



# EUROPEAN BRIDGING MEETING IN GASTROENTEROLOGY

**Berlin, Germany**  
**November 30 – December 01, 2018**







## **Bridging Meeting in European Gastroenterology**

Dear Friends & Colleagues:

We are delighted to extend our warmest welcome to you at our traditional Bridging Meeting in Berlin. Thank you for taking part in this long-running event and contributing to yet another propitious experience. Last year we concluded a triennial educational program under the same formula by the title "Fit for the Future in GI", which concluded successfully with 3-year reports on continued research progress.

This year we are back to the original classic model of the established Bridging Meeting, where fellows and their mentors will present, discuss and engage within this European network in Gastroenterology.

As every year during this event, we, the generation of mentors, are proud and honored to have the privilege to observe the advances of our fellows in their academic careers, steering the future in Gastroenterology. We are grateful to the EAGEN & EHMSG for their support of this unique mentor-fellow teaching concept in academic gastroenterology and also extend a sincere thank you to our industrial partners for their support.

Welcome & enjoy this exciting event, which cherishes scientific progress and friendships among the European gastroenterology network.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Malfertheiner

**Friday, November 30, 2018:**

**EUROPEAN GI BRIDGING MEETING**

**8.45 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

**P. Malfertheiner**

European Bridging Meeting in Gastroenterology– Introduction to the course

**8:50 – 11:00 REPORTS**

**Chairmen: D. Dumitrascu, C. Veron**

8:50 – 9:00

**hot news - esophageal diseases**  
(short glimpse – max 10 slides)

**A. Dabrowski**

9:00 – 9:15

Esophageal pH and impedance reflux parameters in relation to body mass index, obesity related hormones and bariatric procedures

**Agnieszka Swidnicka-Siergiejko;** Eugeniusz Wroblewski, Hady Razak Hady, Magdalena Luba; Jacek Dadan; Andrzej Dabrowski

comments – **S. Bataga, Romania**

9:15 – 9:30

The prevalence of Helicobacter pylori and effectiveness of eradication therapy in Russia

**Voynovan, R.** Plavnik, V. Nevmerzhiyskiy, Yu. Embutniex, E. Kondrasheva, M. Abdulova, D. Bordin

comments – **F. Megraud, France**

9:30 – 9:45

Study of the Hippo/YAP/TAZ pathway in gastric carcinogenesis induced in response to Helicobacter pylori infection

**Camille Tiffon,** Silvia Elena Molina-Castro, Julie Giraud, Hélène Boeuf, Elodie Sifre, Alban Giese, Geneviève Belleannée, Philippe Lehours, Emilie Bessède, Francis Mégraud, Pierre Dubus, Cathy Staedel, Christine Varon

Comments – **L. Herszenyi, Hungary**

*presentations: 8 min, Prof comments: 4 min, discussion: 3 min*

9:45 – 10:00 Significance of serum pepsinogens as a biomarker for atrophic gastritis screening in the Kazakhstan population.

**Linda Mezmale**, Sergejs Isajevs, Inga Bogdanova, Inese Polaka, Anna Krigere, Dace Rudzite, Aiga Rudule, Ilze Kikuste, Sergejs Parsutins, Altynbek Tazedinov, Niyaz Malayev, Dmitrij Musinksij, Darhan Samentaev, Ramis Samsutdinov, Tatjana Belihina, Nurbek Igissinov, Marcis Leja

comments – **F. Bazzoli, Italy**

10:00 – 10:15 Endoscopic and histopathologic aspects in long lasting partial gastrectomy patients

**Monica Pantea**, Negovan Anca, Voidazan Septimiu, Bataga Simona

comments – **M. Banic, Croatia**

10:15 – 10:30 The impact of simultaneous gastroscopy with screening colonoscopy - preliminary data

**Orsolya Weissenberger**, Emese Mihály, Zsolt Tulassay, László Herszényi

comments – **A. Dabrowski, Poland**

10:30 – 10:45 Infrared thermography in acute pancreatitis: a study proposal

**Rob Z**, Antonini S, Kolarić D, Urek M, Prka L, Kardum D, Banić M

comments – **H. Friess, Germany**

10:45 – 11:00 Plasma nogo-A and placental growth facotor levels are associated with portal hypertension in patients with liver cirrhosis

**Sigita Gelman**, Violeta Salteniene, Andrius Pranculis, Irma Kuliaviene, Dalius Petrauskas, Robertas Bagdzevicius, Limas Kupcinskas, Juozas Kupcinskas

comments – **L. Ricciardiello, Italy**

*presentations: 8 min, Prof comments: 4 min, discussion: 3 min*

11:00 – 11:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK

**11:30 – 12:55 REPORTS**

**Chairmen: J. Kupcinskas, S. Bataga**

11:30 – 11:40 **hot news - H. pylori**  
(short glimpse – max 10 slides)

**F. Megraud**

- 11:40 – 11:55 Metabolic syndrome, obesity and lipid status as important factors in inflammatory bowel disease development  
**Sanja Dragasevic**, Biljana Stankovic, Aleksandra Sokic-Milutinovic, Tomica Milosavljevic, Tamara Milovanovi, Snezana Lukic, Sanja Srzentic Drazilov, Kristel Klaassen, Nikola Kotur, Sonja Pavlovic, Dragan Popovic

comments – **D. Stimac, Croatia**

- 11:55 – 12:10 Perinatal and early life environment risk factors influence on inflammatory bowel disease - case control study  
**Toncev Lj**, Sokic Milutinovic A

comments – **J. Kupcinskas, Lithuania**

- 12:10 – 12:25 Long term effect of rifaximin with and without lactulose on the active bacterial assemblages in the proximal small bowel and faeces in patients with minimal hepatic encephalopathy  
**Vasapolli R**, Schütte K, Vilches Vargas R, Pieper D, Schulz C, Malfertheiner P

comments – **J. Regula, Poland**

- 12:25 – 12:40 Microbiome and genetics in IBD  
**Lukas Macke**, Leandra Koletzko, Fabian Frost, Julia Mayerle, Christian Schulz

comments – **C. Varon, France**

- 12:40 – 12:55 The potential use of the anti-inflammatory protein Annexin A1 for induction of intestinal anastomotic healing in inflammatory bowel disease  
**Neumann, PA**, Friess, Helmut

comments – **Z. Tulassay, Hungary**

*presentations: 8 min, Prof comments: 4 min, discussion: 3 min*

## 12:55 - 14:15 LUNCH

## 14:15 – 15:05 REPORTS

**Chairmen: C. Schulz, A. Sokic-Milutinovic**

- 14:15 – 14:25 **hot news - pancreatic cancer**  
(short glimpse – max 10 slides)

**H. Friess**

- 14:25 – 14:40 Diverticular disease: a systematic review  
**Marica, Christina**, Dumitrascu D.

comments – **L. Kupcinskas, Lithuania**

- 14:40 – 14:55 Risk factors for colonic diverticulosis: a study in primary care setting,  
**Violi, Alessandra, Di Mario, F.**  
comments – **T. Matysiak-Budnik, France**
- 14:55 – 15:10 The prognostic value of a new endoscopic classification for Diverticular Disease: DICA (Diverticular Inflammation and Complication Assessment)  
**Cambie, Ginevra, Di Mario, F.**  
comments – **M. Leja, Latvia**
- 15:10 – 15:25 Incidence of inflammatory bowel disease over 10 year period in Kaunas region.  
**Vytautas Kiudelis, Laimas Jonaitis, Gediminas Kiudelis, Limas Kupcinskas, Jurgita Sventoraityte, Juozas Kupcinskas**  
comments – **C. Schulz, Germany**
- 15:25 – 15:40 Elastography in diagnosis of liver steatosis and fibrosis compared with histology in patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) - study proposal  
**Brozovic, Boris, Davor Stimac**  
comments – **D. Dumitrascu, Romania**

*presentations: 8 min, Prof comments: 4 min, discussion: 3 min*

- 15:40 – 15:50 **hot news - diverticular diseases** **F. Di Mario**  
(short glimpse – max 10 slides)

## **15:50 – 16:15 REFRESHMENT BREAK**

## **16:15 – 17:40 REPORTS**

**Chairmen: J. Regula, T. Matysiak-Budnik**

- 16:15 – 16:25 **hot news: colorectal cancer** **M. Banic**  
(short glimpse – max 10 slides)
- 16:25 – 16:40 Long term colorectal cancer incidence and mortality in relation to quality of a single negative screening colonoscopy  
**Pilonis, N, Franczyk R, Wieszczy P, Didkowska J, Wojciechowska U, Pisera M, Rupinski M, Bugajski M, Regula J, Kaminski MF**  
comments – **P. Malfertheiner, Germany**
- 16:40 – 16:55 Role of computed tomographic colonography in a regional colorectal cancer screening program.  
**Montale A, Coppola F, Colussi D, Zagari RM, Golfieri R, Bazzoli F, Ricciardiello L**  
comments – **A. Sokic Milutinovic, Serbia**

16:55 – 17:10    Role of ultrasound elastography for detection of fibrotic bowel stricture in patients with Crohn Disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis.

*Amanda Vestito, **Giovanni Marasco**, Giovanni Maconi, Davide Festi, Franco Bazzoli, Rocco Maurizio Zagari*

comments – **A. Kandulski, Germany**

17:10 – 17:25    A Career & Mentorship - My Way . . .

**Z. Tulassay, Hungary**

*presentations: 8 min, Prof comments: 4 min, discussion: 3 min*

## **CONCLUSION OF DAY -1-**



## **BRIDGING MEETING IN GASTROENTEROLOGY**

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**December 01, 2018**

**Debate & Choose wisely:**

### **Management of Chronic Diseases in the Digestive System**

Course Director: Prof. Dr. Peter Malfertheiner

**Chair: M. Banic, F. Bazzoli**

#### **8.15 – 9.15 Esophagus**

Gastroesophageal reflux disease with partial response to PPI:

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| 8.15 – 8.22 | - intensify medical therapy                                            | L. Herszeny      |
| 8.22 – 8.30 | - switch to surgery                                                    | H. Friess        |
| 8.30 – 8.45 | Barrett Esophagus with no dysplasia, no symptoms: leave it or treat it | P. Malfertheiner |
| 8.45-9.00   | Barrett with LGD / HGD: Guidelines conform and beyond                  | D. Stimac        |
| 9.00-9.15   | Question & Answer Session                                              |                  |

**Chair: Z. Tulassay, A. Dabrowski**

#### **9.15 – 11.25 Stomach/Bowel**

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| 9.15 – 9.30 | Dyspepsia and Functional dyspepsia: Treatment adaptation to individual needs | D. Bordin          |
| 9.30 – 9.35 | Q & A                                                                        |                    |
| 9.35 – 9.50 | Celiac disease refractory to gluten free diet: next step                     | T. Matysiak-Budnik |
| 9.50 – 9.55 | Q & A                                                                        |                    |

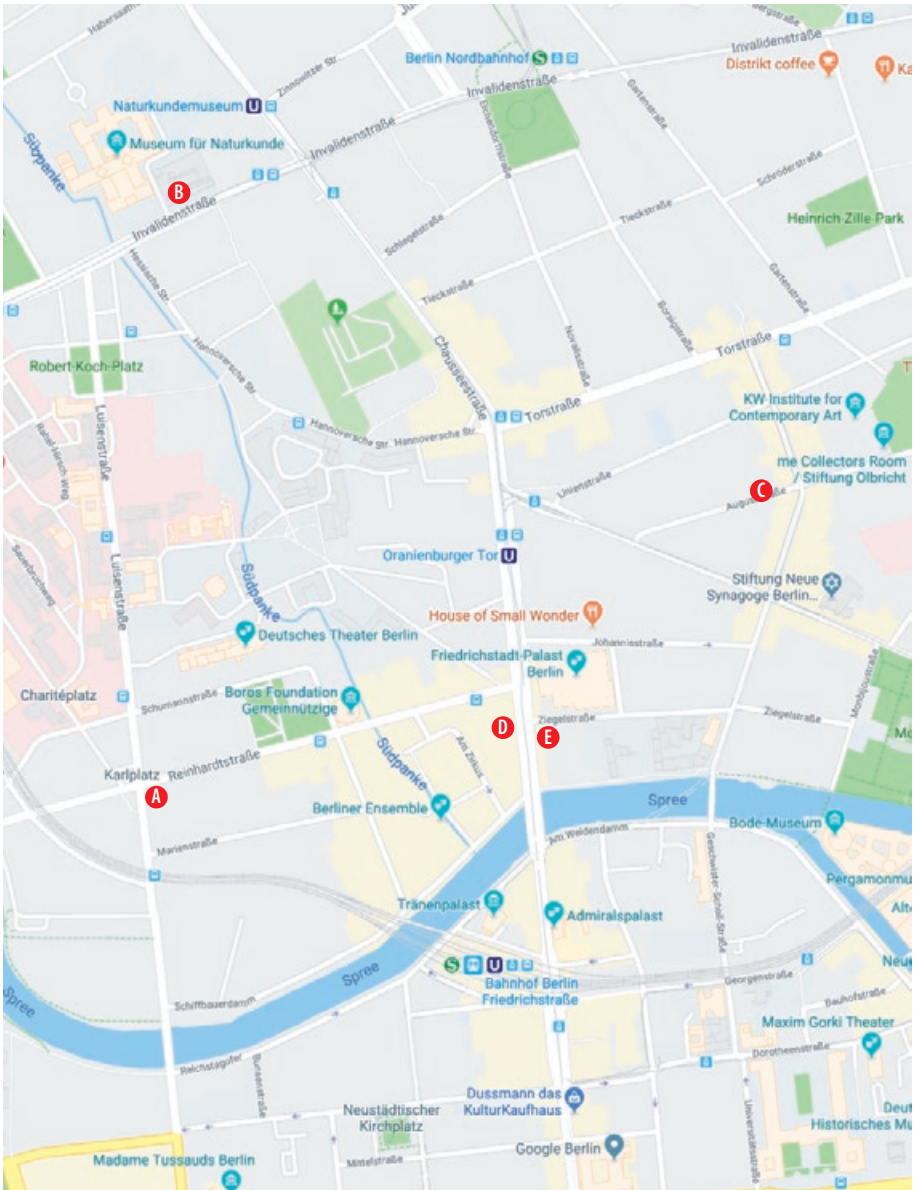
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| 9.55 – 10.10                | Foodmap for management of IBS:<br>too high expectation?                            | D. Dumitrascu |
| 10.10 - 10.15               | Q & A                                                                              |               |
| 10.15 – 10.45               | REFRESHMENT BREAK                                                                  |               |
| 10.45 – 11.00               | Are stool tests for microbiota useful<br>for the management of digestive diseases? | F. Bazzoli    |
| 11.00 – 11.05               | Q & A                                                                              |               |
| 11.05 – 11.20               | Is it Chronic Diverticular Disease<br>or IBS - and does it matter for therapy?     | J. Regula     |
| 11.20 – 11.25               | Q & A                                                                              |               |
| <b>Chair:</b>               | <b>D. Dumitrascu, L. Ricciardiello</b>                                             |               |
| <b><u>11.25 – 12.05</u></b> | <b><u>Liver &amp; Microbiota</u></b>                                               |               |
| 11.25 – 11.40               | NASH: therapy beyond life style<br>modification                                    | Z. Tulassay   |
| 11.40 – 11.45               | Q & A                                                                              |               |
| 11.45 – 12.00               | Hepatic Encephalopathy: multimodal<br>therapy required?                            | C. Schulz     |
| 12.00 – 12.05               | Q & A                                                                              |               |
| 12.05 – 13.15               | LUNCH                                                                              |               |

**Chair: P. Malfertheiner, A. Kandulski**

**13.15 – 15.00 Interactive endoscopy training**

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| 13.15 – 13.35 | What is new in HD and virtual GI- Endoscopy<br>-key contributions to clinical practice                                                                                                                     | A. Kandulski                  |
| 13.35 – 13.40 | Q & A                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                               |
| 13.40 – 14.40 | <b>Focus session:</b> 2 endoscopy stations with interactive learning<br><br>Upper GI Endoscopy - Step into deeper knowledge<br><br>Group Station I (10-15 persons)<br><br>Group Station II (10-15 persons) | C. Schulz<br><br>A. Kandulski |
| 14.40 – 14.50 | Highlights in Digestive Diseases                                                                                                                                                                           | L. Ricciardiello              |
| 14.50 – 14.55 | Q & A                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                               |
| 14.55 – 15.00 | Take home messages<br>Conclusion of the PGC                                                                                                                                                                | P. Malfertheiner              |

\*\*\* *END OF PGC* \*\*\*



**A** = Meeting Venue, Landeszentrale von Sachsen Anhalt in Berlin, Luisenstrasse 18, 10017 Berlin

**B** = The Mercure Hotel Berlin City, Invalidenstrasse 38, 10115 Berlin

**C** = Hotel Augustinenhof Berlin, Auguststrasse 82, 10117 Berlin

**D** = Hotel Albrechtthof Berlin, Albrechtstrasse 8, 10117 Berlin

**E** = Hotel Allegra Berlin, Albrechtstrasse 17, 10117 Berlin



## **General Information**

### **Meeting Venue:**

Nov 30 – Dec 01, 2018: Landesvertretung von Sachsen-Anhalt beim Bund, Luisenstrasse 18, 10117 Berlin

### **Course Director, University Hospital Magdeburg:**

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### **CME:**

CME accreditation for the 2018 Bridging Meeting Event & PG course has been applied for. Certificates will be forwarded to you via email after the event.

### **Notice to all EAGEN Postgraduate Course participants:**

With participation in the EAGEN Postgraduate Courses, all participants will receive the EAGEN sponsored 2-year online subscription of the Digestive Disease Publication. Please be sure to leave your email contact with the registration. A personal access code to the publication will be emailed to you.

### **Registration:**

Will take place at the meeting venue upon your arrival.

### **Questionnaire:**

As part of the evaluation process, we kindly ask you to return the questionnaires to the registration at the end of the event.



### **Hotels:**

#### **The Mercure Hotel Berlin City**

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### **Lunch Venue Nov. 30th:**

Restaurant Habel am Reichstag, Luisenstrasse 12, 10117 Berlin

### **Dinner Venue Nov. 30th:**

- smart business -

Abgeordneten Restaurant – im Deutschen Bundestag

Platz der Republik 1

11011 Berlin

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