



ADVANCES IN HEPATOLOGY – FROM MECHANISTIC INSIGHTS TO NOVEL THERAPEUTIC CONCEPTS

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PREFACE

ADVANCES IN HEPATOLOGY – FROM MECHANISTIC INSIGHTS TO NOVEL THERAPEUTIC CONCEPTS

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Scientific Organization:

Stefan Fichtner-Feigl, Freiburg
(Germany)

Tom Hemming Karlsen, Oslo
(Norway)

Sophie Lotersztajn, Paris (France)

Frank Tacke, Berlin (Germany)

Congress Venue:

JW Marriott Hotel Berlin
Stauffenbergstr. 26
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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:

Thursday, October 23, 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 symposium.

Friday, October 24, 2025

09:00 Welcome
*Stefan Fichtner-Feigl, Freiburg; Tom H. Karlsen, Oslo;
Sophie Lotersztajn, Paris; Frank Tacke, Berlin*

SESSION I

Current developments in hepatology

Chairs: *Robert Thimme, Freiburg; Jessica Zucman-Rossi, Paris*

09:10 Keynote lecture: Trends and challenges in hepatology in 2025
Arun J. Sanyal, Richmond

09:30 Liver disease epidemiology in 2025
Zobair Younossi, Washington DC

09:50 Liver biology at single-cell resolution
Sonya MacParland, Toronto

10:10 Liver disease modelling
Ludovic Vallier, Berlin

10:30 **Coffee break with ePoster session**

SESSION II

Mechanisms of injury, inflammation, fibrosis

Chairs: *Sophie Lotersztajn, Paris; Massimo Pinzani, Palermo*

11:00 Fibrosis progression and regression: An integrated view
Robert Schwabe, New York

11:20 Liver immunology in the era of multi-omics data
Charlotte Scott, Ghent

11:40 Metabolic reprogramming in liver injury
Catherine Postic, Paris

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Poster pitches

Chairs: *Sophie Lotersztajn, Paris; Massimo Pinzani, Palermo*

12:00 Basic and translational science
(5 poster pitches)

12:30 Lunch break with ePoster session

SESSION III

Cholestatic liver diseases

Chairs: *Michael P. Manns, Hannover; Palak Trivedi, Birmingham*

14:00 Management of primary biliary cholangitis: Current algorithms
Christophe Corpechot, Paris

14:20 Management of concurrent inflammatory bowel disease and
primary sclerosing cholangitis
Britta Siegmund, Berlin

14:40 The translational journey of drug development in cholangiopathies
Peter Fickert, Graz

Panel discussion

Chair: *Michael P. Manns, Hannover*

15:00 Current management of primary sclerosing cholangitis
*Verena Keitel-Anselmino, Magdeburg; Tom H. Karlsen, Oslo;
Palak Trivedi, Birmingham*

15:20 Coffee break with ePoster session

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SESSION IV

New avenues for liver diseases

Chairs: *Paolo Angeli, Padova; Thomas Berg, Leipzig*

- 16:00** Viral hepatitis: Challenging current dogmas on hepatitis B and on delta
Heiner Wedemeyer, Hannover
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- 16:20** Genetic cholestasis: Diagnosis and management
Verena Keitel-Anselmino, Magdeburg
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- 16:40** Alcohol-associated liver diseases: How can we leverage the developments from the MASLD field?
Alexandre Louvet, Lille
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- 17:00** New therapeutic modalities: New opportunities for hepatology? (CAR-T cells, siRNA, CRISPR-Cas9...)
Rohit Loomba, San Diego
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SESSION V

From monitoring liver disease progression to pathways of care

Chairs: *Annalisa Berzigotti, Bern; Rohit Loomba, San Diego*

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- 09:00** Do we need a non-invasive liver health check in the general population?
Maja Thiele, Odense
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- 09:20** Blood-based and imaging biomarkers for monitoring liver disease progression and treatment responses: Are we there yet?
Vincent Wong, Hongkong
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- 09:40** The microbiome as a diagnostic tool and a therapeutic target in liver diseases
Bernd Schnabl, San Diego
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- 10:00** Is digital pathology ready for routine clinical practice?
Jakob N. Kather, Dresden
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- 10:20** **Coffee break with ePoster session**

SESSION VI

Challenges in advanced liver diseases

Chairs: *Patrizia Burra, Padova; Cornelius Engelmann, Berlin*

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- 10:50** Portal hypertension: What to expect from Baveno VIII?
Annalisa Berzigotti, Bern
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- 11:10** Acute-on-chronic liver failure: Evidence-based management
Paolo Angeli, Padova
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11:30 Moving boundaries in liver transplantation: Obesity, cholangiocarcinoma, alcohol
Julie Heimbach, Rochester

Poster pitches

Chairs: *Thomas Berg, Leipzig; Stefan Fichtner-Feigl, Freiburg*

11:50 Clinical science
(5 poster pitches)

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

SESSION VII

Hepatocellular and cholangiocellular carcinoma

Chairs: *Johann Pratschke, Berlin; Lorenza Rimassa, Milan*

13:20 Therapeutic relevance of the molecular landscape in liver cancer
Jessica Zucman-Rossi, Paris

13:40 Functional relevance of the immunological environment in liver cancer
Mathias Heikenwälder, Heidelberg

14:00 The therapeutic (r)evolution in managing liver cancer
Bruno Sangro, Pamplona

14:20 Moving boundaries in surgery for liver cancer
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Poster Awards

14:40 **Awards for best presentations (posters + poster pitches)**
Stefan Fichtner-Feigl, Freiburg; Tom H. Karlsen, Oslo; Sophie Lotersztajn, Paris; Frank Tacke, Berlin

15:00 **Coffee break with ePoster session**

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SESSION VIII

MASLD: The biggest challenge in hepatology?

Chairs: *Patrizia Burra, Padova; Münevver Demir, Berlin*

15:30 Management of obesity and type 2 diabetes: Lessons for the hepatologist
Cyrielle Caussy, Pierre-Bénite

15:50 The next generation of risk stratification algorithms in MASLD
Elisabetta Buggianesi, Torino

16:10 The evolving landscape of pharmaceutical therapies in MASLD management
Vlad Ratziu, Paris

Panel discussion

Chair: *Patrizia Burra, Padova*

16:30 Current medical therapies in MASLD management
Cyrielle Caussy, Pierre-Bénite; Vlad Ratziu, Paris; Frank Tacke, Berlin

16:50 Closing Remarks
Stefan Fichtner-Feigl, Freiburg; Tom H. Karlsen, Oslo; Sophie Lotersztajn, Paris; Frank Tacke, Berlin

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POSTER SESSION

ePosters will be exhibited on our ePoster screens on October 24-25, 2025. The authors will be in attendance during coffee and lunch breaks on both days.

CALL FOR POSTERS

Please submit your poster abstract before June 30, 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, 24-25, 2025) and fees for the scientific program will be covered during Symposium 242. 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.



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 Symposium 242	EUR 300
Students (copy of student ID required)	EUR 150

The congress fees include:

- Pre-Opening and Welcome on Thursday, October 23, 2025
- Refreshments during coffee breaks
- Lunch on Friday and Saturday, October 24-25, 2025
- A copy of the final program

CONGRESS OFFICE AND REGISTRATION

Opening Hours:

Thursday, October 23, 2025	16:00 – 20:00 h
Friday, October 24, 2025	08:00 – 17:30 h
Saturday, October 25, 2025	08:00 – 17:00 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.

ARRIVAL

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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

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Turning right toward Sigismundstrasse. Slight right onto Sigismundstrasse.

Turn left onto Stauffenbergstrasse. Destination will be on the left.

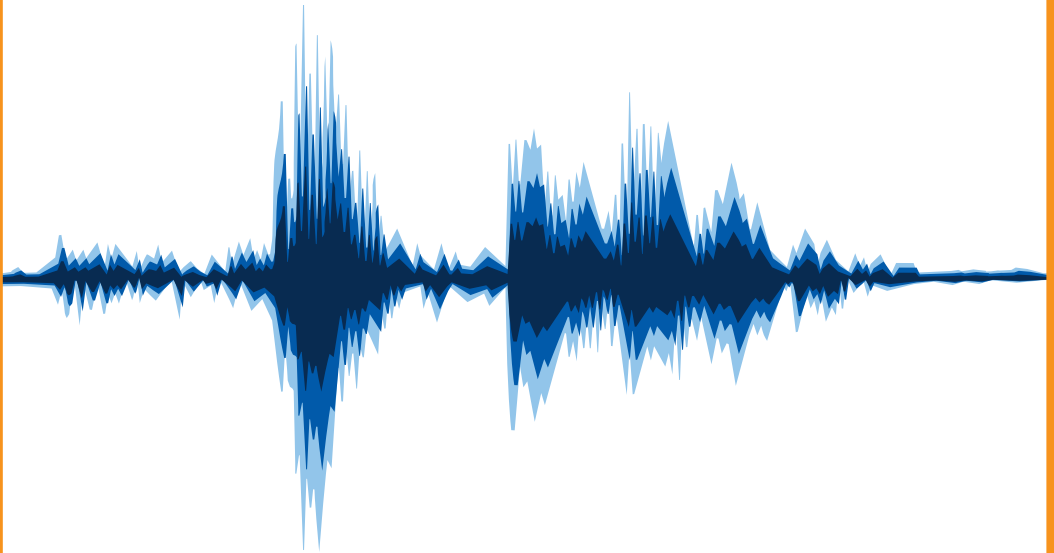
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