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Draft Programme for the One-Day Symposium

Tuesday, April 17th, 2001

during Prague 2001 EASL-Meeting

9.00 a.m. to 9.05 a.m.	Welcome and presentation of the programme	Christian Gluud	
9.05 a.m. to 9.35 a.m.	Evidence-based medicine	William Rosenberg	
9.35 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	Randomised clinical trials and controlled clinical trials: history and development	Ulrich Tröhler	
10.00 a.m. to 10.20 a.m.	Randomised clinical trials within hepatology	Lise Lotte Kjaergard	
10.20 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Coffee break			
10.30 a.m. to 10.50 a.m.	Meta-analysis – history and development (unconfirmed at present)	Gennaro D'Amico	
10.50 a.m. to 11.10 a.m.	Meta-analysis within hepatology	Thierry Poynard	
11.10 a.m. to 11.35 a.m.	The Cochrane Collaboration	To be announced	
11.35 a.m. to 11.50 a.m.	The Cochrane Hepato-Biliary Group	Christian Gluud	
11.50 a.m. to 12.10 p.m.	A critical look at evidence-based medicine	Luigi Pagliaro	
12.10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.	Lunch		
1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.	Demonstration of the software of the Cochrane Collaboration – Review Manager and The Cochrane Library	Torben Jørgensen	
2.00 p.m. to 2.10 p.m.	Demonstration of two protocols for CHBG systematic reviews	To be announced	
2.10 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	Ursodeoxycholic acid for primary biliary cirrhosis - meta-analysis	Andrew Burroughs	
2.30 p.m. to 2.50 p.m.	Ursodeoxycholic acid for primary biliary cirrhosis - a systematic review	Christian Gluud	
2.50 p.m. to 3.10 p.m.	Coffee break		
3.10 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	Demonstration of a CHBG systematic review - Laparoscopic versus minilaparotomy-cholecystectomy for gallbladder stones.	Torben Jørgensen	
3.30 p.m. to 3.50 p.m.	Demonstration of a CHBG systematic review	Thierry Poynard	
3.50 p.m. to 4.10 p.m.	Demonstration of a CHBG systematic review	To be announced	
4.10 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.	Demonstration of a CHBG systematic review	To be announced	
4.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.	Final discussions and closing of the meeting	Christian Gluud	

PROGRAMME

for The CHBG MEETING

Saturday afternoon, April 29, 2000 during 2000 EASL-meeting, April 29 - May 3, and scheduled for 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Chairs: Thierry Poynard and Christian Gluud

3.00 p.m. to 3.05 p.m.	Welcome and presentation of the programme	Thierry Poynard
3.05 p.m. to 3.20 p.m.	CHBG in the leap year 2000. Will there be a leap forward?	Christian Gluud
3.20 p.m. to 3.40 p.m.	Interferon for acute hepatitis C	Thierry Poynard, Leroy V, Cohard M, Thevenot T, Mathurin P, Opolon P, Zarski JP.
3.40 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	Interferon for chronic hepatitis C	Thierry Poynard, Leroy V, Cohard M, Thevenot T, Mathurin P, Opolon P, Zarski JP.
4.00 p.m. to 4.20 p.m.	Ribavirin with or without alpha interferon versus no intervention, placebo or alpha interferon for chronic hepatitis C	Lise Lotte Kjaergard, Krogsgaard K, Gluud C.
4.20 p.m. to 4.40 p.m.	Colchicine for alcoholic and non-alcoholic liver fibrosis and cirrhosis	Andrea Rambaldi, Gluud C.
4.40 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Glucocorticosteroids for viral and autoimmune hepatitis	Martin Mellerup, Krogsgaard K, Gluud C.
5.00 p.m. to 5.20 p.m.	Trial quality and intervention efficacy	Lise Lotte Kjaergard, Villumsen J, Gluud C.
5.20 p.m. to 5.35 p.m.	Does the journal impact factor reflect the quality of randomised clinical trials?	Lise Lotte Kjaergard, Sørensen TIA, Gluud C.
5.35 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	Discussions, any other business and closing the meeting	

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