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# PREFACE



Dear colleagues and friends,

With great pleasure I would like to invite you to join the Symposium 228 “Abdominal Imaging in Gastroenterology & Hepatology” at Beurs van Berlage in Amsterdam (The Netherlands) on July 7-8, 2022.

Over the last decade there has been a tremendous progression: from simple imaging towards detailed diagnosis, reliable prediction of progression and even effective therapy. For the patient unpleasant procedures and interventions have been replaced by gentle ones. In this symposium the most important developments will be discussed by very experienced colleagues. There will be sufficient time for questions and answers. With the program we are aiming at gastroenterologists, hepatologists, internists, radiologists and all who have an interest in imaging, whether senior or trainee.

In this symposium attention will be given to you will be updated on esophagus and stomach, IBD, colorectal carcinoma, liver, pancreas and biliary tract. All invited speakers will answer the question “What’s new?” such that you are really updated. And last but no least we would like to introduce some new developments.

The original plan was to gather for a 2-day symposium in Rotterdam last year. But due to the Covid-pandemic this event had to be postponed and plans have changed. LSo last year we had a very successful online event with some highlights int the field of abdominal imaging. But now that Covid is subsiding, Now we are very happy to be able to plan this symposium again on-site, followed by the traditional “Bile Acid Meeting”.

Best wishes and hoping to see you soon in Amsterdam,  
Robert J. de Knegt

Marco Bruno     Arjun Koch     Michael P. Manns     Maarten G.J. Thomeer

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**July 7-8, 2022**

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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 16.

**Start of Registration:**

Wednesday, July 6, 2022  
16:00-21:00 h  
at the congress office

**Poster Session Set-up:**

Wednesday, July 6, 2022  
16:00 -21:00 h

**Publication Date of the Final  
Program:**

July 2022

The final program will be  
available on the website  
[www.falkfoundation.org](http://www.falkfoundation.org) one week  
before the start of the symposium.

# Thursday, July 7, 2022

**9:00** Welcome and Introduction  
*Maarten Thomeer & Robert de Knegt, Rotterdam*

## SESSION I

### Esophagus and Stomach

**Chairs:** *Robert de Knegt, Rotterdam; Maarten G.J. Thomeer, Rotterdam*

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**9:10** Endosonography: diagnosis and follow up including the role of fine needle aspiration biopsy.  
*Jan-Werner Poley, Maastricht*

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**9:30** Luminal endoscopy: about mucosal pit-patterns and going beyond white light.  
*Arjun Koch, Rotterdam*

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**9:50** Diagnostic performance of CT and MRI for esophageal carcinoma.  
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**10:20** Round table discussion  
*(all speakers)*

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**10:45** **Coffee break with poster session**

## SESSION II

### Inflammatory Bowel Disease

**Chairs:** *Krisztina Gecse, Amsterdam; Arjun Koch, Rotterdam*

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**11:15** Endoscopy in IBD  
*Aranzazu Jauregui, Antwerp*

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**11:35** CT and MRI in IBD  
*Karin Horsthuis, Amsterdam*

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**11:55** The role of abdominal ultrasound in inflammatory bowel disease  
*Krisztina Gecse, Amsterdam*

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**12:15** Round table discussion  
*(all speakers)*

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**12:35** **Lunch break with poster session**

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### HERBERT FALK AWARD

**14:00** Presentation of the Herbert Falk Award  
*Jürgen Schölmerich, Hofheim*

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**14:10** Herbert Falk Award Lecture  
*Alex Straumann, Zurich*

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# Thursday, July 7, 2022

## SESSION III

### Colorectal Carcinoma

**Chairs:** *Karin Horsthuis, Amsterdam; Michael P. Manns, Hannover*

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- 14:30** Screening for CRC: worldwide diverse national approaches  
*Esther Toes-Zoutendijk, Rotterdam*
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- 14:50** Colorectal liver metastases: current guidelines on resectability and ablatibility  
*Martijn Meijerink, Amsterdam*
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- 15:10** Can virtual colonoscopy replace optical endoscopic colonoscopy  
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- 15:30** Round table discussion  
*(all speakers)*
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- 15:50** **Presentation of Poster Awards**
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- 16:15** **Coffee break with poster session**

## SESSION IV

### Liver

**Chairs:** *Maarten G.J. Thomeer, Rotterdam; Michael P. Manns, Hannover*

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**16:45** Case-based interactive session on MRI focal lesions  
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**17:10** Local HCC treatment, including RFA, TACE, SIRT and SBRT:  
what should we choose?  
*Otto M. van Delden, Rotterdam*

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**17:35** Hepatocellular carcinoma: how to improve HCC screening; role  
of non-invasive diagnostics in early detection.  
*Ali Canbay, Bochum*

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**18:00** Round table discussion  
*(all speakers)*

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**18:20** **Networking with light refreshments**

# Friday, July 8, 2022

## SESSION V

### Pancreas and Biliary

**Chairs:** *Frank M. Bengel, Hannover; Marco J. Bruno, Rotterdam*

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- 8:00** Surveillance of patients at high risk to develop pancreatic cancer  
*Marco Bruno, Rotterdam*
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- 8:20** **State-of-the-Art-Lecture:**  
Preoperative staging of pancreatic cancer  
*Maria Bali, Brussels*
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- 8:40** MRI-MRCP in diverse biliary diseases: interesting cases from my PACS database  
*Roy S. Dwarkasing, Rotterdam*
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- 9:00** Increasing amount of indeterminate biliary strictures: value of ERCP with cholangioscopy.  
*Horst Neuhaus, Duesseldorf*
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- 9:20** Round table discussion  
*(all speakers)*
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- 9:40** **Coffee break**

## SESSION VI

### New Developments

**Chairs:** *Maria Bali, Brussels; Robert de Knegt, Rotterdam*

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**10:00** The current and future role of PET  
*Frank M. Bengel, Hannover*

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**10:20** Artificial intelligence and deep learning in abdominal imaging  
*Ross Warren Filice, Washington*

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**10:40** Mode of operation of and interdisciplinary ultrasound center  
*Thomas Fischer, Berlin*

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**11:00** Closing remarks  
*Robert de Knegt, Rotterdam; Maarten G.J. Thomeer, Rotterdam*

## 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 2020**

The International Herbert Falk Award will be presented for the 4th time by the Falk Foundation e.V. on the occasion of Symposium 228 in Amsterdam in July 2022. The prize amounts to EUR 40.000,- and is awarded for outstanding contributions to gastroenterology, including advances in diagnosis, therapy and prevention.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PRIZE COMMITTEE:**

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## POSTER SESSION

Posters will be exhibited on July 7-8, 2022. The authors will be in attendance during coffee and lunch breaks on both days. Posters can be set up starting on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 16:00 h. We request that all posters be set up on Wednesday.

## CALL FOR POSTERS

Please submit your poster abstract before April 30, 2022. 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 (<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 May 2022.

For the first author of an accepted poster, accommodation expenses (July 6-8, 2022) and fees for the scientific program will be covered during Symposium 228. 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 1500, EUR 1000 and EUR 500.

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](http://www.falkfoundation.org)

**Registration is only possible online.**



## CONGRESS FEES

**Scientific Program of Symposium 228**

EUR 300

**Students** (copy of student ID required)

EUR 150

**The congress fees include:**

- Pre-Opening and Welcome on Wednesday, July 6, 2022
- Refreshments during coffee breaks
- Lunch on Thursday, July 7, 2022
- Snacks during scientific discussion on Thursday, July 7, 2022
- A copy of the final program

## CONGRESS OFFICE AND REGISTRATION

**Opening Hours:**

Wednesday, July 6

16:00 – 20:00 h

Thursday, July 7, 2022

8:00 – 18:00 h

Friday, July 8, 2022

7:30 – 12:00 h

# ARRIVAL

## **Beurs van Berlage**

Damrak 243  
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Amsterdam Conference Centre Beurs van Berlage is located in the center of Amsterdam, on the Damrak, Oude Brugsteeg and Beursstraat, directly facing Amsterdam Central Station, at a short distance of highways and Schiphol airport.

### **By car**

In the vicinity of Beurs van Berlage you will find several car parks, but the ideal way to reach the city centre of Amsterdam is to park the car at P+R location at the edge of the city and use public transportation. If you come from the northeast, east or southeast of the Netherlands, it is best to use the P+R Zeeburg. Accessible via Ring A10, exit S114. If you come from the northwest or west of the Netherlands, it is best to park at P+R Sloterdijk, which is accessible via Ring A10, exit S103.

### **By plane**

From Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, you can get to Beurs van Berlage by train or taxi. If you are travelling by train, it is best to buy a ticket to Amsterdam Centraal Station in the Arrivals Hall of Schiphol. The trains leave four times per hour and the journey takes about fifteen minutes. Should you wish to take a taxi, you can state “Beurs van Berlage” as your destination. The address is: Damrak 243. The drive takes about twenty-five minutes (approx. 20 km).

### **By train**

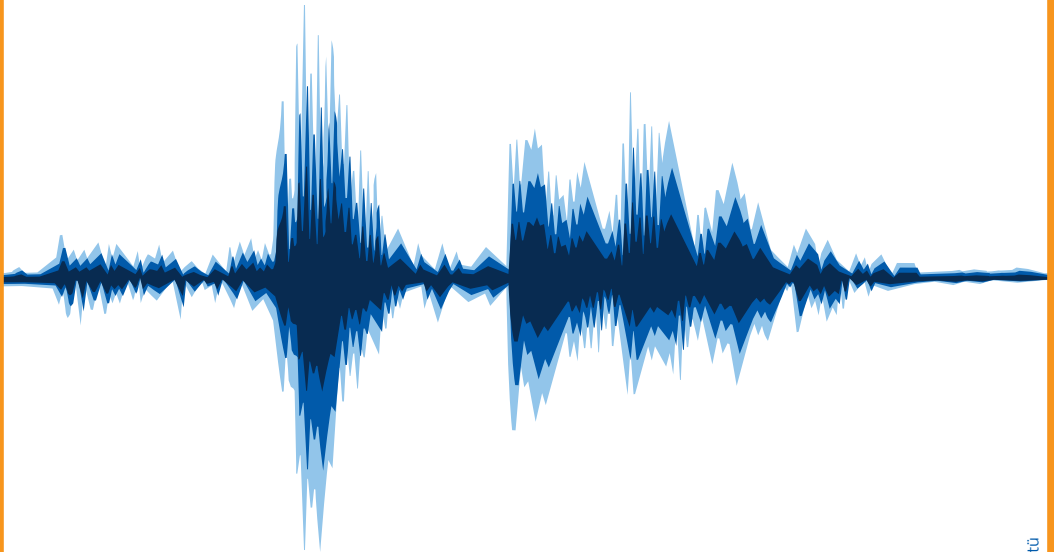
Beurs van Berlage is located 300 metres away from Amsterdam Centraal Station, which is a 5 min walking distance. You can see Beurs van Berlage on the Damrak in front of you after leaving Central Station along the Stationsplein (station square) and head out towards the Dam from there.







**Registration via [www.falkfoundation.org](http://www.falkfoundation.org)  
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