Target Audience
30 – 50 infectious disease and clinical microbiology specialists and trainees, gastroenterologists, clinicians taking care of patients with viral hepatitis and public health specialists.

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Challenges in the Management of Viral Hepatitis

Cavtat, Croatia
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Course Objectives
• Review the epidemiology of HCV and HBV infection from a European and global perspective
• Describe pathogenesis and natural history of HCV and HBV infection
• Discuss currently available treatment regimens and explain how to choose appropriate strategies in real life settings
• Discuss implementation of current treatment guidelines in different resource settings
• Learn how to manage HCV and HBV infections in special populations (transplant patients, cirrhotics, pregnant women, elderly population, etc.)
• Review treatment of HDV and HEV infection
Course Programme

Friday, 14 October 2016
09:00 Opening remarks.
Antonette Kaic-Rak
09:10 What is new in ESCMID in 2016/2017?
Mario Poljak

Basics of HCV infection
Chairs: Philippe Sogni & Adriana Vince
09:20 The epidemiology of HCV infection from the European and global perspective.
Massimo Puoti
09:30 Natural history of HCV infection – what is the impact of untreated disease?
Maria Mondelli
10:00 Quality of life in patients with chronic hepatitis C.
Adriana Vince
10:20 Should we be aiming for prevention, not eradication?
Maja Matičić
10:45 Coffee break

What is new in HCV treatment?
Chairs: Hakan Leblebicioglu & Maja Matičić
11:00 State of the art of hepatitis C treatment: news from EASL’s and AASLD’s recommendations.
Dominique Salmon
11:30 Use of molecular tools to optimize treatment for HCV.
Mario Poljak
12:00 How to follow treatment guidelines in different resource settings.
Joop E. Arends & Adriana Vince
12:30 How to proceed after HCV cure?
Lionel Pirrot
13:00 Lunch
14:30 Managing cirrhotic patients.
Resat Ozaras
14:50 Treating patients in peritransplant settings.
Tajana Filipić-Kanžič
15:30 How to manage DAA failure?
Andrew Ustianowski
16:00 Coffee break

Treatment of HCV in special populations
Chairs: Resat Ozaras & Nassim Kamar
16:15 Treatment of patients with genotype 3.
Andrew Ustianowski
16:35 Treatment of patients with renal failure.
Philippe Sogni
16:55 Treatment of elderly patients and management of comorbidities.
Vedat Turhan
17:00 Coffee break

How to choose the best treatment for your patient with chronic hepatitis C?
Chair: William Irving
14:30 Managing cirrhotic patients.
Resat Ozaras
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Tajana Filipić-Kanžič
15:30 How to manage DAA failure?
Andrew Ustianowski
16:00 Coffee break

Saturday, 15 October 2016
Basics of HBV infection
Chairs: Dominique Salmon & Vedat Turhan
09:00 Current HBV epidemiology — far from eradicated disease.
Badreddine Kilani
09:30 Natural history of HBV disease — to make sense of the mess.
Hakan Leblebicioglu
10:00 HBV vaccine — problems and opportunities.
Maja Matičić
10:30 The importance of molecular diagnostics in HBV treatment.
William Irving
11:00 Coffee break

State of the art of HBV & HDV treatment
Chair: Lionel Pirrot
11:15 HBV treatment in the light of current international guidelines.
Resat Ozaras
11:45 How to achieve “cure” in HBV from a clinician perspective?
Andrew Ustianowski
Cihan Yurdaydin
12:45 Lunch
14:00 Round table & case studies
Chairs: Philippe Sogni & Alberto Enrico Maradò
• HBV and pregnancy
• HBV in cirrhotic patients
• Acute HBV infection
15:00 Coffee break

Treatment of viral hepatitis in special populations
Chairs: Tajana Filipić-Kanžič & Badreddine Kilani
15:15 HBV reactivation in immunosuppressed patients.
Joop E. Arends
15:35 HEV infection in immunocompromised patients.
Nassim Kamar
15:55 HDV in cirrhotic patients.
Cihan Yurdaydin
16:15 Closing remarks

Organization

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EUR 350 for all others

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Travel and accommodation are not included.

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