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SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Registration and Call for Abstracts

Combined Meeting of the
 International Congress on Peritoneal Repair
 and Adhesions (PAX, Fifth Meeting)

&

International Mesothelioma Interest Group
 (IMIG, Fifth Meeting)

**October 5-8, 1999**

Stoke Rochford Hall
 Stoke Rochford, Grantham
 Nottinghamshire, UK

Dear Participant and Colleague

We are delighted to invite you to the combined meeting of the Peritoneal Repair and Adhesions (PAX) & International Mesothelioma Interest Group (IMIG). This conference will bring together researchers in basic science and clinical practice who share common interests in areas of mesothelial and serosal biology, including wound repair, adhesion formation, tumourigenesis, diagnosis and treatment.

The first day of the congress will be dedicated to joint sessions covering topics on mesothelial cell biology. Subsequent days will include separate but coordinated programmes for PAX and IMIG.

Special attractions of the scientific programme include state-of-the-art plenary lectures, new investigator and best poster prizes with selected abstracts for oral communications. In addition, a full social programme has been organised (both for delegates and companions) to make this meeting a stimulating and enjoyable event.

The location for this meeting is Stoke Rochford Hall, a beautiful Victorian country mansion just outside Grantham in the heart of the English countryside. Stoke Rochford Hall is beautifully set in 28 acres of formal gardens and parklands, and is located in Stoke Rochford, a small village approximately 7 miles south of Grantham and 30 miles south of Nottingham. Grantham is one hour from London by train and is easily accessible by motorway. Accommodation for the conference will be on site or at one of two hotels which are in close proximity to Stoke Rochford Hall.

We look forward to welcoming you to this conference, the beautiful English countryside and the grandeur of Stoke Rochford Hall.

Steve Mutsaers & Jeremy Thompson
Principal Organisers

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Will include:

PAX

S. BENGMARK	Sweden	Acute phase response and peritoneal adhesion formation
A. DARZI	UK	Laparoscopy and adhesions
H. ELLIS	UK	Adhesions: the extent of the problem
L. HOLMDAHL	Sweden	Proteases in peritoneal tissue repair
J. JEEKEL	Netherlands	Adhesions and tumour implantation
T. KOOISTRA	Netherlands	Peritoneal fibrinolysis
A. RAFTERY	UK	Peritoneal repair: the early days
C. SUTTON	UK	Gynaecological adhesiolysis and adhesion prevention
H-K. TREUTNER	Germany	Adhesion prevention during visceral surgery

IMIG

S. ALBELDA	USA	Gene therapy for benign and malignant disorders
A. BERNS	Netherlands	The design of specific mouse tumour models using conditional knock-out strategies
M. DYER	UK	Bcl10 in malignancy
E. HAY	USA	Epithelial-mesenchymal transformation
S. IDELL	USA	Post-translational regulation of the urokinase receptor by mesothelial and mesothelioma cells
J. PETO	UK	The European mesothelioma epidemic
V. RUSCH	USA	The IMIG staging system: How relevant is it?

WE NEED A LOGO!

IMIG are looking for a new logo to use on correspondence and at their meetings. It has been decided to offer a prize of £100 for the best logo design. Designs should be sent to Dr Steven Mutsaers by July 23, 1999 to be eligible for this prize. A colour and/or black and white version should be supplied.

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Tuesday October 5th, 1999

14.00 - 18.00	Registration
18.00 - 21.00	Welcome reception and buffet

Wednesday October 6th, 1999

(Combined sessions on mesothelial cell biology)

9.00 - 9.30	Introduction
9.30 - 12.30	Mesothelial repair
14.00 - 16.00	Fibrin regulation
16.00 - 17.30	Growth factors and adhesion molecules

Thursday October 7th, 1999

	IMIG	PAX
9.00 - 10.30	Carcinogenesis	Adhesion pathogenesis
10.30 - 12.30	Molecular genetics	Adhesion related disease - clinical aspects
14.00 - 16.00	Gene therapy	Laparoscopic surgery - impact on adhesions
16.00 - 17.50	Disease staging	Clinical burden/healthcare costs

Friday October 8th, 1999

	IMIG	PAX
9.00 - 10.30	New mesothelioma antigens diagnosis/therapy	Tumours and adhesions
10.30 - 12.30	Clinical studies	Adhesion prevention - experimental studies
14.00 - 16.00	Epidemiology	Adhesion prevention - clinical studies
16.00 - 17.30	SV40 - the current status	

NEW INVESTIGATOR AND POSTER PRIZES

Applicants for the new investigator prize must have no more than 2 years postdoctoral or post MD experience. Submit an abstract and register using the standard form for the meeting. Ensure you are the first author/presenter of the abstract. Type NIA in the bottom right hand corner of the abstract. All abstracts submitted will be judged by the Scientific Programme Committee and the best 6 (at least) selected for an oral presentation. A prize of £300 will be awarded for the best presentation by a leading researcher on the last day of the meeting.

All posters presented at the meeting are eligible for the poster prize. During the formal poster sessions, judges will view the posters, talk to presenters etc. The winner will be announced and receive a prize of £100 on the last day of the meeting.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print: Mail to : Elaine McNeela, Department of Surgery, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, 369 Fulham Road, London, SW10 9NH, UK. Fax: (44) 181-746 8282

Family name:

First name:

Institution:

Address:

City: Post code:

Country:

Phone: Fax:

E-mail:

Name for delegate badge:

ACCOMMODATION

(Rates per person per night and include breakfast and taxes)

	Deluxe	Standard + ensuite	Standard
Single room	£80.00	£56.00	£39.00
Shared room (please specify double or twin)	£55.00	£40.00	£29.00
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PAYMENT

(see reverse of registration form)

Full delegate registration

Accompanying persons registration

Daily registration Wed Thurs Fri

Accommodation

Congress dinner (£35.00 per person)

Total £

Payment to be made in pounds Sterling (£) by bankers draft or by cheque drawn in a UK bank, crossed and made payable to IMIG/PAX '99

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Fees

Full delegate fee includes admission to all the scientific sessions, morning coffee and afternoon tea, the Welcome reception buffet, cocktail party and Wednesday night dinner, and 3 lunches. Daily registration fee includes admission to all the scientific sessions, morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea.

	Before July 23	After July 23
Full delegate	£260.00	£290.00
Accompanying person	£110.00	£140.00
Daily delegate	£95.00	£105.00

Accommodation

A number of rooms (bed and breakfast) have been reserved for the participants both on site and if required, at nearby hotels. Hotels will only be used once on site accommodation is full. Rooms will be allocated on first come first serve basis. Charges vary depending on the standard of room and location. Hotel prices will be forwarded if necessary. Other than breakfast, all meals will be included in the full registration fee and will be at Stoke Rochford Hall. Please make your reservation on the following page.

Social Events

Welcome reception buffet
Cocktail party and dinner
Congress dinner (with a local theme - additional cost of £35.00)
Optional tours of local historic sites for accompanying persons

Shuttles

A shuttle bus service will run between the congress venue, local hotels and Grantham railway station.

Website Information

Meeting: Visit the IMIG Webpage. <http://www.eur.nl/FGG/IMMU/meso.html>
Travel Information:
Train times - http://www.railtrack.co.uk/travel/index_personalise.html
UK - <http://www.touristnetuk.com>
London - <http://www.londontown.com>

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

General Instructions

1. Abstracts must contain original material that has not appeared in a peer-reviewed journal prior to the meeting.
2. Abstracts must be in English

Typing Instructions

1. The abstract will be reduced when printed in the meeting program booklet; therefore use a font size no smaller than 12 point
2. Abstracts should contain no more than 250 words. Tables and graphs can be included.
3. Do not use a dot matrix printer or a compressed type format.
4. The abstract must be single-spaced; no half spacing will be accepted.
5. Type the abstract title in capital letters.
6. Immediately below the title, list the name(s) of the author(s) with family name followed by initials, and on a new line, the address(es) with institution, city, country.
7. Underline the name of the presenting author.
8. Please indicate if you would prefer the abstract to be considered for oral and/or poster presentation.
9. If the abstract is to be considered for the New Investigator Award, please type NIA in the bottom right hand corner of your abstract.
10. Please provide a contact phone/fax number and email address.

Submit :

- 1) an original typed copy and
- 2) if possible, an email attachment of the abstract.

NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD

(must be no more than two years postdoctoral or post MD) - £300 PRIZE

POSTER PRIZE

(judged openly on all posters) - £100 PRIZE

ABSTRACT DEADLINE: FRIDAY 23 JULY 1999

Post and email abstracts to:
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