



ALL ASPECTS OF FIBROSIS

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PREFACE

All Aspects of Fibrosis

The concepts on the pathophysiology of organ fibrosis in general and in particular in gastrointestinal (GI) diseases are rapidly evolving. Until recently fibrosis was regarded as a consequence of long standing inflammation followed by scar formation and collagen deposition. Once established, fibrosis appeared to be an irreversible process that could be barely influenced. Therefore, the main goal in GI diseases associated with fibrosis such as viral induced liver fibrosis or Crohn's disease was to control inflammation in order to prevent fibrosis development. Many of these previous assumption, however, need to be revisited.

Recent data indicate that liver fibrosis is (at least) partially reversible. In addition first drugs to treat fibrosis have been approved. The clinical pre-requisites to study treatment of fibrosis have been established. Due to these swiftly increasing insights into fibrogenesis, it is timely to focus on "all aspects of fibrosis" to learn from other fibrotic diseases outside of GI, discuss their mechanisms and experience with diagnosis and treatments, and discuss on how to apply those to GI related fibrosis. We are fortunate to have recruited excellent speakers and experts that will provide us with the latest insights into fibrosis pathophysiology, diagnosis and treatment options.

We are thrilled to welcome you to Berlin and are sure that this international Falk Foundation Workshop will foster future research in the field and bring you insights that are already highly valuable for clinical practice.

Florian Rieder

Gerhard Rogler

ALL ASPECTS OF FIBROSIS

October 23, 2025

Scientific Organization:

Florian Rieder, Cleveland
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(Switzerland)

Congress Venue:

JW Marriott Hotel Berlin
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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:

An ePoster session will be held.
For details see page 14.

Start of Registration:

Wednesday, October 22, 2025
16:00-20:00 h
at the congress office

**Publication Date of the Final
Program:**

October 2025

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

Thursday, October 23, 2025

09:00 Welcome
Florian Rieder, Cleveland; Gerhard Rogler, Zurich

SESSION I

Keynote

Chairs: *Florian Rieder, Cleveland; Gerhard Rogler, Zurich*

09:10 The future of therapies to alter wound healing: From discovery to medicines
Michael Longaker, Stanford

SESSION II

Mechanisms of fibrosis

Chairs: *Valerie Horsley, New Haven; Sonya MacParland, Toronto*

09:40 Mechanobiology and fibroblast function
Boris Hinz, Toronto

09:55 Fibrometabolism: The new frontier?
Rachel Chambers, London

10:10 Fibroblast with macrophage crosstalk in tissue repair and fibrosis
Valerie Horsley, New Haven

10:25 **Coffee break with ePoster session**

SESSION III

Fibroblast heterogeneity: One size does not fit all

Chairs: *Suzanne Devkota, Los Angeles; Boris Hinz, Toronto*

11:00 Fibroblast lineages in lung inflammation and fibrosis
Dean Sheppard, San Francisco

11:20 Fibroblast driven mechanisms in liver fibrosis
Neil Henderson, Edinburgh

11:40 Fibroblast driven mechanisms in intestinal fibrosis
Florian Rieder, Cleveland

12:00 Fibroblast heterogeneity in skin fibrosis
Joerg Distler, Erlangen

12:20 **Lunch break with ePoster session**

SESSION IV

Intestinal fibrosis

Chairs: *Giovanni Latella, L'Aquila; Azuzena Salas, Barcelona*

14:00 **Presentation of Poster Awards**
Florian Rieder, Cleveland; Gerhard Rogler, Zurich

14:20 Adipose tissue fibrosis
Suzanne Devkota, Los Angeles

14:40 Mechanisms of intestinal fibrosis
Gerhard Rogler, Zurich

15:00 Cytokines and cytokine networks in stricturing Crohn's disease
Markus Neurath, Erlangen

15:20 **Coffee break with ePoster session**

Thursday, October 23, 2025

SESSION V

Measuring and treating fibrosis: Successes and Failures

Chairs: *Massimo Pinzani, Palermo; Anja Poulsen, Copenhagen*

16:00 Serum markers of fibrosis
Morten A. Karsdal, Copenhagen

16:20 Imaging in Fibrosis
Jordi Rimola, Barcelona

16:40 The road to antifibrotics in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
Gisli Jenkins, London

17:00 Clinical trial endpoints in liver fibrosis
Frank Tacke, Berlin

17:20 Closing remarks

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POSTER SESSION

ePosters will be exhibited on our ePoster screens on October 23, 2025. The authors will be in attendance during coffee and lunch breaks.

CALL FOR POSTERS

Please submit your poster abstract before July 23, 2025.

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 published in the final program of the meeting.

Poster authors will receive notification about acceptance and further instructions in August, 2025.

For the first author of an accepted poster, accommodation expenses (October, 22-24, 2025) and fees for the scientific program will be covered during the workshop. 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.

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.

You will receive an automatic confirmation of registration by e-mail.

Please transfer the congress fee to the bank account listed in the e-mail within two weeks.

CONGRESS FEES

Scientific Program of International Workshop	EUR 150
Students (copy of student ID required)	EUR 75

The congress fees include:

- Pre-Opening and Welcome on Wednesday, October 22, 2025
- Refreshments during coffee breaks
- Lunch on Thursday, October 23, 2025
- A copy of the final program

CONGRESS OFFICE AND REGISTRATION

Opening Hours:

Wednesday, October 22, 2025	16:00 - 20:00 h
Thursday, October 23, 2025	8:00 - 20:00 h

The Falk Foundation will take pictures during the meeting. Additionally, parts of the meeting might be recorded. By participating all attendees consent and agree with the recording and the photo shoots.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The event “All Aspects of Fibrosis, International Workshop Berlin, Germany” is organized by the Falk Foundation e.V.

The Falk Foundation covers the travel expenses for speakers as well as their hotel and registration costs. The Falk Foundation e.V. also bears the costs for catering, room rental and technical equipment. The organizer is associated with Dr. Falk Pharma GmbH.

ARRIVAL

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By plane

The Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER) is about 26.5 km away from the hotel and well connected with trains departing from Terminal 1-2 every hour. You can also take a taxi which takes about 30 minutes time.

By train

Berlin Central Station (U-Bahn, S-Bahn, regional trains, ICE train)

Station Potsdamer Platz (U-Bahn, S-Bahn, regional trains)

From Station Potsdamer Platz: Head west on Potsdamer Platz/B1.

Turning right toward Sigismundstrasse. Slight right onto Sigismundstrasse. Turn left onto Stauffenbergstrasse. Destination will be on the left.

By car

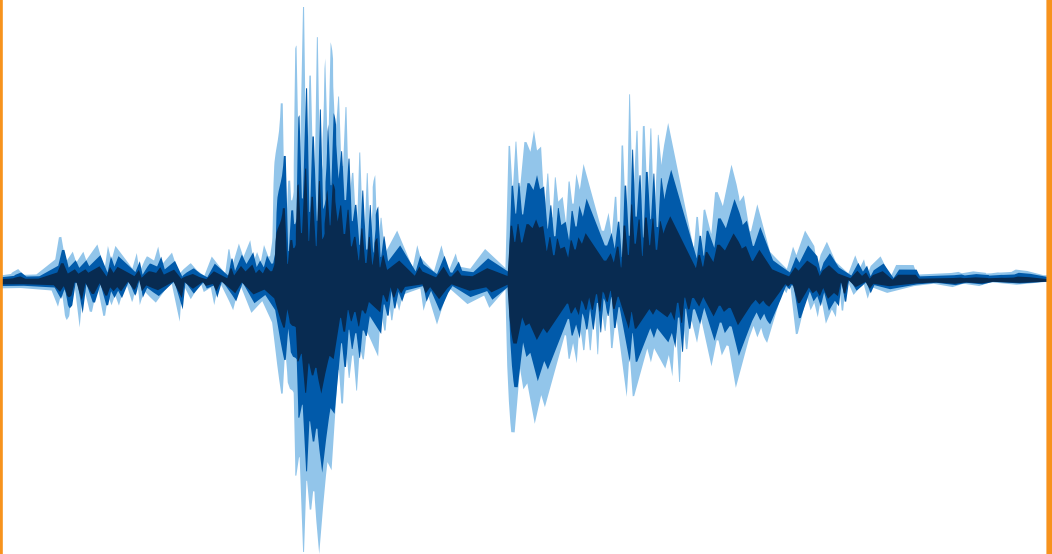
On-Site Parking

Hourly: €3.00

Daily: €25.00



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