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### August 2019 co-located LDN and comprehensive DCD workshops August 26-28, 2019; Houston, Texas, USA

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ASTS is co-locating the laparoscopic donor nephrectomy and comprehensive donation after circulatory death workshops in 2019. Learners will be able to choose to attend just one hands-on workshop (LDN Workshop: August 26–27, 2019; Comprehensive DCD Workshop: August 27–28, 2019), or attend both at a reduced registration rate. Both workshops will be held at the Methodist Institute for Technology, Innovation, and Education (MITIE) in Houston, Texas from August 26–28, 2019. The laparoscopic donor nephrectomy workshop will include surgical video viewings and group discussion, a hands-on cadaver lab, and interactive didactic sessions covering topics such as complications, techniques, donor safety, and patient care. The course will include surgical videos and discussion, didactic lectures from top surgeons in the field, and a hands-on cadaver lab. For more information, please contact: email: [ellie.proffitt@asts.org](mailto:ellie.proffitt@asts.org); website: <http://asts.org/events-meetings/co-located-ldn-and-comprehensive-dcd-workshops#.XLWKOocSHGg>.

### September The 7th biennial congress of the Asian-Pacific Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (2019 A-PHPBA congress) September 4-7, 2019; Seoul, Korea

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Chair of organizing committee is Kyung-Suk Suh. For more information, please contact: A-PHPBA 2019 Secretariat, InSession International Convention Services, Inc., 4Fl. 10, Yeoksam-ro 7-gil, Gangnam-Gu, Seoul, 06244, Korea. +82-2-3452-7245, Fax: +82-2-521-8683; Email: [info@aphpba2019.org](mailto:info@aphpba2019.org); <http://www.aphpba2019.org/>.

### Pancreatic cancer: Advances in science and clinical care September 6-9, 2019; Westin Copley Place, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

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This conference will showcase sessions on tumor heterogeneity, immunology, prevention and early detection, and novel treatment combinations, among others. For more information, please

visit: <https://www.aacr.org/Meetings/Pages/MeetingDetail.aspx?EventItemID=180>.

### ESSO advanced course on pancreatic cancer surgery September 12-13, 2019; Milan, Italy

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This course is designed to provide an insight on several controversial aspects of pancreatic cancer surgery and to cover the most recent advances in the field. During this 2-day course, attendees will become familiar with the management of the most challenging situations that they will face during their career as pancreatic surgeons. Tips & tricks video sessions will provide a comprehensive insight on the most advanced surgical techniques even in the field of minimally invasive approach to the pancreas. In the last part of the course, real-life case reports will be discussed simulating a real multidisciplinary board where participants will be able to interactively test their learning especially regarding therapeutic indications and complications management. Main topics include: 1) Diagnosis and treatment of borderline/locally advanced pancreatic cancer; 2) Management of IPMN and pancreatic NET; 3) Surgical techniques for borderline/locally advanced pancreatic cancer; 4) Minimally invasive pancreatic surgery; and 5) Management of pancreatic surgery-related complications. For more information, please visit: <https://www.essoweb.org/courses/esso-advanced-course-pancreatic-cancer-surgery/>.

### Advances in pediatric cancer research September 17-20, 2019; Montreal, QC, Canada

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This special conference will address the unique issues and challenges in investigating the biologic basis of childhood cancers and translating recent findings into new treatment approaches. Presentations will feature the most up-to-date findings on cancer predisposition and surveillance, targeted therapeutics, and immunotherapy. Additionally, the conference will cover advances in our understanding of survivorship, tumor heterogeneity, and oncogenesis in pediatric cancer. This conference will bring together basic, clinical, and translational researchers in the field of pediatric cancer with expertise ranging from the most recent advances in the basic mechanisms of childhood cancers to the application of these findings in the clinical setting. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aacr.org/Meetings/Pages/MeetingDetail.aspx?EventItemID=203>.

**Emerging topic conference: The genomics revolution**  
**September 20-21, 2019; The Westin Crystal City, Arlington, USA**

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Program chairs are Prof. Richard J. Thompson, MD, PhD and Prof. Kathleen M. Loomes, MD, FAASLD. The conference will focus on genomics and the changing approach to diagnostics, management and research in adult and pediatric liver diseases. This course will provide a broad overview of genomic technologies and how they may be applied to understand the genetic underpinnings of rare and complex liver disorders. Attendees will develop a better understanding of the true genomic contribution to liver disease, and how this data can lead to personalized approaches to medical therapy. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aasld.org/events-professional-development/emerging-topic-conference-genomics-revolution>.

**ILCA annual meeting—13th annual conference of the International Liver Cancer Association**  
**September 20-22, 2019; Chicago, IL, USA**

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The ILCA annual conference is the leading scientific forum in the liver cancer field connecting hundreds of international participants from all related disciplines to exchange their knowledge and best practices in general sessions, symposia, workshops and networking sessions. ILCA 2019 will provide a 3-day cutting-edge scientific program with a multidisciplinary and transversal approach linking research to practice. ILCA's 13th annual conference in Chicago will be the premier forum for clinical, translational and basic researchers and physicians, as well as allied professionals across liver cancer related disciplines to share best practices and findings, and advance research in the pathogenesis, prevention, and treatment of liver cancer. For more information, please visit: <https://ilca2019.org/>.

**Fifth CRI-CIMT-EATI-AACR international cancer immunotherapy conference: Translating science into survival**  
**September 25-28, 2019; Espace Grand Arche de la Defense, Paris, France**

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The fifth international cancer immunotherapy conference is to be held by The Cancer Research Institute (CRI), the Association for Cancer Immunotherapy (CIMT), the European Academy of Tumor Immunology (EATI), and the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). The program will focus on "Translating Science into Survival," and feature talks from more than 50 leaders in the field covering all areas of inquiry in cancer immunology and immunotherapy, including: regulating T cells and their response to cancer, tumor microenvironment, genetically engineered T cells, maintenance of immune balance, novel vaccine platforms and combinations, mutational analysis and predicting response to immunotherapy, convergence of technology and cancer immunotherapy, microbiome, and metabolism. This meeting will provide an unparalleled opportunity for teaching, learning, and networking among all stakeholders in the field: scientists, clinicians, regulators, drug developers, and patient advocates. For more information, please visit: <http://www.cancerimmunotherapyconference.org/>.

**Latin American congress of HPB surgery 2019**  
**September 25-27, 2019; Lima, Peru**

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The IV Latin American congress of HPB surgery is organized by the Peruvian Chapter of the International Hepatopancreatobiliary. Posters and videos about surgical experience will be displayed and research and innovation surgical in the hepatobiliary and pancreatic field will be encouraged. For more information, please visit: <http://www.hpblima2019.com/bienvenido/>.

**October**  
**AASLD/EASL ALD conference**  
**October 4-5, 2019; Chicago, USA**

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Program chairs are Prof. Michael Lucey, MD, FAASLD, Prof. Philippe Mathurin, MD, PhD, Prof. Gyongyi Szabo, MD, PhD, FAASLD, and Prof. Mark Thursz, MD. Leading experts in the field of alcoholic liver disease (ALD) research and therapy will explore multiple aspects of managing patients. The improving outcomes in alcohol-associated liver disease through robust basic and translational research meeting will bridge critical gaps in ALD diagnosis, management and clinical trial design. Speakers will present evidence-based knowledge on ALD's potential triggers, the role of alcohol dependence in management, various stages of disease, gender differences, and potential biomarkers for diagnosis, disease severity and prognosis. The program will include practical guidance on ways to create effective multidisciplinary teams to manage ALD patients, where hepatologists, addiction specialists, social workers, nurses and a patient's family members work together as a team. Learning objectives of this meeting are: 1) Define the various stages and presentations of alcoholic liver disease and alcoholic hepatitis; 2) Present improved management and treatment options to patients with ALD based on expert recommendations; 3) Review challenges in clinical trial design, patient enrollment and outcomes in ALD. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aasld.org/events-professional-development/aasld-easl-ald-conference>.

**39th congress of the European Society of Surgical Oncology**  
**October 9-11, 2019; Rotterdam, The Netherlands**

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The subject of the congress include breast cancer, colorectal and anal cancer, gynaecological cancer, head & neck and thyroid cancer, hepatobiliary and pancreatic cancer, melanoma, sarcoma, oesophageal and gastric cancer, and others. For more information, please contact: Congress Secretariat, C-IN, 5. kvetna 65, 140 21 Prague 4, CZE. Tel.: +420-261-174-301; Email: [info@esso39.org](mailto:info@esso39.org). Website: <http://esso39.org/>.

**Cancer research UK-AACR joint conference: Engineering and physical sciences in oncology**  
**October 15-17, 2019; Radisson Blu Portman, London, England**

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This conference is being developed not only to gather leaders in these fields to discuss applications of their research to cancer,

but also to bridge the divide between these fields to develop networks and start collaborations that can address cancer research and medicine from a physical sciences perspective. The core aim of this conference is to develop an interactive and collaborative event, with a broad-ranging scientific focus that brings together basic, translational, and clinical scientists from across cancer research with researchers from engineering, mathematics, physics, and chemistry. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aacr.org/Meetings/Pages/MeetingDetail.aspx?EventItemID=210>.

### **Chinese surgical week (CSW) 2019 October 18-20, 2019; Chengdu, China**

Organized by Chinese Medical Association, Chinese Society of Surgery, co-organized by Sichuan Medical Association and West China Hospital, Sichuan University, Chinese surgical week 2019 will be held at Chengdu Century City International Convention Center, Chengdu, China on October 18–20, 2019. The meeting includes continuing education, keynote reports, special reports, case discussions, debates, the international exchanges and communication, and youth BBS. Further the meeting will be the first time to set up nursing BBS, for in-depth exchange in surgical nursing thus to promote the surgical nursing continued development in China. Topics mainly emphasizes in: 1) the latest clinical research progress and achievements in the field of general surgery; 2) the application experience and related research of new techniques and methods in general surgery; and 3) experimental research in various fields of general surgery, which include the fields of minimally invasive transplantation, gastrointestinal, colorectal, liver, bile duct, pancreas, splenic and portal hypertension, blood vessels, nutrition and infection, thyroid, metabolic surgery, hernia, breast, nutrition support, and basic research. Experts from domestic and abroad will gather together to share the latest achievements and development trend of general surgery in an all-round way. The Surgery Branch of the Chinese Medical Association will stick to the spirit of “inheritance, innovation, standardization and improvement”, unite the general surgeons across the country, strive to improve the level of surgical diagnosis and treatment across the country through this academic exchange and conference, and create a better future for the surgery of China. For more information, please contact: Peking Union Medical College Hospital (academic), # 1 shuaifuyuan, Dongcheng District, Beijing, China. Tel: +86-10-6915 6016; Email: [elizabethxuan@qq.com](mailto:elizabethxuan@qq.com); Or Academic Conference Department, Chinese Medical Association (conference), Office 226, 42 Dongsu West Street, Beijing 100710, China. Tel: +86-10-8515 8150; Fax: 86-10-6512 3754; Email: [cmacss@126.com](mailto:cmacss@126.com). Website: [www.cmacsw.org](http://www.cmacsw.org).

### **November The liver meeting® 2019 November 8-12, 2019; Boston, USA**

During The Liver Meeting® 2019, more than 9500 hepatologists and hepatology health professionals from across the nation and around the world will gather in Boston, MA to exchange the latest liver disease research, discuss treatment outcomes, and interact with colleagues at the annual, must-attend event in the science and practice of hepatology. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aasld.org/events-professional-development/liver-meeting>.

### **Current trends in liver regeneration and repair November 9, 2019; Boston, USA**

Program Chairs are Xiao-Ming Yin, MD, PhD, FAASLD and George K. Michalopoulos, MD, PhD, FAASLD. The liver is constantly exposed to external and internal damaging factors, yet it can regenerate and repair itself. With the help of novel tools, the mechanisms of this process are to be explored. At this symposium, experts report new research on liver regeneration and repair and how this knowledge may facilitate clinical applications to rescue and restore liver function. Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to: 1) Recognize the impact of liver regeneration and repair in the development of hepatic diseases; 2) Discuss critical roles of liver regeneration and repair in liver physiology; 3) Discuss the new knowledge and new tools available to study liver regeneration and repair, and 4) Identify new therapeutic approaches to rescue and restore liver functions. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aasld.org/events-professional-development/liver-meeting/basic-science-symposium>.

### **ESSO-EYSAC hands on course on abdominal surgery November 11-13, 2019; Leiden, The Netherlands**

This course is a hands-on workshop on surgical anatomy of the abdominal organs and vessels. Interactive discussions will complete each session so that practical/anatomical and management issues will be integrated. Pearls and pitfalls of oncological surgery of every abdominal organ will be put into practice on specially embalmed bodies. Educational Methods include: 1) hands-on sessions with human bodies and several exercises of surgical techniques; 2) pre-course 3D atlas on surgical anatomy and its techniques that will help participants to increase their knowledge on the anatomy of the abdominal organs and to improve their surgical skills. 3) and plenary lectures. For more information, please visit: <https://www.essoweb.org/courses/esso-eysac-hands-course-abdominal-surgery-2019/>.

### **December EASL-AASLD Masterclass December 5-7, 2019; Amsterdam, Netherlands**

The 2019 EASL-AASLD Masterclass provides a unique educational collaboration of clinical scientists from leading academic medical institutions from both sides of the Atlantic. Participants will attend a two-day intensive training session in Amsterdam, Netherlands designed for future leaders in academic hepatology. The program will consist of academic lectures, interactive break-out sessions, abstract presentations, a poster session, and social events to give early-stage investigators (MD, PhD, or MD/PhD, or equivalent) the opportunity to network with world leaders in hepatology. AASLD/EASL will provide complimentary registration, travel and accommodation expenses for up to 10 early career investigators who are AASLD members. To learn more, please visit: <https://easl.eu/event/easl-aasld-masterclass-2/>.