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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, USA

This special conference 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>.

February 2020

Sweden liver week

February 3-5, 2020; Stockholm, Sweden

Liver Week intends to reflect medical, surgical and diagnostic aspects, considering both adult and pediatric patients. The organizing faculty consists of members from adult and pediatric hepatology, transplant and hepatobiliary surgery, anesthesiology and infectious diseases at Karolinska University Hospital. Topics include: 1) New aspects on portal hypertension; 2) Drug-induced liver disease; 3) Clinical workshop: common consultations in hepatology; 4) Rare liver diseases in children and adults; 5) New national guidelines for liver transplantation in Sweden; 6) Minimal invasive liver surgery; 7) Effects of fast-track (SVF) for liver cancer; 8) Hepatitis E; 9) Pediatric workshop; 10) Basic science workshop (Liver Academy); and 11) Nurse's program (in Swedish). For more information, please contact: hongshengtianxia@sina.cn.

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/>.

Evolutionary dynamics in carcinogenesis and response to therapy

March 12-15, 2020; Westin Denver Downtown, Denver, Colorado, USA

This AACR special conference aims to move away from the simplistic view of cancer evolution as a merely genetic phenomenon and to discuss instead how microenvironmental, immune cell, genetic and epigenetic heterogeneity interact and evolve and how this influences cancer progression and therapy success or failure. By promoting the exchange of novel ideas and information between basic scientists, physicians, and other health professionals, this inaugural conference will enhance the understanding of cancer evolution and make

progress toward treatment paradigms that limit therapy resistance. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aacr.org/Meetings/Pages/MeetingDetail.aspx?EventItemID=181>.

April **AACR annual meeting 2020** **April 24-29, 2020; San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, California, USA**

Program committee chair is Antoni Ribas, University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California. The AACR annual meeting program covers the latest discoveries across the spectrum of cancer research—from population science and prevention; to cancer biology, translational, and clinical studies; to survivorship and advocacy—and highlights the work of the best minds in research and medicine from institutions all over the world. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aacr.org/Meetings/Pages/MeetingDetail.aspx?EventItemID=213>.

May **Digestive disease week** **May 2-5, 2010; Chicago, Illinois, USA**

Digestive disease week® (DDW) is co-sponsored by AASLD, AGA, ASGE and SSAT. 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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2020 American transplant congress **May 30- June 3, 2020; Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA**

The American transplant congress is the joint annual meeting of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) and the American Society of Transplantation (AST). ATC provides a forum for exchange of new scientific and clinical information relevant to solid organ and tissue transplantation and brings together transplant physicians, scientists, nurses, organ procurement personnel, pharmacists, allied health professionals and other transplant professionals. The educational offerings provide attendees the opportunity to learn cutting-edge advances in research and exchange of ideas and practice in the field of solid organ and tissue transplantation. The goals & objectives of ATC are: 1) To provide a forum for exchange of new scientific and clinical information relevant to solid organ and tissue transplantation; 2) To create an arena for the interchange of ideas regarding care and management of organ and tissue transplant recipients; 3) To facilitate discussions of the socioeconomic, ethical and regulatory issues related to solid organ and tissue transplantation. A variety of formats are planned that will encourage the exchange of new scientific and clinical information and support an interchange of opinions regarding care and management issues, as well as socioeconomic, ethical, and regulatory issues relevant to organ and tissue transplantation. The American transplant congress is designed for physicians, surgeons, scientists, nurses, organ procurement personnel, pharmacists and other transplant professionals who are interested in the clinical and research aspects of solid organ and tissue transplantation. For more information, please visit: <https://atcmeeting.org/>.

June **Seventh JCA-AACR special joint conference on the latest advances in pancreatic cancer research: From basic science to therapeutics** **June 9-11, 2020; Kyoto Tokyu Hotel, Kyoto, Japan**

The seventh JCA-AACR special joint conference will bring together basic scientists and clinical researchers from the United States, Japan, and around the world to share the latest and most exciting developments in pancreatic cancer research. The conference will offer ample opportunities for the scientific discussions and interactions that are necessary to make further basic research and clinical progress in the field. Topics include: 1) Genetics, Kras, p53, and oncogenic signaling; 2) Tumor heterogeneity, plasticity, and therapy resistance; 3) Stromal evolution, and tumor microenvironment cross-talk and modeling; 4) Inflammation; 5) Immunotherapy; 6) Metabolism, anti-oxidants, and cachexia; 7) Screening and early detection, liquid biopsy, biomarkers, and premalignant lesions; and 8) Clinical oncology and targeted therapies. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aacr.org/Meetings/Pages/MeetingDetail.aspx?EventItemID=221>.