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Accompanying persons are not permitted during the conference at any time.

Call for Posters:
An ePoster session will be held.
For details see page 13.

Start of Registration:
Thursday, March 11, 2027
17:00-20:00 h
at the congress office

Publication Date of the Final Program:
March 2027

The final program will be available on the website www.falkfoundation.org one week before the start of the symposium.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2027

9:00	Welcome *Marina Berenguer, Valencia*
SESSION I	
Core concepts: MetS, liver disease, and the multi-organ axis	
Chair	*Michael Trauner, Vienna*
09:10	From NAFLD to MASLD/MASH: Definitions and endpoints *Mary Rinella, Chicago*
09:25	MetS biology driving MASH: Mechanisms and phenotypes *Amalia Gastaldelli, Pisa*
09:40	Cardio–hepato–renal axis in MASLD/MASH: Clinical implications *Manuel Romero-Gómez, Seville*
09:55	Panel discussion *Amalia Gastaldelli, Pisa; Mary Rinella, Chicago*
10:15	**Coffee break with ePoster session**
SESSION II	
Natural history across the spectrum	
Chair	*Ramón Bataller, Barcelona*
10:45	Case presentation *Ramón Bataller, Barcelona*
10:55	Non-invasive diagnosis in MetS/MASLD: Tools and care pathways *Laurent Castera, Clichy*
11:10	Metabolic phenotype in MASLD: Nutritional status, sarcopenia and dyslipidemia *Zobair M. Younossi, Washington*
11:25	Alcohol–MetS synergy: Fibrosis progression and cancer risk *Juan Pablo Arab, Richmond*
11:40	Case discussion *Juan Pablo Arab, Richmond; Ramón Bataller, Barcelona; Laurent Castera, Clichy; Zobair M. Younossi, Washington*
12:00	**Lunch break with ePoster session**

SESSION III

Poster session

Chairs	*María Londoño, Barcelona; Agustín Albillos, Madrid*
13:30	Poster presentations (8 posters, 5 min + 2 min for questions)
14:30	**Coffee break with ePoster session**

SESSION IV

Treatment strategies

Chair	*Heiner Wedemeyer, Hannover*
15:00	Case presentation *Heiner Wedemeyer, Hannover*
15:10	MASH therapeutics: Positioning and combination strategies *Vlad Ratziu, Paris*
15:25	Targeting type 2 diabetes: Therapeutic implications for MASLD/MASH *Cyrielle Caussy, Pierre-Bénite*
15:40	Weight-loss pharmacotherapy in alcohol use disorder: Opportunities and safety *Elisa Pose, Barcelona*
15:55	Case discussion *Cyrielle Caussy, Pierre-Bénite; Elisa Pose, Barcelona; Vlad Ratziu, Paris; Heiner Wedemeyer, Hannover*

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2027

SESSION V

Advanced liver disease

Chair	*Agustín Albillos, Madrid*
09:00	Case presentation *Agustín Albillos, Madrid*
09:10	MASLD cirrhosis: Clinical specifics *Sven Francque, Edegem*
09:25	Portal hypertension and metabolic therapies: Bidirectional interactions *Luis Telléz, Madrid*
09:40	Advanced steatotic liver disease: Biomarkers and trial design *Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao, New Haven*
09:55	Case discussion *Agustín Albillos, Madrid; Sven Francque, Edegem; Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao, New Haven; Luis Téllez, Madrid*
10:15	**Coffee break with ePoster session**

SESSION VI

Cancer and liver transplantation

Chair	*Marina Berenguer, Valencia*
10:45	Case presentation *Marina Berenguer, Valencia*
10:55	Transplant candidacy in MetS: Optimisation and cardiovascular risk *Emmanouil Tsochatzis, London*
11:10	**Presentation of Poster Awards**
11:30	Post-transplant metabolic disease: Recurrence and long-term outcomes *Tommaso Di Maira, Valencia*
11:45	Hepatocellular carcinoma in MASH: Risk stratification and surveillance *Matthias Pinter, Vienna*
12:00	Case discussion *Marina Berenguer, Valencia; Tommaso Di Maira, Valencia; Matthias Pinter, Vienna; Emmanouil Tsochatzis, London*
12:30	**Lunch break with ePoster session**

SESSION VII

MASLD and coexisting liver diseases

Chair	*María Londoño, Barcelona*
13:50	Case presentation *María Londoño, Barcelona*
14:00	MetS in autoimmune and cholestatic liver disease: Impact and prevention strategies *Michael Trauner, Vienna*
14:15	MetS with HBV/HCV: Residual risk and surveillance after cure/control *Sabela Lens, Barcelona*
14:30	Drug-induced liver injury in MetS: Susceptibility and polypharmacy *Raúl Andrade, Malaga*
14:45	Case discussion *Raúl Andrade, Malaga; Sabela Lens, Barcelona; Maria Londoño, Barcelona; Michael Trauner, Vienna*
15:05	**Coffee break with ePoster session**

SESSION VIII

Unmet needs and future

Chairs	*Agustín Albillos, Madrid; Marina Berenguer, Valencia; Maria Londoño, Barcelona; Michael Trauner, Vienna; Heiner Wedemeyer, Hannover*
15:35	Who and how? Integrated care models *Jörn Schattenberg, Homburg*
15:50	MASLD and MACE endpoints: Trial design and regulatory view *Arun Sanyal, Richmond*
16:05	Panel discussion *Agustín Albillos, Madrid; Marina Berenguer, Valencia; Maria Londoño, Barcelona; Arun Sanyal, Richmond; Jörn Schattenberg, Homburg; Michael Trauner, Vienna; Heiner Wedemeyer, Hannover*
16:25	**Closing remarks** *Agustín Albillos, Madrid*

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POSTER SESSION

ePosters will be displayed on our screens from March 12-13, 2027. We kindly ask the authors to be present during coffee and lunch breaks on both days to discuss their work.

CALL FOR POSTERS

Please submit your abstract by November 30, 2026, using our online submission system (https://poster.falkfoundation.org). The system will guide you through
the submission process and provide further information on formatting requirements.

The abstracts will be reviewed by the scientific organizers, with preference given to those that align thematically with one of the final meeting sessions.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the final program.

Abstract submitters will be informed about acceptance and receive further instructions in January 2027.

For the first author of an accepted abstract, registration fee and accommodation (March 11-14, 2027) will be covered during Symposium 246. Travel expenses will not be covered.

POSTER AWARDS

Prizes of up to EUR 3.000, along with coverage of travel expenses, will be awarded for the best posters.

Winners will be invited to give a short presentation (2–5 minutes) of their poster during the award ceremony.

REGISTRATION

You can register for the event via our homepage:
www.falkfoundation.org
Registration is only possible online.

You will receive an automatic confirmation of registration by e-mail.
Please transfer the congress fee to the bank account listed in the e-mail within two weeks.

CONGRESS FEES

Scientific Program of Symposium 246	EUR 300
Students (copy of student ID required)	EUR 150

The congress fees include:
- Pre-Opening and Welcome on Thursday, March 11, 2027
- Refreshments during coffee breaks
- Lunch on March 12 and 13, 2027
- A copy of the final program

CONGRESS OFFICE AND REGISTRATION

Opening Hours:

Thursday, March 11, 2027	17:00 - 20:00 h
Friday, March 12, 2027	08:00 - 16:30 h
Saturday, March 13, 2027	08:30 – 17:00 h

The Falk Foundation will take pictures during the meeting. Additionally, parts of the meeting might be recorded. By participating all attendees consent and agree with the recording and the photo shoots.

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Public Transport
The Palacio de Congresos de Valencia is conveniently connected to the city centre, Valencia Airport and the main railway stations by metro, tram and bus. The venue is located just a short walk from the Beniferri metro station (Lines 1 and 2) and the Palau de Congresos tram station (Line 4). Direct public transport connections are available from Valencia Airport and Joaquín Sorolla High-Speed Train Station.

Car
The Palacio de Congresos offers a secure underground car park with 600 parking spaces, accessible directly from the venue. Additional outdoor parking areas are also available nearby. The venue is situated on Avenida de las Cortes Valencianas, one of Valencia's main access roads, providing easy access from the CV-35 motorway and the north-west of the city.

Plane
Valencia Airport (VLC) is located approximately 7 km from the Palacio de Congresos and can be reached in around 10–15 minutes by taxi. By public transport, take Metro Line 3 or 5 from the airport to Àngel Guimerà, then connect to Metro Line 1 or 2 to Beniferri station. The total journey takes approximately 30–35 minutes.

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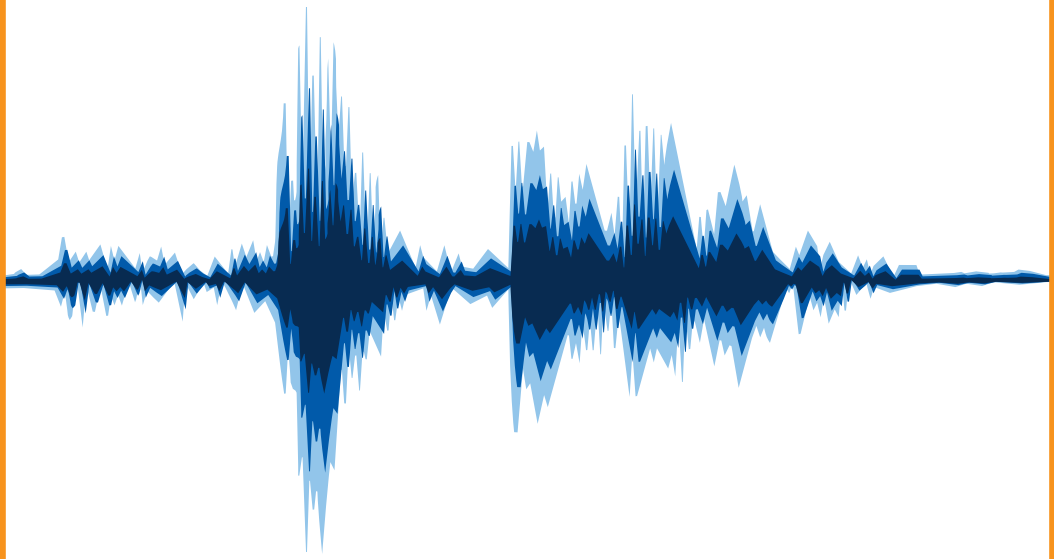

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