

2nd Symposium
CHRONIC GRAFT VERSUS HOST DISEASE
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Zagreb, Croatia
Friday, May 29th, 2015



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Dear friends and colleagues,

The number of allogeneic transplantations continues to increase worldwide, and due to the increasing safety and efficacy of the procedure, many more transplant recipients are cured of their original disease. However, long-term survivors experience increasingly the burden of complications such as chronic GVHD, metabolic, endocrinology abnormalities, decreased quality of life and second malignances. Recent evidence confirms that addressing the problem of chronic GVHD through multicenter and international collaboration is essential. Following the establishment of the multidisciplinary team in Zagreb and to address these problems together with eminent international collaborators, a year and a half ago we organized 1st Symposium on chronic graft versus host disease and long term complications. The symposium was well attended and very successful.

In order to continue this successful collaboration and continuous education we would like to invite you to attend 2nd chronic GVHD Symposium in Zagreb, Croatia, on May 29, 2015.

This meeting agenda will be dedicated to chronic GVHD diagnosis and treatment, an update on 2014 NIH criteria, and new grant and project proposals. The symposium will also showcase the experiences and scientific work of members of the Zagreb multidisciplinary team.

This cutting edge educational program brings together prominent experts in the field of chronic GVHD from Europe and the US to address transplantation survivorship from a global perspective. Presentations will address chronic GVHD comprehensively engaging speakers involved in the European Bone Marrow Transplant Group, German-Austrian-Swiss chronic GVHD Consortium and the National Cancer Institute of the USA.

This conference event is designed to provide a venue for networking and establishing personal contacts towards a strong foundation for our future collaborations in addressing late effects of transplantation more generally, and chronic GVHD more specifically.

There is no meeting registration fee and all food, coffee breaks and dinner events will be covered by the organizers.

On behalf of meeting organizers and our faculty we sincerely hope you will respond favorably to this invitation, and we look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

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Symposium Program

Friday, May 29, 2015

8.30 - 9.00 WELCOME ADDRESS AND INTRODUCTION

8.30 - 8.45 Prof. Damir Nemet, MD, PhD (Zagreb, Croatia): Summary of cGVHD team activity

8.45 - 9.00 Prof. Steven Z Pavletic, MD, MS (Bethesda, USA): cGVHD in 2015

9.00 - 10.30 PART I

Chairs: Damir Nemet, Steven Z Pavletic

9.00 - 9.20 Prof. Hildegard Greinix, MD, PhD (Graz, Austria): Biomarkers in cGVHD

9.20 - 9.40 Edward W. Cowen, MD, MHSc (Bethesda, USA): Overview of the cutaneous cGVHD- diagnosis and treatment

9.40 - 10.00 Prof. Anne Dickinson, MD, PhD (Newcastle, UK): Cytokines polymorphisms in cGVHD

10.00 - 10.20 Ass. Prof. Grzegorz Basak, MD, PhD (Warsaw, Poland): Ancillary and supportive care in cGVHD - 2014 NIH consensus update

10.20 - 10.30 Discussion

10.30 - 11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.00 - 12.30 PART II

Chairs: Radovan Vrhovac, Ranka Serventi- Seiwert

11.00 - 11.20 Walter Gutstein, PhD MSc (Vienna, Austria): Ocular cGVHD-project proposal

11.20 - 11.40 Prof. Gordan Lauc, PhD/Maja Pucic-Bakovic, PhD (Zagreb, Croatia): IgG glycosilation in inflammatory and autoimmune diseases

11.40 - 12.00 Prof. Drago Batinic, MD, PhD (Zagreb, Croatia): Immunology assessments in cGVHD

12.00 - 12.20 Zoya Kuzmina, MD, PhD (Vienna, Austria): B cells in cGVHD

12.20 - 12.30 Discussion

12.30 - 13.30 LUNCH

13.30 - 15.00 PART III: UPDATE ON 2014 NIH CRITERIA TEACHING SESSION

Chairs: Nadira Durakovic, Drazen Pulanic

13.30 - 14.15 Prof. Hildegard Greinix, MD, PhD (Graz, Austria): Diagnosis, staging and histopathology

14.15 - 15.00 Prof. Steven Z Pavletic, MD, MS (Bethesda, USA): Response criteria and design of clinical trials

15.00 - 15.30 Discussion

15.30 - 15.50 COFFEE BREAK

15.50 - 18.30 PART IV: ONGOING RESEARCH AND FUTURE PLANS SESSION

Chairs: Drago Batinic, Lana Desnica

15.50 - 16.00. Lana Desnica: Activity of the multidisciplinary team

16.00 - 16.10 Discussion

16.10 - 16.20 Nikolina Matic: The role of the nurse in the multidisciplinary care

16.20 - 16.30 Discussion

16.30 - 16.40 Drazen Pulanic: Von Willebrand Factor and Factor VIII as potential biomarkers of cGVHD

16.40 - 16.50 Discussion

16.50 - 17.00 Igor Petricek: Ocular cGVHD

17.00 - 17.10 Discussion

17.10 - 17.20 Ervina Bilic: Neuropathy in cGVHD patients

17.20 - 17.30 Discussion

17.30 - 17.40 Marinka Mravak-Stipetic: Platelet gel topical application for oral cGVHD

17.40 - 17.50 Discussion

17.50 - 18.00 Nadira Durakovic: YLK-40 as early biomarker of GVHD

18.00 - 18.10 Discussion

18.10 - 18.30 Magdalena Grce: HORIZON 2020 – an update

20.00 DINNER – ALL PARTICIPANS

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Symposium information

Meeting Venue:

Croatian Institute for History, The Golden Hall
Opatička 10, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia

ORGANIZERS

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University Hospital Center Zagreb, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb, Croatia
Croatian Cooperative Group for Hematological Diseases (CROHEM), Zagreb, Croatia

CHAIRS:

Professor Steven Z. Pavletic, Bethesda, USA
Professor Damir Nemet, Zagreb, Croatia

Official language: English

PARTICIPANTS:

Participation in the Symposium is strictly by invitation.

There is no registration fee, but it is expected that the participants cover the costs of their travel and accommodation in Zagreb.

Meals, coffee and beverages during the Symposium for all participants will be provided by the organizers

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