

**TARGET-ORIENTED APPROACH TO DIAGNOSIS AND PHARMACOTHERAPY OF  
NASH: A DIALOGUE BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY  
9-11 NOVEMBER 2017  
ROME, ITALY**

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**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME**

**DAY I – Thursday 9 November 2017**

13:55 – 14:00      Welcome and introductory remarks  
Michael Trauner, *Austria*

14:00 – 14:30      **State-of-the-Art lecture**  
Unmet needs in understanding pathogenesis and management of  
NAFLD and NASH  
Vlad Ratziu, *France*

**HEPATIC LIPID METABOLISM AND LIPOTOXICITY AS PROGNOSTIC / THERAPEUTIC  
TARGET**

**Chairs:**                      Michael Trauner, *Austria*  
Christopher Day, *United Kingdom*

- 14:30 – 14:55      Benefits/perils of promoting lipid combustion or inhibition of lipogenesis (DGAT, SCD, ANGPTL-3 inhibitors) in counteracting lipotoxicity  
Leanne Hodson, *United Kingdom*
- 14:55 – 15:20      PNPLA3 and other genetic markers (TM6SF2) for risk stratification  
Quentin Mark Anstee, *United Kingdom*
- 15:20 – 15:45      PPAR alpha and/or delta as pharmacological target (including discussion of FGF-2I (PPAR downstream target) and brown/beige fat as PPAR/FGF2I target)  
Bart Staels, *France*
- 15:45 – 16:10      CAP, MR and MR spectroscopy– does hepatic lipid content/composition matter  
Manuel Romero-Gomez, *Spain*
- 16:10 – 16:30      *Coffee break and ePoster session I*

## **INSULIN RESISTANCE, INSULIN AND HORMONAL SIGNALING**

**Chairs:**                      *Helena Cortez-Pinto, Portugal*  
                                      *Philip Newsome, United Kingdom*

- 16:30 – 16:55      Academic overview: What dissociates steatosis and insulin resistance in humans?  
Hannele Yki-Järvinen, *Finland*
- 16:55 – 17:20      Insulin sensitizers (metformin, TZDs/PPAR gamma) – in or out (including novel insulin, glucagon, GLP-I fusion mimetics?)  
Christopher Byrne, *United Kingdom*
- 17:20 – 17:45      GLP-I receptor agonists in diabetes and obesity: A potential in NASH?  
Lotte Knudsen, *Denmark*

17:45 – 18:10 Vitamin D, thyroid function (the obvious and neglected; including Liver-Directed Thyroid Hormone Receptor- $\beta$  (THR- $\beta$ ) agonists  
Rebecca Taub, *United States*

18:10 – 18:40 *Coffee break and ePoster session 2*

### OXIDATIVE STRESS, ER STRESS, MITOCHONDRIAL DYSFUNCTION

**Chairs:** Ali Canbay, *Germany*  
Luca Valenti, *Italy*

18:40 – 19:05 Academic overview  
Massimo Pinzani, *United Kingdom*

19:05 – 19:30 Risk and benefit of pharmacological stimulation of mitochondrial (dys) function  
Michael Roden, *Germany*

19:30 – 19:45 Selected Oral Presentation: Omega-3 PUFA modulate lipogenesis, ER stress, and mitochondrial dysfunction markers in NASH – proteomic and lipidomic insight  
Claudia Oliveira, *Brazil*

20:00 – 20:20 *Cocktail reception and ePoster session 3*

20:20 – 20:40 *Cocktail reception and ePoster session 4*

20:40 – 21:00 *Cocktail reception and ePoster session 5*

## DAY 2 – Friday 10 November 2017

### INFLAMMATION, ADAPTIVE AND INNATE IMMUNITY IN NASH

**Chairs:** Frank Tacke, Germany  
Wing-Kin Syn, United States

- 08:30 – 08:55 Academic overview  
Frank Tacke, *Germany*
- 08:55 – 09:20 Industry perspective – inhibitors of CCR2 and 5  
Eric Lefebvre, *United States*
- 09:20 – 09:45 Oral immune therapy for NASH: A new class of drugs that target the gut immune system  
Yaron Ilan, *Israel*
- 09:45 – 10:10 Role of Inflammasomes in NAFLD  
Fabio Marra, *Italy*
- 10:10 – 10:35 VAP-I inhibitors  
Joerg Rippmann, *Germany*
- 10:35 – 10:55 *Coffee break and ePoster session 6*

### APOPTOSIS, MICROPARTICLES

**Chairs:** Jose Fernandez-Checa, Spain  
Helen Reeves, United Kingdom

- 10:55 – 11:20 Academic overview  
Ali Canbay, *Germany*
- 11:20 – 11:45 Caspase inhibitors: academic clinical  
Jose Fernandez-Checa, *Spain*
- 11:45 – 12:10 Microparticles as biomarker  
Ariel Feldstein, *United States*

- 12:10 – 12:35      Keratins as biomarkers  
Heike Bantel, *Germany*
- 12:40 – 13:05      *Lunch and ePoster session 7*
- 13:05 – 13:30      *Lunch and ePoster session 8*
- 13:30 – 13:55      *Lunch and ePoster session 9*

**BILE ACIDS, BILE ACID SIGNALING: BILE ACIDS AS PROGNOSTIC SIGNATURE IN NASH**

**Chairs:**              Cecilia Rodrigues, *Portugal*  
Michael Trauner, *Austria*

- 14:00 – 14:25      Academic overview  
Michael Trauner, *Austria*
- 14:25 – 14:50      Bile acids as prognostic signature in NASH  
Marco Arrese, *Chile*
- 14:50 – 15:15      FXR – steroidal agonists  
Luciano Adorini, *Italy*
- 15:15 – 15:40      FXR – non- steroidal agonists  
Nikolai Naoumov, *Switzerland*
- 15:40 – 16:05      FGF-19 (FXR downstream target)  
Matias Avila, *Spain*
- 16:05 – 16:30      ASBT inhibitors  
Hanns-Ulrich Marschall, *Sweden*
- 16:30 – 17:00      *Coffee break and ePoster session 10*

## GUT MICROBIOTA

- Chairs:** Tom Karlsen, *Norway*  
Bernd Schnabl, *United States*
- 17:00 – 17:25 Academic overview  
Bernd Schnabl, *United States*
- 17:25 – 17:50 Microbiota and FXR signaling in NAFLD and obesity, to induce or not to induce – that is the question  
Annika Wahlström, *Sweden*
- 17:50 – 18:15 Probiotic interventions  
Vanessa Stadlbauer-Köllner, *Austria*
- 18:15 – 18:30 Selected Oral Presentation: Impact of alive probiotics supplementation with absorbent smectite gel in NAFLD management: evidence from animals to randomized clinical studies.  
Nazarii Kobylak, *Ukraine*

## DAY 3 – Saturday 11 November 2017

### CARCINOGENESIS

- Chairs:** Jean-François Dufour, *Switzerland*  
Claus Hellerbrand, *Germany*
- 08:30 – 08:55 Academic overview: NASH as fertile soil for HCC, including challenge of pre-cirrhotic HCC  
Jean-François Dufour, *Switzerland*
- 08:55 – 09:20 miRNAs as biomarkers and targets  
Cecilia Rodrigues, *Portugal*
- 09:20 – 09:45 Circulating tumour (stem) cells and liquid biopsy  
Mathias Heikenwälder, *Germany*
- 09:45 – 10:10 Alcohol and nutrition in NAFLD progression to cancer  
Claus Hellerbrand, *Germany*

10:10 – 10:35      Liver histology for biomarker and target discovery  
Peter Schirmacher, *Germany*

10:35 – 11:00      *Coffee break and ePoster session II*

## FIBROSIS

**Chairs:**            Ali Canbay, *Germany*  
Claus Hellerbrand, *Germany*  
Wing-Kin Syn, *United States*  
Michael Trauner, *Austria*

11:00 – 11:25      Academic overview  
Christian Trautwein, *Germany*

11:25 – 11:50      Fibrosis as prognostically relevant signature: – do we have to care  
about differentiating NASH from NAFL (or just fibrosis)  
Mattias Ekstedt, *Sweden*

11:50 – 12:15      How to non-invasively assess fibrosis (serum, transient  
elastography, MRE)  
Laurent Castera, *France*

12:15 – 12:40      Targeting liver fibrosis: have we been listening to this song for too  
long now? (industry perspective)  
Matthias Ocker, *Germany*

12:40 – 13:05      LOXL-2: single target (fibrosis resolution) or key for combination  
therapies?  
Robert Myers, *United States*

13:05 – 13:30      What is needed for drug approval? (Regulatory readouts from  
fibrosis studies)  
Arun Sanyal, *United States*

13:30 – 13:45      *Concluding Remarks*