

International Symposium on Graves' Orbitopathy



Amsterdam, October 29 – 30, 2009
Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences

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Venue place

The symposium will be held at the "Trippenhuys", the seat of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, Kloveniersburgwal 29, Amsterdam (metro stop: Nieuwmarkt). The venue is a beautiful 17th century mansion at one of the canals in the heart of the Amsterdam city centre, within walking distance of major touristic sites. For information about the location or the route description please check the website www.knaw.nl.

The Trippenhuys can be reached on foot from NS Station Amsterdam CS; it takes about ten minutes to walk to the Trippenhuys. From NS Station Amsterdam CS and NS Station Amsterdam Amstel you can also reach the Trippenhuys by metro; get off at metro station Nieuwmarkt (exit: Nieuwmarkt or Nieuwe Hoogstraat).

If traveling by car: approach Amsterdam via A2 or A4, take ringroad A10, then exit S116 or S112. Parking is available at Parking Stadhuis, entrance Waterlooplein (underground).

Accreditation

A request to obtain credit points for Continuing Medical Education has been submitted to the Nederlands Oogheekundig Gezelschap and the Nederlandse Internisten Vereniging (for Dutch participants) and the Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes (for non-Dutch participants).

Registration

Registration can be done only electronically via the website www.amc.nl/congres. On-site registration is not possible. Registration fees include entrance to all scientific sessions, lunches on Thursday and Friday, all coffee and tea breaks, the farewell party on Friday and the book "Graves' Orbitopathy, A Multidisciplinary Approach" (editors W.M. Wiersinga and G.J. Kahaly). Registration fee is € 350,=; for fellows and residents € 250,=. To qualify for the reduced fee for fellows and residents it is imperative to send a letter signed by the head of the department on the stationery of the institution with official letter head to Carola van der Poel, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Academic Medical Center room D2-430, Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ, Amsterdam.

The maximal attendance to the symposium is 200 persons. For questions regarding your registration, please contact the registration secretariat:

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Abstracts

Deadline for submission of abstracts is August 15, 2009. To gain access to the abstract submission form, you first have to register as participant of the symposium via www.amc.nl/congres.

Social program

The social program at Thursday evening October 29 consists of a boat-trip through the Amsterdam canals with drinks and dinner served aboard. The fee for the social program is € 75,=. The fee for accompanying persons (including social program on Thursday October 29 and farewell party at Friday October 30) is € 100,=.

Registration via www.amc.nl/congres.

Hotel reservation

Hotel reservation can be made online via the RAI Hotel Service by accessing www.amc.nl/congres. Options range from expensive to economical. Selected hotels are all within walking distance of the venue site. The RAI Hotel Service will confirm your reservation within two working days.

General information

The symposium will be held on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of EUGOGO (the European Group on Graves' Orbitopathy). We strongly believe that a multidisciplinary approach to this still poorly understood but often disfiguring and incapacitating disease is advantageous for improving patient care and making scientific progress. Therefore we aim to bring together scientists and clinicians from all disciplines interested in Graves' orbitopathy, like internists/endocrinologists, ophthalmologists/orbital surgeons, and immunologists. We intend to organize a rather informal meeting, facilitating the cross-talk between various disciplines in order to share new data on the pathogenesis and management of this thyroid-related eye disease.

The symposium actually consists of four workshops, each devoted to a special and frequently controversial topic. The workshops are divided in three parts:

Invited lectures

In each workshop several invited speakers, of whom some are known to hold divergent opinions, will present their view on the topic after a short introduction by the chairman. Newly emerging concepts regarding the orbital immune response will be debated. New proposals for classification of eye changes and criteria for therapeutic outcome are presented. Management will be discussed in detail, not only what might be the optimal treatment of co-existent hyperthyroidism, but also options for immunosuppressive and surgical treatment of the orbitopathy itself. The outcome of a number of randomized clinical trials will be presented.

Free oral communications and posters

A limited number of abstracts can be accepted for oral communication or poster presentation. Deadline for submission of abstracts is August 15, 2009.

Plenary discussions

Ample time will be reserved for a plenary discussion, thus enabling exchange of opinions between various disciplines. The chairpersons are asked to focus on controversies in order to advance our understanding and to delineate areas of consensus.

Thursday, October 29, 2009

08.00 hrs Registration and coffee

09.00 hrs Opening ceremony

- Wilmar Wiersinga (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
10th Anniversary of EUGOGO

09.15 hrs **Session 1 – Immunopathogenesis**

Chairs: Hemmo Drexhage (Rotterdam, The Netherlands)
Marian Ludgate (Cardiff, UK)

Invited lectures by:

- Hemmo Drexhage (Rotterdam, The Netherlands): Short introduction
- Paul Banga (London, UK): Towards an animal model of thyroid eye disease
- Rebecca Bahn (Rochester, USA): Role of TSH receptor and cytokines
- Terry Smith (Torrance, USA): Tissue remodelling in Graves' orbitopathy
- Jack Wall (Sydney, Australia): The case of calsequestrin and collagen XIII

Free oral communications

Presentation of posters

Plenary discussion

13.00 hrs Lunch

14.00 hrs **Session 2 – Evaluation of eye changes**

Chairs: Jack Rootman (Vancouver, Canada)
Jane Dickinson (Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK)

Invited lectures by:

- Jack Rootman (Vancouver, Canada): Short introduction
- Peter Dolman (Vancouver, Canada): Recording eye changes as proposed by ITEDS
- Hinke-Marijke Jellema (Amsterdam, The Netherlands): Assessment of eye motility and success criteria for strabismus surgery
- George Kahaly (Mainz, Germany): Disease-specific Quality-of-Life (measured by the GO-QoL) as independent outcome measurement

Free oral communications

Presentation of posters

Plenary discussion

17.30 hrs Get-Together-Party

a boat-trip through the Amsterdam canals with drinks and dinner served aboard

Friday, October 30, 2009

9.00 hrs **Session 3 – Medical management**

Chairs: Laszlo Hegedüs (Odense, Denmark),
Gerasimos Krassas (Thessaloniki, Greece)

Invited lectures by:

- Laszlo Hegedüs (Odense, Denmark): Short introduction
- Claudio Marcocci (Pisa, Italy): Placebo-controlled trial of pentoxifyllin vs selenium in mild Graves' orbitopathy
- John Lazarus (Cardiff, UK): Steroids to prevent and to treat Graves' orbitopathy
- Mario Salvi (Milano, Italy): New treatment modalities including rituximab in Graves' orbitopathy

Free oral communications

Presentation of posters

Plenary discussion

13.00 hrs Lunch

14.00 hrs **Session 4 – Surgical management**

Chairs: Christoph Hintschich (Munich, Germany)
Suzanne Pitz (Mainz, Germany)

Invited lectures by:

- Christoph Hintschich (Munich, Germany): Short introduction
- Lelio Baldeschi (Amsterdam, The Netherlands): Bone decompression
- Michael Kazim (New York, USA): Fat decompression
- Jimmy Uddin (London, UK): Upper and lower eyelid lengthening

Free oral communications

Presentation of posters

Plenary discussion

17.00 hrs Closing remarks

Maarten Mourits (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

17.15 hrs- Farewell party at the venue site

18.00 hrs