

IUAP-Network HEPRO (P6/36) - Kick-off meeting: 16 February 2008

Network coordinator Prof. Albert Geerts and administrator Jean-Marc Lazou have organized a kick-off meeting to which all partners were represented. Dr. V. Feys of BELSPO was also present. All partners have presented their research unit, their expertise and their contribution to the IUAP network.

Following the meeting, an advisory board to the network, consisting of Prof. Scott Friedman (New York, NY, USA), Prof. Gianfranco Alpini (Temple, TX, USA) and Prof. em. Valeer Desmet (Leuven, Belgium) has been installed. This advisory board has long-standing and well-established expertise in fundamental and clinical liver research.

Date : Friday 16 Februari 2007

Venue : Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Medical Campus Jette, Faculty Meeting Room,
Laarbeeklaan 103, 1090 Brussel-Jette

Program:

Time	activity	title
09.30 – 10.00	welcome and coffee	
10.00 – 10.10	Welcome by Y. Michotte, dean of the Faculty	
10.10 – 10.40	Dr. Véronique Feys : program administrator of BELSPO	Ins and outs of IUAP networks
10.40 – 10.50	Questions and answers	
10.50 – 11.15	Prof. Dr. Em. V. Desmet	Introduction to hepatic progenitor cells in a historical perspective
11.15 – 11.20	discussion	
11.20 – 11.35	VUB/P1 partim Cell Biology (A. Geerts)	Purification of hepatic progenitor cells
11.35 – 11.50	VUB/P1 partim Toxicology (S. Snykers – V.Rogiers),	Hepatocytes from established stem cells
11.50 – 12.05	VUB/P1 partim Internal Medicine (B. Velkeniers)	Clinical aspects of the metabolic syndrome
12.05 – 12.20	discussion	
12.30 – 13.30	lunch in Faculty Restaurant	
13.30 – 13.55	C. Trautwein (UKA/EU2)	Use of the Cre-Lox system in the liver
13.55 – 14.05	discussion	
14.05 – 14.30	M. Alison (QMUL/EU1)	The “gender mismatch” cell transplantation strategy
14.30 – 14.40	discussion	
14.40 – 15.00	coffee break	
15.00 – 15.25	Ph. Meuleman-G. Leroux-Roels (Ugent/P2)	Cell transplantation in the uPA-SCID mouse
15.25 – 15.35	discussion	
15.35 – 16.00	B. Spee – F. Nevens – T. Roskams (KUL/P4)	Hepatic progenitor cells in the canine and human liver
16.00 – 16.10	discussion	
16.10 – 16.35	I. Leclercq (UCL/P3)	Hepatic progenitor cells in NAFLD
16.35 – 16.45	discussion	
16.45 – 17.00	A. Geerts (P1)	Round-up of the symposium and drink