

**The 20th Conference of the
Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver (APASL)
China National Convention Center, Beijing
25 March (Thu) – 28 March (Sun), 2010**

Introduction of the Scientific Program

This year, the theme of the Conference is “Exploring the Frontiers”, the program is designed not only to provide the latest information in the field, but also explore the direction for the basic and clinical research. The program also allow communications among different disciplinary, which is important to provide optimal care for patients.

25 March, 2010 (Thursday)

Postgraduate Course – Integrating Basic Science into Clinical Practice

The course will start by the introduction of liver immunology session and followed by two sessions to go through the mechanism of liver disease. Finally we will review and updates the clinical application of the basic science in liver disease.

Transplant Course – The Art of Liver Transplantation

The first session will focus on the discussion of patient selection. Then we will have representatives from different transplant centers in Asia to share their experience and challenges. There will be a session for the management of liver transplant patients. The review of the current status and future prospect session will provide you the general picture of liver transplantation in Asia.

Endoscopy Course – Endoscopy in Hepatology: Fundamental Knowledge and Essential Updates

There will be two sessions to go through the application of endoscopic technique and technology for the management of portal hypertension and the complications of liver transplantation. At the same time you be updated with the major development in recent years.

Special Chapter – A Scan of Hepatology in Asia Pacific Regions

Experts from different countries and regions in Asia and surroundings will provide you the characteristics and research data in their perspectives.

26 – 28 March, 2010 (Friday to Sunday)

Morning Sessions

There are twelve sessions focus on different clinical and basic science topics. Each session will have two experts to lead the group discussion in the focused topic. The sessions will allow you to have face to face interaction with the experts and share with their expertise in the field.

Keynote Lectures

The leading experts will provide the recent advances in varies liver disease with the focus in clinical aspects and share their opinions. These lectures may help you provide optimal care to the patients.

- Portal Hypertension: New Mechanisms and Their Clinical Links
Vijay Shah, Rochester
- Toward the Elimination and Eradication of Hepatitis B Virus Infection
Ding-Shinn Chen, Taipei
- Recent Advances in Chronic Hepatitis C Therapy: From Virus to Host
Jia-Horng Kao, Taipei
- Liver Fibrosis: Pathogenesis and Antifibrotic Treatment
Detlef Schuppan, Boston
- Molecular Targeted Therapy in Hepatocellular Carcinoma
Josep M. Llovet, New York

State-of-the Art Lectures

Renowned scientists from varies field will share their research findings which have a great impact in the field of liver disease. These findings may provide you the direction for the clinical and basic research.

- The Role of Natural Killer Cells in Immunity against Viral Infection
Joseph C. Sun, San Francisco
- Therapeutic Potential of Adipose Derived Stem Cells on Liver Disease
Takahiro Ochiya, Tokyo
- Liver Tissue Engineering: Basic Research and their Translation into the Therapies of the Future
Hanry Yu, Singapore
- Systematic-omics Analysis of HBV-associated Hepatocellular Carcinoma
Fu-Chu He, Beijing
- Identification of Association of Genetic Variations in HLA-DP Locus with Chronic Hepatitis B in Asian Population through Genome-wide Association Study
Koichi Matsuda, Tokyo

General Session – Updates and Decision Making in Hepatology

Authors from AASLD, APASL and EASL are invited to discuss about the guidelines/consensus in their perspectives with the help of case presentation. These sessions are designed to provide a clear understanding of the guidelines/consensus to the audience. At the same time, it allow interaction with the authors during the discussion time.

- Hepatitis C (26 March)
- Liver Failure (27 March)
- Hepatitis B (28 March)

Concurrent Sessions

There are 15 concurrent sessions with 60 lectures delivered by the leading experts from worldwide. The sessions are divided into three tracks: Viral Hepatitis, Liver Cancer and Nonviral Liver Disease. Focused discussion/debate on the major issue will be allowed during the discussion time at the end of the session.

Viral Hepatitis Track (Function Hall A)

- Immunology and Virology of HBV: Lessons for The Future
- Hot and New Topics In Hepatitis B
- The World Inside Hepatitis C
- Clinical Updates for Hepatitis C
- Vaccination for Hepatitis A-E

Nonviral Liver Disease Track (Function Hall B)

- NAFLD/NASH and Metabolic Liver Diseases
- New Era of Liver Fibrosis Management
- Cirrhosis and Portal Hypertension
- Complications of Cirrhosis
- Management of Liver Failure

Liver Cancer Track (Function Hall C)

- Liver Transplantation: Key Issues and Special Consideration
- Molecular Pathology of Liver Cancer
- Diagnosis and Staging of Liver Cancer: Early Detection
- Surgical and Interventional Approach to Liver Cancer
- Novel Strategy for the Management of Liver Cancer

Evidence-Based Medicine Workshop - Developing Clinical Practice Guidelines

This full day workshop on the second day of the APASL conference will be facilitated by 6 experienced Evidenced Based practitioners who have been involved in running the Clinical Practice Guideline workshop for the last few years as part of the Asia Pacific EBM workshop.

Cost Effectiveness of CHB Symposium - Consensus Parameter for Cost Effective Studies

The over-arching objective of this workshop is to develop models the cost effectiveness of various strategies for HBV treatment resistance. There are three goals:

1. To review current assumptions on natural history of chronic HBV infection
2. To determine appropriate treatment endpoints and long-term efficacy of different treatment regimens
3. To develop Markov models for cost effectiveness in different settings

Focused Group Session - Radiotherapy for Liver Cancer

This session will introduce the major advances in radiotherapy and discuss its role and future prospective in the management of liver cancer.

Joint Symposia

APASL - IAC (International Ascites Club) Joint Symposium - Renal Dysfunction in Cirrhosis

APASL - AASLD Joint Symposium - Cholestasis

APASL – ILCA Joint Session (Concurrent Session 15) - Novel Strategy for the Management of Liver Cancer

APASL - ASIAHEP Joint Symposium - Chronic Hepatitis B and C and the Kidney

Plenary Presentations

15 submitted abstracts are selected for Plenary Presentation.

Free Paper Presentations

180 submitted abstracts are selected for Free Paper Presentation

Poster Presentations

893 submitted abstracts are accepted for poster presentation with a Top 10% Zone next to the exhibition area.