The continuing efforts of EASL against viral hepatitis in Europe.

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What is EASL?
European Association for the Study of the Liver
Some facts about EASL

- Founded in 1966
- **>2000 Members** (2009-2010 ↑↑ 25%)
  - Hepatologists, Gastroenterologists, ID, Internists, …
  - Members from >100 countries world-wide
  - Areas of expertise: Viral Hepatitis #1

- **Office:** Geneva Switzerland

- **Governing Board:** Secretary General, Vice Secretary, 5 Scientific Committee Members, 2 Educational Councilors, EU Policy Councilor

- **Journal of Hepatology** (IF 2009 7.1)
  - (New Editor since 2010: Prof. D. Samuel)
The Journal of Hepatology
What should be the role of a European scientific organization?
OUR MISSION

PROMOTE RESEARCH CONCERNING THE LIVER (HEPATOLOGY)

PROMOTE STATE-OF-THE-ART EDUCATION OF PHYSICIANS AND SCIENTISTS

ACT AS AN ADVISOR TO EUROPEAN HEALTH AUTHORITIES

SUPPORT THE PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG INVESTIGATORS AT EASL MEETINGS AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

FOSTER PUBLIC AWARENESS OF LIVER DISEASES AND THEIR MANAGEMENT

FACILITATE SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE AND FOSTER EUROPEAN MULTI-CENTER CONTROLLED TRIALS
EASL Activities

- Education
- Scientific Exchange
- Guidelines
- EU-Policy
- Public Awareness
The International Liver Congress™

Vienna April 14-18

EASL 2005 Paris: 4461
EASL 2006 Vienna: 5161
EASL 2007 Barcelona: 5757
EASL 2008 Milan: 7400
EASL 2009 Copenhagen: 7017
EASL 2010 Vienna: >7500
The International Liver Congress™

- Vienna April 14-18
- 1200 presented Scientific Abstracts
  Acceptance rate <50%
  >500 abstracts on viral hepatitis
  primary forum for HCV Drug Development
- 12 Educational Symposia
  including Public Health, e.g. 1 Symposium D. Goldberg
- 8 Joint Workshops with other Associations/Groups
  e.g. Workshops with European Resistance Network Virgil,
  Workshop with INHSU (Dr. Robaey)
- Symposia organized by ELPA, WHA
Hepatocellular carcinoma: from genomics to treatment

Dubrovnik (Croatia), June 25-26, 2010

Chair:
J Llovet

Co-chairs:
J Marrero
Flair Carrilho
M Omata

Co-organized by AASLD, APASL, ALEH
Clinical Practice Guidelines

CPGs define the use of diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive modalities, including non-invasive and invasive procedures, in the management of patients with various liver diseases. They are intended to assist physicians and other healthcare providers as well as patients and interested individuals in the clinical decision making process by describing a range of generally accepted approaches for the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of specific liver diseases. CPGs have to be distinguished from consensus statements and position papers:

- A consensus statement reports the conclusions of a consensus conference.
- A position paper reflects the opinions of experts.

Future guidelines:

- Management of Hepatocellular Carcinoma
- Management of Hepatitis C Virus Infection
- Management of Ascites and Hepato-Renal Syndrome
- Management of Hemochromatosis

Issue 1. Management of Chronic Hepatitis B

Worldwide, hepatitis B virus is a major cause of liver disease (acute and chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis and liver cancer). Approximately, 350 million individuals are infected. According to WHO, hepatitis B virus infection caused 750 000 deaths in 2000. European countries are far from being spared by this dreadful agent.
EASL Clinical Practice Guidelines


EASL Clinical Practice Guidelines: Management of chronic hepatitis B

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Doctor A – The “Super-Doctor”
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Doctor B
The “Evidence-Based Medicine Doctor”

Introduction to Evidence-Based Medicine

Click to start
I don't care what it said when you looked up your symptoms on the Internet... you are not anorexic.
infection. Even in the setting of approved drugs, RCTs, including placebo-controlled studies, are still indicated.

The most important research needs include representative prospective cohort studies to define the natural history of the disease and large RCTs of monotherapy and combined therapies, including placebo-controlled trials, that measure the effects on clinical health outcomes.
Doctor B
The “Evidence-Based Medicine Doctor”
Doctor C
The Doctor who uses “EASL-tools”: Meetings, Schools of Hepatology, Clinical Practice guidelines...

EASL Clinical Practice Guidelines: Management of chronic hepatitis B
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EASL Webcast Program
Fellowship

EASL Fellowships support research in the liver

EASL launched the first research fellowship programme in 1997 and dedicated it to honor the memory of Dame Sheila Sherlock (pictured below).

Our Post-Doc Fellowship, Entry Level Fellowship and Short-Term Fellowship programmes are open to all registered EASL members and aim to enhance the mobility of investigators within different European institutions, to actively promote scientific exchange among research units in hepatology. EASL invests in its members to encourage continued learning and research.

If you are not yet a registered member, the application process is simple and anyone who has logged on will be considered for EASL fellowship programmes while their membership is being processed.
EASL EU Policy Program

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An opportunity for clinicians and scientists from around the world to receive the latest research, perspectives and treatments of liver diseases from principal experts in the field. Over 7,000 participants expected... Click READ MORE to access the official congress website.
Viral hepatitis

Draft resolution proposed by Brazil
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Future Meetings:

April 2010, Vienna: The International Liver Congress

June 2010, Dubrovnik: Special Conference on HCC

September 2010, Istanbul: Monothematic Conference on Delta Hepatitis

December 2010, Athens: Monothematic Conference on Alcoholic Liver Disease