

Provisional programme

THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2025

8.30 - 9.00 a.m.	Registration
9.00 a.m.	Welcome & Overview of the workshop
9.15 - 10.30 a.m.	FIBROSIS: STATE-OF-THE-ART Chairs: Ana Gutiérrez-Casbas and Frank Tacke 9.15 - 9.50 a.m. Extraintestinal manifestations of IBD. Michael
	Scharl (University Hospital Zürich) 9.50 - 10.25 a.m. Cirrhosis regression. Rajiv Jalan (University College London)
10.30 - 11.00 a.m.	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.30 p.m.	METABOLIC NETWORKS AND PLASTICITY IN FIBROSIS Chairs: Ana Blas-García and Javier Cubero
	11.00 - 11.20 a.m. Metabolic Shifts in Hepatic Stellate Cells: Impacts on Liver Fibrosis. Rubén Nogueiras (Universidad de Santiago de Compostela)
	11.20 - 11.40 a.m. Microbiota and gut-liver axis in obesity. Yolanda Sanz (IATA, Valencia) 11.40 - 12.00 p.m. TBC
	12.00 - 12.20 p.m. Epithelial and endothelial plasticity in intestinal fibrosis. Sara Lovisa (Humanitas Research Hospital, Milan) 12.20 - 12.30 p.m. General discussion
12.30 - 1.30 p.m.	ORAL PRESENTATIONS Chairs: Rocío Gallego-Durán and Mª Dolores Barrachina
1.30 - 3.00 p.m.	Lunch
3.00 - 4.15 p.m.	ROLE OF THE IMMUNE RESPONSE-INTERACTOME IN FIBROSIS

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Chairs: Rubén Francés and Mario Manresa

3.00 - 3.20 p.m. Immunomodulatory function of intestinal fibroblasts in cirrhosis. Esther Caparrós (Universidad Miguel Hernández, Elche) 3.20 - 3.40 p.m. Understanding macrophage diversity and dysfunction in Crohn's disease. Calum Bain (The University of Edinburgh)

3.40 - 4.00 p.m. Targeting the gut-liver axis in cirrhosis - an update from the clinical perspective. **Benedikt Simbrunner (Medical University of Vienna)**

4.00 - 4.15 p.m. General discussion

4.15 - 4.45 p.m.BASIC SCIENCE STATE-OF-THE-ART
Chair: Jordi Gracia-Sancho and Sara Calatayud

4.15 - 4.40 p.m. Cellular senescence: search and destroy. Manuel Collado (Universidad de Santiago de Compostela)

4.45 - 5.15 p.m. Coffee break + Poster

Oral presentations Chairs: Anabel Fernández Iglesias and Jesús Cosín

8.00 p.m.

5.15 - 5.45 p.m.

Drinks and canapés

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2025

9.00 - 11.00 a.m.	MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY IN FIBROSIS
	Chairs: Sabela Lens and Yamile Zabana
	9.00 - 9.25 a.m. New therapies in IBD. Elena Ricart (Hospital Clínic
	Barcelona)
	9.25 - 9.50 a.m. Fibrosis and cancer. Beatriz Mínguez (Hospital
	Universitari Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona)
	9.50 - 10.15 a.m. Extracellular matrix molecules as biomarkers of gut
	fibrosis. Anja Poulsen (Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen)
	10.15 - 10.40 a.m. Clinical trials in liver fibrosis: an update. Frank



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> Tacke (Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin) 10.40 - 11.00 a.m. General discussion

- 11.00 12.00 a.m. *Coffee break + Poster* **DRUG DEVELOPMENT IN FIBROSIS** 12.00 – 1.45 p.m. Chairs: Michael Scharl and Nadezda Apostolova 12.00 - 12.25 a.m. Novel in vitro models to study anti-fibrotic drugs. Luca Urbani (Roger Williams Institute of Hepatology, Foundation for Liver Research, London) 12.25 - 12.50 a.m. Targeting cellular mechanobiology to address fibrosis in cancer. Stephen Thorpe (University College Dublin) 12.50 - 1.15 p.m. Proteolytic enzymes driving macrophage phenotypical shift during fibrotic diseases. Anna Moles (IDIBAPS, Barcelona) 1.15 - 1.40 p.m. JAK-STAT pathway targeting as a treatment for inflammatory bowel disease. Mark Lowenberg (Amsterdam UMC) 1.40 - 1.50 p.m. General discussion 1.50 - 2.00 p.m. Best Communication Award and concluding remarks
- 2.00 3.30 p.m.

Lunch