



THE
GASTROENTEROLOGY FOUNDATION
OF SOUTH AFRICA

Best of EASL – Lagos

held at NECA Hall: Alausa, Ikeja

Wednesday, 20 July 2016



PROGRAMME

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS



Prof. Mark Thursz,
*Imperial College,
United Kingdom*

Mark Thursz is professor of hepatology at Imperial College where he is head of the Digestive Diseases Division and also lead clinician for hepatology at St Mary's Hospital, London. His clinical interests are in viral hepatitis, alcoholic and fatty liver disease.

Professor Thursz's research interests are focussed on the natural history of viral hepatitis and fatty liver disease and the factors which determine chronic infection and progressive liver disease. He has a special interest in the genetic determinants of disease outcomes using genetic association and genome wide scanning to identify causative variants. Professor Thursz is chief investigator on two multi-centre trials: The warfarin anticoagulation for liver fibrosis in patients transplanted for hepatitis C (WAFT-C) trial and the steroids or pentoxifylline for alcoholic hepatitis (STOPAH) trial. He is chief investigator on the PROLIFICA programme (www.prolifica.eu) in West Africa.

Professor Thursz is a former secretary of the British Association for Study of the Liver (BASL) and has recently completed his term as Secretary-General of the European Association for Study of the Liver. He remains active in advocacy for treatment availability for patients with viral hepatitis and for government policy to reduce alcohol consumption. He is chair of the Hepatitis C Coalition, a group of professional and patient representative groups working together towards the elimination of HCV in the UK.



Dr. Frank Tacke,
RWTH Aachen University, Germany

Frank Tacke was originally educated at the medical school in Hannover, Germany, and Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX. Later he stayed at University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, working on new gene therapy strategies (1998-1999) as well as for post-doctoral research training (2004-2006) at the Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, working on monocyte/macrophage and dendritic cell biology. Since 2006, he has been a clinical physician and leader of a research laboratory at the University Hospital Aachen, Germany. He is board-certified in Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology and Critical Care Medicine. His research interests are: Clinical and Experimental Hepatology, Liver Immunology, Viral Hepatitis, Gastroenterology, Critical Care Medicine, and Monocyte/Macrophage Biology. In 2012, Frank Tacke was appointed as an Associate Professor (W2-professorship) at the RWTH University Aachen. He has co authored >180 peer-reviewed original and review articles.

For the last several years, important lines of research in Frank Tacke's research team included the regulation of inflammatory responses in the liver, novel imaging approaches to dissect immune cell subsets in injured liver, factors driving the progression to fibrosis and cancer, targeting these cellular or molecular mechanisms by nanoparticles and the translation into clinics (biomarkers + therapy). He has been furthermore involved in several clinical trials, mainly focussed on improving therapies for acute liver failure, chronic hepatitis B, hepatitis C, liver cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma.

AGENDA

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| 09h00 - 09h15 | Best of EASL – Lagos, Welcome | Dr. Chris Kassianides (Gastro Foundation), Prof. Musa Borodo (SOGHIN), Prof. Frank Tacke (EASL) |
| | Chairs: Prof. Musa Borodo (SOGHIN), Dr. Funmi Lesi (SOGHIN) | |
| 09h15 - 09h35 | Screening, transmission, prevention, access to care – strategies to combat liver diseases | Prof. Mark Thursz (EASL) |
| 09h35 - 09h55 | Approach to the patient with liver diseases – practical management | Prof. Adamu Samaila (SOGHIN) |
| 09h55 - 10h15 | Standard evaluation of fatty liver disease | Dr. Adegboyega Akere (SOGHIN) |
| 10h15 - 10h35 | Non-alcoholic fatty liver – new developments | Prof. Frank Tacke (EASL) |
| 10h35 - 10h55 | Alcoholic liver disease – new developments | Prof. Mark Thursz (EASL) |
| 10h55 - 11h10 | Panel discussion | All |
| 11h10 - 11h30 | TEA | |
| | Chairs: Prof. Abraham Malu, Prof. Reid Ally | |
| 11h30 - 11h50 | Hepatitis B and HBV/HIV coinfections: clinical presentation and diagnosis | Prof. Edith Okeke (SOGHIN) |
| 11h50 - 12h10 | Hepatitis B: EASL guideline and new strategies for cure | Prof. Mark Thursz (EASL) |
| 12h10 - 12h30 | Hepatitis C: therapeutic options in Africa | Dr. Funmi Lesi (SOGHIN) |
| 12h30 - 12h50 | Hepatitis C: EASL guideline and new options | Prof. Frank Tacke (EASL) |
| 12h50 - 13h10 | Case presentation and discussion | Presenter (SOGHIN) |
| 13h10 - 13h25 | Panel discussion | All |
| 13h25 - 14h30 | LUNCH | |
| | Chairs: Dr. Ebere Anomneze, Prof. Sandie Thomson | |
| 14h30 - 14h50 | Approach to the patient with liver cirrhosis | Prof. Dennis Ndububa (SOGHIN) |
| 14h50 - 15h10 | Acute-on-chronic liver failure | Prof. Mark Thursz (EASL) |
| 15h10 - 15h30 | Complications of liver cirrhosis | Prof. Frank Tacke (EASL) |
| 15h30 - 15h45 | Panel discussion | All |
| 15h45 - 16h15 | TEA | |
| | Chair: Prof. Mark Thursz (EASL) | |
| 16h15 - 16h45 | HCC screening, diagnosis and therapy | Prof. Frank Tacke (EASL) |
| 16h45 - 17h15 | Case presentation | Presenter (SOGHIN) |
| | Close - Prof. Frank Tacke (EASL) | |

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