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52nd AISF Annual Meeting

Aula Magna, Università di Roma "Sapienza" - P.le A. Moro, 5
Rome, February 21st-22nd, 2019

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Thursday, February 21st

- 08.30-09.45 Selected Oral Communications**
(Autoimmune and Biliary diseases; miscellaneous)
Chairpersons: A. Floreani, Padua
V. Cardinale, Rome
- 08.30-08.45 Ductular reaction, intermediate hepatocytes and fibrosis extension correlate with prediction of treatment failure to ursodeoxycholic acid in primary biliary cholangitis**
Presenter: V. Ronca, Milan
(Abstract Authors: L. Cristoferi, G. Carpino, V. Cardinale, C. Rigamonti, D. Overi, N. Zucchini, M. Leutner, M. Viganò, A. Nardi, A. Gerussi, V. Ronca, M. Cadamuro, G. Bonato, D. Alvaro, E. Gaudio, P. Invernizzi, G.F. Mells, M. Carbone - Milan, Rome, Latina, Novara, Monza, Padua, Cambridge (UK))
- 08.45-09.00 Magnetic resonance risk score and liver stiffness by transient elastography have complementary prognostic values in patients with Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis**
Presenter: N. Cazzagon, Padua
(Abstract Authors: N. Cazzagon, S. El Mouhadi, S. Lemoine, P.J. Trivedi, F. Gaouar, A.D. Kemgang Fankem, K. Ben Belkacem, A. Floreani, G. Hirschfield, Y. Chretien, C. Housset, R. Motta, F.P. Russo, O. Chazouillères, L. Arrivé, C. Corpechot - Paris (France), Padua, Birmingham (UK), Toronto (Canada))
- 09.00-09.15 Necroptosis is associated with a better survival in intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma**
Presenter: S. Sarcognato, Padua
(Abstract Authors: D. Sacchi, S. Sarcognato, U. Cillo, E. Gringeri, L. Fabris, M. Di Giunta, L. Nicolè, V. Guzzardo, A. Fassina, M. Guido - Padua)
- 09.15-09.30 Human duodenal submucosal glands contain stem cells with potential for liver and pancreatic regenerative medicine**
Presenter: V. Cardinale, Rome
(Abstract Authors: G. Carpino, V. Cardinale, S. Safarikia, D. Overi, D. Costantini, W.-Y. Lu, O. Riccioni, L. Nevi, W. Zhang, F. Melandro,
- I. Zizzarri, M. Nuti, M. Moretti, M. Maroder, P.B. Berloco, S.J. Forbes, L.M. Reid, E. Gaudio, D. Alvaro - Rome, Edinburgh (UK), Chapel Hill (USA))*
- 09.30-09.45 Novel insights in primary biliary cholangitis (PBC) epidemiology using administrative records**
Presenter: A. Gerussi, Monza
(Abstract Authors: A. Gerussi, V. Manno, M. Carbone, G. Minelli, D. Taruscio, S. Conti, P. Invernizzi - Monza, Rome)
- 09.45-10.15 State-of-the-Art Lecture**
Introduced by: D. Alvaro, Rome
Nuclear Receptors in Liver Diseases: from Pathogenesis to Molecular Targets
A. Moschetta, Bari
- 10.15-10.45 Coffee break and Posters view**
Tutors: C. Boni, Parma
A. Federico, Naples
- 10.45-12.00 General Assembly II**
- 12.00-13.15 Selected Oral Communications (NAFLD/ALD clinical and experimental)**
Chairpersons: M. Parola, Turin
F. Salomone, Catania
- 12.00-12.15 Serum coding and non-coding RNAs as biomarkers of NAFLD and fibrosis severity**
Presenter: A. Scamporrino, Catania
(Abstract Authors: A. Scamporrino, S. Di Mauro, S. Petta, F. Urbano, A. Filippello, M. Ragusa, M.T. Di Martino, F. Scionti, S. Grimaudo, R.M. Pipitone, G. Privitera, A. Di Pino, R. Scicali, A.M. Rabuazzo, A. Craxì, M. Purrello, F. Purrello, S. Piro - Catania, Palermo, Troina (EN), Catanzaro)
- 12.15-12.30 ATG7 genetic variant and defective autophagy: a novel risk factor for non-alcoholic fatty liver disease progression in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus**
Presenter: S. Pelusi, Milan
(Abstract Authors: S. Pelusi, G. Baselli, A. Cespiati, P. Dongiovanni, M.V. McCain, M. Meroni, R. Romagnoli, S. Petta, A. Grieco, L. Miele, G. Soardo, E. Bugianesi, S. Fargion, R. De



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- Francesco, S. Romeo, A.L. Fracanzani, H.L. Reeves, L. Valenti - *Milan, Newcastle Upon Tyne (UK), Turin, Palermo, Rome, Udine, Gothenburg (Sweden), Catanzaro*
- 12.30-12.45 **Longitudinal Prognostic Value of the Most Common Algorithms for Fibrosis in Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease. An International Study in Non-Cirrhotic, Biopsy-Proven Patients**
Presenter: R. Younes, *Turin*
(Abstract Authors: R. Younes, C. Rosso, M.J. Garcia Blanco, S. Petta, L. Miele, A. Liguori, P. Francione, A. Fracanzani, L. Valenti, Q.M. Anstee, E. Bugianesi – *Turin, Madrid (Spain), Palermo, Rome, Milan, Newcastle Upon Tyne (UK)*)
- 12.45-13.00 **PNPLA3 rs738409 C>G Variant Predicts Occurrence of Liver-related Events and Death in Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver**
Presenter: G. Pennisi, *Palermo*
(Abstract Authors: S. Grimaudo, G. Pennisi, R.M. Pipitone, C. Cammà, V. Di Marco, R. Boemi, C. Celsa, A. Giannetti, F. Spatola, G. Marchesini, A. Craxi, S. Petta – *Palermo, Bologna*)
- 13.00-13.15 **Risk factors associated with NASH in obese people who underwent bariatric surgery**
Presenter: C. Saitta, *Messina*
(Abstract Authors: G. Raimondo, D. Lombardo, C. Saitta, P.J. Giraudi, N. Rosso, A. Ieni, S. Lazzara, S. Palmisano, D. Bonazza, G. Navarra, C. Tiribelli, T. Pollicino – *Messina, Trieste*)
- 13.15-13.45 **Young Investigator Lecture**
Introduced by: R. de Franchis, *Milan*
Portal Hypertension in Liver Cirrhosis
V. La Mura, *Milan*
- 13.45-14.30 *Lunch break and Posters view*
Tutors: G. Germani, *Padua*
A. Lleo De Nalda, *Pieve Emanuele (MI)*
- 14.30-15.00 **2017 AISF Fellowships Report**
Introduced by: E.G. Giannini, *Genoa*
- 14.30-14.45 **Evaluation of the risk of developing HCC in cirrhotic patients: an innovative approach to study carcinogenic risk in patients with liver cirrhosis**
A. Gazzola, *Modena*
- 14.45-15.00 **MBOAT7 down-regulation by hyperinsulinemia induces hepatic lipid accumulation**
M. Meroni, *Milan*
- 15.00-15.30 **State-of-the-Art Lecture**
Introduced by: F. Marra, *Florence*
Hepatic Fibrogenesis: the Past, the Present and the Future
M. Pinzani, *London (UK)*
- 15.30-16.00 **Difficult to treat Acute on Chronic Liver Failure**
Chairpersons: P. Angeli, *Padua*
P. Caraceni, *Bologna*
- 16.00-16.30 *Coffee break and Posters view*
Tutors: C. Boni, *Parma*
A. Federico, *Naples*
- 16.30-16.45 **Presentation of the AISF prize for the 2 best Italian papers in 2017-2018**
Basic Science: T. Pollicino, *Messina*
E. Villa, *Modena*
Clinical: C. Cammà, *Palermo*
A. Colli, *Lecco*
- Targeting mitochondrial dysfunction can restore antiviral activity of exhausted HBV-specific CD8 T cells in chronic hepatitis B**
Nat Med. 2017 Mar;23(3):327-336
P. Fiscaro, V. Barili, B. Montanini, G. Acerbi, M. Ferracin, F. Guerrieri, D. Salerno, C. Boni, M. Massari, M.C. Cavallo, G. Grossi, T. Giuberti, P. Lampertico, G. Missale, M. Levrero, S. Ottonello, C. Ferrari
Parma, Bologna, Rome, Reggio Emilia, Milan, Lyon (France)
- Long-term albumin administration in decompensated cirrhosis (ANSWER): an open-label randomised trial**
Lancet. 2018 Jun 16;391(10138):2417-2429
P. Caraceni, O. Riggio, P. Angeli, C. Alessandria, S. Neri, F.G. Foschi, F. Levantesi, A. Airoidi, S. Boccia, G. Svegliati-Baroni, S. Fagioli, R.G. Romanelli, R. Cozzolongo, V. Di Marco, V. Sangiovanni, F. Morisco, P. Toniutto, A. Tortora, R. De Marco, M. Angelico, I. Cacciola, G. Elia, A. Federico, S. Massironi, R. Guarisco, A. Galioto, G. Ballardini, M. Rendina, S. Nardelli, S. Piano, C. Elia, L. Prestianni, F.M. Cappa, L. Cesarini, L. Simone, C. Pasquale, M. Cavallin, A. Andrealli, F. Fidone, M. Ruggeri, A. Roncadori, M. Baldassarre, M. Tufoni, G. Zaccherini, M. Bernardi; ANSWER Study Investigators.
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- 16.45-18.00 Selected Oral Communications**
(Hepatocellular Carcinoma, clinical and experimental)
Chairpersons: R. Sacco, *Foggia*
C. Sposito, *Milan*
- 16.45-17.00 Time-varying mHAP III is the most accurate score in predicting survival in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) undergoing trans-arterial chemoembolization (TACE)**
Presenter: C. Campani, *Florence*
(Abstract Authors: C. Campani, A. Vitale, G. Dragoni, S. Aburas, U. Arena, G. Laffi, U. Cillo, E.G. Giannini, F. Trevisani, F. Marra, Ita.Li.Ca. Group - *Florence, Padua, Genoa, Bologna)*
- 17.00-17.15 AA genotype of deSNP rs6726639 of MERTK gene is associated with development of Hepatocellular Carcinoma after eradication of Hepatitis C Virus infection**
Presenter: L. Di Marco, *Palermo*
(Abstract Authors: L. Di Marco, V. Calvaruso, S. Grimaudo, S. Petta, M.R. Pipitone, G. Cabibbo, E. Conte, B. Magro, F. Rini, C. Celsa, C. Cammà, A. Craxì, V. Di Marco - *Palermo)*
- 17.15-17.30 Ganglioside composition correlates with the malignant phenotype of cholangiocarcinoma cells and modulates cell adhesion**
Presenter: C. Raggi, *Florence*
(Abstract Authors: A. Mannini, C. Raggi, M. Correnti, E. Rovida, J.B. Andersen, C. Coulouarn, F. Marra - *Florence, Rozzano (MI), Copenhagen (Denmark), Rennes (France)*
- 17.30-17.45 The time-varying survival benefit of HCC treatment: a multicenter cohort study**
Presenter: G. Maddalo, *Padua*
(Abstract Authors: A. Vitale, G. Maddalo, F. Trevisani, F. Farinati - *Padua, Bologna)*
- 17.45-18.00 NASH-related liver carcinogenesis is critically affected by hypoxia-inducible factor 2 α**
Presenter: B. Foglia, *Turin*
(Abstract Authors: B. Foglia, S. Sutti, E. Morello, S. Cannito, E. Novo, C. Bocca, M. Maggiora, S. Bruzzi, N.N. Ramavath, C. Rosso, R. Younes, E. Bugianesi, E. Albano, M. Parola - *Turin, Novara)*

18.00-18.30 Up to date Lecture on Specific Topics [No ECM]
Toward HCV Elimination: genotyping and patient characterization
R. Bruno, *Pavia*

18.30-19.00 Up to date Lecture on Specific Topics [No ECM]
New ways to Eliminate HCV: unanswered questions
M. Andreoni, *Rome* - A. Craxì, *Palermo*

19.00-19.30 Social gathering at the Exhibition Area



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- 08.30-09.45 Selected Oral Communications
(Fibrosis, Cirrhosis and Portal Hypertension)**
Chairpersons: V. Calvaruso, *Palermo*
M. Primignani, *Milan*
- 08.30-08.45 Long-term albumin administration in patients with cirrhosis and uncomplicated ascites: the use of serum albumin concentration for personalizing treatment**
Presenter: G. Zaccherini, *Bologna*
(Abstract Authors: G. Zaccherini, O. Riggio, P. Angeli, C. Alessandria, S. Neri, F.G. Foschi, F. Levantesi, A. Airoidi, L. Simone, G. Svegliati-Baroni, S. Fagioli, R.G. Romanelli, R. Cozzolongo, V. Di Marco, V. Sangiovanni, F. Morisco, P. Toniutto, A. Tortora, R. De Marco, S. Nardelli, S. Piano, C. Elia, A. Roncadori, M. Baldassarre, M. Tufoni, P. Caraceni, M. Bernardi and the ANSWER Study Investigators - *Bologna, Rome, Padua, Turin, Catania, Faenza (RA), Milan, Ferrara, Ancona, Bergamo, Florence, Castellana Grotte (Bari), Palermo, Naples, Udine, Cosenza*)
- 08.45-09.00 Portal endothelial damage in cirrhosis**
Presenter: S. Shalaby, *Padua*
(Abstract Authors: S. Shalaby, E. Campello, S. Gavasso, E. Gringeri, F. D'Amico, U. Cillo, G. Barbiero, M. Battistel, A. Zanetto, A. Ferrarese, C. Becchetti, M. Pellone, A. Ruzzarin, M. Gambato, G. Germani, F.P. Russo, P. Burra, P. Simioni, M. Senzolo - *Padua*)
- 09.00-09.15 Incidence and outcome of portal vein thrombosis in 817 HBV and HCV cirrhotic patients under antiviral treatment: a single center longitudinal study**
Presenter: G. Tosetti, *Milan*
(Abstract Authors: G. Tosetti, A. Loglio, E. Degasperi, R. D'Ambrosio, M. Viganò, M. Iavarone, M. Borghi, R. Soffredini, F. Facchetti, MG Rumi, M. Primignani, P. Lampertico - *Milan*)
- 09.15-09.30 The natural history of acute kidney disease (AKD) in patients with cirrhosis**
Presenter: M. Tonon, *Padua*
(Abstract Authors: M. Tonon, S. Piano, S. Rosi, C. Gambino, A. Martini, E. Vettore, S. Mareso, E. Bertoli, A. Sticca, P. Angeli - *Padua*)
- 09.30-09.45 Impact of diastolic dysfunction (LVDD) on clinical response and prognosis after transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt (TIPS) for refractory ascites**
Presenter: W. Debernardi Venon, *Turin*
(Abstract Authors: W. Debernardi Venon, M.T. Del Galdo, M. Boschini, B. Imperatrice, M. Giorgi, G. M. Saracco, A. Marzano - *Turin*)
- 09.45-10.15 State-of-the-Art Lecture**
Introduced by: R. Bruno, *Pavia*
Liver Transplantation: Bioethical and Biojuridical Aspects
D. Sacchini, *Rome*
- 10.15-10.45 Coffee break and Posters view**
Tutors: G. Germani, *Padua*
A. Lleo De Nalda, *Pieve Emanuele (MI)*
- 10.45-12.00 Symposium**
«HCC and new systemic therapies»
Chairpersons: F. Morisco, *Naples*
F. Trevisani, *Bologna*
- 10.45-11.05 HCC, HCV, and DAAs: an updated review of the literature**
G. Galati, *Rome* - M. Guarino, *Naples*
- 11.05-11.25 Which is the correct therapeutic sequence in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma today? From TACE to the third therapeutic line**
S. Bhoori, *Milan*
- 11.25-11.45 Epidemiological trends and future therapeutic scenarios of hepatocellular carcinoma in Italy**
Q. Lai, *Rome* - M. Rendina, *Bari*
- 11.45-12.00 Discussion**
- 12.00-13.15 Selected Oral Communications
(Liver failure, hepatobiliary surgery and liver transplantation)**
Chairpersons: S. Martini, *Turin*
M. Vivarelli, *Ancona*
- 12.00-12.15 Development of a model based on case-mix analysis to predict 6-month patient survival after liver transplantation: a multicenter Italian study**
Presenter: A. Avolio, *Rome*
(Abstract Authors: A. Avolio, Q. Lai, A. Franco, G. Bianco, R. Calia, G. Spoletini, S. Agnes, A. Grieco, M. Rossi, S. Ginanni Corradini, M. Vivarelli, A. Benedetti, L. Lupo, M. Rendina, M. Colledan, S. Fagioli, M. Cescon, C. Donato, F. Zamboni, L. Mameli, L. De Carlis, L. Belli, G. Rossi, F. Donato, V. Mazzaferro, S. Bhoori, F. Di Benedetto, N. De Maria, W. Santaniello, G. Di



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- 12.15-12.30 **Safety and effectiveness of Regorafenib in recurrent HCC after liver transplantation and progression on Sorafenib: a real-life multicentre study**
Presenter: F. Invernizzi, *Milan*
(Abstract Authors: F. Invernizzi, M. Iavarone, C. Czauderna, M. Sanduzzi-Zamparelli, S. Bhoori, G. Amaddeo, M.A. Manini, M.F. López, M. Anders, M. Pinter, M.J. Blanco Rodríguez, M.R. Cristóbal, G.A. Soteras, F. Piñero, G.E. Villadsen, A. Weinmann, G. Crespo, V. Mazzaferro, H. Regnault, M. De Giorgio, M.L. González-Diéguez, M.F. Donato, M. Varela, M.A. Wörns, J. Bruix, P. Lampertico, M. Reig – *Milan, Mainz (Germany), Barcelona (Spain), Créteil (France), Bergamo, Oviedo (Spain), Buenos Aires (Argentina), Vienna (Austria), Jerez (Spain), Madrid (Spain), Aarhus (Denmark)*
- 12.30-12.45 **An intention-to-treat competing-risk model for candidates with hepatocellular cancer waiting for liver transplantation**
Presenter: Q. Lai, *Rome*
(Abstract Authors: Q. Lai, A. Cucchetti, A. Vitale, K. Halazun, S. Iesari, K. Lehner, P. Bhangui, G. Mennini, T. Wong, T. Kaido, C.C. Lin, M. Hoppe-Lotichius, T. Ikegami, Q.F. Xie, Y. Zhe, S.S. Zheng, Y. Soejima, G. Otto, C.L. Chen, S. Uemoto, C.M. Lo, M. Rossi, A.S. Soin, A. Finkenstedt, J.C. Emond, U. Cillo, J. Lerut – *Brussels (Belgium), Rome, Bologna, Padua, New York (USA), Innsbruck (Austria), Gurgaon (India), Hong Kong, Kyoto (Japan), Taiwan, Mainz (Germany), Fukuoka (Japan), Hangzhou (China)*
- 12.45-13.00 **Laparoscopic Liver Resection versus Transarterial Chemoembolization for Hepatocellular Carcinoma in BCLC B Patients: a Propensity Score Analysis**
Presenter: A. Bertacco, *Padua*
(Abstract Authors: A. Bertacco, E. Fasolo, F. D'Amico, A. Vitale, D. Bassi, D. Neri, M. Polacco, R. Boetto, M. Di Giunta, E. Gringeri, U. Cillo on behalf of ITA.LI.CA and I Go MILS - *Padua*
- 13.00-13.15 **Outcome of critically ill patients with cirrhosis and ACLF after ICU admission**
Presenter: A. Ferrarese, *Padua*
(Abstract Authors: A. Ferrarese, P. Feltracco, S. Barbieri, U. Cillo, A. Zanetto, C. Becchetti, S.S. Sciarrone, S. Shalaby, M. Pellone, F.P. Russo, G. Germani, M. Gambato, P. Burra, M. Senzolo - *Padua*)
- 13.15-13.45 **Difficult to treat Portal thrombosis in cirrhosis with EV and low platelet**
Chairpersons: F. Schepis, *Modena*
M. Senzolo, *Padua*
- 13.45-14.45 **Lunch break and Posters view**
Tutors: C. Boni, *Parma*
A. Federico, *Naples*
- 14.45-15.30 **General Assembly III**
- 15.30-15.45 **Scientific Commissions update**
Chairpersons: D. Sacchini, *Rome*
L. Valenti, *Milan*
- **Ethics in liver transplantation**
- **Rare lysosomal liver diseases**
- 15.45-16.00 **Presentation of the AISF distinguished service award to Prof. Nicola Caporaso**
Introduced by: F. Morisco, *Naples*
- 16.00-17.15 **Selected Oral Communications (Hepatitis B, C and delta clinical)**
Chairpersons: A. Aghemo, *Milan*
V. Di Marco, *Palermo*
- 16.00-16.15 **The integration of Hepatitis B virus into human genome is a common event in the setting of HBeAg negative chronic infection: implications for an altered cell homeostasis and metabolism**
Presenter: R. Salpini, *Rome*
(Abstract Authors: R. Salpini, L. Carioti, A. Battisti, L. Colagrossi, L. Piermatteo, M. Surdo, V. Cacciafesta, A. Nuccitelli, N. Hansi, F. Ceccherini-Silberstein, C. F. Perno, Upkar S. Gill, P.T.F. Kennedy, V. Svicher - *Rome, London (UK), Milan*
- 16.15-16.30 **Effectiveness and safety of Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/Voxilaprevir for retreatment of chronic hepatitis C patients with a previous failure to direct-acting antivirals: a real-life study from the Navigatore Lombardia and Veneto Networks**
Presenter: E. Degasperi, *Milan*
(Abstract Authors: E. Degasperi, A. Spinetti, A. Lombardi, S. Landonio, P. Scotton, L. Pasulo, A. Carlotto, A. Giorgini, P. Pozzoni, P. Angeli, M. Carrara, M. Puoti, F. Gatti, G. Carolo, M. Vinci,



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- 16.30-16.45 **Long-term liver function changes and related risk factors after direct-acting antiviral therapy in HCV-infected cirrhotic patients: results from a prospective web-based regional platform**
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- 16.45-17.00 **Treatment of 320 Genotype 3 Cirrhotic patients with 12 weeks Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir with or without ribavirin: Real life experience from Italy**
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- 17.00-17.15 **HCV-Ab sero-prevalence in persons who inject drugs in a Province of Southern Italy: results of a screening program**
Presenter: A. Aglitti, Salerno
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- 17.15-17.30 **Young Investigators Awards**
Presenters for the 2 best oral communications
Basic: L. Fabris, Padua
Clinical: R. D'Ambrosio, Milan

Presenters for the 2 best poster
Basic: C. Boni, Parma
A. Lleo De Nalda, Pieve Emanuele (MI)
Clinical: A. Federico, Naples
G. Germani, Padua
- 17.30 **Closure of the Annual Meeting**