FIT FOR THE FUTURE IN GASTROENTEROLOGY & Postgraduate Course

Berlin, Germany
November 20 - 21, 2015
Welcome to Fit for the Future in Gastroenterology

Dear colleagues,

I would like to welcome all participants to this new interdisciplinary program of scientific exchange in Gastroenterology. The new concept derived from the traditional European Bridging-Meeting. The group of fellows and their mentors from European academic institutions will participate in a 3-year follow-up program. Presentation of original scientific projects and the development over the following years will be the core part of the new “Fit for the Future in GI” program. Be sure to save the date for the follow-up events in 2016 & 2017!

The purpose behind this new, forward oriented format is to promote the academic career of young scientists and to support their international interaction. The meeting will conclude with a joint EAGEN & EHMSG Postgraduate Course, where updates on clinical management in digestive diseases, in their multiple facets, will be presented in form of interactive lectures and case presentations.

We are very pleased you have participated in the call for application and are now contributing to this 3-year-event of Fit for the Future in Gastroenterology...

Have fun!

Yours,

Prof. Dr. Drs. h.c. Peter Malfertheiner
& his team in Magdeburg
Fit for the Future in Gastroenterology Meeting

Friday, November 20, 2015

8:00h Welcome & Introduction to the program
   P. Malfertheiner, F. Megraud

8:15h - 9:45h MAIN SESSION: ESOPHAGUS/STOMACH SESSION

Chair: M. Leja, Z. Tulassay, J. Regula

Oral Presentations: 8 min - Prof comments: 4 min - Discussion: 3 min

8:15h - 8:30h keynotes on clinical issues M. Nilsson, Sweden

8:30h - 8:45h Neoadjuvant chemotherapy vs. neoadjuvante chemoradiation for cancer of the oesophagus or gastro-oesophageal junction: a randomized clinical trial.
   Klevebro F, Nilsson M; Sweden

Comments: M. Bruno, The Netherlands

8:45h - 9:00h Screening for gastric cancer and premalignant lesions: is it worth?
   Varodi O, Farkas H, Macarie M, Bataga S; Romania

Comments: M. Leja, Latvia

9:00h - 9:15h Different pattern of MUC-1 expression in premalignant conditions
   Isajevs S, Leja M; Latvia

Comments: L. Kupcinskas, Lithuania

9:15h - 9:30h Study Proposal: Study of the hippo signaling pathway in response to H. pylori infection

Comments: T. Starzynska, Poland

9:30h - 9:45h keynotes on research M. Bruno, The Netherlands

9:45h - 10:00h REFRESHMENT BREAK
10:00h - 11:30h  MAIN SESSION: PANCREAS / LIVER

Chair: H. Friess, T. Alempijevic, J. Spicak
Oral Presentations: 8 min  -  Prof comments: 4 min  -  Discussion: 3 min

10:00h - 10:15h  keynotes on clinical issues  A. Dabrowski, Poland

10:15h - 10:30h  Estrogen induces two distinct cholesterol crystallization pathways by activating ERα and GPR30 in female mice  
de Bari O, Portincasa P, Wang D Q-H; Italy

Comments:  L. Herszényi, Hungary

10:30h - 10:45h  TCAB1 mutations are associated with an accelerated progression of liver cirrhosis  
Hartmann D, Friess H; Germany

Comments:  D. Bordin, Russia

10:45h - 11:00h  Frequency of small intestinal bacterial overgrowth in patients with chronic pancreatitis  
Voinovan IN, Bordin DS, Osipenko YV, Silvestrova SY, Dubtsova EA; Russia

Comments:  T. Alempijevic, Serbia

11:00h - 11:15h  Study Proposal: Studies on eosinophilic and lymphocytic esophagitis  
Truskaite K, Dlugosz A; Sweden

Comments:  T. Matysiak-Budnik, France

11:15h - 11:30h  keynotes on research  C. Bruns, Germany

11:30h - 13:00h  MAIN SESSION: SMALL AND LARGE BOWEL

Chair: T. Matysiak-Budnik, L. Lazebnik, G. Lindberg
Oral Presentations: 8 min  -  Prof comments: 4 min  -  Discussion: 3 min

11:30h - 11:45h  keynotes on clinical issues  H. Hammer, Austria

11:45h - 12:00h  Significant differences between the microbiota profiles of luminal and mucosal samples in the upper GI tract.  
Schulz C, Koch N, Schütte K, Vilchez Vargas R, Pieper D and Malfertheiner P; Germany

Comments:  D. Dumitrascu, Romania
12:00h - 12:15h  MicroRNA expression profile in rectal cancer
**Král J, Rusnakova V, Langerova L, Korenkova V, Vodicka P, Spicak J, Slyskova J; Czech Republic**

Comments: **A. Sokic-Milutinovic, Serbia**

12:15h - 12:30h  Characterization of the gut microbiota in gastrointestinal diseases.
**Lopetuso L, Scaldaferri F; Italy**

Comments: **P. Shcherbakov, Russia**

12:30h - 12:45h  Study Proposal: Microbiota, gut barrier dysfunction and serum cytokines as biomarkers in PSC and IBD
**Bajer L, Kverka M, Dvorak J, Brezina J, Tlaskalova-Hogenova H, Spicak J, Drastich P; Czech Republic**

Comments: **A. Dorofeyev, Ukraine**

12:45h - 13:00h  Special topic: “Molecular Mechanisms in Colorectal Cancerogenesis”
**L. Ricciardiello, Italy**

13:00h - 14:15h  LUNCH

14:15h - 16:30h  Parallel Scientific Sessions I, II, III

Session I  Upper Gastrointestinal Tract - Clinical / Basic / Endoscopy

*Chair: E. Bessède, T. Starzynska, P. Pimentel-Nunes*

Oral Presentations: 8 min - Prof comments: 4 min - Discussion: 3 min

14:15h - 14:30h  Biomarkers of inflammation and cancer risk in the upper digestive tract
**Corujan AL, Dumitrascu D; Romania**

Comments: **T. Starzynskas, Poland**

14:30h - 14:45h  Non-invasive breath ammonium test in diagnosis of H. pylori infection
**Baryshnikova NV, Rustamov MN; Belarus**

Comments: **D. Dumitrascu, Romania**

14:45h - 15:00h  CYP2C19*17 polymorphism as a predisposing factor for NSAIDs-induced gastropathy
**Tkach S, Onyschuk L; Ukraine**

Comments: **P. Pimentel-Nunes, Portugal**
15:00h - 15:15h Analysis of deregulated microRNA and their target genes in gastric cancer
Kupcinskas J, Juzenas S, Salteniene V, Jarmalaite S, Link A, Skieceviciene J, Jonaitis L, Malfertheiner P; Lithuania; Germany

Comments: E. Bessède, France

15:15h - 15:30h Study Proposal: Epigenetic and expression changes of matrix metalloproteinase system in upper GI tract carcinogenesis
Patai AV, Herszenyi I; Hungary

Comments: J. Martinek, Czech Republic

15:30h - 15:45h Diagnosis and treatment of early gastric cancer
Libanio D, Nunes PP, Dinis Ribeiro M; Portugal

Comments: M. Rugge, Italy

15:45h - 16:00h Study Proposal: Regulation of the mTOR pathway by H. pylori infection and its role in the epithelial to mesenchymal transition
Courtois S, Duran RV, Varon C, Megraud F, Bessède E; France

Comments: A. Dorofeyev, Ukraine

16:00h - 16:15h Role of endoscopic ultrasound with fine needle aspiration for non mass-forming cholangiocarcinoma
Eusebi LH, Bazzoli F; Italy

Comments: S. Tkach, Ukraine

16:15h - 16:30h Relationship between APUD-peptides and gastric dysmotility in functional dyspepsia
Kugler T, Dorofeyev A; Ukraine

Comments: D. Dumitrascu, Romania

16:30h - 16:45h Study Proposal: Etiopathogenesis and genetic susceptibility of idiopathic achalasia
Vackova Z, Krajcova J, Bayer J, Spicak J, Martinek J; Czech Republic

Comments: W. Schwizer, Switzerland

16:45h - 17:00h Seated evaluation of anorectal function by high resolution manometry: a randomized comparison of measurements in the seated and left lateral positions
Heinrich H, Reiner C, Parker H, Misselwitz B, Hollenstein M, Fried M, Schwizer W, Fox M; Switzerland

Comments: P. Pimentel-Nunes, Portugal
Session II  Liver / Pancreas / GI-Carcinogenesis

Chair: B. Tepes, S. Bataga, JE. Dominguez-Munoz
Oral Presentations: 8 min  -  Prof comments: 4 min  -  Discussion: 3 min

14:15h - 14:30h New approaches to the diagnosis and the symptomatic treatment of hepatic encephalopathy (HE)
*Manzhalii E*, Ukraine

Comments:  *S. Bataga, Romania*

14:30h - 14:45h **Study Proposal:** A randomized, open-label, crossover clinical trial to assess the efficacy of increasing doses of pancreatic enzymes versus the inhibition of acid gastric secretion in patients with exocrine pancreatic insufficiency secondary to chronic pancreatitis.
*De la Iglesia-Garcia D*, Dominguez-Munoz JE; Spain

Comments:  *B. Tepes, Slovenia*

14:45h - 15:00h **Study Proposal:** The role of obesity and diabetes mellitus in the occurrence of NAFLD
*Franjic N*, Stimac D; Croatia

Comments:  *V. Tkachyshyn, Ukraine*

15:00h - 15:15h Studying prospects of premorbid mechanisms among workers in hazardous conditions (on locomotive crews example)
*Aleksiichuk O*, Tkachyshyn V; Ukraine

Comments:  *M. Scherbinina, Ukraine*

15:15h - 15:30h Micro-RNA as potential biomarkers for early diagnosis of premalignant colon diseases

Comments:  *D. Stimac, Croatia*

15:30h - 15:45h **Study Proposal:** Enteric neurons: a novel actor of colorectal cancer microenvironment?
*Duchalais E*, Matysiak T, van Landeghem L, Neunlist M; France

Comments:  *L. Ricciardiello, Italy*
15:45h - 16:00h  Inflammation increases NOTCH1 activity via EMT and is counteracted by Eicosapentaenoic Acid-free fatty acid in colon cancer cells
*Fazio C, Bazzoli F, Ricciardiello; Italy*

Comments:  *P. Drastich, Czech Republic*

16:00h - 16:15h  Coagulation disorders in cirrhosis – do they increase the risk of variceal bleeding?
*Rogalski P, Dabrowski A; Poland*

Comments:  *M. Bruno, The Netherlands*

16:15h - 16:30h  hMLH1 promoter gene methylation, BRAF mutation and microsatellite instability in colorectal cancer – Serbian cases
*Markovic S, Antic J, Krtic M, Svorcan P, Krivokapic Z; Serbia*

Comments:  *B. Tepes, Slovenia*

16:30h - 16:45h  Evidence of HGF depended bone marrow derived stem cells mobilization in acute pancreatitis – a potential link with regeneration?
*Dąbkowski K, Zuba-Surma E, Łabędź-Masłowska A, Budkowska M, Sałata D, Dołęgowska B, Ratajczak MZ, Starzyńska T; Poland*

Comments:  *EJ. Dominguez-Munoz, Spain*

16:45h - 17:00h  Mapping international practice patterns in EUS-guided tissue sampling: outcome of a global survey
*Van Riet PA, Cahen DL, Poley JW, Bruno MJ; The Netherlands*

Comments:  *L. Ricciardiello, Italy*
Session III  Intestinal Inflammation – IBD

Chair: H. Hammer, A. Sokic-Milutinovic, J. Regula
Oral Presentations: 8 min - Prof comments: 4 min - Discussion: 3 min

14:15h - 14:30h Prevalence of trehalose malabsorption and intolerance in patients with bloating and abdominal pain
_Durchschein F, Reif-Breitwieser J, Hammer H; Austria_

Comments:  _J. Czimer, Hungary_

14:30h - 14:45h Evaluation of the efficacy and safety of biosimilar infliximab in the induction of remission in inflammatory bowel diseases in a multicenter study
_Mihaly E, Altorjay I, Banai J, Herszenyi L, Tulassay Z; Hungary_

Comments:  _M. Krstic, Serbia_

14:45h - 15:00h Effects of apple pectin-derived oligosaccharides and ascorbate (in the presence of FeCl3) on the growth of Escherichia Coli and Staphylococcus aureus
_Martinov J, Alempijevic T, Krstic M, Milosavljevic T, Spasic SD, Spasic MB; Serbia_

Comments:  _L. Lazebnik, Russia_

14:00h - 15:15h Importance of molecular genetic markers of inflammation and apoptosis in correlation with clinical, endoscopic and histopathological findings in patients with inflammatory bowel disease
_Dragasevic S, Milosavljevic T; Serbia_

Comments:  _P. Shcherbakov, Russia_

15:15h - 15:30h Serum citrulline is a helpful marker to select the right nutritional support in patients with ulcerative colitis
_Smirnova O, Shcherbakov P; Russia_

Comments:  _Z. Tulassay, Hungary_

15:30h - 15:45h Microbiology changes, structural alterations of large intestinal wall and systemic inflammation in patients with chronic heart failure
_Bylova NA, Lazebnik L; Russia_

Comments:  _J. Regula, Poland_
15:45h - 16:00h  Thermography in ulcerative colitis
  Bozin T, Banic M; Croatia

Comments: H. Hammer, Austria

16:00h - 16:15h  Prognostic utility of fecal calprotectin semi-quantitative
  Quantum Blue test in inflammatory bowel diseases monitoring
  Moniuszko A, Rydzewska G; Poland

Comments: M. Banic, Croatia

16:15h - 16:30h  **Study Proposal:** Perinatal and early life environment risk
  factors influence on inflammatory bowel disease in
  Serbia – single center experience
  Sokic-Milutinovic A, Toncve LJ; Serbia

Comments: G. Rydzewska, Poland

16:30h - 16:45h  Gastroscopy quality indicators and post – gastroscopy cancers.
  Szlak J, Januszewicz W, Kaminski M, ,Serek R, Regula J; Poland

Comments: T. Milosavljevic, Serbia

16:45h - 17:00h  A quest for microarray probes that make crucial difference
  between microbiota of ulcerative colitis and irritable bowel
  disease: Can we diagnose from stool?
  Bojic S, Rajilic-Stojanovic M; Serbia

Comments: J. Malagelada, Spain

17:00h - 17:15h  REFRESHMENT BREAK

MAIN SESSION
  Chair: P. Malfertheiner, J. Malagelada

17:15h - 17:30h  Is there any idiopathic pancreatitis?
  EJ. Dominguez-Munoz, Spain

17:30h - 17:45h  An academic career in
  Gastroenterology - My Way!
  G. Krejs, Austria

END OF FIT FOR THE FUTURE IN GI PROGRAM 2015

EAGEN & EHMSG Postgraduate Course

„Changes of paradigms in the management of GI diseases“

Saturday, November 21, 2015

8:25h - 16:00h MAIN SESSION:

08:25h - 08:30h Opening and Introduction  
P. Malfertheiner

ESOPHAGUS  Chair: W. Schwizer, J. Weigt

08:30h - 08:45h Non erosive gastroesophageal reflux disease: a domain for high resolution endoscopy and basal impedance?  
A. Kandulski

08:45h - 08:50h Discussion

08:50h - 09:05h POEM: Ready for primetime or just another illusion  
D. Stimac

09:05h - 09:10h Discussion

09:10h - 09:25h New minimal invasive techniques to manage PPI refractory patients with GERD  
M. Nilsson

09:25h - 09:30h Discussion

09:30h - 09:45h Interactive Case Presentation with Discussion  
H. Heinrich / W. Schwizer

09:45h - 10:00h REFRESHMENT BREAK

STOMACH  Chair: F. Megraud, P. Pimentel-Nunes

10:00h - 10:10h The Kyoto global conference and the implications for H. pylori management  
F. Megraud / P. Malfertheiner

10:10h - 10:15h Comment & view point  
M. Leja

10:15h - 10:20h Discussion

The EAGEN & EHMSG event is supported by the UEG
10:20h - 10:35h  New classification of gastric cancer subgroups - An extended understanding of gastric carcinogenesis: 

T. Matysiak-Budnik

10:35h - 10:40h  Discussion

10:40h -10:55h  Interactive Case Presentation with Discussion 

J. Kupcinskas / L. Jonaitis

SMALL BOWEL  

Chair: T. Starzynska, M. Banic

10:55h - 11:10h  Intestinal bacterial overgrowth: just a myth? 

J. Malagelada

11:10h - 11:15h  Discussion

11:15h - 11:30h  Mechanisms and remedies in functional gastrointestinal diseases 

P. Portincasa

11:30h - 11:35h  Discussion

11:35h - 11:40h  Interactive Case Presentation with Discussion 

O. De Bari / P. Portincasa

11:40h - 11:55h  The Gut Microbiome – State of the Art 

M. Rajilic-Stojanovic

11:55h - 12:05h  REFRESHMENT BREAK

LIVER  

Chair: S. Bataga, J. Regula

12:05h - 12:20h  Hepatitis C – all set? 

L. Kupcinskas

12:20h - 12:25h  Discussion

12:25h - 12:40h  Hepatocellular cancer: sorafenib and beyond 

J. Spicak

12:40h - 12:45h  Discussion

12:45h - 13:00h  Interactive Case Presentation with Discussion 

K. Schütte
13:00h - 14:00h   WORKING LUNCH

**PANCREAS**  
Chair: H. Friess, T. Milosavljevic

14:00h - 14:15h  Chronic pancreatitis – any progress in the clinical management?  
*H. Friess*

14:15h - 14:20h  Discussion

14:20h - 14:35h  Pancreatic cancer: more optimism justified?  
*A. Dabrowski*

14:35h - 14:40h  Discussion

14:40h - 14:45h  Interactive Case Presentation with Discussion  
*N. Franjic / D. Stimac*

**COLON**  
Chair: L. Ricciardiello, L. Herszényi

14:45h - 15:00h  Management of diverticular disease - a change in direction  
*G. Lindberg*

15:00h - 15:15h  Case scenarios with uncomplicated diverticular disease  
*F. Scaldaferr / J. Weigt*

15:15h - 15:30h  Discussion

15:30h - 15:45h  Colon polyps: when resect? When discard?  
*J. Regula*

15:45h - 16:00h  Discussion

16:00h  Concluding remarks  
*P. Malfertheiner*
City Map Berlin: Hotel – Dinner Venue

A: The Mercure Hotel Berlin City
Invalidenstrasse 38
10115 Berlin
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B: Restaurant Deponie Nr 3
Georgenstraße 5
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City Map Berlin: Hotel – Meeting Venue

A: The Mercure Hotel Berlin City
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Luisenstr 18, 10117 Berlin
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General Information

**Meeting Venue:**
Nov 20 - 21: Landesvertretung von Sachsen-Anhalt beim Bund, Luisenstrasse 18, 10117 Berlin

**Scientific Committee, University Clinic Magdeburg:**
Prof. Dr. Peter Malfertheiner, Dr. Arne Kandulski,
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**Follow up events:**
Please save the dates!
2016 = November, 18 – 20, 2016
2017 = November, 17 – 19, 2017

**CME:**
The Fit for the future in GI event & PG course (Nov 20-21) has been granted **12 European CME** credit by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME).

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With participation in the EAGEN Postgraduate Courses, all participants will receive the EAGEN sponsored 2-year online subscription of the Digestive Disease Publication. Please be sure to leave your email contact with the registration. A personal access code to the publication will be emailed to you.
**Hotel:**

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- A garage is available for parking.

**Breakfast:**
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**Dinner Venue:**  *- smart casual -*
Restaurant Deponie Nr 3
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10117 Berlin
Phone: +49-(0) 30- 20165740, www.deponie3.de

**Transportation:**
The meeting venue is a 10 min (walk) from the hotel. Please see map. The Fit for the future in GI dinner on Friday November 20th will take place in the Restaurant Deponie Nr 3. Approx. 20 min walk from the hotel (10 min from the meeting venue) in Berlin Mitte. Please see map.

**Registration:**
Will take place at the meeting venue upon your arrival.

**Questionaire:**
This event is supported by the UEG. Please drop the EAGEN/UEG questionnaire to the registration at the end of the event
SAVE THE DATES:
Nov 18-20, 2016
Nov 17-19, 2017

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