



MILESTONES & HORIZONS IN HEPATOLOGY - A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL MANN

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Heiner Wedemeyer, Hannover



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PREFACE

It is with great pleasure and deep gratitude that we welcome you to the symposium "*Milestones and Horizons in Hepatology - A Tribute to Michael Manns*" this June in Hannover.

For 28 years, Michael Manns led the Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Endocrinology at Hannover Medical School and subsequently served as President of Medizinische Hochschule Hannover. Few individuals have shaped hepatology in Germany, Europe, and worldwide as profoundly as he did. Through his scientific vision, clinical excellence, and extraordinary commitment to mentorship, he built a truly unique and internationally recognized hepatology center here in Hannover.

With this special symposium, we wish to honor Michael Manns and celebrate his lifelong contributions to hepatology. We are deeply grateful that an outstanding international faculty has accepted our invitation and will join us in Hannover for this occasion.

The scientific program reflects the breadth of his work and impact. Topics will include metabolic liver diseases, liver cirrhosis, autoimmune liver diseases, hepatobiliary tumors, viral hepatitis, and liver transplantation. In each session, an international companion and long-standing colleague will reflect on Michael Manns' seminal contributions to the field, followed by presentations from a young Hannover-based faculty member highlighting current developments and ongoing research activities on our campus. In this way, we aim to connect the milestones he helped establish with the horizons that lie ahead.

We are truly delighted to welcome you all and look forward to stimulating discussions, inspiring scientific exchange, and a shared remembrance of Michael Manns' remarkable legacy.

Heiner Wedemeyer

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Scientific Organization:

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Start of Registration:

Thursday, June 25, 2026
08:30 - 11:00 h
at the congress office

Congress Venue:

Hannover Medical School
Building J2, Lecture Hall A
Carl-Neuberg-Straße 1
30625 Hannover
Germany

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THURSDAY, 25.06.2026

10:30 Opening Session

Chair *Heiner Wedemeyer, Hannover*

Welcome Remarks

*Denise Hilfiker-Kleiner, Hannover: President Hannover Medical School
Anna Lleo, Milan: EASL Vice Secretary
Lillian Lou, Palo Alto: John Martin Foundation*

11:00 Scientific Session 1: Cirrhosis and Metabolic Liver Diseases

Chairs *Rafael Esteban, Barcelona; Christian Trépo, Lyon*

Metabolic liver diseases and nutrition

*Frank Tacke, Berlin; Katharina Hupa-Breier, Hannover
Discussion Experts: Marina Berenguer, Valencia; Thomas Berg, Leipzig*

Cirrhosis

*Paolo Angeli, Padua; Benjamin Maasoumy, Hannover
Discussion Expert: Thomas Reiberger, Vienna*

Fibrosis & novel therapeutic concepts

*Amar Sharma, Hannover; Simon Krooss, Hannover
Discussion Experts: Laurent Castéra, Paris; Nikolai Naoumov, London*

13:00 Lunch Break

13:45 Scientific Session 2: Autoimmune Liver Diseases

Chairs *Guido Gerken, Essen; Dietrich Hüppe, Herne*

Autoimmune Hepatitis

John Vierling, Houston; Bastian Engel, Hannover

PBC

Ulrich Beuers, Amsterdam; Heike Bantel, Hannover

PSC

Michael Trauner, Vienna; Kristina Ringe, Hannover

Discussion: Open Issues in Autoimmune Liver Diseases

Anna Lleo, Milan; Maria-Carlota Londoño, Barcelona

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 Scientific Session 3: Hepatobiliary Malignancies

Chairs *Nisar Malek, Tübingen; Peter Schirmacher, Heidelberg*

Immunology and Cancer

Tim Greten, Bethesda; Bernd Heinrich, Hannover

Hepatocellular Carcinoma

Jessica Zucman-Rossi, Paris; Thomas Wirth, Hannover

Cholangiocellular Carcinoma

Arndt Vogel, Toronto & Hannover; Anna Saborowski, Hannover

Discussion: Open Issues in Hepatobiliary Malignancies

*Massimo Colombo, Milan; Mathias Heikenwälder, Tübingen;
Percy Knolle, Munich; Mario Mondelli, Pavia*

17:45 Wrap-up Scientific Session 1-3

Heiner Wedemeyer, Hannover

19:00 Reception and Dinner at TWINCORE

19:30 CiiM Session: Personalized Infection Medicine

Chair *Jennifer Debarry, Hannover*

Special Talk: New Concepts in Personalized Infection Medicine

Markus Cornberg, Hannover

*Discussion Experts: Ralf Clemens, Lisbon; Ulrich Kalinke, Hannover;
Yang Li, Hannover; Stefan Meuer, Heidelberg; Otmar Wiestler, Berlin*

FRIDAY, 26.06.2026

08:30 Scientific Session 4: Viral Hepatitis I

Chairs *Ulrike Protzer, Munich; Robert Thimme, Freiburg*

Hepatitis B

Anna Lok, Ann Arbor; Lisa Sandmann, Hannover
Discussion Experts: Markus Cornberg, Hannover;
Harry Janssen, Rotterdam; Rachel Jeng, Linkou

Hepatitis D

Mario Rizzetto, Turin; Helenie Kefalakes, Hannover
Discussion Experts: Maria Butí, Barcelona; Pietro Lampertico, Milan;
Cihan Yurdaydin, Istanbul

10:00 Coffee Break

10:30 Scientific Session 5: Viral Hepatitis II

Chairs *Christoph Sarrazin, Wiesbaden; Stefan Zeuzem, Frankfurt*

Hepatitis A + E

Daniel Shouval, Jerusalem; Katja Dinkelborg, Hannover
Discussion Experts: Patrick Behrendt, Hannover; Christian Trépo, Lyon

Hepatitis C

Jean-Michel Pawlotsky, Paris; Heiner Wedemeyer, Hannover
Discussion Experts: Ralf Bartenschlager, Heidelberg;
Rafael Esteban, Barcelona; Thomas Pietschmann, Hannover

11:45 Scientific Session 6: Liver Transplantation

Chair *Hartmut Schmidt, Essen*

Liver Transplantation

Patrizia Burra, Padua; Richard Taubert, Hannover
Discussion Experts: Elmar Jäckel, Toronto; Didier Samuel, Paris;
Moritz Schmelzle, Hannover; Stefan Schneeberger, Innsbruck

12:30 Closing and Invitation to HepNet Symposium 2026

From 13:15 **HepNet Symposium Deutsche Leberstiftung**
26 - 27 June 2026

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Opening Hours:

Thursday, June 25, 2026: 08:30 – 17:45 h

Friday, June 26, 2026: 08:00 – 12:30 h

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Tram lines U 1/2/8 (toward “Messe”); at the second stop, “Aegidientorplatz,” transfer to line U 4 direction “Roderbruch” (on the same platform, across the way); get off at “Medizinische Hochschule”; Walk to Building J2 (see map).

By car from the north, west, and east:

Take the A2 highway; at the Hannover-Buchholz interchange, turn onto the Messeschnellweg (A37) direction Messe; take the Weidetorkreisel / MHH exit, enter the roundabout, and continue towards MHH.

By car from the south:

Take the A7, turn onto the A37 (Messeschnellweg) towards the trade fair at the Hannover-Süd interchange; continue past the trade fair in northern direction; take the Weidetorkreisel / MHH exit, enter the roundabout, and keep heading towards MHH.

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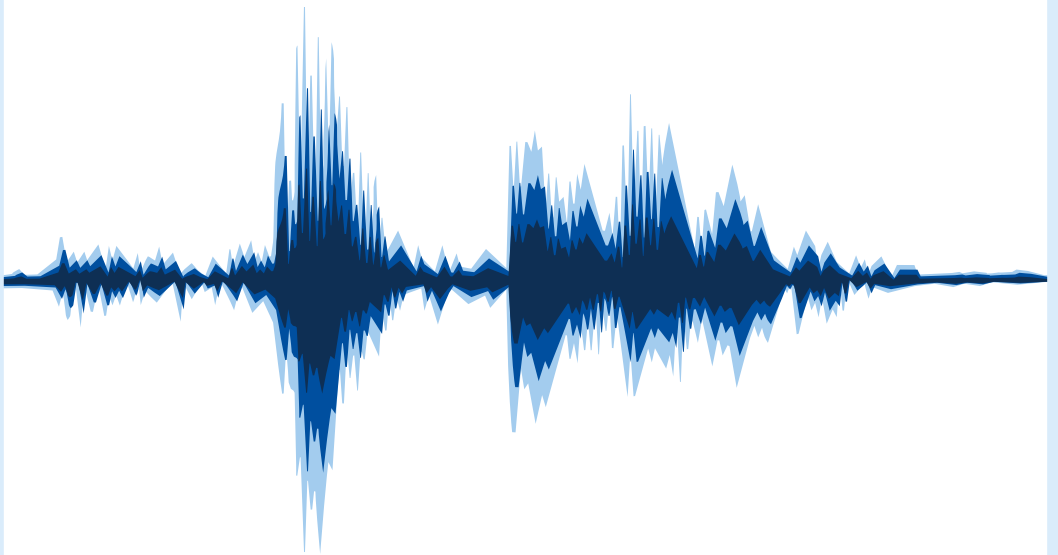
Exit the roundabout onto Karl-Wiechert-Allee; turn right onto Karl-Wiechert-Allee and enter Hannover Medical School campus; continue straight ahead. Building J2 is the first building on the right side.

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