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October, 2019

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

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. Furthermore, 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 fields 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 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; 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. Website: www.cmacsw.org.

November

AACR international conference: Infection and cancer November 8-10, 2019; Hong Kong, China

The inaugural AACR infection and cancer conference will take place in Hong Kong, China and is part of a new AACR global initiative focusing attention on pathogen-related cancers, some of the most prevalent cancers in many parts of the world. The focus for the 2019 conference in Hong Kong will be on cancers prevalent in Asia that are related to infection with hepatitis B virus, human papilloma virus, Epstein-Barr virus, and *H. pylori*. The program will feature sessions with cross-cutting themes on prevention, early detection, screening, emerging therapies, experimental models, immunology, genetics and epigenetics that will appeal to and unite a wide audience of researchers dedicated to better understanding some of the most common cancers in the region. The scientific program features a mix of keynote lectures, plenary sessions and poster sessions. The interactive three-day program is expected to attract basic, translational and clinical researchers as it features thought-leaders from around the globe. For more information, please visit: <http://ichk.aacr.asia/>.

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

During the liver meeting® 2019, 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. 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 live 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-eyzac-hands-course-abdominal-surgery-2019/>.

AACR-KCA joint workshop on precision medicine November 14-15, 2019; Lotte Hotel Seoul, Seoul, Korea

This workshop will bring together medical professionals, researchers, and others interested in the field of precision medicine to devise multi-disciplinary strategies to more effectively diagnose and treat cancer and advance patient care. This workshop will provide a platform to exchange ideas, discover novel opportunities, acquaint with colleagues, and broaden professional knowledge. For more information, please visit: https://www.aacr-kca.org/aacr_kca/aacr_kca_02.html.

Tumor immunology and immunotherapy November 17-20, 2019; Boston Marriott Copley Place, Boston, Massachusetts

This AACR special conference on tumor immunology and immunotherapy is designed to integrate multidisciplinary facets of basic cancer immunology and immunotherapy to broaden our understanding of ways to harness the immune system to treat cancer. The hallmark of this series is also to encourage the effective exchange of ideas between basic cancer immunologists,

nonimmunologists, and clinical oncologists in order to develop approaches that translate to outcomes. This year's program will feature international leaders in the field, who will expand our knowledge of the microbiome; adverse immunologic events; imaging and other new technologies; genetics and epigenomics of immunology; and immunologic signaling pathways. These world-renowned oncologists and researchers will offer their insights on novel cell therapies, biomarkers, vaccines, and adjuvants, all in the pursuit of understanding tumor evolution and creating better treatments. Please join in the conversation and network with investigators, from basic to translational scientists, from academia to industry. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aacr.org/Meetings/Pages/MeetingDetail.aspx?EventItemID=185>.

Translational cancer research for basic scientists workshop November 17-22, 2019; Hilton Boston Back Bay, Boston, Massachusetts

This workshop is hosted in close collaboration with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/Harvard Cancer Center, comprised of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Children's Hospital Boston, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Public Health, and Massachusetts General Hospital. The translational cancer research for basic scientists workshop provides basic research scientists with essential training to adapt their research for maximum clinical impact and transition into a new career in translational cancer medicine. During the course of the week, attendees learn about the latest methods and approaches in cutting-edge translational cancer research from leading translational scientists in academia, government, and industry. This innovative workshop addresses many aspects of translational research including collaborating on multidisciplinary teams, working effectively with industry partners, recognizing the unique needs and environment of the clinic and clinical laboratories, and navigating regulatory and compliance issues in translational science. This workshop also places a strong emphasis on understanding the perspective of patients and clinicians which allows basic scientists to frame research questions in a broader context. For further information, please contact Lyngine Calizo, PhD, Assistant Director, at 215-446-7265 or lyngine.calizo@aacr.org.

Italian chapter of E-AHPBA November 23-25, 2019; Milan, Italy

Topics include laparoscopic HPB surgery, surgical oncology in HPB tumors, HPB surgery and progresses in imaging techniques, surgery and hepatology, world day on pancreatic cancer, simultaneous laparoscopic surgery of the liver and colon, surgery and preoperative 3D simulation, transplantation for liver metastases, and transplantation of pancreatic islets. Organizing secretary: Materia Prima srl, Tel: +39-0363-1848-776; Email: segreteria@lmateriala.it. Website: www.materiala.it.

E-AHPBA level 2 robotic course on HPB surgery November 25-26, 2019; Melle, Belgium

This course is organized by E-AHPBA, the Education Committee and the Innovation & Development Committee. Course director is Prof.

Ugo Boggi; and co-course director is Dr. Aude Vanlander. For more information, please visit: <https://www.apunto-events.be/event/e-ahpba-advanced-robotic-course-on-hpb-surgery/>.

E-AHPBA level 1 robotic course on HPB surgery November 26-27, 2019; Melle, Belgium

This course is organized by E-AHPBA, the Education Committee and the Innovation & Development Committee. Course director is Prof. Mohammad Abu-Hilal, and co-course director is Dr. Aude Vanlander. DAY 0 - 25/09/2019 start 09:00 am: Basic Technology Training given by an ORSI trainer; DAY 1 - 26/09/2019 Hands-on dry lab (gallbladder - liver); DAY 2 - 27/09/2019 Hands-on dry lab (pancreas 3D model) : pancreatic tail resection, Whipple. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.apunto-events.be/event/e-ahpba-beginners-robotic-course-on-hpb-surgery/>.

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/>.

January, 2020 Advancing precision medicine drug development: Incorporation of real world data and other novel strategies January 9-12, 2020; Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter, San Diego, California

This special conference will be unique as it is the first program designed to address traditional cancer research topics such as trial design, diagnostics, and drug development; technology topics such as real-time patient monitoring, EHRs, and machine learning; and regulatory and financial considerations in the era of precision medicine. In order to cover this wide array of topics over the four-day program, the Cochairs have identified a roster of speakers featuring leaders from academia, government, and the biotech, pharma, technology, finance, and insurance sectors including several individuals who will be new to the AACR. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aacr.org/Meetings/Pages/MeetingDetail.aspx?EventItemID=205>.

March EACR-AACR basic and translational research conference: Tumor microenvironment March 2-4, 2020; Lisbon Congress Centre, Lisbon, Portugal

This new joint basic and translational research conference on tumor microenvironment is jointly organized by The European Association for Cancer Research (EACR), American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) and Associação Portuguesa de Investigação em Cancro (ASPIC). This EACR-AACR-ASPIC conference on tumor microenvironment (TME) will bring together thought leaders spanning the breadth of TME, immune-oncology, computational biology and biomedical technology disciplines to discuss novel approaches to identify critical mechanisms regulating the crosstalk in these tumor ecosystems. Therapeutic approaches to target the TME for durable tumor control are to be discussed, including strategies being deployed in patients, and initial clinical findings. The goal will be to not only discuss the current state of the TME field, but also discuss approaches towards applying that knowledge to the development of effective and broadly applicable anti-cancer therapies for long-term management of disease. For more information, please visit: <https://www.eaa2020.org/>.

May Digestive disease week May 2-5, 2020; Chicago, Illinois, USA

DDW is co-sponsored by AASLD, AGA, ASGE and SSAT. Digestive disease week® (DDW) is one of the largest meetings for the GI professional and attracts 14 000 physicians, researchers and academicians each year. At DDW new developments in the field, high-quality educational programs and network with colleagues will be presented. The AASLD meeting at DDW provides a forum for the exchange of groundbreaking research and clinical information in diseases of the liver and biliary tract and in liver transplantation, which is to be done in a variety of formats, including plenary and parallel sessions, courses, workshops and state-of-the-art lectures. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.aasld.org/event/digestive-disease-week>.

Chinese chapter of IHPBA meeting May 8-10, 2020; Wuhan, China

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