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10th EPITA Symposium & 39th AIDPIT Workshop

DESCRIPTION AND AIM

The EPITA Board is proud to announce the 10th EPITA Symposium & 39th AIDPIT Workshop, which will take place in Igls_Innsbruck from the 26th to the 28th of January 2020. This EPITA anniversary meeting will be characterized and enriched by a series of new, additional sessions dedicated on the use of pluripotent stem cells in clinical beta cell therapy in collaboration with ECTORS.

The first trials using stem-cell derived β-cells in patients with type 1 diabetes are underway. As a community with exceptional expertise in the field of pancreas and islet transplantation, immunosuppression and monitoring of graft function the time is right to have a special focus on the “Road to the Clinic” for this novel therapy, in and outside Europe.

Topics will include differentiation protocols, upscaling to bioreactors, quality control, pre-clinical testing, safety aspects, manufacturing and regulatory issues in Europe. Especially current hurdles will be discussed.

These additional, focused sessions will be held on Sunday, January 26. On Monday morning, January 27, a series of sessions that are relevant to all scientists and clinicians involved in pancreas, islet and stem-cell derived β-cell transplantation, including topics such as immunological aspects, alternative transplantation sites and graft monitoring. In this way the meeting structure, lively atmosphere and scientific discussions on pancreas and islet transplantation will be preserved, while also moving into the future with novel cell replacement therapies.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Medical professionals working in the field of transplantation and diabetes such as transplant physicians, surgeons and diabetologists. Basic and translational scientists in human islet biology, developmental and stem cell biology. Scientists and clinicians interested in generation of ATMP and regulatory affairs.
INCLUDING PRE-SYMPOSIUM

DIABETES AND PLURIPOTENT STEM CELLS
The road to the clinic for a novel beta cell replacement therapy

The new sessions have been included:
• To inform scientists and clinicians about relevant aspects of stem-cell derived β-cell transplantation
• To discuss the current hurdles and future challenges to implement this novel β-cell replacement therapy
• To create a networking platform for clinicians and scientists involved in stem cell biology and generation of ATMPs in Europe

Who should attend these new activities?
Medical professionals working in the field of transplantation and diabetes; basic and translational scientists in human islet biology; basic scientists in islet development and stem cell biology; scientists involved in generation of ATMP and regulatory affairs.

These pre-symposium activities are organized by the European Pancreas and Islet Transplantation Association (EPITA) and the European Cell Therapy and Regeneration Section (ECTORS). EPITA and ECTORS are Sections of the European Society for Organ Transplantation (ESOT).

CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS
Submitting your work and research actively contributes to the success of the meeting. The organizers encourage you to share your latest data.

Visit www.esot.org for more information about categories and submission.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
Abstract Submission Opening
September 2, 2019
An additional entire day of presentations (Sunday January 26, 2020) will be added to the traditional annual EPITA meeting. In addition, topics related to immunosuppression and immunoprotection relevant to pancreas and islet transplantation will be integrated in the 10th EPITA Symposium programme on Monday, January 27.

**SUNDAY JANUARY 26**

- In vitro differentiation of pluripotent stem cells (PSC)
- Upscaling and manufacturing of PSC cultures
- Release criteria for PSC-derived insulin producing cells
- The regulatory landscape in Europe
- Safety standards in PSC therapy
- Clinical trials using PSC

**MONDAY JANUARY 27**

Islets and PSC-derived insulin producing cells
- Functional assessment of grafts
- Novel strategies for immunoprotection and immunomonitoring
- Novel strategies to improve cell implantation
- Alternative clinical transplantation sites

Pancreas
- Outcome in DCD pancreas transplantation
- Pancreas preservation
- Long-term complications after pancreas transplantation

**Pro-Con Debate**
- Artificial pancreas, pancreas-alone or islet-alone – Who has the upper hand and is it changing?

**TUESDAY JANUARY 28**

Technology session
- Lessons from flash or continuous glucose monitoring in pancreas and islet transplantation

Clinical Case workshops on islet and pancreas transplantation

**Presidential Debate**
- Iglis score for clinical graft outcome – useful or not?
- Donor score – useful or not?
REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee includes free access to the pre-symposium activities for the day January 26 and January 27.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US FOR THE PRE-SYMPOSIUM ACTIVITIES ONLY?

A special registration fee that includes access to the scientific activities for the day of January 26 and January 27 (Until 12:30) is available on the esot.org website at the following flat rate:

- ESOT Members       € 200,00
- Non member / Exhibitors € 320,00
- Reduced fee*       € 180,00

DEADLINES

- Early registration fee: valid until December 20, 2019
- Standard registration fee: valid until January 22, 2020

VENUE

CongressPark Igl
Eugenpromenade 2, 6080 Igl/Innsbruck, Austria

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