

EPC Newsletter

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Dear former, current and future EPC Members!

1. New Open calls - Positions available to serve EPC!

EPC is looking for interested and motivated volunteers, who want to serve on EPC Council or UEG Committees. The participation in the work of the EPC Council or in different UEG Committees offers several benefits — you can build network with other leading pancreatologists including clinical and basic scientists, you can highlight different areas that you think is important and you can contribute to advance gastroenterological care in Europe. The open calls will be available on the webpage (<http://e-p-c.org/open-calls>). from 8th September, 2013

Current Calls:

- **President for 2018 (Clinical) - Deadline of the Open Call: 01.10.2013.**
- **UEG Scientific Committee Member - Deadline of the Open Calls: 01.10.2013.**



Upcomming Calls:

- **General Councillors (1 Basic Scientist and 1 Clinical Scientist) - Announcement of the Open Calls: March 2014.**

- **Abstract Selection Committee Members (3 Basic Scientist and 4 Clinical Scientist) - Announcement of the Open Calls: March.2014.**

2. The application for Pancreas2000 Course 7 is now open!

Pancreas 2000 is intended for research oriented physicians with an interest and commitment to work with pancreatic diseases. The program runs over two and a half years. All participants have an obligation to attend the full program, both regarding the meetings and the project works in between the meetings.

The educational program is a cooperation between EPC and Karolinska University Hospital. Abbott will partly finance the course. The participant/clinic is responsible for all travel costs. Your application should contain: CV, recommendation letter from the head of the clinic and a letter from yourself.

Please send your application latest January 2014 to secretariat.epc@gmail.com

You find more information on www.pancreas2000.org or **www.e-p-c.org**



3. Summary of the 45th Annual Meeting of the European Pancreatic Club June 26-29, 2013 Zürich, Switzerland

Dear colleagues,

The EPC meeting 2013 in Zurich, Switzerland was held from June 26 to 28, 2013, followed by a Postgraduate Symposium on June 29, 2013. The event was held at the Kongresshaus, a unique site with an exceptional central location in front of the Lake of Zurich, easily reached from the main city hotels by public transport or on foot.



Over 500 people attended the meeting with registered participants from 47 countries worldwide. A strong interest from Eastern European countries was noted, as well as from USA, Australia and many Asian countries.

This year's program included a broad spectrum of topics on pancreatic physiology, etiology and cellular mechanisms of pancreatitis and pancreatic cancer, the role of genetics in pancreatic diseases and their treatment, the value of stenting in cancer patients, novel diagnostic techniques and clinical interventions. In addition, particular emphasis was given to transplantation and exocrine-endocrine axis, subjects that raised lively debates and interest in continuing the research efforts in this field. Another highlight of the program was the session on pathology, helping us better understand cancer pathophysiology and guide clinical decisions by integrated evidence from genetics to cancer morphology. A state of the art lecture by G. Klöppel (Munich, Germany) on cancer stem cells brought an in-depth review on the significance of these cells. In addition, participants of the Pancreas 2000 courses have met at the YOUPPIE session, which is a forum to discuss both scientific as well as career oriented problems.



A special Memorial Lecture for Heinrich Rinderknecht, held by M. Sahin-Toth (Boston, USA), emphasized the visionary research of this gifted scientist. A review of his achievements demonstrated the complex interactions of pancreatic enzymes and the consequences on pancreatic pathophysiology. In the same vein, C. Imrie (Glasgow, UK) spoke on clinical assessment of acute pancreatitis as he had reported 35 years ago at the EPC-meeting in Zurich. He compared those strategies with the current approaches.



On Saturday, June 29, 2013 the Postgraduate Symposium on 'Pancreatic Regeneration and Repair' provided an overview on various aspects of cellular and molecular mechanisms regulating regeneration processes of the injured pancreas, with state of the

art lectures given by a panel of renowned international speakers. A great benefit came from the special lectures presented by lead scientists working on regeneration and repair in other organs.



The social program started with a welcome reception at the Zoological Museum where participants met in a stimulating atmosphere. The evening's highlight was the performance of opera singers mingling with guests. On Thursday, the participants had a choice of visiting the Swiss HPB center or meet at a bar at the lake. Both events were highly frequented. And finally, a truly memorable feature of the meeting was the Gala dinner at the Schützenhaus Albisgütli, with over 300 attendees. Highlights of the dinner were the award ceremonies, particularly the Life-Time Achievement awards given to J. Neoptolemos (Liverpool, UK) and G. Klöppel (Munich, Germany). A Jazz-combo playing live music throughout the evening made this event unforgettable.

With best regards

Rolf Graf and the local organizing committee

More pictures are available at <http://pancreaslab.ch/galleries/epc/> or www.e-p-c.org

[4. EPC General Assembly Meeting in Zürich](#)

During the 45th EPC Meeting in Zürich the EPC General Assembly Meeting was taken place, where several important issues were discussed including the i) introduction of the new web system of the EPC, ii) reports of the Treasurer and EPC representatives iii) ratification of the EPC Statutes iv) elections for EPC positions and v) invitations to the forthcoming EPC and APA meeting. For the detailed Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting please visit <http://e-p-c.org/documents>.

5. How to be EPC members

The webpage of the EPC offers an easy and comfortable way for membership registration, data handling, online payment and abstract submission for the EPC conferences. First every new member shall register at the EPC webpage and create a user account. (Please note that you have to do it only once, than you will be able to access the webpage with your username and password.) After this you can pay your membership fees, upload and submit abstracts, edit your personal data easily. The system will also record your payments, so you can check your membership status whenever you want. You can find help to the registration and online payment at <http://e-p-c.org/help>

Benefits for EPC Members:

- **reduced registration fee for the annual EPC Meeting**
- **free on-line access to the journal Pancreatology**
- **fellowship for young members (3000 Euros)**
- **travel garnts for young members for the annual EPC Meetings**
- **EPC members can be officials of the EPC**
- **or EPC representatives at UEG**
- **the members of the EPC are also members of the EPC General Assembly,which is the highest organ of the EPC**
- **members also can receive newsletters**



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