



PRELIMINARY
PROGRAM

XVII

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LIVER DISEASES

Beyond VIRAL HEPATITIS

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WELCOME

It is a great pleasure to welcome all of you to the XVII International Symposium on Viral Hepatitis and Beyond which will take place in Sitges on October 3rd and 4th, 2025.

We have succeeded in assembling an outstanding panel of speakers who will address the most relevant diagnostic and therapeutic aspects of Viral hepatitis B, C, and D as well as other liver diseases such as non alcoholic fatty liver disease, alcohol related hepatitis and Autoimmune Hepatitis.

Sitges is Mediterranean open friendly city with an enormous amount of cultural and amusements options.

It will be our pleasure to host your visit.



Rafael Esteban



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SATURDAY 4th

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Faculty

Florence Abravanel (Toulouse)

Kaushik Agarwal (London)

Raúl Andrade (Málaga)

Tarik Asselah (Paris)

Rafael Bañares (Madrid)

Ramón Bataller (Barcelona)

María Buti (Barcelona)

José Luis Calleja (Madrid)

Laurent Castera (Paris)

Helena Cortez-Pinto (Lisboa)

Javier Crespo (Santander)

Rafael Esteban (Barcelona)

Xavier Forns (Barcelona)

Sven Francque (Antwerp)

Javier García-Samaniego (Madrid)

Harry Janssen (Rotterdam)

Patrick Kennedy (London)

Pietro Lampertico (Milan)

Ana Lleo (Milan)

María Carlota Londoño (Barcelona)

Beatriz Mínguez (Barcelona)

Luis Morano (Vigo)

Georgios Papatheodoridis (Athens)

Jean-Michel Pawlotsky (Paris)

Homie Razavi (Louisville)

María Reig (Barcelona)

Mar Riveiro-Barciela (Barcelona)

Manuel Romero (Sevilla)

Frank Tacke (Berlin)

Robert Thimme (Freiburg)

Juan Turnes (Pontevedra)

Stephan Urban (Heidelberg)

Meritxell Ventura (Barcelona)

Zobair Younossi (Washington DC)

Fabien Zoulim (Lyon)

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08.55 - 09.00 OPENING
Rafael Esteban (Barcelona)
Rafael Bañares (Madrid)

09.00 - 10.40

VIRAL HEPATITIS

Chairpersons:
José Luis Calleja (Madrid)
Luis Morano (Vigo)

09.00 - 09.20 EASL guidelines on Hepatitis B
Patrick Kennedy (London)

09.20 - 09.40 Clinical follow-up after HCV cure
Xavier Forns (Barcelona)

09.40 - 10.00 Hepatitis B and Migrants. How to move forward?
Homie Razavi (Louisville)

10.00 - 10.20 New Diagnosis Tests for Viral Hepatitis
Jean-Michel Pawlotsky (Paris)

10.20 - 10.40 Discussion

10.40 - 11.10 **COFFEE BREAK**

11.10 - 11.40 Chairpersons:
Xavier Forns (Barcelona)
Javier García-Samaniego (Madrid)
Hepatitis E - Pressing for a vaccine?
Florence Abravanel (Toulouse)

11.40 - 12.10 Non Invasive test for liver disease
Laurent Castera (Paris)

12.10 - 13.10 SYMPOSIUM



13.10 - 14.30 **LUNCH**

14.30 - 16.10

LOOKING FOR FUNCTIONAL CURE OF CHRONIC HEPATITIS B?

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Chairpersons:

Jean-Michel Pawlostky (Paris)

Fabien Zoulim (Lyon)

14.30 - 14.50 New Antivirals for Hepatitis B
Kaushik Agarwal (London)

14.50 - 15.10 Role of Immunomodulators in Hepatitis B
Robert Thimme (Freiburg)

15.10 - 15.30 Mixing Drugs, Which drugs? Sequential or combination?
Harry Janssen (Rotterdam)

15.30 - 15.50 Silencing cccDNA
Fabien Zoulim (Lyon)

15.50 - 16.10 Discussion

16.10 - 16.30 **COFFEE BREAK**

16.30 - 17.50

HEPATITIS D

Chairpersons:

María Buti (Barcelona)

Kaushik Agarwal (London)

16.30 - 16.50 Update in HDV Virology
Stephan Urban (Heidelberg)

16.50 - 17.10 Bulevirtide
Pietro Lampertico (Milan)

17.10 - 17.30 Drugs under development
Tarik Asselah (Paris)

17.30 - 17.50 Discussion

09.00 - 09.50

SESSION.- IMMUNE-MEDIATED LIVER DISEASES

Chairpersons:

Raúl Andrade (Málaga)

Juan Turnes (Pontevedra)

09.00 - 09.20

Autoimmune liver disease

Ana Lleo (Milan)

09.20 - 09.40

Immunomediated liver diseases

Mar Riveiro-Barciela (Barcelona)

09.40 - 09.50

Discussion

09.50 - 10.20

SHORT LECTURE



Chair:

Ana Lleo (Milan)

New approaches for Primary Biliary Cholangitis

María Carlota Londoño (Barcelona)

10.20 - 10.40

COFFEE BREAK

10.40 - 12.00

METABOLIC DYSFUNCTION-ASSOCIATED STEATOTIC LIVER DISEASE

Chairpersons:

Manuel Romero (Sevilla)

Javier Crespo (Santander)

10.40 - 11.00

A growing epidemic

Zobair Younossi (Washington DC)

11.00 - 11.20

Current approach

Sven Francque (Antwerp)

11.20 - 11.40

The future

Frank Tacke (Berlin)

11.40 - 12.00

Discussion

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12.00 - 13.00 SYMPOSIUM

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13.00 - 14.00 LUNCH

14.00 - 15.20

ALCOHOL RELATED LIVER DISEASE

Chair:

Meritxell Ventura (Barcelona)

Rafael Bañares (Madrid)

14.00 - 14.20

Alcohol related liver disease screening

Helena Cortez-Pinto (Lisboa)

14.20 - 14.40

New treatments

Ramón Bataller (Barcelona)

14.40 - 15.00

Discussion

15.00 - 16.00

LIVER CANCER

Chair:

Beatriz Mínguez (Barcelona)

Rafael Bañares (Madrid)

15.00 - 15.20

Multiple etiologies for liver cancer: Role of viruses and MASLD

Georgios Papatheodoridis (Athens)

15.20 - 15.40

Therapy for IHCC

María Reig (Barcelona)

15.40 - 16.00

Discussion

16.00 - 16.20

Closing Remarks

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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MEETING LANGUAGE:

English is the official language of the Meeting.
All slides must be in English.

SPEAKER'S READY ROOM:

Speaker's room will be available who wish to preview their presentations. All speakers should check into this hall at least one hour prior to the beginning of each session.

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