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Target Audience
25 – 50 infectious disease and clinical microbiology specialists and trainees, gastroenterologists and clinicians taking care of patients with viral hepatitis.

Invited Faculty Members
R. Abdelmalek, Tunis, Tunisia
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J. E. Arends, Utrecht, Netherlands
T. Asselah, Paris, France
J. Boubacar, Tunis, Tunisia
H. Dalton, Truro, United Kingdom
V. Ghisetti, Turin, Italy
N. Guha, Nottingham, United Kingdom
W. Irving, Nottingham, United Kingdom
B. Kilani, Tunis, Tunisia
H. Leblebicioglu, Samsun, Turkey
R. Ozaras, Istanbul, Turkey
M. Puoti, Milan, Italy
B. Rijnders, Rotterdam, Netherlands
D. Salmon, Paris, France
P. Sogni, Paris, France
A. Ustianowski, Manchester, United Kingdom

ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course

Advances in Diagnosis and Management of Viral Hepatitis

Tunis, Tunisia
6 – 7 March 2015

Course Coordinators
• Joop E. Arends, Utrecht, Netherlands
• Badreddine Kilani, Tunis, Tunisia
• Dominique Salmon, Paris, France

Course Objectives
• To increase knowledge about viral hepatitis
• To review the epidemiology, prevention and outcome of viral hepatitis
• To enhance attendees’ understanding of diagnosis of hepatitis
• To increase knowledge about the treatment of viral hepatitis and follow-up
• To demonstrate through case discussions all the steps of diagnosis and treatment of chronic viral hepatitis
**Course Programme**

**Friday, 6 March 2015**  
09:00 Opening session  
09:15 How to deal with guidelines for hepatitis C treatment  
D. Salmon  
09:45 Management of patients in resource limited settings.  
H. Leblebicioglu  
10:15 Current treatment options for HCV genotype 2 – 6.  
M. Puoti  
10:45 Coffee break  
11:00 Challenges from a new era in hepatitis C treatment  
W. Irving  
11:30 Viral and host factors predictive of sustained viral response.  
J. E. Arends  
12:00 Epidemiology and risk factors of acute HCV.  
D. Salmon  
12:30 Acute HCV infection: when to treat & how to treat?  
B. Rijnders  
13:00 Lunch  
14:30 Update on future strategies for HCV cure and eradication.  
T. Asselah  
15:00 Interferon free regimen in cirrhotic patients.  
V. Ghioieti & A. Ustianowski  
15:15 HCV management in people who inject drugs.  
J. E. Arends  
15:45 Difficult to treat patients [elderly, transplant recipients].  
P. Sogni  
16:00 Coffee break  
16:15 Treatment of HBV in HIV-infected patients: opportunities and challenges.  
J. E. Arends  
16:45 Diagnosis and prevention of hepatitis E.  
H. Dalton  
17:15 HEV in immunocompromised patients.  
B. Kilani  
18:00 What's new in delta hepatitis?  
J. Boubacar  
18:30 Closing session  

**Saturday, 7 March 2015**  
**Special issues in hepatitis B**  
14:00 Hepatitis B virus: life cycle with old and new targets for antiviral therapy.  
A. Ustianowski  
14:30 HBV/HDV: interferon or combination with nucleoside analogs and new treatment strategies.  
P. Sogni  
15:00 Prophylaxis of hepatitis B and pre-pregnancy.  
R. Ozaras  
15:30 Coffee break  
16:00 Non-invasive fibrosis tests: from discovery to clinical applicability.  
N. Guha  
16:30 HBV therapy and iatrogenic immune suppression.  
H. Leblebicioglu  
17:00 Closing session  

**Organisation**

**Course Venue**  
Concorde les Berges du Lac Hotel  
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**Registration Procedure**  
Register now online on the ESCMID website at www.escmid.org/education. Registration deadline is 2 February 2015.  

**Registration Fee**  
EUR 350 for ESCMID members (Full Membership/Young Scientist Membership)  
EUR 400 for all others  
The fee includes the scientific sessions, printed conference material, lunches and coffee breaks. Travel and accommodation are not included.  

**Attendance Grants**  
ESCMID provides a number of attendance grants for ESCMID “Young Scientist members”. The grant covers the registration fee. Travel and accommodation are not included. Please apply via the ESCMID website at www.escmid.org/education before 16 January 2015. Applicants will be informed about their acceptance by 30 January 2015.  

**CME Accreditation**  
The organisers of the course will apply for European CME accreditation through EACCME.