EUROPEAN BRIDGING
MEETING IN
GASTROENTEROLOGY

Berlin, Germany
November 30 – December 01, 2018
Dear Friends & Colleagues:

We are delighted to extend our warmest welcome to you at our traditional Bridging Meeting in Berlin. Thank you for taking part in this long-running event and contributing to yet another propitious experience. Last year we concluded a triennial educational program under the same formula by the title “Fit for the Future in GI”, which concluded successfully with 3-year reports on continued research progress.

This year we are back to the original classic model of the established Bridging Meeting, where fellows and their mentors will present, discuss and engage within this European network in Gastroenterology.

As every year during this event, we, the generation of mentors, are proud and honored to have the privilege to observe the advances of our fellows in their academic careers, steering the future in Gastroenterology. We are grateful to the EAGEN & EHMSG for their support of this unique mentor-fellow teaching concept in academic gastroenterology and also extend a sincere thank you to our industrial partners for their support.

Welcome & enjoy this exciting event, which cherishes scientific progress and friendships among the European gastroenterology network.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Malfertheiner
Friday, November 30, 2018: EUROPEAN GI BRIDGING MEETING

8.45 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION P. Malfertheiner

European Bridging Meeting in Gastroenterology– Introduction to the course

8:50 – 11:00 REPORTS

Chairmen: D. Dumitrascu, C. Veron

8:50 – 9:00 hot news - esophageal diseases A. Dabrowski

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9:00 – 9:15 Esophageal pH and impedance reflux parameters in relation to body mass index, obesity related hormones and bariatric procedures

Agnieszka Swidnicka-Siergiejko; Eugeniusz Wroblewski, Hady Razak Hady, Magdalena Luba; Jacek Dadan; Andrzej Dabrowski

comments – S. Bataga, Romania

9:15 – 9:30 The prevalence of Helicobacter pylori and effectiveness of eradication therapy in Russia


comments – F. Megraud, France

9:30 – 9:45 Study of the Hippo/YAP/TAZ pathway in gastric carcinogenesis induced in response to Helicobacter pylori infection

Camille Tiffon, Silvia Elena Molina-Castro, Julie Giraud, Hélène Boeuf, Elodie Sifre, Alban Giese, Geneviève Belleannée, Philippe Lehours, Emilie Bessède, Francis Mégraud, Pierre Dubus, Cathy Staedel, Christine Varon

Comments – L. Herszenyi, Hungary

presentations: 8 min, Prof comments: 4 min, discussion: 3 min
9:45 – 10:00 Significance of serum pepsinogens as a biomarker for atrophic gastritis screening in the Kazakhstan population. 
_Linda Mezmale_, Sergejs Isajevs, Inga Bogdanova, Inese Polaka, Anna Krigere, Dace Rudzite, Aiga Rudule, Ilze Kikuste, Sergejs Parsutins, Altynbek Tazedinov, Niyaz Malayev, Dmitrij Musinksij, Darhan Samentaev, Ramis Samsutdinov, Tatjana Belihina, Nurbek Igissinov, Marcis Leja

comments – _F. Bazzoli, Italy_

10:00 – 10:15 Endoscopic and histopathologic aspects in long lasting partial gastrectomy patients
_Monica Pantea_, Negovan Anca, Voidazan Septimiu, Bataga Simona

comments – _M. Banic, Croatia_

10:15 – 10:30 The impact of simultaneous gastroscopy with screening colonoscopy - preliminary data
_Orsolya Weiszenberger_, Emese Mihály, Zsolt Tulassay, László Herszényi

comments – _A. Dabrowski, Poland_

10:30 – 10:45 Infrared thermography in acute pancreatitis: a study proposal
_Rob Z_, Antonini S, Kolarić D, Urek M, Prka L, Kardum D, Banić M

comments – _H. Friess, Germany_

10:45 – 11:00 Plasma nogo-A and placental growth factor levels are associated with portal hypertension in patients with liver cirrhosis
_Sigita Gelman_, Violeta Salteniene, Andrius Pranculis, Irma Kuliaviene, Dalius Petrauskas, Robertas Bagdzevicius, Limas Kupcinskas, Juozas Kupcinskas

comments – _L. Ricciardiello, Italy_

_presentations: 8 min, Prof comments: 4 min, discussion: 3 min_

11:00 – 11:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:30 – 12:55 REPORTS

_Chairmen: J. Kupcinskas, S. Bataga_

11:30 – 11:40 _hot news - _H. pylori_  
(short glimpse – max 10 slides)  
_F. Megraud_
11:40 – 11:55 Metabolic syndrome, obesity and lipid status as important factors in inflammatory bowel disease development

Sanja Dragasevic, Biljana Stankovic, Aleksandra Sokic-Milutinovic, Tomica Milosavljevic, Tamara Milovanovi, Snezana Lukic, Sanja Srzentic Drazilov, Kristel Klaassen, Nikola Kotur, Sonja Pavlovic, Dragan Popovic

comments – D. Stimac, Croatia

11:55 – 12:10 Perinatal and early life environment risk factors influence on inflammatory bowel disease - case control study

Tončev Lj, Sokic Milutinovic A

comments – J. Kupcinskas, Lithuania

12:10 – 12:25 Long term effect of rifaximin with and without lactulose on the active bacterial assemblages in the proximal small bowel and faeces in patients with minimal hepatic encephalopathy


comments – J. Regula, Poland

12:25 – 12:40 Microbiome and genetics in IBD

Lukas Macke, Leandra Koletzko, Fabian Frost, Julia Mayerle, Christian Schulz

comments – C. Varon, France

12:40 – 12:55 The potential use of the anti-inflammatory protein Annexin A1 for induction of intestinal anastomotic healing in inflammatory bowel disease

Neumann, PA, Friess, Helmut

comments – Z. Tulassay, Hungary

presentations: 8 min, Prof comments: 4 min, discussion: 3 min

12:55 - 14:15 LUNCH

14:15 – 15:05 REPORTS

Chairmen: C. Schulz, A. Sokic-Milutinovic

14:15 – 14:25 hot news - pancreatic cancer

H. Friess

( short glimpse – max 10 slides)

14:25 – 14:40 Diverticular disease: a systematic review

Marica, Christina, Dumitrascu D.

comments – L. Kupcinskas, Lithuania
14:40 – 14:55 Risk factors for colonic diverticulosis: a study in primary care setting, 
Violi, Alessandra, Di Mario, F.
comments – T. Matysiak-Budnik, France

14:55 – 15:10 The prognostic value of a new endoscopic classification for Diverticular Disease: DICA (Diverticular Inflammation and Complication Assessment) Cambie, Ginevra, Di Mario, F.
comments – M. Leja, Latvia

comments – C. Schulz, Germany

15:25 – 15:40 Elastography in diagnosis of liver steatosis and fibrosis compared with histology in patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) - study proposal Brozovic, Boris, Davor Stimac
comments – D. Dumitrascu, Romania

presentations: 8 min, Prof comments: 4 min, discussion: 3 min

15:40 – 15:50 hot news - diverticular diseases F. Di Mario
(short glimpse – max 10 slides)

15:50 – 16:15 REFRESHMENT BREAK

16:15 – 17:40 REPORTS
Chairmen: J. Regula, T. Matysiak-Budnik

16:15 – 16:25 hot news: colorectal cancer M. Banic
(short glimpse – max 10 slides)

comments – P. Malfertheiner, Germany

comments – A. Soric Milutinovic, Serbia
16:55 – 17:10  Role of ultrasound elastography for detection of fibrotic bowel stricture in patients with Crohn Disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Amanda Vestito, Giovanni Marasco, Giovanni Maconi, Davide Festi, Franco Bazzoli, Rocco Maurizio Zagari

comments –  A. Kandulski, Germany


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CONCLUSION OF DAY -1-
BRIDGING MEETING IN GASTROENTEROLOGY
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Debate & Choose wisely:
Management of Chronic Diseases in the Digestive System

Course Director: Prof. Dr. Peter Malfertheiner

Chair: M. Banic, F. Bazzoli

8.15 – 9.15 Esophagus

Gastroesophageal reflux disease with partial response to PPI:

8.15 – 8.22 - intensify medical therapy L. Herszeny
8.22 – 8.30 - switch to surgery H. Friess
8.30 – 8.45 Barrett Esophagus with no dysplasia, no symptoms: leave it or treat it P. Malfertheiner

8.45-9.00 Barrett with LGD / HGD: Guidelines conform and beyond D. Stimac

9.00-9.15 Question & Answer Session

Chair: Z. Tulassay, A. Dabrowski

9.15 – 11.25 Stomach/Bowel

9.15 – 9.30 Dyspepsia and Functional dyspepsia: Treatment adaptation to individual needs D. Bordin
9.30 – 9.35 Q & A
9.35 – 9.50 Celiac disease refractory to gluten free diet: next step T. Matysiak-Budnik
9.50 – 9.55 Q & A
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<td>Are stool tests for microbiota useful for the management of digestive diseases? F. Bazzoli</td>
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<td>Is it Chronic Diverticular Disease or IBS - and does it matter for therapy? J. Regula</td>
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**Chair:** D. Dumitrascu, L. Ricciardiello

**11.25 – 12.05** Liver & Microbiota

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**12.05 – 13.15** LUNCH
Chair: P. Malfertheiner, A. Kandulski

13.15 – 15.00 Interactive endoscopy training

13.15 – 13.35 What is new in HD and virtual GI- Endoscopy - key contributions to clinical practice A. Kandulski

13.35 – 13.40 Q & A

13.40 – 14.40 Focus session: 2 endoscopy stations with interactive learning

Upper GI Endoscopy - Step into deeper knowledge

Group Station I (10-15 persons) C. Schulz
Group Station II (10-15 persons) A. Kandulski

14.40 – 14.50 Highlights in Digestive Diseases L. Ricciardiello

14.50 – 14.55 Q & A

14.55 – 15.00 Take home messages

Conclusion of the PGC P. Malfertheiner

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A = Meeting Venue, Landeszentrale von Sachsen Anhalt in Berlin, Luisenstrasse 18, 10017 Berlin
B = The Mercure Hotel Berlin City, Invalidenstrasse 38, 10115 Berlin
C = Hotel Augustinenhof Berlin, Auguststrasse 82, 10117 Berlin
D = Hotel Albrechthof Berlin, Albrechtstrasse 8, 10117 Berlin
E = Hotel Allegra Berlin, Albrechtstrasse 17, 10117 Berlin
General Information

**Meeting Venue:**
Nov 30 – Dec 01, 2018: Landesvertretung von Sachsen-Anhalt beim Bund, Luisenstrasse 18, 10117 Berlin

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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.

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

**Questionnaire:**
As part of the evaluation process, we kindly ask you to return the questionnaires to the registration at the end if the event.
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The Mercure Hotel Berlin City
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Lunch Venue Nov. 30th:
Restaurant Habel am Reichstag, Luisenstrasse 12, 10117 Berlin

Dinner Venue Nov. 30th: - smart business -
Abgeordneten Restaurant – im Deutschen Bundestag
Platz der Republik 1
11011 Berlin
Entrance: visitor entry on the Scheidemannstrasse.
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