

## Part 2

# History of the European Pancreatic Club: The First 40 Years 1965–2005

## The Scientific Profile of the European Pancreatic Club and What Stood the Test of Time

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### Abstract

The invited lectures, the symposia and panels and the printed abstracts of the meetings are the basis for analysis of the development of pancreatic research over the 40 years from 1965 to 2005. 245 invited lectures and 59 symposia, panels and round tables presented and discussed the latest state of the art at the meetings of the European Pancreatic Club (EPC). We analyze in detail the contributions to physiology and biochemistry of the pancreas, the neurohormonal control of pancreatic secretion, cell biology, stimulus-secretion coupling, and cell receptors. The research on the endocrine-exocrine relationship, nutrition and the pancreas, experimental and clinical acute and chronic pancreatitis, function tests and imaging of the pancreas, pancreatic development and growth, experimental and clinical pancreatic carcinoma, genetics and inherited pancreatic diseases over the years are listed in special sections and discussed. At the center of the EPC meetings there are scientific sessions with either oral or poster presentations. From 1971 to 2004, 4,837 contributions were accepted and printed as abstracts. In the first 30 years papers on basic research usually amounted to around 30–40%, on pathophysiology also 20–40% and the rest were on clinical work. In the years since 1993 the basic contributions became less with 20% and even only 10% of all papers in the last years. Abstracts from patho-

physiology and pathology increased in the 1990s, mainly with work on pancreatic carcinoma. Papers on clinical topics also rose to 40–50% of all in the years since 1998. The interest in clinical topics shifted over the years. Chronic pancreatitis was the main topic in the 1970s; in the 1980s until 2000, acute pancreatitis gained more interest, and pancreatic cancer is now an attractive field of study due to new methods of research with cancer cell lines and genetic models. Since 1993 a Young Researchers Corner with international experts is offered at the meetings of the EPC, the programs are analyzed. In the last section the question of ‘what stood the test of time?’ is asked as reflected in 40 years of meetings of the EPC. Topics are physiology, biochemistry and cell biology in relation to the pancreas, pathogenesis of acute and chronic pancreatitis, methods of diagnosis, treatment of pancreatitis and of carcinoma.

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The founders of the European Pancreatic Club (EPC) intended to create a forum, where European scientists with an interest in the pancreas could meet and discuss

**Table 1.** Number of invited lectures at the meetings of the EPC from 1968 to 2004 and nationality of the lecturers

Number of invited lectures												
1968	1969	1971	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1981	1982	
Prague 12	Göttingen none	Brussels 3	Gothenburg 7	Dundee 1	Toulouse 3	Oslo 2	Dublin 2	Zürich 2	Copenhagen 2	Krakow 3	Essen 2	
Verona 2	1983 Cascais 9	1984 Manchester 12	1985 Nijmegen 2	1986 Marseilles none	1987 Budapest 11	1988 Glasgow 9	1989 Basel 9	1990 Lund 3	1991 Ulm 11	1992 Paris 3	1993 Bologna 10	
Barcelona none	1995 Mannheim 23	1996 London 18	1997 Thessaloniki 12	1998 Lüneburg 26	1999 Kiel 15	2000 Toulouse 14	2001 Heidelberg 6	2002 Liverpool 4	2003 Padova 7	2004		

  

Nationality of invited lecturers												
Germany 67	France 25	Belgium 8	Netherlands 4	Norway 3								
UK 50	Italy 11	Switzerland 5	Spain 4	Israel, Poland, Austria, Greece, Portugal, Hungary 1 each								
USA 38	Sweden 10	Denmark 4	Japan 3									

Titles, lecturers and the symposia are listed in tables 2–13. We apologize for any omissions that might have occurred.

**Table 2.** Names of invited scientists to give lectures in their field of research

1968	Prague	Jorpes S, Mutt S, Morley UK, Anastasi I, Harper UK, Morris UK, Erspamer I, Howat UK, J.C. Sarles F, Smith UK, Edlund S, Arrigas E, Wagner D
1969	Göttingen	None
1971	Brussels	Jamieson USA, Schramm ISR, Malaisse B
1973	Gothenburg	Case UK, Christophe B, Creutzfeldt D, Worning DK, Howat UK, Schmidt D, H. Sarles F
1974	Dundee	Lagerlöf S
1975	Toulouse	Scratcherd UK, Meldolesi I, H. Sarles F
1976	Oslo	Petersen N, Creutzfeldt D
1977	Dublin	H. Sarles F, Konturek PL
1978	Zürich	Christophe B, Seifert D
1979	Copenhagen	Bloom UK, Wormsley UK
1981	Krakow	Schaffalitzky de Muckadell DK, Creutzfeldt D, Wormsley UK
1982	Essen	Kern D, Malaisse D
1983	Verona	Solcia I, DiMagno USA
1984	Cascais	Case UK, Bockmann USA, Creutzfeldt D, Go USA, H. Sarles F, Lees UK, Goebell D, Domschke D, Joyeux F
1985	Manchester	Scheele USA, Kern D, Bockmann USA, Foulis UK, Braganza UK, Noronha P, Vaysse F, Dormer UK, Lees UK, Williamson UK, Klapdor D, Singer D
1986	Nijmegen	McMaster UK, Geuze NL
1987	Marseilles	None
1988	Budapest	Ammann CH, Dreiling USA, Howat UK, H. Sarles F, Singer D, Vaysse F, Case UK, Goebell D, Gullo I, Imrie UK, Nagy HU
1989	Glasgow	Foulis UK, Freaney USA, Garber UK, Henriksen DK, Laugier F, Carter UK, Hermon-Taylor UK, Vaysse F, Adler D
1990	Basel	Rommens CAN, Dobelbower USA, Dagorn F, Adler D, Ensinck USA, Alberti UK, Gerzof USA, Rösch D, Wynick UK
1991	Lund	Ammann CH, Mitelman S, Braganza UK
1992	Ulm	Petersen UK, Creutzfeldt D, Case UK, Vaysse F, Korc CAN, Schmiegel D, Trede D, Klöppel D, Steer USA, Christophe B, Neoptolemos UK
1993	Paris	Lamberts NL, Williams USA, Halliwell UK
1994	Bologna	H. Sarles F, Mann UK, Frey USA, Jensen USA, Singer D, LaVecchia I, Sutherland USA, Erlansson S, Mastella I
1995	Barcelona	None
1996	Mannheim	Gyr CH, Schölmerich D, Wigmore UK, Laubenberger D, Chalmers UK, Reske D, Nagoya JAP, Weber USA, Solomon USA, Bockman USA, Ammann CH, Schmiegel D, Lemoine UK, Urrutia USA, McKay UK, Larsson S, Pollak CAN, Moore CAN, Hoolingsworth USA, Bramhall UK, Fink D, Kimura JAP, Trede D
1997	London	Müller-Esterl D, Griesbacher A, Lerch D, Klöppel D, Gearing UK, Lemoine UK, Sies D, Vina E, Moncada UK, Eizirik B, Beglinger CH, Laugier F, Petersen UK, Ashcroft UK, Gray UK, Kanno JAP, Saklatvala UK, Goris NL
1998	Thessaloniki	Mann UK, Calvo I, Cremer B, Layer D, Fölsch D, Nousia-Arvanitakis GR, Whitcomb USA, Lankisch D, Dagorn F, Vaysse F, Erlansson S, Petersen UK
1999	Lüneburg	Williams USA, Muallem USA, Miller USA, Tsunoda USA, Buscail F, Lerch D, Saluja USA, Ullrich 2nd USA, Borgström S, McMahon UK, McKay UK, Rathmann D, Scolapio USA, Merkrod D, Singer D, Tiemann D, Mössner D, Adler D, Cohn USA, Creutzfeldt D, Gudjonsson N, Johnson UK, Kalthoff D, Gansauge D, Friess D, Löhr D
2000	Kiel	Rathmann D, Moreau USA, Lemoine UK, Riemann D, Weber D, Buscail F, Klöppel D, Schmid D, Real E, Scarpa I, Wagner D, Kalthoff D, Pinzani I, Wison A, Sjöholm S
2001	Toulouse	Gullo I, Löhr D, Buscail F, Chen F, Witt D, Hammel F, Neoptolemos UK, Urrutia USA, Serup DK, Glasbrenner D, Layer D, Jovanna F, Van Laethem B, Escourrou F
2002	Heidelberg	Argent UK, Schmid D, Vollmar D, DiMagno USA, Obertop NL, Schmidt D
2003	Liverpool	Urrutia USA, Whitcomb USA, Muallem USA, Büchler D
2004	Padova	Kalthoff D, Gaudernack N, Fernandez-Cruz E, Bachem D, Büchler D, Wyke UK, Friess D

S = Sweden; UK = United Kingdom; I = Italy; F = France; E = Spain; D = Germany; B = Belgium; PL = Poland; USA = United States of America; ISR = Israel; P = Portugal; NL = The Netherlands; CH = Switzerland; HU = Hungary; CAN = Canada; JAP = Japan; A = Austria; GR = Greece; N = Norway.

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