

SATURDAY June 10, 2006

Day4

- 12:20-12:40 Management of hepatitis C post liver transplantation (Ibrahim Mostapha-Egypt)
 - 12:40-13:00 Saudi experience in liver transplantation: challenges and achievements (Hatem Khalaf- KSA)
- ROOM A**
- SESSION II: HEPATOLOGY "FOUAD AL THAKEB MEMORIAL SESSION"**
 Moderators: Dr Mounir Shamaa, Dr Jean Paul Aoun, Dr Hassan Ghazzi
- 11:30-11:50 New trends in Steatohepatitis (Cezar Yaghi-Lebanon)
 - 11:50-12:05 Auto-Immune cholangitis (Paul Rassam-Lebanon)
 - 12:05-12:20 Three year follow-up of chronic Hepatitis C genotype 4 patients with SVR after PEG Interferon (Gamal Esmat-Egypt)
 - 12:20-12:35 Percutaneous treatment of complicated hydatid cysts in the liver (Mostafa Benazzouz -Morocco)
 - 12:35-13:00 Viral Steatosis (Daniel Dhumeaux-France)
 - 13:00 Closing Remarks

WEDNESDAY June 7, 2006

Day1

ROOM A

INNOVATIONS IN GASTROINTESTINAL & PANCREATICOBILIARY ENDOSCOPY

The endoscopy day is partially supported by Olympus and Wilson Cook

- 07:30 REGISTRATION
 - 8:00-8:30 INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME
- SESSION I: UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT**
 President: Dr Elie Makhoul,
 Moderator: Dr Hashem Abou Hassan
- 8:30-8:55 Indications for luminal endoscopic stent placement in digestive diseases (Rene Laugier-France)
 - 8:55-9:15 Endoscopic therapy of Barrett's esophagus (Jean Marc Canard- France)
 - 9:15-9:35 Endoscopic therapy of variceal hemorrhage (Mazen Naja-Egypt)
 - 9:35-9:50 Discussion
 - 9:50-10:20 Coffee Break
- SESSION II: NON-MALIGNANT BILIOPANCREATIC DISEASES**
 President: Dr Elie Makhoul
 Moderators: Dr Gid Jabbour, Dr Gamal Al Obeidy
- 10:20-10:50 The difficult biliary stone (Richard Kozarek-USA)
 - 10:50-11:20 Endoscopic therapy of pancreatic diseases (Jean Escourrou- France)
 - 11:20-11:35 Discussion
- SESSION III: NEW ENDOSCOPIC TECHNIQUES**
 President: Dr Elie Makhoul
 Moderators: Dr Gid Jabbour, Dr Gamal Al Obeidy
- 11:35-12:00 Celiac disease: update and role of endoscopy & video endoscopy (Peter Green-USA)
 - 12:00-12:25 Narrow Band Imaging, OCT, spectroscopy (Michael Sivak-USA)
 - 12:25-12:40 Cholangioscopy (Firas Al Kawas-USA)

FRIDAY June 9, 2006

Day3

- 12:15-14:00 Lunch
- ROOM A**
- 14:00-15:00 **Viral load as a risk predictor of CHB disease progression- 2 R.E.V.E.A.L CHB study** (Khaled Selim - UAE)
 Symposium sponsored by BMS
 Moderators: Rajaa Chatila, Cezar Yaghi
- ROOM B**
- SESSION III: EDUCATION, QUALITY AND TRAINING**
 Moderators: Dr Fouad Zaarour, Dr Jean Marc Canard, Dr Makki Fayyad
- 15:00-15:20 OMGE experience in training in Rabat (Naima Amrani-Morocco)
 - 15:20-15:40 Disinfection and sterilisation in GI Endoscopy (Sirag Zakaria-Egypt)
 - 15:40-16:00 Gastroenterology fellowship in Saudi Arabia (Ibrahim Al Mofleh - KSA)
 - 16:00-16:15 Completion rate and complications of diagnostic and therapeutic colonoscopy in a university hospital (Rita Slim-Lebanon)
- ROOM A**
- SESSION III: GERD**
 Moderators: Dr Albert Chemali, Dr Khalil Honein, Dr Fawzi Khediri
- 15:00-15:20 State of the art lecture: GERD in 2006 (Eamonn Quigley-Ireland)
 - 15:20-15:40 ENT manifestations of GERD (Ziad Sharaiha-Jordan)
 - 15:40-15:55 GERD in an Egyptian cohort: results of a survey with an unusually high prevalence of Barrett's oesophagus (Sherif Abdel Fattah sherif-Egypt)
 - 15:55-16:15 New pharmacokinetic treatment of GERD (Hussein Abdel Hamid-Egypt)
 - 16:15-16:30 Post fundoplication problems (Nabil Gad el Hak-Egypt)
 - 16:30-17:00 Coffee Break
- ROOM A**
- 17:15-18:00 **H pylori: a 2006 perspective**
This session is partially sponsored by Abbott
 - 18:30-19:30 **Powerful Management of the acid related disorders continuum** (Peter Malfertheiner - Firas Al Kawas)
 Symposium sponsored by Astra Zeneca
 Chairman: Dr. Salem Khoury
 - 21:00 **GALA DINNER**
Partially supported by Astra Zeneca

THURSDAY June 8, 2006

Day2

ROOM A

- SESSION I : VIRAL HEPATITIS**
 Moderators: Dr.Graham Cooksley, Dr. Rajaa Chatila, Dr.Amer Helmy
- 8:45-9:15 Hepatitis C: state of the art (Graham Cooksley-Australia)
 - 9:15-9:35 Extra hepatic manifestations of Hepatitis C (Salem Awad-UAE)
 - 9:35-09:50 Peripheral Neuropathy in Hepatitis C Patients in Egypt (Mostafa El Kady-Egypt)
 - 09:50-10:05 Pegylated interferon plus ribavirin and its therapeutic performance among patients with chronic hepatitis C (Naima Amrani-Morocco)
 - 10:05-10:25 Hepatitis B vaccination program in Saudi Arabia (Faleh Al Faleh-KSA)
 - 10:25-10:55 Overcoming clinical challenges in the management of Hepatitis C Genotype 4 (Sanaa Kamal-Egypt)
 - 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break
- ROOM A**
- SESSION II: PANCREAS**
 Moderators: Dr. Khalil Houry, Dr Walid Sweidan
- 11:30-11:50 New therapeutic modalities in acute pancreatitis (Basil Ammory- UK)
 - 11:50-12:10 Non A, Non B pancreatitis (Marc Barthet-France)
 - 12:10-12:30 ERCP and pancreas: Friend or Foe ? (Firas Al Kawas-USA)
- ROOM B**
- SESSION II: GASTROINTESTINAL GENETICS**
 Moderators: Dr Georges Hajj Boutros, Dr Andre Megharbani
- 11:30-11:50 Colorectal cancer and stool DNA screening (Jean Faivre-France)
 - 11:50-12:10 Genetics in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (Pierre Zalloua-Lebanon)
 - 12:20-12:30 FMF in 150 patients: the Lebanese mosaic (Pierre Ghorra-Lebanon)
- ROOM A**
- 12:45-13:30 **GERD & Dyspepsia: where are we ?** (Eamonn Quigley-Ireland)
 Symposium sponsored by Janssen Cilag
 Chairman: Dr Antoine Ferzli
 - 13:30-14:30 Lunch
 Pan Arab Association of Gastroenterology Meeting

WEDNESDAY June 7, 2006

Day1

- 12:40-13:00 Benign biliary stricture: endoscopic approach (Ibrahim Mostafa-Egypt)
- 13:00-13:15 Discussion
- 13:15-14:15 Lunch
- 14:15-15:00 **STATE OF THE ART LECTURE**
ENDOSCOPY: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE (Michael Sivak-USA)
Chairman: Dr Assaad Soweid
- SESSION IV: BILIOPANCREATIC MALIGNANCY**
Moderators: Dr Joe Abou Jaoude , Dr Ghassan Hamadeh
- 15:00-15:25 Endosonographic staging (Assaad Soweid-Lebanon)
- 15:25-15:50 Endoscopic management of malignant biliary strictures (Richard Kozarek-USA)
- 15:50-16:15 Interventional EUS (Laurent Palazzo-France)
- 16:15-16:30 Discussion
- 16:30-17:00 Coffee break
- SESSION V: LOWER GI TRACT**
Moderators: Dr Ibrahim Mostafa, DrToufic Najjar
- 17:00-17:25 Colonoscopy in lower GI bleeding (Mohamed Karawi-KSA)
- 17:25-17:50 The difficult polyp (Jean Marc Canard-France)
- 18:30-19:30 **RECENT ADVANCES IN THE TREATMENT OF IBS**
Symposium sponsored by Novartis
Chairman: Dr Raymond Sayegh
- 18:30- 18:50 The Educational Series: General practitioner's Approach to diagnosis of IBS (Dr Assa'd Dajani - UAE)
- 18:50-19:15 Overview of IBS Management (Eamonn Quigley- Ireland)
- 19:15- 19:30 Discussion
- 19:30 **OPENING CEREMONY**

SATURDAY June 10, 2006

Day4

- ROOM B**
- SESSION I: ENDOSCOPY SESSION**
Moderators: Dr Joseph Awada, Dr Walid Abdelkhalik, Dr Elias Jabbour
- 9:00-9:20 ERCP and pregnancy (Ibrahim EL Taymi-KSA)
- 9:20-9:40 Intraductal mucinous tumors of the pancreas (Elham Hobeika-Lebanon)
- 9:40-10:00 Metallic stents for enteric malignancy palliation: a Syrian experience of 75 cases (Fayez Sandouk-Syria)
- 10:00-10:20 Small bowel push enteroscopy (Nawfal Jajeh-Syria)
- ROOM A**
- SESSION I': HEPATITIS IN THE ARAB WORLD**
Moderators: Dr Daniel Dhumeaux, Dr Salim Itani, Dr Bandar Knawi
- 9:00-9:20 Epidemiology of Hepatitis C virus infection in the Arab World (Fawzi Khediri-Tunisia)
- 9:20-9:40 Epidemiology of Hepatitis B & C in Jordan (Alaa Toukan-Jordan)
- 9:40-10:00 Prevalence of H B e Ag-negative chronic hepatitis in Benghazi , Libya (Naser El Zouki-Lybia)
- 10:00-10:20 Chronic Viral Hepatitis: The Syrian experience (Nabil Antaki-Syria)
- 10:20-10:40 Hepatitis C in special populations in Lebanon (Antoine Abi Rached-Lebanon)
- 10:45-11:00 Epidemiology of HBV and HCV markers in general population in Tunisia (Habib Ben Khelifa – Tunisia)
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break
- ROOM B**
- SESSION II: LIVER TRANSPLANTATION**
Moderators: Dr Paul Rassam, Dr Mahmoud Hallal, Dr Atef Bassas
- 11:30-11:55 Biliary complications post liver transplantation (Firas Al Kawas-USA)
- 11:55-12:20 Overview of 100 cases of adult living donor liver transplantation (Ayman Yusri-Egypt)

THURSDAY June 8, 2006

Day2

- ROOM A**
- SESSION III: OBESITY**
Moderators: Dr Labib Abou Chahine, Dr Safwan Khasawni
This session is partially supported by Abbott
- 15:00-15:30 Update on medical treatment (Philip James-UK)
- 15:30-16:00 Update on surgical therapy (Bassem Safadi-Lebanon)
- 16:00-16:30 Liver manifestations of obesity (Daniel Dhumeaux-France)
- ROOM B**
- SESSION III': CIRRHOSIS and PORTAL HYPERTENSION**
Moderators: Dr Raymond Sayegh, Dr Gamal Esmat
- 15:00-15:30 Novelties and new molecules in the treatment of portal hypertension (Didier Lebrec-France)
- 15:30-15:50 Prophylaxis of variceal bleeding in portal hypertension (Alaa Sharara-Lebanon)
- 15:50-16:20 Hepato-renal syndrome (Didier Lebrec-France)
- 16:20-16:30 Hepatocarcinoma screening in cirrhotic patients: the Tunisian experience (Najed Belhadje-Tunisia)
- 16:30-17:00 Coffee Break
- ROOM A**
- 17:00-17:30 **Special lecture Boston Scientific**
Chairman: Dr. Assaad Soweid
- ROOM A**
- SESSION IV: IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME**
Moderators: Dr Milad Aramouni, Dr Assaad Dajani
This session is partially supported by Solvay
- 17:30-18:00 Pathophysiology of irritable bowel syndrome (John Marshall -Canada)
- 18:00-18:30 Treatment of irritable bowel syndrome: a critical appraisal (Michael Farthing-UK)
- ROOM A**
- 18:30-20:00 **Optimizing treatment choices in hepatitis**
Symposium sponsored by Roche
Chairman: Dr Kassem Barada
- 18:40-19:10 EASL 2006 update on the use of pegylated interferon alfa -2a (Pegasys) in e-Ag positive and e-Ag negative chronic hepatitis B (Graham Cooksley- Australia)
- 19:10-19:40 Menu or a la carte treatment of HCV: The unresolved issues (Alaa Sharara-Lebanon)
- 19:40-20:00 Discussion

FRIDAY June 9, 2006

Day3

- ROOM A**
- SESSION I: INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE**
Moderators: Dr Fadi Mrad, Dr Bilal Farhat, Dr Abdallah Al Said
This session is partially supported by Schering-Plough & Ferring
- 8:30-8:50 Who to treat with mesalazine?(Christopher Gashe-Austria)
- 8:50-9:20 Update on current therapy (Alaistair Forbes-UK)
- 9:20-9:40 Any role of genetics in clinical practice?(Christopher Gashe-Austria)
- 9:40-10:10 Treatment of complications and extraintestinal manifestations (Alaister Forbes-UK)
- 10:10-10:20 MDR1 gene polymorphisms and resistance to cyclosporin in patients with steroid resistant ulcerative colitis (Fady Daniel-Lebanon)
- 10:20-10:30 Osteoporosis and Inflammatory Bowel Disease (Jalal Boubaker-Tunisia)
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- ROOM A**
- SESSION II: GUT DISORDERS**
Moderators: Dr Radwan Zahreddine, Dr Rashid al Rashid
- 11:00-11:30 Acute diarrhea:management strategies for 2006 and beyond (Michael Farthing -UK)
- 11:30-11:45 The use of anorectal manometry in the diagnosis of rebellious chronic constipation (Nawal Kanouni-Morocco)
- 11:45-12:00 Clinical presentation, diagnosis and management in a case series of GIST patients in a tertiary care hospital in KSA . (Mohammed Al Karawi-KSA)
- 12:00-12:15 Interim-analysis of a randomized double-blind placebo controlled trial of imipramine in patients with irritable bowel syndrome (Alaa Sharara – Lebanon)
- ROOM B**
- SESSION II': GI ENDOSCOPY**
Moderators: Dr Khalil Bedran, Dr Fayez Sandouk
- 11:00-11:20 EUS guided FNA in lymphoma of the GI tract (Mohammed Eloubeidi-USA)
- 11:20-11:35 Role of endoscopic ultrasonography in the Diagnosis of Biopsy negative gastric lesions (Hussein Okacha-Egypt)
- 11:35-11:50 EUS and fine needle aspiration, the Lebanese experience. (Joe Abou Jaoude-Lebanon)
- 11:50-12:10 Doppler EUS in the UGI tract (Abdel Magid Kassem-Egypt)