

4th International DeltaCure 2025 meeting



OCTOBER 9-10, 2025
Professional HUB Hannover Medical Park
Hannover, Germany

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**INTERNATIONAL
SYMPOSIUM
ON HEPATITIS DELTA**

October 9-10, 2025 - Hannover, Germany

PROGRAM — Thursday, 9th October

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WHO Symposium

Chair: Fumi Imai, [Geneva, CH]

11.00-11.15 **Recent published literature on HDV epidemiology**
Alexander Stockdale (Liverpool, UK)

11.15-12.15 **Update on HDV epidemiology in different regions worldwide**
[Iqoma Ifeora, Nsukka (NG); Saeed Sadig Hamid, Karachi (PK); Asger Johannessen, Temberg (NO); Thor Danto, Acre (BR); Tatyana Kushner, New York (USA); Sabela Lens, Barcelona (ES); Erkin Musabaev, Tashkent (UZ); Angela Pellic, Chiginda (MD)]

12.15-12.30 **Roundtable discussion**

12.30-13.15 **Light lunch**

Opening Session

13.15-13.45 **Welcome by the Chairs** and commemoration and honor of Michael Mann
Heiner Wedemeyer and Pietro Lampertico

1 SESSION 1 **Pathophysiology: Virology and Immunology**
Chairs: Lena Allweiss and Stephan Urban

13.45-13.55 **What's new in HDV virology and immunology?**
Elai Venter

14.00-14.10 **Preclinical models for HDV – from organoids to humanized mice**
Lena Allweiss

14.15-14.25 **Oral abstract presentation 1 (Poster No. 9)**

Variable expression of HBs isoforms and HDV antigens in the chronically infected human liver uncovers spatially segregated niches that may limit the impact of HBV-specific therapies
James Lok

14.25-14.35 **Oral abstract presentation 2 (Poster No. 18)**

Deconvoluting the spatial immune landscape in the HDV/HBV coinfected human liver at single-cell resolution
Shirin Ntongolo

14.35-14.50 **Poster summaries and discussion**
Helenie Kefalakes

14.50-15.15 **Panel discussion: Unmet needs in translational HDV research**
Arnoud Carpenter, Julie Lucifora, Joachim Lupberger, Christoph Neumann-Haefelin

15.15-16.15 **Coffee break and DZIF Poster Session No. 1 with guided Poster Tour**
Helenie Kefalakes and Maria Paola Anelli

2 SESSION 2 **Diagnostics and Natural History**
Chairs: Maria Buti and Milan Sonneveld

16.15-16.25 **What's new in HDV natural history?**
Ivana Carey

16.30-16.40 **What's new in HDV diagnostics?**
Marc Luetgehetmann

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16.45-16.55 **Role of HBV biomarkers in HDV**
Valentina Svicher

17.00-17.10 **Oral abstract presentation 3 (Poster No. 33)**
Understanding the barriers to scaling up hepatitis delta responses - findings from a global survey
Cynthia Pokuah

17.10-17.20 **Oral abstract presentation 4 (Poster No. 31)**
Risk of liver-related events associated with metabolic comorbidities among individuals with hepatitis delta infection
Laura Telep

17.20-17.35 **Poster summaries and discussion**
Maria Paola Anelli

17.35-17.50 **Break**

17.50-18.40 **Presentation of the Delta Cure Awardee 2025:**
Pei-Jer Chen
Distinguished Lecture: Understanding HDV replication - insights from a 35 year journey
Pei-Jer Chen

20.00 **Networking Dinner**

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3 SESSION 3 **Current treatment options**
Chairs: Zaigham Abbas and Cihan Yurdaydin

08.30-08.40 **BLV Real-World data**
Elisabetta Degasperis

08.40-08.55 **BLV: When to stop? Lessons learned from clinics**
Soo Aleman

09.00-09.10 **Oral abstract presentation 5 (Poster No. 71)**
Modeling suggests that 2 mg/day bulevirtide monotherapy is suboptimal in most HDV-infected patients compensated cirrhosis and CSFV
Hani Dahari

09.10-09.20 **Oral abstract presentation 6 (Poster No. 64)**
Response-guided bulevirtide treatment: Long-term observed in the nationwide Austrian hepatitis D co
Marlene Hintersteiner

09.20-09.30 **Oral abstract presentation 7 (Poster No. 53)**
Bulevirtide—more than an entry inhibitor?
Eberhard Hild

09.30-09.45 **Poster summaries and discussion**
Lisa Sandmann

09.45-11.00 **Coffee break and DZIF Poster Session No. 2 with guided Poster Tour**
Elisabetta Degasperis and Lisa Sandmann

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4 SESSION 4 **Drugs in development**
Chairs: Nancy Reau and Thomas Berg

11.00-11.10 **What have we learned from lonafarnib and PEG-lambda trials?**
Olad Etzion

11.15-11.25 **Anti-HBs monotherapy for HDV infection**
Kash Agarwal

11.30-11.40 **Anti-HBs and siRNAs: Update 2025**
Tarik Asselah

11.45-11.55 **Oral abstract presentation 8 (Poster No. 47)**
Antisense oligonucleotide-based strategy to target hepatitis delta virus infections
Julie Lucifora

11.55-12.05 **Oral abstract presentation 9 (Poster No. 46)**
IB-001 is a Partial Agonist of the Type 1 Interferon Pathway that Exhibits Potent Antiviral Activity against HBV and HDV with the Potential for an Improved Safety Profile
Carey Hwang

12.05-12.15 **Novel TLRs, NAs, Vaccines, other entry inhibitors**
Massimo Levero

12.20-12.30 **New developments in HBV drug development including genome and epigenetic editing – relevance for HDV**
Barbara Testoni, Lyon

12.35-12.50 **Discussion: Promising directions in drug development**
Olad Etzion, Kash Agarwal, Tarik Asselah, Barbara Testoni, Massimo Levero

12.50-13.45 **Light Lunch**

5 SESSION 5 **The future and unmet needs of Hepatitis Delta**
Chairs: Heiner Wedemeyer and Pietro Lampertico
Co-Chair: Mauro Dandri

13.45-13.55 **Novel genetic immunotherapies for prevention and treatment of HDV infections**
Matti Sallberg

13.55-14.05 **New EASL HBV Guidelines: Implications for Hepatitis D**
Markus Cornberg

14.10-14.20 **Lessons learned from interferon use in HCV and HBV**
Jordan Feld

14.25-15.15 **Roundtable discussion**
With faculty representatives, patient representatives, representatives from diagnostics and health industry, and the Delta Cure audience for Science a.o.: Markus Cornberg, Jordan Feld, Robert Gish, Jeffrey Glenn, Massimo Levero, Rafael Esteban

15.15-15.30 **Closing remarks and farewell**
Heiner Wedemeyer and Pietro Lampertico

2 days meeting
Main sessions: 5
Faculty: 34
Participants: >200
Abstracts presented: 80
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Oral abstract presentation
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Pharma and Diagnostics
WHO symposium
Round table
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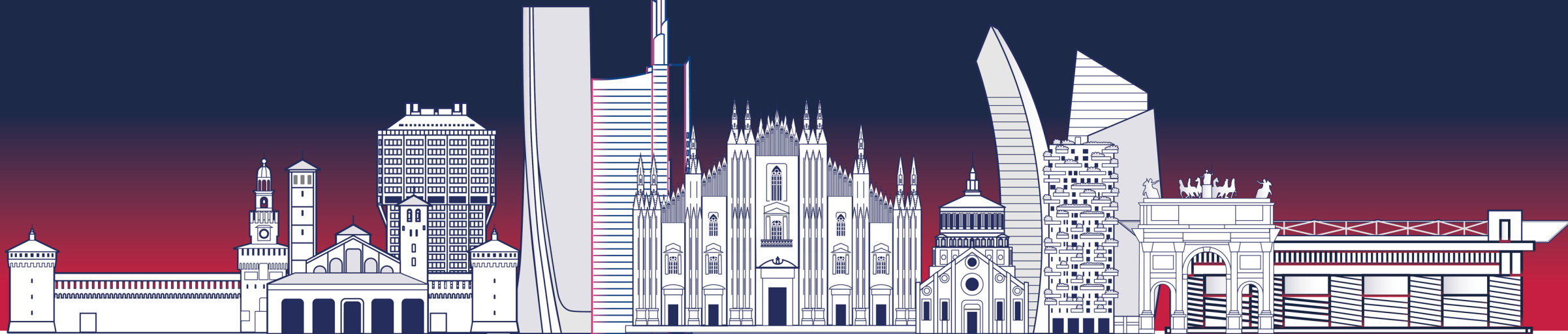
Previous awardees: M. Rizzetto (2022), J. Taylor (2023), C. Yurdaydin (2024)

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POSTER TOURS

Poster Tour 1 - Virology and Immunology:
Thursday, October 9th 2025, Start 15:20 (Faculty: Helenie Kefalakes)

Poster Tour 2 - Diagnostics and Natural History:
Thursday, October 9th 2025, Start 15:20 (Faculty: Maria Paola Anolli)

Poster Tour 3 - Current treatment options:
Friday, October 10th 2025, Start 09:50
(Faculty: Elisabetta Degasperì and Lisa Sandmann)

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