GERD: Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease

September 5, 2013
Messe Congress Graz
Graz, Austria

Preliminary Program
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Preface

Dear Colleagues,

Fifty years ago, Henry Bocku’s three-volume textbook, “Gastroenterology” (2nd edition, 1963), comprised 2300 pages. Of these, only 13 were devoted to esophagitis but 6 to tuberculosis of the esophagus. Today, out of 2300 pages in a comprehensive gastroenterology textbook, some 300 would be devoted to gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and at the most half a page to tuberculosis. When one of us (GJK) was a GI fellow in Zurich, Switzerland, and André Blum asked him in 1972 to start working on gastroesophageal reflux disease, the first thought was that it was a rare problem and mainly of academic interest. Soon thereafter it came to be a very important disease.\(^1\)\(^2\).

Things have indeed changed: GERD and its complications such as Barrett’s esophagus have become one of the most important subjects in gastroenterology, as reflected in the large number of papers devoted to it every year. GERD is probably the number one reason for today’s enormous use of proton pump inhibitors.

We would like to welcome you to this international workshop on GERD and to update you on the latest news about it. We would also like to thank the Falk Foundation for making this scientific event possible. Remember Graz from 2004 as the “European Cultural Capital”? Come and learn about GERD from a renowned international faculty in this historic city. Auenbrugger, Kepler, Escherich and Loewi, among others, have also lectured here!

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Wednesday, September 4, 2013
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8.45 Welcome
G. J. Krejs, Graz

Session I
Early changes or “How does it all start”
Chair: P. Malfertheiner, Magdeburg; R. Orlando, Chapel Hill

9.00 Epidemiology of GERD
G. J. Krejs, Graz

9.30 Esophageal and gastric motility and GERD
G. Stacher, Vienna

10.00 Early mucosal changes:
– Endoscopy
  F. Schreiber, Graz
– Histology
  C. Langner, Graz

10.40 Coffee break

Session II
Medical Therapy
Chair: A. J. Eherer, Graz; S. J. Spechler, Dallas

11.10 Can withdrawal of PPIs be accomplished? And what if PPIs fail?
O. B. Schaffalitzky de Muckadell, Odense

11.40 Helicobacter pylori and GERD
P. Malfertheiner, Magdeburg

12.10 Lifestyle modification and alternative approaches (breathing exercise)
A. J. Eherer, Graz

12.45 Lunch break
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Session III
Surgical Aspects

Chair: L. Lundell, Stockholm; R. Pointner, Zell am See

13.45 Borderline indications and selection of patients; “Surgery better than medical therapy?” L. Lundell, Stockholm

14.15 Management of operative failures - Does endoscopic therapy still have a future? R. Pointner, Zell am See

14.45 Esophagitis: Is acid always the problem? F. Hagenmüller, Hamburg

15.15 Does Barrett regress after surgery (or PPIs)? S. J. Spechler, Dallas

15.40 Coffee break

Session IV
Neoplasia

Chair: C. Ell, Wiesbaden; J. Zacherl, Vienna

16.05 Molecular steps to neoplasia in the distal esophagus S. J. Spechler, Dallas

16.35 Endoscopic therapy of early neoplasia C. Ell, Wiesbaden

17.05 How good is the neo-squamous epithelium? R. Orlando, Chapel Hill

17.35 Multimodal therapy J. Zacherl, Vienna

17.55 Closing remarks
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Congress Fees

Scientific program of the Falk Workshop € 100,–
Students and residents € 50,–

Employees of pharmaceutical companies and their guests
Falk Workshop € 300,–

The congress fees include:
- Welcome Evening on September 5, 2013
- Refreshments during coffee breaks
- Lunch on September 5, 2013
- A copy of the abstract volume
Registration

Congress registrations must reach the Falk Foundation e.V. by June 30, 2013 at the latest. Congress fees may be paid by cheque payable to the Falk Foundation e.V. or by bank transfer to Volksbank Freiburg e.G., Germany, Bank No. 680 900 00, Account No. 145 2010, IBAN DE33 6809 0000 0001 4520 10, BIC Genode 61 FR1. Please mark bank transfers with „Falk Workshop Graz“. To ensure correct registration, participants are asked to send in their registration and the fee remittance together. After receipt of registration form, each participant will be provided with confirmation of his registration. On presentation of this confirmation at the Congress Office in Graz participants will receive the congress folder containing name badges, admission tickets and the abstract volume. In the event of registration cancellations, a handling fee of € 20,— will be deducted from the refund. All participants will receive a written confirmation of attendance at the end of the meeting.

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Congress Report

The official congress report of the Falk Workshop “GERD: Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease” and Falk Symposium 189 “Eosinophilic Esophagitis: A novel chronic-inflammatory disease of the GI Tract” will be published in English in the first half of 2014 by Karger, Switzerland. Orders for this book at a reduced subscription price of € 35,— can be placed at the Congress Office during the congress in Graz.

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