

Information

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Location: Conference Workshops (October 15th)
Radisson Blu Hotel, Szczecin
Conference Center
Plac Rodła 10, Szczecin, Poland

Topic

The Eco4Life project partners BioConValley (BCV) and the Pomeranian Medical University together with PDA (Network of Polyclinics for Dialysis and Apheresis) and B.A.P. (BioArtProducts) intend to congregate partners from the Baltic Sea area for the future setup of a Baltic Apheresis Working Group, an initiative within the framework of the ScanBalt Flagship project "Baltic Sea Health Region". The initial aim of cooperation ("Memorandum of understanding" on a Baltic Apheresis Working Group) is to consolidate register and clinical case data on apheresis treatments from different Baltic Sea regions. This is also applicable for patients with a suggested indication for apheresis but not having access to this treatment. Today, apheresis technologies are very safe and can be used to treat a wide spectrum of metabolic, immunologic and rheologic disturbances. But despite numerous positive reports on apheresis therapy there is still no common understanding on how to properly evaluate its clinical effectiveness. There is an urgent need to improve awareness within the medical community on the special conditions of apheresis treatment and to develop new strategies how to properly design clinical trial protocols in particular disease entities. The federal state Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in the North of Germany is considered a leading region of apheresis treatment and research in Germany. A recently established collaboration within the Eco4Life project with partners from the department of nephrology of the Pomeranian Medical University, Szczecin, Poland, resulted in common activities in the scientific and educational field of apheresis treatment and the concept of a Baltic Apheresis Group (BAG).

Workshop Program

Tuesday, 15th of October 2013

From international experience to regional activities-workshop 1

09:00 - 10:45

chairs: Beate R. Jäger (Mühlheim-Ruhr), Wolfgang Ramlow (Rostock), L. Domanski (Szczecin)

- **Selective apheresis technologies – from filtration to adsorption**
Jörg Vienken, *Apheresis Center Rostock (ACR), Germany*
- **Current status of lipoprotein apheresis in Saxonia**,
Ulrich Julius, *University of Dresden, Germany*
- **Severe dyslipidemia in Italy – the future role of apheresis therapy?**
Claudia Stefanutti, *University La Sapienza, Rome, Italy*
- **Lipoprotein(a) apheresis in Germany – results from a German multicenter apheresis trial**
Beate R. Jäger, *Mühlheim-Ruhr, Germany*

Coffee Break

10:45 - 11:15

From international experience to regional activities - workshop 2

11:15 - 12:45

chairs: Wolfgang Ramlow (Rostock), Marek Myslak (Szczecin)

- **First results from the German Lipoprotein Apheresis Registry**
Volker Schettler, Beate R. Jäger, Christian Peter and Ulrich Julius, *Germany*
- **Proposal for an international lipoprotein apheresis database**
Christian Peter, *BAP, Wolfgang Ramlow, Apheresis Center Rostock, PDA, Rostock, Germany*
- **Polish criteria for apheresis treatment - Future apheresis applications in Western Pomerania**
Marek Myslak, *PUM, Szczecin, Poland*
- **Epidemiology of severe dyslipidemias in Western Pomerania Region**
Karolina Kedzierska, *PUM, Szczecin, Poland*

Quick Lunch

12:45 - 14:00

Apheresis for emerging indications

14:00 - 15:45

chairs: W. Szpirt (Copenhagen), S. Mitzner (Rostock)

- **Immunoabsorption in dementia - rationale and first results**
Rudolf Kunze, *Berlin, Germany*
- **Plasma exchange in ANCA-associated renal vasculitis**
Wladimir Szpirt *Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark*
- **Apheresis treatment in dermatology**
Michael Jünger, *Dermatological Hospital, University Medicine Greifswald, Germany*
- **Apheresis therapy - a realistic treatment option in septic shock?**
Steffen Mitzner, *University of Rostock, Germany*

Coffee Break

15:45 - 16:15

Adsorptive cytapheresis in active ulcerative colitis – a chance for a collaborative ScanBalt approach for a randomized controlled apheresis trial

16:15 - 17:45

chairs: W. Ramlow (Rostock), L. Domanski (Szczecin)

- **Current treatment options in ulcerative colitis**
Jörg Ringel, *PDA Rostock, Germany*
- **Adsorptive cytapheresis in ulcerative colitis – missed chances and future perspectives**
Heinrich Prophet, *Apheresis Center Rostock, PDA, Germany*
- **Suggestions for a randomized controlled apheresis trial in patients with active ulcerative colitis in the ScanBalt region**
Grit Waitz, *BAP Rostock, Germany*

Memorandum of Understanding

17:45

Signing MoU for Baltic Apheresis Working Group