Dear all,

It gives me great please to invite to attend the 19th International Symposium on Cells of the Hepatic Sinusoid, which will be held in Galway, Ireland from 14th to 17th June, 2017. The conference will be held in the National University of Ireland Galway Conference Centre on the University Campus.

As with previous symposia, the main aim of the 19th ISCHS Symposium is to provide a forum for basic scientists and clinical researchers to meet and discuss recent developments in research on the biology of the cells of the hepatic sinusoid in health and disease. A second and equally important aim is to provide of forum for young investigators to present their work in a friendly and supportive environment.

One of the main themes of the 19th ISCHS will be the involvement of the gut microbiota in liver disease and in liver regeneration. The inaugural address to be given on the first evening will be by Dr. Fergus Shanahan, Director of the world-renowned Science Foundation Ireland (SFI)-funded APC Microbiome Institute in Cork Ireland.

2017 marks the 40th anniversary of the First International Kupffer Cell Symposium, held in The Netherlands in 1977. To mark the occasion Professor Eddie Wisse (The Netherland), co-organiser of that meeting will reflect on research developments in the field from those early days.

The main body of the conference will comprise of 8 sessions spread over 3 days. Each session will begin with an invited talk by an expert in the field. The 8 scientific sessions will be as follows:

1. Gut microbiota in liver disease (Invited speaker: Dr E Hara (Japan))
2. Liver sinusoidal liver cells in liver disease (Invited speaker: Dr L De Leve (USA))
3. Liver regeneration (Dr G Michalopoulos (USA))
4. Bile acids in health & disease (Dr A Moschetta (Italy))
5. Alcohol and liver disease (Dr B Schnabl (USA))
6. Angiogenesis and liver cancer (Dr H Augustin (Ger))
7. Liver failure (Dr R Jalan (UK))
8. Liver fibrosis (Dr R Schwabe (USA))

Particular emphasis will be made to include young investigators (postdoctoral fellows and PhD students) amongst the speakers. Two poster sessions will be included in the programme and prizes will be awarded for the best young investigator presentations.

The conference webpage (http://www.ischs2017.ie) will go live in the very near future!

Céad Míle Fáilte!

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