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PRAGUE, APRIL 8TH TO 10TH

PROGRAM



Společnost pro transfuzní lékařství
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Wednesday 8th April

10:00 ESFH board meeting (by invitation only)

12:00 – 13:00 Welcome, Buffet

13:00 – 13:15

Introduction and Welcome

Chairs: Gerda Leitner, Volker Witt, Zdenka Gasova

13:15 – 14:00

Helmut Borberg Award M. Lozano

Chair: Andreas Buser

14:00 – 15:30

CAR-T

Chairs: Claudia Ootjers, Silvia Monsalvo

1. CAR-T therapies for hematological malignancies

Jan Vydra

Clinical Department and Transplant Program Institute of Hematology and Blood Transfusion, Prague, Czech Republic

2. Other uses beyond hematological malignancy

Julio Delgado

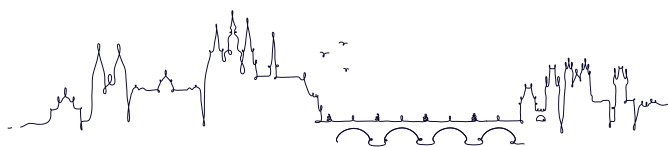
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3. CAR-T in children

Friso Calkoen

Princess Maxima Center for Pediatric Oncology, Utrecht, the Netherlands

15:30 – 16:00 Break



16:00 – 17:30**Therapeutic Apheresis (AAA session)****Chairs:** Wolfgang Ramlow, Hans Vrielink**1. Lipidapheresis**

Kurt Derfler

*Austrian Apheresis Association, Atos, Vienna, Austria***2. Immunoabsorption**

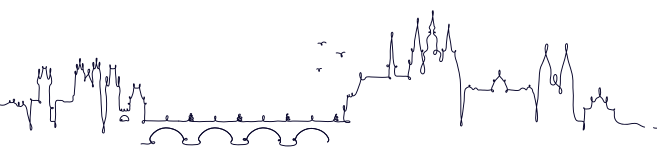
Wolfgang Ramlow

*Apheresis Care Rostock (ACR)***3. Challenges in TPE**

Claudia Ootjers

*Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC), Leiden, The Netherlands***17:30 – 18:30****General Assembly ESFH (only ESFH members)****18:00 – 22:00****Industry Opening & Poster Walk****Thursday 9th April****09:00 – 10:30****Apheresis from Nurse Perspective****Chairs:** Ingrid de Beer, Marleen Neyrinck**1. Ultrasound guided vascular access for apheresis**

María Jesús Mustieles

Hospital Clínic, University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

2. Exchange therapies: Choice of the replacement solution

Yona Skosana

*South African National Blood Service, Medical Division***3. ECP, problems to be managed by nurse**

María Jesús Mustieles

Hospital Clínic, University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30**Gene Therapies****Chairs:** Cihan Ay, Turgay Ulas**1. Hematological disorders (SCD, Thalassemia)**

Turgay Ulas

*Ankara Oncology Training and Research Hospital, Ankara, Türkiye***2. New gene therapy in hemophilia**

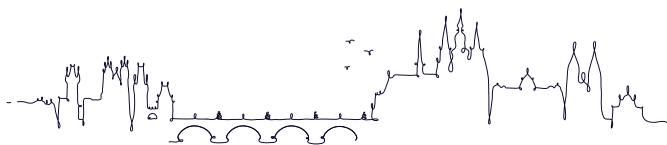
Cihan Ay

*Division of Haematology and Haemostaseology,**Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria***3. Optimization of collection for Gene Therapies**

John Manis

*Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA 02115, USA***12:30 – 12:50 Navigating EU Medical Device Regulations**Naushin Chaudhry, *Medical Director, Therakos (sponsored session)*

12:50 – 13:40 Lunch break

13:40 – 14:00 Systematic Review of Mononuclear Cell**Collections: Performance | Reporting | Product Characteristics**Hugo Fabre, *Terumo BCT (sponsored session)*

14:00 – 15:30**Abstracts****Chair:** Gerda Leitner, Zdenka Gasova**1. The role of lipid apheresis in the treatment of familial hypercholesterolemia – 30 years of one center experience**

M. Lanska

*University Hospital Hradec Kralove and Charles University***2. Chronic myeloid leukemia during pregnancy: safe and successful treatment with leukocytapheresis**

CM Canté

*Department of Transfusion Medicine, Sanquin Blood Supply, Amsterdam, the Netherlands***3. Use of Plerixafor for Stem Cell Mobilization in Multiple Myeloma Patients: Real-World Data**

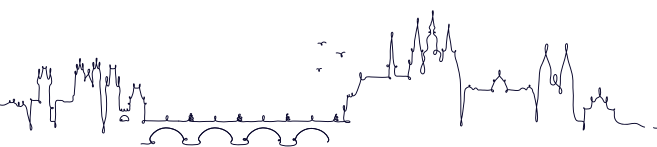
J. Holasová

*Hematology Department, University Hospital F. D. Roosevelt, Banska Bystrica, Slovakia***4. Stem cell mobilization with PEGfilgrastim in pediatric patients for autologous infusion: safe and effective.**

A. Jaspers-Bakker

*Princess Máxima Center for pediatric oncology, Utrecht, NL***5. Platelet removal during peripheral blood hematopoietic cells in mobilized donors in Terumo BCT apheresis platforms, experience of 15 years**

P. Charry

Department of Hemotherapy and Hemostasis. Hospital Clinic Barcelona

6. Lessons learned from the 2025 Spanish blackout for the transfusion and apheresis sector

I. Romon

Hematology and Hemotherapy Service, University Hospital Marques de Valdecilla - IDIVAL, Santander, SPAIN

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:30

ECP

Chairs: Volker Witt, Jose Luis Bueno Cabrera

1. Current role of ECP in Solid Organ Transplantation

Joseph Schwartz

Senior Medical Officer Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy

2. Current role of ECP in GVHD

Miquel Lozano

Hospital Clínic, University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

3. ECP in children

Volker Witt

St. Anna Kinderspital, MUW Vienna, Austria

18:00

Departure Gala Dinner

Friday 10th April

ISBT Cellular Therapies WP day

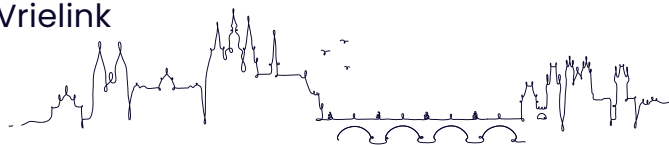


International Society
of Blood Transfusion

08:30 – 10:00

CD34 and CD3-cell collections by apheresis: adults, pediatrics

Chairs: Nina Worel, Hans Vrieling



1. CAR-T requirements

Nina Worel

*Department of Transfusion Medicine and Cell Therapy,
Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria*

2. CD34 mobilization, plerixafor

Miquel Lozano

Hospital Clínic, University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

3. How to collect the right cell for CD-3 cell therapies

Silvia Monsalvo

*Transfusion, Apheresis and Non-Transfusional Hemotherapy Unit Hematology
Department, University Hospital, Madrid, Spain*

10:00 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 12:00

Apheresis in Pediatrics

Chairs: Joseph Schwartz , Silvia Monsalvo

1. The ASFA guidelines for Therapeutic Apheresis & Pediatric Aspects

Joseph Schwartz

Senior Medical Officer Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy

2. Apheresis Mathematics in Children

Marleen Neyrinck

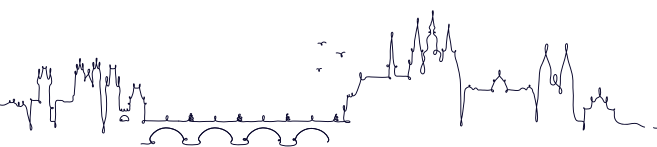
AZ Delta, Roeselare, Belgium

3. Challenges in CD34 cell collection in extremely small children

Volker Witt

St. Anna Kinderspital, MUW Vienna, Austria

12:00 – 13:30 Break



12:15 – 13:15**Lunch Session Meet the Experts****13:30 – 15:00****Regenerative Medicine****Chairs:** Gerda Leitner, Christian Gabriel**1. Serum eye drop**

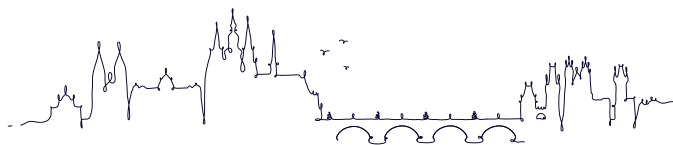
Gerda Leitner

*Specialist for Transfusion and General Medicine, Austrian Red Cross, Vienna***2. PRP**

Jose Luis Bueno Cabrera

*Head of the Hemotherapy and Apheresis Unit, Hematology Department, University Hospital, Madrid, Spain***3. Outcome of survey**

Christian Gabriel

*Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Clinical and Experimental Traumatology, Vienna, Austria***15:00 – 15:15****Poster Prize — Chair: Gerda Leitner****15:15 – 15:30****Farewell — Gerda Leitner, Volker Witt, Zdenka Gasova**

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