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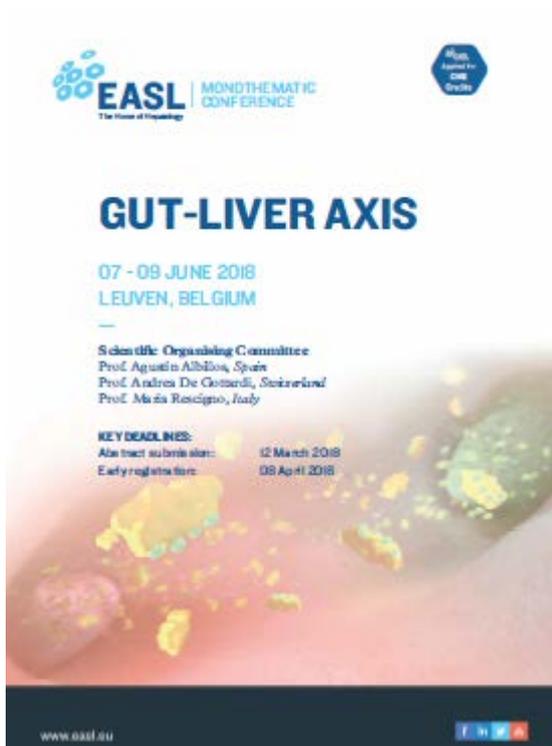
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EASL hosts first conference on interplay between the gut and liver

Leuven, Belgium, 07 June 2018 - The first EASL monothematic conference on Gut-Liver Axis commenced today at the Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe in Leuven, Belgium. The conference was attended by nearly 150 basic scientists, clinical researchers, industry leaders, and renowned scientists from around the world.

The gastrointestinal tract, or gut, is home to a microbiome that contains more genetic material than the human genome and the liver is at the nexus between a vast source of hormones, nutrients and toxins.¹ This fact unsurprisingly links the two in a myriad of ways. The conference will specifically examine therapies designed to modify the components of the gut-liver axis, such as bile acid signaling, fecal transplantation, adsorbent carbons, and pro- and antibiotics, among others.

Bringing together many of the world's eminent scientists, experts, and partners from industry, the conference goal is to facilitate interaction and collaborative exchange so that the latest developments in gut-liver interplay research can be understood by academia, industry and the global scientific audience.

The meeting will be split into eight sessions that will respectively focus on the following themes:

- i) the physiological basis of interplay between the gut flora and host intestinal immune system;
- ii) the role of gut microbiota in different liver diseases;
- iii) the impact of liver disease on the intestinal barrier, and;
- iv) targets for intervention and therapeutic tools.

The EASL Monothematic Conference: Gut-Liver Axis, Leuven, Belgium, 07/06/2018-09/06/2018 has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 12 European CME credits (ECMEC@s). Each medical specialist should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

¹ Targeting the gut-liver axis in liver disease Wiest, Reiner et al. Journal of Hepatology , Volume 67 , Issue 5 , 1084 - 1103

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