will be available on the website www.falkfoundation.org one week before the start of the symposium.

Friday, November 3, 2023

09:00 Welcome
Julia Mayerle, Munich

SESSION I

IBD - Treat to the target

Chairs: *María Esteve, Barcelona; Helga-P. Török, Munich*

09:10 Tons of new endoscopic tools: Really a new diagnostic world in IBD?
Marietta Iacucci, Cork

09:35 Tons of “microbiota” papers: Really a new way of treating IBD?
Gianluca Ianiro, Rome

10:00 A plethora of new drugs: Really a new life for IBD patients?
Charlie W. Lees, Edinburgh

10:25 Novel surgical techniques: Has surgery a future in IBD?
Monica Millan Scheiding, Valencia

10:50 **Coffee break with poster session**

SESSION II

Microscopic colitis, EoE, celiac disease, CMUSE - rare and difficult to treat patients

Chairs: *Alanna Ebigbo, Augsburg; Fernando Gomollón, Zaragoza*

11:20 Tandem talk: Eosinophilic esophagitis
Alfredo J. Lucendo, Tomelloso; Javier Molina Infante, Caceres

11:45 Celiac disease: Just stopping gluten for treatment?
María Esteve, Barcelona

12:10 CMUSE: A distinct disease entity?
Helga-P. Török, Munich

INTERNATIONAL HERBERT FALK AWARD

12:35 Presentation of the International Herbert Falk Award
Markus M. Lerch, Munich

12:45 International Herbert Falk Award Lecture
Jan Tack, Leuven

13:05 **Lunch break with poster session**

SESSION III

Emergency endoscopy - when are sleepless nights justified?

Chairs: *Cesare Hassan, Milan; Marietta Iacucci, Cork*

14:05 The patient swallowed what?!? Endoscopic management of foreign bodies and food impaction
Alexander Meining, Wurzburg

14:30 Acute GI bleeding (upper and lower) - when to sleep peacefully?
Ian M. Gralnek, Haifa

14:55 Vomiting with abdominal pain and distension - the role of endoscopy in the management of acute colonic pseudo-obstruction and colonic volvulus
Antonio Capogreco, Milan

15:20 Obstructive cholangitis - ERCP for rescue!
Andrea Anderloni, Pavia

15:45 **Coffee break with poster session**

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SESSION IV

Artificial intelligence in gastroenterology - facts, opportunities and pitfalls

Chairs: *Michael Bretthauer, Oslo; Yuichi Mori, Oslo*

16:15 Upper GI endoscopy
Alanna Ebigbo, Augsburg

16:40 Lower GI endoscopy
Cesare Hassan, Milan

17:05 Inflammatory bowel diseases
Marietta Iacucci, Cork

17:30 Ethics and legal barriers in AI
Omer Ahmad, London

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SESSION V

Chronic liver disease – how to prevent and treat complications

Chairs: *Rafael Bañares, Madrid; N. N.*

09:00 How to evaluate the transition from simple steatosis to fibrosis?
Is it worth distinguishing between the two?
Manuel Romero-Gómez, Seville

09:25 The transition from compensated to decompensated cirrhosis:
Can we do something useful?
Cristina Ripoll, Jena

09:50 Is it possible to stratify decompensated cirrhosis? Is there any
therapeutic implication?
Jonel Trebicka, Munster

10:15 **Coffee break with poster session**

Saturday, November 4, 2023

SESSION VI

Reducing morbidity and mortality in pancreatitis

Chairs: *Andrea Anderloni, Pavia; Alexander Meining, Wurzburg*

10:45 Time to resuscitation - the golden hour in pancreatitis
Vinciane Rebours, Paris

11:10 ERCP and EUS - finding their place in the treatment algorithm of biliary pancreatitis
Julia Mayerle, Munich

11:35 To feed or not to feed - still a question?
N. N.

12:00 Walled of pancreatic necrosis - optimizing treatment!
Marianna Arvanitaki, Brussels

12:25 Presentation of Poster Awards

Rafael Bañares, Madrid; Fernando Gomollón, Zaragoza; Cesare Hassan, Milan; Julia Mayerle, Munich

12:45 Lunch break with poster session

SESSION VII

Let's work together (difficult cases solved with audience voting)

Chairs: *Markus M. Lerch, Munich, Jan Tack, Leuven*

13:45 Case 1
Cesare Hassan, Milan

14:05 Case 2
Julia Mayerle, Munich

14:25 Case 3
Fernando Gomollón, Zaragoza

14:45 Case 4
Rafael Bañares, Madrid

15:05 **Coffee break with poster session**

SESSION VIII

Checkpoint inhibitors in GI-cancer – to ride the double headed dragon

Chairs: *Julia Mayerle, Munich; Jonel Trebicka, Munster*

15:35 Immune checkpoint inhibitors in colorectal cancer - dream and reality
Thomas Seufferlein, Ulm

16:00 Immune checkpoint inhibitors in liver cancer
N. N.

16:25 Immune checkpoint inhibitors in upper GI-cancer
N. N.

16:50 Immune checkpoint inhibitors – a double edged sword
Enrico De Toni, Munich

17:15 Farewell
Rafael Bañares, Madrid; Fernando Gomollón, Zaragoza

HERBERT FALK (1924 - 2008)



Herbert Falk was born in 1924 in Müllheim, a small town in South-West Germany between Freiburg and Basle, where his father ran a pharmacy. It was here that Herbert Falk spent his early years, attending primary school and high school up to the 5th grade. His parents then moved to Freiburg, where his father had his own pharmacy. On gaining his university entrance diploma from the Rotteck high school in March 1942, he was immediately called up for military service. During the Second World War he served on the front line in North Africa as a soldier with the Africa Corps and narrowly escaped death several times. At the end of the North Africa campaign, he was captured and transferred to the USA as a prisoner of war, spending his final year of captivity in England.

On his release and return to Germany, Herbert Falk studied pharmacy then medicine at the University of Freiburg. He graduated and received his doctor's degree in both subjects. Thereafter, he took over the pharmacy in Freiburg from his father.

After several years of success as a pharmacist, Herbert Falk made the decision which would prove so crucial for his future life's journey and founded his own company, producing and marketing pharmaceuticals for application in gastroenterological and hepatological diseases. Within a few years, his abundant energy, determined pursuit of goals, untiring diligence, keen eye for promising research developments, and not least his legendary talent for organization, had turned his pharmaceutical company into a global enterprise world famous in specialist circles. Falk products are meanwhile highly acclaimed not only in Germany and other European countries but also in South America, countries of the Near and Far East, Russia, China and Australia.

Herbert Falk's contributions to research were founded not on his own scientific work but on his organization of symposia, workshops and other scientific congresses which he sponsored and promoted to an extraordinary level and with great personal dedication. International Falk Symposia, workshops and congresses have won global recognition. There are several reasons for this:

- In addition to numerous advanced medical education programs for doctors organized by the Falk Foundation, which are primarily or exclusively concerned with issues of medical practice, the foundation also organizes symposia, workshops and congresses. These feature in-depth

lectures and critical discussions on questions and findings of biomedical basic sciences as well as their application in diagnostic measures, diagnostic decision-making, disease prevention and therapy.

- Leading researchers from a particular field and clinical-medical experts are invited to Falk Symposia as speakers or discussion leaders, enabling comparison within a field at an international level. The scientific organizers have a completely free hand in their choice of topics and selection of speakers. This gives symposia participants an opportunity to acquire first-hand knowledge of the latest findings in their field.
- Falk Symposia are the ideal opportunity for representatives of biomedical basic research, clinical research and physicians working in clinic and practice to meet and exchange opinions. Participants benefit enormously from this fertile interchange of personal experiences, critical viewpoints and valuable suggestions for further work.
- Not least, Falk Symposia are of great significance for the new medical and scientific generation in Germany, since they provide an opportunity for young doctors and scientists to encounter internationally renowned scientists from the field of gastroenterology who can answer their queries and assist their further progress by offering constructive criticism, suggestions and encouragement. A frequent outcome of these encounters is the opportunity for young German scientists to spend a lengthy period abroad as guests in the laboratories or clinical institutions of foreign researchers.

It was Herbert Falk's personality which gave the symposia their unique stamp. His generous support of organizers and speakers, intuitive flair for innovative developments, extraordinary talent for organization and overwhelming hospitality have turned Falk Symposia, workshops and congresses into scientific events of international esteem and renown.

Herbert Falk received many honors and distinctions for his outstanding achievements as a sponsor of biomedical and clinical research and patron of the upcoming medical-scientific generation. These included honorary membership of numerous national and international gastroenterological and hepatological societies. He was made an honorary doctor of the medical faculties of the Universities of Cluj-Napoca (Romania), Basle and Freiburg. The German Medical Association commended him for his services by awarding him the Ernst von Bergmann Plakette. In 2004, the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) honored him with its highest distinction: The Lifetime Distinguished Service Award.

The portrait of Herbert Falk would not be complete without mentioning some key aspects and traits of his personality. Despite his multifaceted success in the development of his pharmaceutical company and the many honors he received, Herbert Falk remained a man of great humility in his personal dealings with the people around him. His friends and co-workers could rely on him implicitly to fulfill any decision or promise which had been made. He always had an open ear for constructive criticism. His *joie de vivre* and positive attitude to life remain unforgettable. Especially memorable is the pleasure he took in the culinary delights of kitchen and cellar. On such festive occasions he would strike up the “Badener Lied”, the hymn to his beloved native area of Baden. The unique beauty of this countryside - so dear to him from countless hikes through the Black Forest - never ceased to fascinate him. This was where he felt at home. This was where he found the strength and inspiration he needed for his work.

Herbert Falk continued to contribute to the development of his company into a ripe old age. He kept up to date with the latest international research projects in the fields of gastroenterology and hepatology, showing a keen interest, critical discernment and sure instinct for quality. He did not give up his leading role in the company until the end of 2003, when he was nearly 80 years of age.

In 2008, a serious illness borne with admirable equanimity brought his life to an end. His memory, life's work and services will live on through the Herbert Falk Prize.

Wolfgang Gerok, Freiburg (†)

INTERNATIONAL HERBERT FALK AWARD 2023

The International Herbert Falk Award will be presented for the 5th time by the Falk Foundation e.V. on the occasion of Symposium 235 in Madrid in November 2023. The prize amounts to EUR 40.000,- and is awarded for outstanding contributions to gastroenterology, including advances in diagnosis, therapy and prevention.

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POSTER SESSION

Posters will be exhibited on November 3-4, 2023. The authors will be in attendance during coffee and lunch breaks on both days.

CALL FOR POSTERS

Please submit your poster abstract before August 1, 2023.

Abstracts must be submitted via our Internet Abstract Submission System (<https://poster.falkfoundation.com>) where further information regarding the submission format and the submission process is available.

The abstracts will be selected by the scientific organizers, with preference being given to those thematically related to one of the sessions of the congress. The

accepted abstracts will be printed and distributed to congress participants along with the other meeting information.

Poster authors will receive notification about acceptance and further instructions in September 2023.

For the first author of an accepted poster, accommodation expenses (rooms booked by the Falk Foundation) and fees for the scientific program will be covered during Symposium 235. Travel expenses will not be covered.

POSTER AWARDS

Three prizes will be awarded for the best poster presentations. Winners will be asked to give a short presentation (2 - 5 minutes) of their poster during the award ceremony.

Award winners will be presented with a certificate and prize money of EUR 3000, EUR 2000 and EUR 1000.

Travel expenses will also be covered for the first authors of the three winning posters.

REGISTRATION

You can register for the event via our homepage:

www.falkfoundation.org

Registration is only possible online.



CONGRESS FEES

Scientific Program of Symposium 235	EUR 300
Students (copy of student ID required)	EUR 150

The congress fees include:

- Pre-Opening and Welcome on Thursday, November 2, 2023
- Refreshments during coffee breaks
- Lunch on Friday, November 3 and on Saturday, November 4, 2023
- A copy of the final program

CONGRESS OFFICE AND REGISTRATION

Opening Hours:

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Friday, November 3	08:00 - 18:00 h
Saturday, November 4	08:30 - 17:30 h

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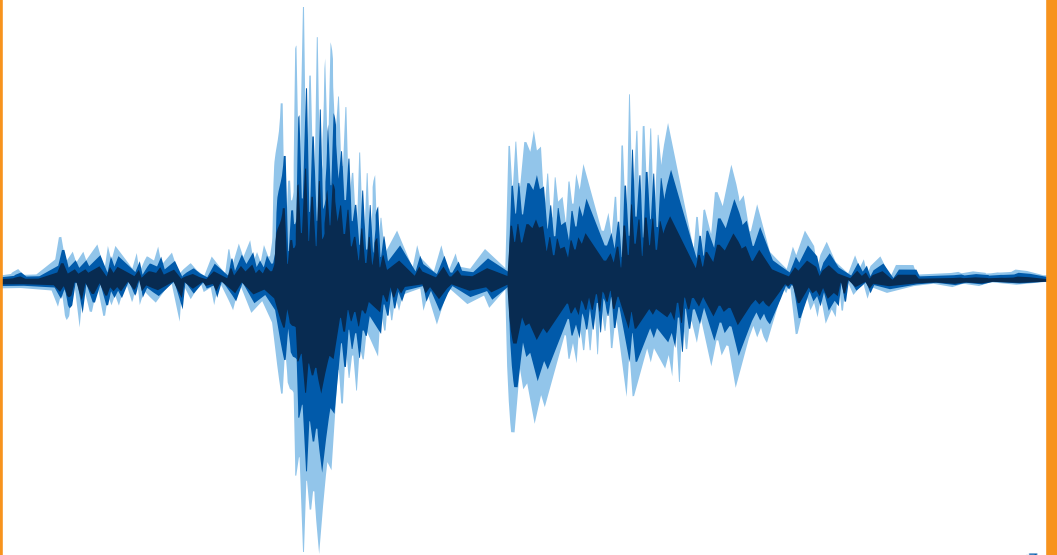
Travelling from the airport

The Hotel Meliá Castilla is located 14 km from Madrid-Barajas Airport:
<http://www.aeropuertomadrid-barajas.com/eng/>

Taking a taxi to the hotel will take about 15-20 min.



**Registration via www.falkfoundation.org
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