Day 1, October 8 Thursday, 2009

9:00-9:15 Welcoming Remarks

G. Esmat, Egypt - President, Intl Assn for the Study of Liver; Professor, Cairo University

9:15-9:45 Special Opening Lecture 1 - Tribute to Dr. Charles Lieber
Chaired by: G. Esmat, Egypt
T.K. Li, USA – "Reflections on the worldwide growth of alcohol research"

9:45-12:30 Session 1: Mechanisms of ALPD
Chaired by: T.-K. Li, USA & S. Lu, USA

B. Gao, USA – “Inflammation and alcoholic liver injury”
S.L. Friedman (for K. Sadler Edepli), USA – “Drinks like a fish: Using zebrafish to understand alcoholic liver disease”

Coffee break: 10:45-11:00

S. Pandol, USA – “Alcohol and the Pancreas: emerging paradigms”
S. Lu, USA – “SAM-E, unexplored aspects”
S. Zakhari, USA – “The role of epigenetics in alcohol-induced tissue injury”.

12:30-14:00 Poster Viewing Session (25 total) & Lunch

14:00-17:00 Leisure Time

17:00-19:45 Session 2 – Gene regulation, Cell Death, & Cancer
Chaired by: H. Tsukamoto, USA & S. Pandol, USA

J. Fernandez-Checa, Spain – “Mitochondrial cholesterol and liver diseases”
R. Lakshman, USA – “Role of PGC-1 transcriptional co-activators in alcoholic liver injury”
K. Machida, USA – “TLR4-mediated, Nanog-dependent liver oncogenesis by HCV and alcohol”

Coffee break: 18:30-18:45

P. Galle, Germany – “Apoptotic signaling and liver injury”
T. Abdel Gawad, Egypt – “The magnitude of alcoholism in the Middle East”

19:45-20:15 Special Lecture 2
Chaired by: J. Mato, Spain
A. Villanueva, Spain – “Mechanisms of hepatocarcinogenesis and targeted therapies”

21:00-22:00 Gala Dinner (for participants and guests only)
Day 2, October 9 Friday, 2009

9:15-9:45 Special Lecture 3  
Chaired by: S. Zakhari, USA  
G. Szabo, USA – USC “The unfolding web of immune dysregulation in alcoholic liver injury”

9:45-12:30 Session 3 - Translational Research  
Chaired by: M. Singer, Germany & Y. Kohgo, Japan

F. Lammert, Germany – “Genetics of liver injury and fibrosis”  
D. Kershenobich, Mexico – “Treatment of alcoholic liver disease. What’s new?”  
P. Mathurin, France – “New insights into alcoholic hepatitis”

Coffee break: 11:15-11:30

D. Whitcomb, USA – “Genetics and alcohol – a lethal combination in pancreatic disease?”  
C. McClain, USA – “Does nutritional treatment work for alcoholic liver disease?”

12:30-14:00 Oral presentation of selected posters (6 at 10 minutes each) & Lunch  
Moderated by B. Gao, USA, NIAAA & S. Radaeva, USA, NIAAA

14:00-17:00 Leisure Time

17:00-19:45 Session 4 Oxidant Stress in Alcoholic Injury and Fibrosis  
Chaired by: C. McClain, USA & S.L. Friedman, USA

K. Ikejima, Japan – “Adipokine regulation of innate immunity and tissue repair in steatohepatitis”  
G. Kunos, USA – “Endocannabinoids, at the nexus of lipogenic and fibrogenic signaling”  
C. Aloman, USA – “Alcohol and liver dendritic cells”

Coffee break: 18:30-18:45

Y. Israel, Chile – “On the protection against alcoholic cirrhosis by the fast ADH1B*2 allele: Studies in a new animal model”  
M. Bachem, Germany – “Mechanisms of pancreatic injury and fibrosis”

19:45-20:15 Special Lecture 4  
Chaired by: C. McClain, USA  
J. Fallowfield, UK – “Mechanisms and models of fibrosis resolution”

20:15-20:30 Poster Award Announcement

Y. Israel, Chile

20:30-20:45 Future Symposia and Closing Remarks

H. Tsukamoto, USA  
S. Zakhari, USA, NIAAA  
M. Singer, Germany  
Y. Kohgo, Japan

21:00-23:00 Cocktail Dinner (for all attendees, participants and guests)
**Poster Award Committee:**
Y. Israel (Chile)
K. Ikejima (Japan)
B. Gao (USA)

**Travel Award Committee:**
For students and post-docs from the U.S. – Hide Tsukamoto and Scott Friedman
For those from non-U.S. countries-Jose Mato and David Kershenobich

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