

International Congress on Coagulopathy in Liver Disease

Hemostasis and Thrombosis in Liver Disease: from Bench to Bedside

Castellana Grotte (BA)
8-10 April, 2026



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“It is a pleasure to welcome you the International Congress on Coagulopathy in Liver Disease, taking place in Castellana Grotte from April 8 to 10, 2026. Supported by the COST Action EURO-VALDI-NET (CA23146) framework and I.R.C.C.S. “Saverio de Bellis” National Institute of Gastroenterology, this meeting will bring together leading experts from across Europe and beyond to address key challenges in the field of bleeding and thrombosis in liver disease. Emphasis will be placed on multidisciplinary exchange, translational research, and the development of harmonized approaches to risk assessment and management. Particular attention will be given to emerging therapies and future collaborative strategies.

We look forward to your active participation in this unique opportunity for scientific dialogue and network-building.”

Day 1: 8 April, 2026

15:00 Registration / Welcome to Participants

15:10 Institutional Greetings - Opening Ceremony

- Under Secretary of Health: Dr. Marcello Gemmato;
- President of the Apulian Region: Ing. Antonio Decaro;
- President of the CIV: Enzo Delvecchio;
- General Director of the IRCCS "Saverio de Bellis": tbd
- Scientific Director of the IRCCS "Saverio de Bellis":
Prof. Gianluigi Giannelli

15:45 – 16:00 | Opening Remarks

Erica Villa, Ton Lisman, Juan Carlos Garcia-Pagan, Patrick Northup

Mechanisms, Risk Stratification & Thrombosis

Chair: Aurelie Plessier & Marzo Senzolo

Session: Basic & Translational Science

16:00 – 16:20 | Endothelial Dysfunction in chronic liver disease

Speaker: Jordi Gracia-Sancho, Barcelona-Bern

16:20 – 16:40 | Experimental Insights into Coagulation Abnormalities in Liver Disease: Evidence from Animal Models

Speaker: James Luyendyk, East Lansing

16:40 – 17:00 | Systemic Inflammation, ACLF, and Coagulation Cross-Talk

Speaker: Rajiv Jalan, London

17:00 – 17:15 | Break

17:15 – 17:20 | Biomarkers of Hemostatic Imbalance and Prognosis

Speaker: Mattias Mandorfer, Vienna

17:20 – 18:00 | Selected oral presentations: Basic & Translational Science

18:00 – 18:30 | Q&A

Day 2: 9 April, 2026

Mechanisms, Risk Stratification & Thrombosis ctd.

Chair: Erica Villa & Filipe Nery

Keynote Lecture in Honor of Jaume Bosch

09:15 – 09:45 | The Paradox of Coagulopathy in Cirrhosis – An Evolving Concept

Lecturer: Ton Lisman, Groningen

Morning Session: Portal Vein Thrombosis

9:45 – 10:05 | Natural History and Pathophysiology of PVT in Cirrhosis

Speaker: Filipe Nery, Porto

9:05 – 9:25 | Prevention and management of venous thrombosis in patients with cirrhosis.

Speaker: Lara Roberts, London

9:25 – 9:45 | Anticoagulation in the liver transplant candidate and perioperative management

Speaker: Patrick Northup, New York

9:45 – 10:05 | Imaging Challenges in PVT Diagnosis

Speaker: Riccardo Sartoris, Paris

10:25 - 10:45 | Patients at high PVT risk

Speaker : Jessica Davis, Washington

10:45 - 11:05 | Endothelial cells in portal vein thrombosis

Speaker: Virginia Hernandez-Gea, Barcelona

11:05 - 11:35 | Break

11:35 - 11:55 | Immunothrombosis and NETosis in Cirrhosis and ACLF – A New Paradigm

Speaker: Konstantin Stark, Munchen

12:00 – 12:30 | Debate: PVT – Cause or Consequence of Decompensation?

Panelists: Erica Villa, Castellana Grotte; Laure Elkrif, Tours

12.30 - 13:00 | Roundtable Discussion: Is portal vein thrombosis a thrombotic disease?

Panelists: Ton Lisman, Groningen; Virginia Hernández-Gea, Barcelona

13:00 - 13:30 | Q&A

13:30 – 14:30 | Networking lunch

Therapeutics & Special Situations

Afternoon Session: Anticoagulation Strategies

Chair: Annalisa Berzigotti & Patrick Northup

14:30 – 14:50 | Anticoagulation Trials in Cirrhosis: Lessons Learned

Speaker: Juan Carlos Garcia-Pagan, Barcelona

14:50 – 15:10 | Anticoagulation: The Patients' Perspective

Speaker: Annalisa Berzigotti, Bern

15:10 - 15:30 | Staying Safe on Blood Thinners: Lessons from the Anticoagulants Clinic

Speaker: Emmanuelle de Raucourt, Paris

15:30 15:50 | Break

15:50 - 16:20 | Factors influencing clinician and patient interaction studies with machine learning

Speaker: Mihaela van der Schaar, Cambridge

16:20 – 16:50 | Case-Based Panel: When Not to Anticoagulate?

Panelists: Pierre-Emmanuel Rautou, Paris; Andrea De Gottardi, Luzern; Nicolas Intagliata, Charlottesville

16:50 – 17:30 | Selected oral presentations: Clinical Science

17:30 – 18:00 | Q&A

To follow: the performance "Hell in the cave" and a typical regional dinner

Day 3: 10 April, 2026

Therapeutics & Special Situations ctd.

Morning Session: Special Situations & Diagnostics

Chair: Juan Carlos Garcia-Pagan & Pierre-Emmanuel Rautou

9.00 – 9:20 | Prediction and prevention of post-procedural bleedings in patients with cirrhosis

Speaker: Alberto Zanetto, Padua

9:20 – 9:40 | The Gut–Liver Axis and Microbiome in Coagulation Disorders

Speaker: Agustin Albillos, Madrid

9:40 – 10:00 | Coagulopathy in Pediatric Liver Disease

Speaker: Marianne Samyn, London

10:20 – 10:50 | Hands-On Workshop: TEG and ROTEM in Cirrhosis

Facilitator: Klaus Görlinger, München

10:50 – 11:20 | Break

11:20 – 11:40 | From Thrombophilia to Thrombosis: Budd–Chiari Syndrome and Splanchnic Vein Thrombotic Events in the Liver

Speaker: Aurelie Plessier, Paris

11:40 – 12:00 | HCC Development and the Thrombotic Microenvironment

Speaker: Marco Senzolo, Padua

12:00 - 12:30 | Q&A

12:30 – 12:45 | Closing Remarks & Future Directions

12:45 – 13:45 | Farewell lunch

Venue

The conference will be held at the
Centro Congressi "Tina Anselmi"
IRCCS Saverio De Bellis
Castellana Grotte

Language

The official language is English.
No simultaneous translation
will be provided

Costs and Registration

Registration costs are € 400,
which will include lunches, coffee breaks
and conference buffet dinner
A reduced fee (€ 150) will be available for
trainees.

To register, visit www.cicsud.it

Call for Abstracts

We invite submission of abstracts
(maximum 300 words) related to research on
coagulation and liver disease (Basic and
Translational Science and Clinical Science)
before **31 January 2026**

Registration fee will be waived for presenting
authors who are trainees or have recently
completed their specialist training.

To submit your abstract [click here](#)

Accreditation

Participants will receive a certificate of
attendance. For Italian participants, CME
credits will be available.

Website

For more information about the meeting
please visit
<https://www.sanita.puglia.it/web/irccs-de-bellis-specializzato-in-gastroenterologia-castellana-grotte>

General Information