# LIVER CROSSTALK: IMMUNITY, METABOLISM, AND TUMOR BIOLOGY

January 28-29, 2027

## Symposium
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**Scientific Organization:**
André L. Mihaljevic, Tübingen

**Congress Venue:**
Kino Museum Tübingen
Am Stadtgraben 2
72070 Tübingen
Germany

For admission to scientific events your name badge should be clearly visible.

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

**Call for Posters:**
An ePoster session will be held.
For details see page 12.

**Start of Registration:**
Thursday, January 28, 2027
12:00 - 18:00 h
at the congress office

**Publication Date of the Final Program:**
January 2027

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

# THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2027

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| **12:00** | Registration |
| **13:00** | Welcome<br>*André L. Mihaljevic, Tübingen* |
| **SESSION I** | |
| **Metabolic reprogramming and hepatic immunity** | |
| **Chairs** | *Nisar P. Malek, Tübingen; Robert Thimme, Freiburg* |
| **13:10** | Metabolic reprogramming in hepatic and immune cell networks<br>*Mathias Heikenwälder, Tübingen* |
| **13:35** | Hepatic immune tolerance vs. anti-tumor immunity: Metabolic cues as master regulators<br>*Percy A. Knolle, Munich* |
| **14:00** | Macrophage heterogeneity and metabolic crosstalk during MASH progression<br>*Frank Tacke, Berlin* |
| **14:25** | Genetic determinants of metabolic-immune crosstalk in MASLD: From PNPLA3 to precision hepatology<br>*Luca V. C. Valenti, Milan* |
| **14:50** | Genomic drivers of HCC: Shaping the immune and metabolic tumor landscape<br>*Jessica Zucman-Rossi, Paris* |
| **15:15** | **Coffee break with ePoster session** |

## SESSION II

### Tumor microenvironment and immune evasion

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| **Chairs** | *Tim F. Greten, Bethesda; Lars Zender, Tübingen* |
| **15:55** | Cell-of-origin concepts in liver cancer development<br>*Nabil Djouder, Madrid* |
| **16:20** | Sublethal cell death signaling and NF-κB crosstalk in inflammation-driven liver carcinogenesis<br>*Tom Lüdde, Düsseldorf* |
| **16:45** | Microenvironmental control of liver carcinogenesis<br>*Robert F. Schwabe, New York* |
| **17:10** | Decoding the spatial tumor-immune landscape in steatosis-driven liver cancer<br>*Valerie Chew, Singapore* |
| **17:35** | T-cell adaptation in chronic infection and HCC development<br>*Robert Thimme, Freiburg* |
| **18:00** | **Networking and ePoster session with light refreshments** |

# FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2027

## SESSION III

### HCC: Risk stratification, surgery, and novel therapies

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| **Chairs** | *Mathias Heikenwälder, Tübingen; Josep M. Llovet, Barcelona* |
| **08:45** | AI-based risk prediction for HCC development<br>*Carolin Schneider, Dresden* |
| **09:05** | The HRX-215 story: Translating liver regeneration into clinical application<br>*Lars Zender, Tübingen* |
| **09:25** | Tumor-specific immune responses in patients with HCC<br>*Tim F. Greten, Bethesda* |
| **09:45** | Perioperative immunotherapy in HCC: Bridging systemic oncology and liver surgery<br>*Arndt Vogel, Toronto* |
| **10:05** | Tumor-biology-driven surgical strategies for liver malignancies: From molecular markers to clinical decision-making<br>*N.N.* |
| **10:25** | **Coffee break with ePoster session** |

## SESSION IV

### Spatial biology, digital pathology, and precision medicine

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| **Chairs** | *Robert F. Schwabe, New York; N.N.* |
| **11:00** | Spatial pathology in liver cancer: Immune architectures, tertiary lymphoid structures and their prognostic implications<br>*Courtney König, Munich* |
| **11:20** | Digital pathology and AI-based immune scoring in liver cancer: From discovery to clinical practice<br>*N.N.* |
| **11:40** | Harnessing mitochondrial uncoupling to mimic fasting: A novel approach in MASH and liver cancer<br>*Suchira Gallage, Tübingen* |
| **12:00** | Immunotherapy for HCC: Current concepts and future perspectives<br>*Josep M. Llovet, Barcelona* |
| **12:20** | Presentation of poster awards |
| **12:40** | **Lunch with ePoster session** |
| **13:00** | **Opening of the annual meeting of the GASL** |

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# POSTER SESSION

ePosters will be displayed on our screens on January 28-29, 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 1, 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 meeting sessions. Accepted abstracts will be published in the final program.

Abstract submitters will be informed about acceptance and receive further instructions in December 2026.

For the first author of an accepted abstract, registration fee and accommodation (January 28-29, 2027) will be covered during Symposium. 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

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| **Scientific Program of Symposium** | EUR 150 |
| **Students** (copy of student ID required) | EUR 75 |

**The congress fees include:**
- Refreshments during coffee breaks
- Lunch on Thursday, January 28 and Friday, January 29, 2027
- Snacks during scientific discussion on Thursday, January 28, 2027
- A copy of the final program

# CONGRESS OFFICE AND REGISTRATION

**Opening Hours:**

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| Thursday, January 28, 2027 | 12:00 - 18:00 h |
| Friday, January 29, 2027 | 8:00 - 12:30 h |

Photographs will be taken and video recordings will be made during the event for documentation, reporting, and communication purposes. The related processing of personal data is based on our legitimate interests. For more information, including your right to object, please refer to the Data Privacy Notice (https://falkfoundation.org/en/data-privacy/)

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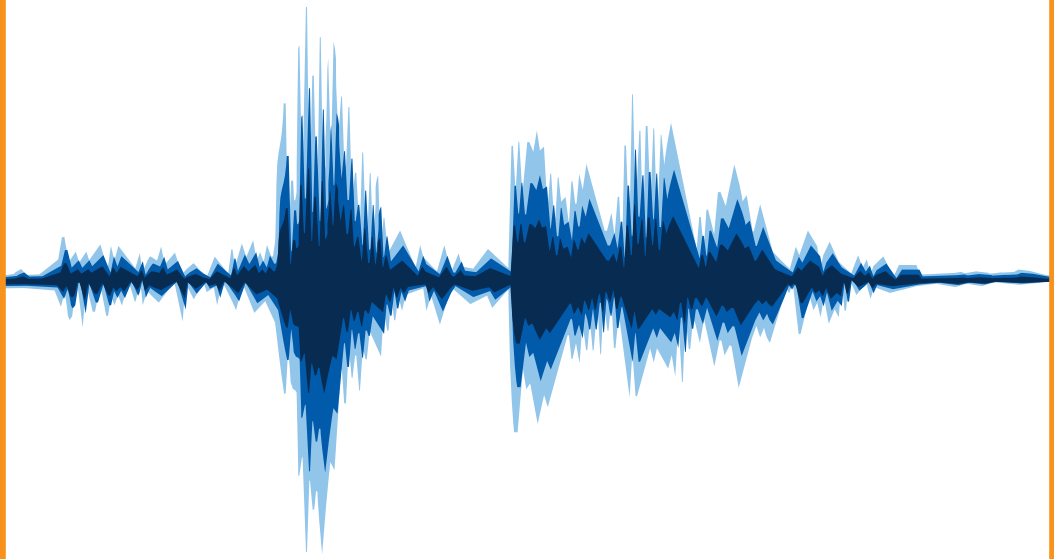
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**By car**
From north and south via the A81 Stuttgart-Singen motorway, exit Herrenberg and continue on the B28 towards Tübingen. From west via the A8 Karlsruhe-Stuttgart motorway and B27, follow the signs to Tübingen city centre. The Kino Museum is located at Am Stadtgraben 2, on the edge of the historic old town. Public parking is available in nearby multi-storey and underground car parks within walking distance of the cinema (e.g. Parkhaus Altstadt-Mitte im Nonnenhaus, Am Stadtgraben 13, 72070 Tübingen).

**By plane**
Stuttgart Airport is the nearest airport, approximately 35 kilometres away. It offers national and international scheduled flights. From the airport, regular bus and rail connections provide direct access to Tübingen. For more information see www.flughafen-stuttgart.de. Larger airports such as Frankfurt or Zurich also offer rail connections to Tübingen.

**By train**
The Kino Museum is well connected to public transport. Tübingen main railway station is approximately a 10-minute walk away. Numerous regional and local bus services stop close to the city centre and old town. Taxi ranks are available at Tübingen main station. The cinema can be reached on foot from the station via the historic town centre.

## Registration via www.falkfoundation.org or simply scan and register



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