

Symposium 208



Eosinophilic Esophagitis – Medical and Dietary Treatment

October 4 – 5, 2017
Maritim Hotel Berlin
Berlin, Germany



Preliminary Program

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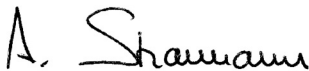
Preface

As a head of organizing committee, I am pleased to invite you all to the Symposium “Eosinophilic Esophagitis – Medical and Dietary Treatment” that will take place in the attractive city of Berlin, Germany.

Eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE) was first recognized as a distinct entity in the early Nineties; it is therefore still a young disease. However, as a result of intensive and collaborative research activities a number of milestone discoveries have deepened our understanding of the immune-pathogenic mechanisms leading to this chronic-inflammatory disorder. This basic knowledge was the fundament for the development of the first therapeutic approaches. Fortunately, today several efficient medical, dietary and endoscopical therapeutic options are available and the challenge for the clinicians is to select the right treatment for the right patient at the right time.

This symposium has therefore the main purpose to present the different therapeutic modalities and to transfer these facts in the daily life of clinicians dealing with adult and pediatric EoE patients. Participants of this meeting will not only have the opportunity to attend state of the art lectures, but in addition the unique chance to discuss many practical aspects of the therapeutic management of EoE patients in small work-shops with world-renowned EoE experts. The program is designed to bridge the gap between the theoretic knowledge and its practical application in the clinical setting.

Falk Foundation lends its generous support to organization of what I hope will be one extraordinary meeting. Speaking on behalf of the organizing committee, it is with great pleasure that I invite you to participate in this Symposium and look forward to welcoming you in the famous city of Berlin in October of 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "A. Straumann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'A' being large and prominent.

Alex Straumann, Olten/Switzerland



Eosinophilic Esophagitis – Medical and Dietary Treatment

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Start of Registration:
Tuesday, October 3, 2017
16.00 - 21.00 h
at the congress office

Set-up of Poster Session:
Tuesday, October 3, 2017
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Call for Posters:

A poster session will take place.
For details see page 11.

Publication Date of the Final Program:

October 2017

The final program will be available on
the homepage www.falk-foundation-symposia.org one week before.



Wednesday, October 4, 2017

9.00 Welcome

A. Straumann,
Olten

Session I

Eosinophilic esophagitis: Update 2017

Chair: S. Attwood, North Shields; I. Hirano, Chicago

9.10 Clinical presentation of EoE in children and adults:
Are there new features?

M. Chehade,
New York

9.30 Pathogenesis:
EoE, an auto-immune disease or a food allergy?

D. Simon,
Bern

9.50 PPI-REE:
Is it EoE, GERD or an own distinct entity?

J. Molina-Infante,
Cáceres

10.10 The role of the eosinophil in EoE:
A key player or an innocent bystander?

H.-U. Simon,
Bern

10.30 **Coffee break with poster session**

Session II

Some hot topics

Chair: D. Simon, Bern; A. Straumann, Olten

11.00 Remodeling in EoE:
How to assess and how to manage?

I. Hirano,
Chicago

11.20 Epithelial barrier defects in EoE:
The chicken or the egg?

A.J. Bredenoord,
Amsterdam

11.40 Genetics and epigenetics in EoE:
Is this the diagnostic clue?

C. Blanchard,
Lausanne

12.00 Eosinophilic gastroenteritis:
Part of the EoE spectrum or a separate disease?

N. Gonsalves,
Chicago

12.20 **Lunch break with poster session**



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Session III

Therapeutic principles 2017 in EoE

Chair: A.J. Bredenoord, Amsterdam; K. Safroneeva, Bern

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| 14.00 | Meaningful readouts in EoE:
Symptoms, endoscopy, histology, distensibility:
All for one or one for all? | A. Schoepfer,
Lausanne |
| 14.20 | Therapeutic goals in eosinophilic esophagitis:
Which is more important, making the patient feel
better or helping the tissue look better? | F. Moawad,
La Jolla |
| 14.40 | Principles of medical treatment:
Corticosteroids and beyond? | S. Miehke,
Hamburg |
| 15.00 | Principles of dietary treatment:
To test or not to test? | A.J. Lucendo,
Tomelloso |
| 15.20 | Definition of and reasons for refractory EoE:
Is it refractory or only pseudo-refractory? | E.S. Dellon,
Chapel Hill |
| 15.40 | Coffee break with poster session | |



Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Session IV

Workshops: Practical therapeutic management of EoE

(Each participant can totally attend only 2 workshops; each of the 4 topics is provided in two parallel workshops)

Workshop 1

- 16.00 – 16.40** **Practical management of corticosteroid treatment**
and (e.g. selection of compound, dosing, mode of administration,
16.50 – 17.30 duration of treatment, monitoring and management of side effects)
- S.K. Gupta, Indianapolis; S. Miehleke, Hamburg
G. T. Furuta, Aurora; C. Schlag, Munich

Workshop 2

- 16.00 – 16.40** **Practical management of dietary treatment**
and (e.g. selection of dietary modality, duration of treatment,
16.50 – 17.30 monitoring and management of nutritional deficiencies and
management of side effects)
- S. Aceves, San Diego; A.J. Lucendo, Tomelloso
N. Gonsalves, Chicago; I. Terreehorst, Amsterdam

Workshop 3

- 16.00 – 16.40** **Pearls and pitfalls in the EoE-histology**
and (e.g. importance of biopsy technique, demonstration of
16.50 – 17.30 typical EoE-associated features, demonstration of atypical
signs and of pitfalls)
- M.H. Collins, Cincinnati; C. Bussmann, Basel
M. Vieth, Basel, A. Schoepfer, Lausanne

Workshop 4

- 16.00 – 16.40** **Practical management of refractory EoE**
and (presentation and discussion of difficult to treat cases
16.50 – 17.30 prepared by moderators and/or attendees)
- E.S. Dellon, Chapel, Hill; U. von Arnim, Magdeburg
L. Biedermann, Zurich; F. Moawad, La Jolla
- 17.30** **Scientific discussion with snacks**

Thursday, October 5, 2017

Session V EoE a chronic disease

Chair: C. Bussmann, Basel; D. Katzka, Rochester

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| 9.00 | Monitoring of disease activity: What is evidence-based, what is empiric, what makes sense? | U. von Arnim,
Magdeburg |
| 9.20 | Long-term medical Management of EoE: Doctor, can I ever stop my treatment? | T. Greuter,
Rochester |

Pro-Con Debate Management of the asymptomatic patient with inflamed esophagus

Chair: D. Katzka, Rochester

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| 9.40 | Introduction | D. Katzka,
Rochester |
| 9.45 | PRO-CON Debate
Consequent treatment of an inflamed esophagus is mandatory | S. Aceves,
San Diego |
| 10.00 | PRO-CON Debate
Please do not treat “healthy” persons | A. Straumann,
Olten |
| 10.15 | PRO-CON Debate
Summary | D. Katzka,
Rochester |
| 10.20 | Coffee break with poster session | |



Thursday, October 5, 2017

Session VI

Oral Presentation of Awarded Posters

Chair: S. Aceves, San Diego; J. Molina-Infante, Cáceres

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| 11.00 | Oral poster presentation
Awarding of 3 rd poster | N.N. |
| 11.20 | Oral poster presentation
Awarding of 2 nd poster | N.N. |
| 11.40 | Oral poster presentation
Awarding of 1 st poster | N.N. |
| 12.00 | State-of-the-Art Lecture:
Do these posters influence our current understanding
of EoE? | J. Molina-Infante,
Cáceres |
| 12.45 | Lunch break | |

Session VII

Outlook

Chair: G.T. Furuta, Aurora; H.-U. Simon, Bern

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| 14.00 | Identification of causative foods:
Empiric, serum IgG4, serum FLC's or other signs of dawn? | M. Chehade,
New York |
| 14.20 | Positioning of biologicals in EoE:
Do we need biologicals? | S.K. Gupta,
Indianapolis |
| 14.40 | Diagnosis of EoE:
Can histology be replaced by molecular testing? | M.H. Collins,
Cincinnati |
| 15.00 | New diagnostic criteria for EoE:
How can we diagnose EoE in the post-PPI-trial area? | G.T. Furuta,
Aurora |
| 15.20 | EoE yesterday, today and tomorrow | S. Attwood,
North Shields |
| 15.40 | Closing remarks | A. Straumann,
Olten |

Poster Session

Posters will be exhibited on October 4 and October 5, 2017 in the Maritim Hotel Berlin. The authors will be in attendance during coffee and lunch breaks on both days.

Set-up of poster session starts on October 3, 2017 at 16:00 h. The authors are asked to mount their posters on Tuesday.

Call for Posters

Please submit your poster abstract before **June 30, 2017**. Only one-page abstracts not exceeding 300 words, written in English and saved in Microsoft Word format will be accepted.

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

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

The accepted abstracts will be printed and distributed to the participants of the congress together with the documents of the meeting.

The authors will receive notification about acceptance and further instructions in **July 2017**.

Contact address for further information on the poster session:

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For the **first author** of an accepted poster, expenses for accommodation (October 3-6, 2017) and fees for the scientific program will be covered during the Symposium 208. Travel expenses will not be covered.

Poster Awards

Three prizes will be awarded for the best poster abstracts.

Award winners will be presented with a certificate and prize money for EUR 1.500,-, EUR 1.000,- and EUR 500,- respectively. Award winners will be asked to give an oral presentation (20 minutes). They will be selected by the scientific committee and informed prior the symposium. Travel expenses will be covered additionally for the first author of an awarded poster.

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Tuesday, October 3, 2017	16.00 – 21.00 h
Wednesday, October 4, 2017	7.30 – 17.30 h
Thursday, October 5, 2017	8.00 – 15.45 h

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Congress Fees

Scientific program of Symposium 208	EUR 200,-
For students (copy of student ID required)	EUR 100,-
Day Ticket	EUR 120,-
For students (copy of student ID required)	EUR 60,-

The congress fees include:

- Pre-Opening and Welcome with buffet on October 3, 2017
- Refreshments during coffee breaks
- Lunch on October 4 and October 5, 2017
- Snacks during scientific discussion on October 4, 2017
- A copy of the abstract volume
- A copy of the final program

Registration

Congress registrations must reach the Falk Foundation e.V. by **July 31, 2017 at the latest.**

After receipt of the registration form each participant will be provided with confirmation of his registration/invoice. On presentation of this confirmation at the congress office in Berlin participants will receive the congress folder containing name badge and the abstract volume.

All participants will receive a written confirmation of attendance and CME credits at the meeting.

Admission to Scientific Program

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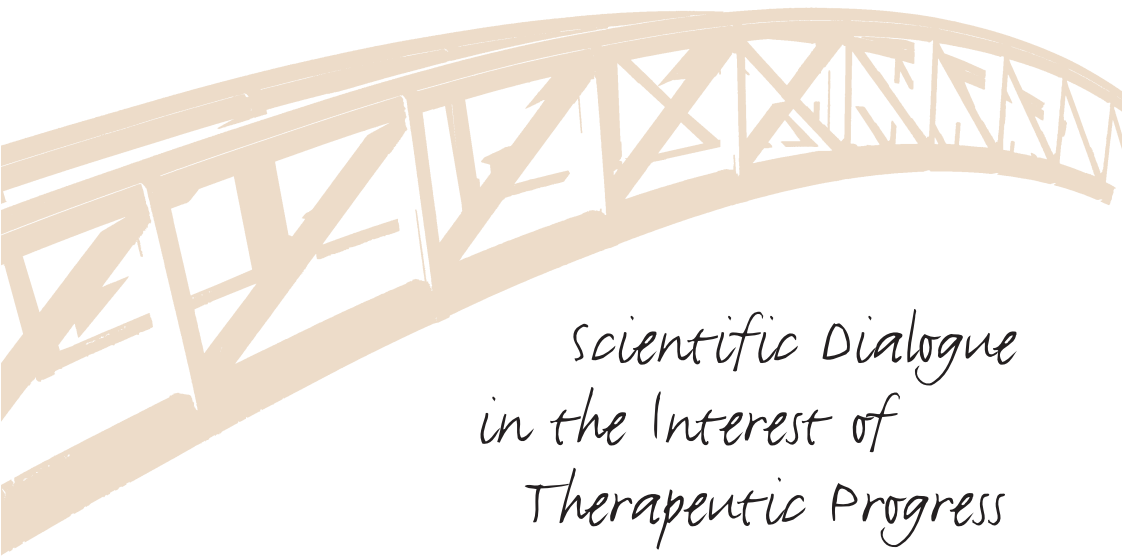
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