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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF LIVER DISEASES

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Liver Meeting® Returns to Boston



John M. Vierling, MD

Congratulations to our many members who made AASLD's multifaceted program at DDW in Los Angeles such a success. The program planning committee and AASLD staff deserve special kudos for assembling and producing a diverse program that included presentations of new basic science and clinical research findings, seven clinical symposia addressing important issues for the practice of hepatology, and five state-of-the-art lectures, which attracted standing-room-only audiences.

Our attention now shifts to preparing for The Liver Meeting® 2006, which returns to the Hynes Convention Center in Boston October 27-31. We have received a record number of abstract submissions for review by our hard working abstract review committees. Please remember that the

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TRANSPLANT HEPATOLOGY

CAQ* Review Course

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2006 :: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Be prepared to take the first American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Transplant Hepatology Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ) Exam by attending the AASLD Transplant Hepatology CAQ Review Course September 16-17, 2006, in Chicago, Illinois. The individual who participates in this comprehensive, up-to-date review course will be better prepared to take the exam as well as manage patients prior to and after liver transplantation. A pediatric track is being offered to support pediatricians taking the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) exam.

Goals and Objectives

- :: Review state of the art information on the management of patients with end-stage liver disease awaiting liver transplantation.
- :: Review state of the art information on the immediate and long-term management of patients undergoing liver transplantation.
- :: Review the current organ allocation policy and its implications for selecting potential liver transplant recipients.

The CAQ Review Course is co-sponsored by the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD), the American Society of Transplantation (AST), the International Liver Transplantation Society (ILTS), and the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN).

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Registration for CAQ Exam

The first ABIM Transplant Hepatology Certificate of Added Qualification Exam is scheduled for November 17, 2006. Register for the exam through the ABIM Web site at www.abim.org/cert/aqthep.shtm. Pediatricians must register for the exam through the ABP Web site at www.abp.org, via the "Certification" portal.

For more information about the review course, go to www.aasld.org or contact AASLD at 703-299-9766, fax 703-299-9622, or aasld@aasld.org.

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Dr. George Ioannou Receives the Jan Albrecht Award

Dr. George Ioannou, acting assistant professor of medicine at the University of Washington and staff physician at the Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System, has been chosen as one of the recipients of the Jan Albrecht Clinical Research Awards in Liver Disease for 2006. The award, which consists of \$150,000 in salary support over two years, will fund his project *Liver Transplantation for Hepatocellular Carcinoma in the MELD Allocation Era*.

With this project, Dr. Ioannou hopes to determine whether there is truly any room for expanding the Milan criteria for liver transplantation for HCC without compromising the chance for post-transplant survival. He feels that a shortage of good treatment options is a problem that hepatologists face on a daily basis; although liver transplantation is a good solution, a shortage of organs prevents the transplant option from being available to numerous patients.



Dr. George Ioannou

When asked to define what the Jan Albrecht Award means to him, Dr. Ioannou replies that “from a practical standpoint, the award was a way to give me protected research time. Beyond that, it is recognition of my work, and that means a lot to me.” He feels that the award will help him to pursue his

long term goals of focusing more of his career on HCC research and high quality epidemiological work. He states that the most rewarding aspect of his work is “formulating the right kind of question that is both rewarding and answerable. This can lead to changes in the way we treat patients.”

Dr. Ioannou was born and raised in Cyprus, and earned both his bachelors and medical degrees from Oxford University in England. A belief that “post graduate work and research opportunities are best here” led him to the United States in 1997, where he spent three years completing his residency at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina before beginning his career with the University of Washington. Dr. Ioannou and his wife Jannicke currently reside in Seattle with their children, Nikolas and Isabelle.

Support of the AASLD Jan Albrecht Award by Schering-Plough is gratefully acknowledged.

Late-Breaking Abstracts Deadline August 9

AASLD will consider late-breaking abstracts for The Liver Meeting®, held October 27–31, 2006, in Boston. The deadline to submit a late-breaking abstract is August 9. The submission fee is \$250.

Late-breaking abstracts are reviewed similar to regular submissions; however, only a few are chosen to be presented.

Abstracts should only be submitted as late-breaking abstracts if they meet the following criteria:

- The research should be either results of a large clinical study or translational research of high impact. Competitive late-breaking

abstracts should report study results of high therapeutic relevance, diagnostic importance, or information impacting on current patient management.

- Key aspects of the research must be conducted after the abstract submitter closed on June 7, 2006.
- Late-breaking abstracts cannot be a revision of an abstract submitted prior to the submission deadline.
- Late-breaking abstracts must not have been presented, accepted for presentation, or published in any other scientific venue.
- Late-breaking abstracts that are not accepted for presentation will not be presented in any manner during The Liver Meeting®.

Members Making a Difference

AASLD members make an impact on the lives they touch every day. *NEWS* would like to take the opportunity to highlight our members and share their stories.

If you have an anecdote about a member and their exceptional actions helping a patient, working in the community, or otherwise making a difference, we would like to hear from you. Anyone can submit a story about a member for consideration by emailing lprice@asld.org. Pictures are also encouraged.

NEWS will highlight some of our outstanding members in each issue, in an effort to share their stories and show our appreciation.

Ravi R. Jhaveri Receives 2006 Sheila Sherlock Award

Dr. Ravi R. Jhaveri, Assistant Professor in Pediatrics at Duke University Medical Center, has been chosen as one of the recipients for the 2006 Sheila Sherlock Clinical and Translational Research Awards. The award will provide \$150,000 in salary support for two years for Dr. Jhaveri's project *Investigating the Pathogenesis of Steatosis in Hepatitis C Genotype 3 Infection*.

With the Sherlock Award, his first independent grant, Dr. Jhaveri begins his assimilation from pediatric infectious diseases to the hepatology research community.

"Becoming a part of this community will help me during the course of my career to present my research and receive feedback from expert peers in the field and to cultivate collaborative projects," he said.

Dr. Jhaveri received his medical degree from Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York in 1996, and during his pediatric residency at the University of Chicago became interested in infectious diseases.

"I enjoy the breadth of the field and the patients that I interact with," said Dr. Jhaveri. "Also, pediatric infectious



Dr. Ravi R. Jhaveri

diseases is an almost purely academic field, and I knew early on that I wanted to be an academic physician."

He credits his hepatology attending physician during that residency with motivating him to study the hepatitis C virus during his subsequent fellowship at UCLA, an interest that continued as he joined the Duke University Medical Center.

In the process of studying the pathogenesis of steatosis in HCV, Dr. Jhaveri

observed that HCV genotype 3 might have viral factors in association with steatosis, resulting in his current project.

"I have been working with my colleagues John McHutchison, Keyur Patel, and Anna Mae Diehl to isolate viral genetic material from patient samples and examine the proteins by expressing them in the laboratory," Dr. Jhaveri said. "We have discovered some interesting differences in one of the viral proteins that appears to cause increased fat in cultured liver cells. We are currently working to determine the mechanism behind the fat accumulation."

While Dr. Jhaveri enjoys each of the roles that he fills in his current position—basic researcher, skilled clinician, teacher, and mentor—he admits that while trying to do everything may have a downside, the satisfaction is worth it. When he is not focusing on his career, Dr. Jhaveri enjoys spending time with his wife and daughter, traveling to new places, and enjoying sports.

Support of the AASLD Sheila Sherlock Award by Roche is gratefully acknowledged.

Members On the Move

Dr. Teddy Bader has moved from the Nazih Zuhdi Transplantation Institute in Oklahoma City, OK, and has joined the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine and Veteran's Hospital as Associate Professor of Medicine in the section of gastroenterology.

If you are moving locations and would like to share that information with your colleagues, please email lprice@asld.org.

Liver Docs Spend a Day at the AASLD Central Office

What is a day in the life of a "liver doctor" really like? Do they really see patients throughout the day before running off to perform life-saving surgery, all the while reviewing papers and preparing speeches when a spare moment presents itself? And how does an organization like AASLD fit into the mix?

The AASLD central office staff was fortunate to have these, and as well as many other, questions answered on March 27 when Drs. Gregory Gores, Arthur McCullough, and Scott

Friedman visited the Alexandria, Virginia office. Staff was afforded the rare treat of an inside look into the life of a hepatologist and given the opportunity to have an open discussion with AASLD members.

Dr. Gores also invited a patient to speak with the staff, bringing in the reality of our members' daily missions as doctors. Discussing the impact of liver disease on herself, her family, and her friends, Dr. Gores' patient reinforced the staff's appreciation for our members and our mission as an association.

AASLD Applicants for Membership

Per the AASLD by-laws, below are the names of the Spring 2006 applicants requesting Regular, International, Associate, and membership in AASLD. Current members have until June 30, 2006, to submit any questions or

concerns regarding applicants to the central office. All approved applicants will be granted membership effective July 1, 2006.

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Arie Regev, MD

Postgraduate Course

Liver Diseases: Mechanisms of Liver Injury and Emerging Therapies

Friday, October 27 • 4:00 – 8:00 pm

Saturday, October 28 • 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Course Directors: *Gregory J. Gores, MD*
Shelly Lu, MD

Research Workshop

Pathogen Recognition Receptors in Liver Disease

Sunday, October 29 • 8:00 am – Noon

Course Directors: *Gyongyi Szabo, MD, PhD*
Stanley M. Lemon, MD

Hepatology Associates Course

Sunday, October 29 • 8:00 am – 2:45 pm

Course Directors: *Marian Kerbleski, RN, BSN*
Donna Zucker, RN, PhD

General Hepatology Update

Sunday, October 29 • 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Moderators: *Jacquelyn Maher, MD*
Andrea Reid, MD

NIH Corner

Liver Disease Associated with HCV and HIV Infections in Drug Abusers

Sunday, October 29 • 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Course Directors: *Jag Khalsa, PhD*
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Focused Study Group

Nuclear Receptors and Liver: Integration of Biology and Pharmacology in the Discovery of New Therapeutic Targets for Liver Disease

Monday, October 30 • 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Moderators: *Saul J. Karpen, MD, PhD*
Michael Trauner, MD

Focused Study Group

The Chasm Between Clinical Trials and Clinical Practice: The Case of Hepatocellular Carcinoma

Monday, October 30 • 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Moderator: *Hashem B. El-Serag, MD*

Focused Study Group

Hepatotoxicity Associated with Anti-retroviral Therapy

Monday, October 30 • 7:00 am-10:00 pm

Moderators: *Timothy J. Davern, MD*
Marion G. Peters, MD

AASLD/ASGE Endoscopy Course

Endoscopy and Hepatology: Challenges and Future Directions

Friday, October 27 • 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Course Directors: *Paul J. Thuluvath, MD*
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Liver Transplantation in the 21st Century: Clinical Pathologic and Radiologic Correlation in Liver Transplantation

Friday, October 27 • 7:55 am – 3:30 pm

Course Directors: *Russell H. Wiesner, MD*
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Advances in Genetic Metabolic Liver Diseases: From Bench to Bedside

Friday, October 27 • Noon – 3:00 pm

Course Directors: *Michael R. Narkewicz, MD*
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2006 AASLD NP/PA Clinical Hepatology Fellowship Recipients

Congratulations to the 2006 recipients of the AASLD NP/PA clinical hepatology fellowship award, their mentors, and their sponsoring institutions for their commitment to hepatology.

AASLD is funding one of this year's fellows. Additional support from Schering-Plough for three fellows and Roche Laboratories for six fellows is gratefully acknowledged.

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(PRESIDENT, from p. 1)

submission deadline for abstracts meeting the special criteria as Late-Breakers is August 8 [Please see related article on page 3]. The program planning committee will meet in July to assemble what promises to be an outstanding program.

I want to draw your attention to three articles in this issue of the *AASLD News*. The first two articles profile two of this year's awardees of the Jan Albrecht Clinical Research Award in Liver Disease [page 3] and the Sheila Sherlock Clinical and Translational Research Award [page 4]. As you know, these career development awards are made possible by the generous support of Schering-Plough and Roche Pharmaceuticals, respectively. The third article highlights this year's recipients of the AASLD NP/PA Fellowship Award [page 9].

All of us owe a debt of gratitude for the extraordinary efforts of Dr. Andres Blei and his dedicated Associate Editors as they conclude their five-year term as Editors of *HEPATOLOGY*. As Editor, Andy Blei has provided visionary leadership and increased the prestige of *HEPATOLOGY*. *HEPATOLOGY*'s new Editor, Dr. Keith Lindor, and his editorial team will begin reviewing new manuscripts on July 1, 2006, in preparation for publication of their first issue in January 2007. Keith Lindor will continue the tradition of building upon the success of previous Editors by inaugurating innovations designed to enhance *HEPATOLOGY*.

The Governing Board and I are pleased to report that AASLD is in fine financial health. At our Board meeting during DDW, the independent auditors reported that AASLD's 2005 finances were in excellent order. In 2006 we have continued our policies of investment to increase our assets and executing a budget linked to our mission and strategic plan that includes publication of our two premier journals, single topic conferences produced by AASLD alone or in collaboration with the European Association for the Study of the Liver, our comprehensive annual

and DDW meetings, increased funding of Liver Scholar Awards to promote the career development of junior faculty, Advanced Hepatology Fellowships, the AASLD NP/PA Fellowship, and a more proactive agenda for public policy and clinical policy.

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In another momentous decision, the Governing Board unanimously approved funding to upgrade AASLD.org to become a state-of-the-art Web site for the international community interested in the science and practice of hepatology and liver transplantation. We envision a rich visual, easily navigated environment that pro-

vides ready access to a wide variety of content for not only our members, but for anyone seeking educational information, such as the content of our annual scientific meeting, our state-of-the-art lectures, postgraduate course, or practice guidelines.

The Governing Board made three other notable decisions during DDW. The first was to transform our current training and workforce committee into a broader clinical affairs committee. This committee, under the continued leadership of Dr. Don Rockey, will be expanded in membership to provide the expertise required for AASLD to become fully involved in the Carrier Advisory Committee, AMA, CMS Pay for Performance, and the clinical practice committee of the Group of 8. The second will require that AASLD Practice Guidelines more than 5 years old be rewritten and that all other existing guidelines be reviewed annually and updated as warranted. Third, AASLD members will be asked to vote on bylaw changes recommended to the Governing Board by the ethics committee in the fall election. The requested change involves explicit language prohibiting employment of committee chairs, voting committee members, or members of the Governing Board by pharmaceutical or biotech industries at the time of their appointments or during the terms of service. The specifics of wording of the proposed changes will be circulated with the September ballot prior to our annual meeting.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that our former president, Dr. Bruce Bacon, was appointed as the liver representative to the newly constituted National Digestive Disease Commission. The first meeting of the NDDC, to be held at the NIH on June 12, will highlight the details of the highly regarded NIH Research action plan for Liver Disease. The many members of AASLD that contributed to the creation of this action plan should be encouraged by the fact that it has been widely embraced within the NIH and is likely to serve as the model for identifying research priorities in other areas of digestive disease.

Future Meetings of Related Societies

University of Minnesota, 70th Annual Surgery Course **Advances in Hepatic, Biliary, and Pancreatic Surgery** will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota June 14–17, 2006.
Further information:
<http://www.cme.umn.edu>.

NIDDK presents **Measurement of Hepatic Vein Pressure Gradient: Role in Management of Portal Hypertension** at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Bethesda, Maryland June 16–17, 2006.
Further information:
<http://www.niddk.nih.gov/fund/other/portalhyper/index.htm>.

The EASL-AASLD Monothematic Conference **Genetics in Liver Diseases** will be held June 23–24 2006, in Modena, Italy.
Further information:
<http://www.easl-aasld-monothematic2006.org/>.

The 11th International Meeting of the GEMHEP, **Assessment of liver disease severity in chronic viral hepatitis**, will be held in Paris, France, on Friday, June 30, 2006.
Further information:
<http://www.b-c-a.fr/uk/frames.php?URL=manifs.php&ID=189>.

The 28th Annual Aspen Conference on Pediatric Disease **Pediatric Hepatology and Liver Transplantation** will be held July 16–21, 2006, in Aspen, Colorado.
Further information:
Contact Laura Werts, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, 3333 Burnet Avenue, Continuing Medical Education, ML 3003, Cincinnati, OH 45229-3039, Phone: (513) 636-1826, Fax: (513) 636-7574.

The 13th International Symposium on HCV and Related Viruses will be held at the Cairns Convention Centre in Queensland, Australia August 27–September 1, 2006.
Further information:
<http://www.icms.com.au/hepatitis2006>.

The 24th Biannual IASL Meeting will be held in cooperation with the African Association for the Study of Liver Diseases September 7–11, 2006, in Cairo, Egypt.
Further information:
<http://www.iasl2006.org>.

The 17th Annual Gastrointestinal Surgical Pathology Course: **Endoscopic Biopsies of the GI Tract** will be held September 11–12, 2006, at the Lister Hill Auditorium, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland.
Further information:
<http://www.afip.org/Departments/edu/upcoming.htm>.

The 27th Annual Course **Hepatopathology 2006: The Interpretation of Liver Biopsies** will be held September 13–15, 2006, at the Lister Hill Auditorium, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland.
Further information:
<http://www.afip.org/Departments/edu/upcoming.htm>.

Prague Hepatology Meeting 2006 will be held in Prague, Czech Republic September 14–16, 2006.
Further information:
<http://www.czech-hepatology.cz/phm2006>.

The 4th Annual **New Advances & Controversies in Solid Organ Transplantation** will be held September 29–30, 2006, at the Coronado Island Marriott in San Diego, California.
Further information:
<http://www.scrippsclinic.com/Education/ContinuingEducation.cfm>.

The American Society of Transplantation will present **Study Design and End-Points**, a conference focusing on best practices in clinical trials, September 29–30, 2006, at the Sofitel Hotel in Rosemont, Illinois.
Further information:
http://www.a-s-t.org/meeting/clinical_trials/index.htm

The 4th Annual World Congress on The Insulin Resistance Syndrome **Insulin Resistance From Bench to Bedside & The Cardiovascular Connection** will be held October 5–7, 2006, at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.
Further information:
<http://www.insulinresistance.us>.

The EASL Monothematic Conference **Clinical Immunology in Viral Hepatitis** will be held October 7–8, 2006, in London, England.
Further information:
Contact bookings@nexusgroup.co.uk.

Coagulopathy in Liver Disease: Navigating the Cascade will be held at the Omni Hotel, October 9–10, 2006, in Charlottesville, Virginia.
Further information:
<http://www.coagulationinliverdisease.org>.

The 16th Annual Irwin M. Arias, MD, **Symposium Bridging Basic Science and Liver Disease** will be held October 27, 2006, in Boston, Massachusetts.
Further information:
<http://www.liverfoundation-ne.org>

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