Second Giessen International Workshop on Interactions of Exocrine and Endocrine Pancreatic Diseases

March 7-8, 2008

The Castle of Rauschholzhausen Conference Centre of the Justus-Liebig-University Giessen
Ferdinand-von-Stumm-Strasse
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Germany
INVITATION AND WELCOME

Dear colleagues and friends,

Almost three years have passed since we had the pleasure to organize the First Giessen International Workshop on Interactions of Endocrine and Exocrine Pancreatic Diseases, held from March 18-19, 2005 at Rauischholzhausen Castle [JOP. J Pancreas (Online) 2005; 6(4):382-405]. This meeting has been attended by a number of international specialists in the fields of diabetes mellitus and gastroenterology and our discussions have given rise to some interesting cooperations in the field.

What happened since March 2005?
Type 3 diabetes has gained attention by the international diabetes community and we have been invited to organize a session on this topic in the context of the first CODHy meeting in Berlin in October 2006 [www.codhy.com]. This successful meeting was attended by more than 1,700 participants.

In the meantime, it has been accepted by most diabetetes experts that exocrine pancreatic dysfunction is very frequent in diabetes mellitus. There have been studies by different groups performing fecal elastase 1 measurements in diabetic patients, some of them adding new, interesting aspects. The most probable explanation for exocrine and endocrine co morbidity is that type 3 diabetes mellitus must be a common disease, rather than a rare one.

Further progress has been made in genetic research, since Pal Njolstad and his group have found a mutation in the CEL gene causing exocrine fibrosis and diabetes. Another very interesting aspect - pathologic changes of the incretin axis in patients with exocrine insufficiency and steatorrhea - is currently under investigation.

Concerning chronic pancreatitis, paradigms have been started to be evolved. Pancreatitis or pancreas fibrosis appears to be frequent in western societies and might affect up to 10% of population-based studies. Alcohol consumption seems to be only a minor pathogenetic factor, while autoimmunity, genetic defects and chronic obstruction have received more attention recently.

We think that it is time to meet again and discuss recent developments and future projects. We would be very glad to welcome you again in the beautiful setting of the Rauischholzhausen Castle.

Looking forward to seeing you in March 2008, we remain,

with best regards,

PD Dr. Philip Hardt  Prof. Dr. Hans-Ulrich Kloer  Prof. Dr. Reinhard G. Bretzel
Friday, March 7, 2008

12.00 - 13.30  Get-together and light lunch
Foyer

Conference Room "Treppensaal"

13.30 - 13.45  Welcome and opening remarks
P.D. Hardt, Giessen / Germany

13.45 - 14.30  Progress, cessation and dogmas in (medical) science
J. Hardt, Wetzlar / Germany

Session A  Pancreatic diabetes (type 3c)
Chairs:
R.G. Bretzel, Giessen / Germany
F. Marotta, Milan / Italy

14.30 - 15.00  Exocrine function in diabetes mellitus
F. Cavalot, Turin / Italy

15.00 - 15.30  The relationship between diabetes, coeliac disease and the exocrine pancreas
J. Leeds, Sheffield / UK

15.30 - 15.50  How frequent is type 3c diabetes mellitus?
P.D. Hardt, Giessen / Germany

15.50 - 16.20  Damage to exocrine and endocrine pancreas by genes
P. Njølstad, Bergen / Norway

16.20 - 17.00  Coffee Break and Discussion
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17.00 - 17.30  **Incretins in type 2 and type 3 diabetes mellitus**  
F. Knop, Copenhagen / Denmark

17.30 - 17.50  **Impairment of beta cell homeostasis and type 3 diabetes**  
M.D. Brendel, Giessen / Germany

17.50 - 18.10  **Peculiarities in the treatment of type 3 diabetes mellitus**  
N. Ewald, Giessen / Germany

18.10 - 18.30  **Incretins: from concept to treatment**  
B. Gallwitz, Tuebingen / Germany

18.30 - 19.00  **General Discussion**  
with all speakers and participants

20.00  **Dinner**  
Goldsalon / Kaminzimmer
Saturday, March 8, 2008

8.00 - 9.00  Breakfast

Conference Room "Treppensaal"

Session B  Chronic inflammation of the pancreas
Chairs:  C.W. Imrie, Glasgow / UK
Â. Andren-Sandberg, Stockholm / Sweden

09.00 - 9.20  How frequent is chronic inflammation of the pancreas?
J.E. Domínguez-Muñoz, Santiago de Compostela / Spain

09.20 - 9.40  Is pancreatic fibrosis as frequently observed in the elderly a disease to be treated?
M. Loehr, Stockholm / Sweden

09.40 - 10.00  ACE and inflammation of the pancreas
B. Fischer, Giessen / Germany

10.00 - 10.20  Genomics and the metabolic hypothesis of chronic pancreatitis
F. Marotta, Milan / Italy

10.20 - 10.40  Aspects on nutrition in pancreatic disease
E. Rangelova, Stockholm / Sweden

10.40 - 11.10  Coffee Break and Discussion
Saturday, March 8, 2008

11.10 - 11.30  Pancreatic stellate cells and pancreatitis  
D. Fine, Southampton / UK

11.30 - 11.50  Autoimmunity, pancreatitis and diabetes mellitus  
S. Tanaka, Tamaho / Japan

11.50 - 12.30  Genes and pancreatitis  
R. Pfuetzer, Mannheim / Germany

12.30 - 12.50  Gallstones, obstruction and pancreatitis  
H.U. Kloer, Giessen / Germany

12.50 - 13.30  General Discussion  
with all speakers and participants

13.30  Lunch

~ 15.00  Transfer to airports, railway stations, hotels.
GENERAL INFORMATION

Workshop venue
Rauischholzhausen Castle
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Travel
Rauischholzhausen is a small village located between Giessen and Marburg in the middle of Germany (province Hesse). The distances to the main traffic junctions in the area are as follows:

Marburg Main Station 15 km 20 minutes by car/taxi
Giessen Main Station 32 km 40 minutes by car/taxi
Frankfurt Rhein-Main Airport 95 km 75 minutes by car/taxi

Meals
Lunches, dinner and coffee breaks will be provided by the organizer and are free of charge for the workshop participants.

Workshop language
The official workshop language is English.
**Presentations**
The conference room is equipped with data projector and a PC for PowerPoint-presentation. Please make sure to bring your PowerPoint-presentation on a CD-ROM or USB-stick to the media check well in advance, 30 minutes prior to the start of your session at the very latest.
In case your presentation includes video or other special files, bring your own laptop for the presentation.

**Exhibition**
Companies working in the field will present their products during the workshop. The exhibition will be located in the foyer of the castle.

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(in alphabetical order, as of February 2008)