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Invitation

It is my great pleasure to invite you to the FALK workshop ‘Translational Research in Chronic Liver Diseases’, which will take place in Heidelberg from January 29th – 30th 2009. The scientific board has selected this topic in order to emphasize the urgent need to make better use of the rapid progress in basic biomedical research in addressing liver function and disease in terms of diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic applicability. Since the translational research today develops the innovative therapy for tomorrow we are convinced that the workshop will meet broad interest in the community of liver researchers, clinical scientists, and innovatively thinking hepatologists and oncologists.

Chronic viral hepatitis, fatty liver disease and their consequences are the clinically relevant liver diseases. Despite the significant progress in basic biomedical research we are still struggling with a lack of specific predictive tests and efficient therapies. With the advent of e.g. large scale profiling analyses, high-output functional tests, and tailored in vitro and in vivo model systems we are now witnessing exponentially growing numbers of potential therapeutic target structures and diagnostic markers.

As a consequence, many novel and more specific therapeutic substances are in the process of being developed and will dramatically change our diagnostic and clinical approach to chronic liver disease in the future.

The aim of translational research is to motivate basic biomedical researchers to reflect upon clinical questions and to integrate these questions into their research topics and to support clinicians in understanding and utilizing the potential of basic biomedical research. The FALK workshop on ‘Translational Research in Chronic Liver Diseases’ intends to make its contributions and bring together internationally leading experts, who will present recent progress in preclinical liver research. I am sure that Heidelberg and its Research Campus will provide the ideal framework for interesting presentations, stimulating discussions, and some new ideas and I hope to see you all in Heidelberg in January.

Sincerely,

Peter Schirmacher
Translational Research in Chronic Liver Diseases

January 29-30, 2009
University Hospital, Heidelberg
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The 25th Annual Meeting of the German Association for the Study of the Liver will follow the Falk Research Workshop:
January 30, 12.30 h to January 31, 13.00 h

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Steatohepatitis and Oxidative stress

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      H.K. Seitz, Heidelberg

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Poster Session
Posters will be exhibited on January 29-30, 2009 at the University Hospital Heidelberg. The authors will be in attendance during coffee- and lunch breaks on both days.

Call for posters
Please submit your poster abstract before October 30, 2008. Only one page abstracts not exceeding 250 words, written in English and saved in Microsoft Word format will be accepted.

The abstracts will be selected by the scientific committee, preference given to those thematically related to one of the session of the program.

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