

## Strategic Directions

Maximising the Value of Partnership

A Brainstorming Discussion



Tbilisi, Georgia, 04.12.2018

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## The EASL International Liver Foundation



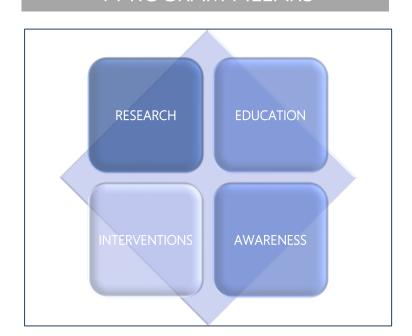
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## The EASL International Liver Foundation

#### MISSION

The FASI International Liver Foundation is a global non-profit organization, established by the European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL), committed to increasing the quality of life and reducing premature mortality for the greatest number of people by improving liver health. 4 pillars guide our action:

#### 4 PROGRAM PILLARS



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## Striving towards a Bio-engineered Liver



#### Fostering research in a critical unmet area

In collaboration with Institut Pasteur, Paris, EILF convened a group of worldclass experts to provide guidance for turning a vision for the development of a bio-engineered liver into a reality.

#### The panel concluded with two determinations:

- ➤ No single research centre, lab or speciality would be able to solve the many scientific challenges involved in the development of a bioengineered liver. Thus, collaboration between centres of excellence and research teams involving a wide range of specialties (e.g., engineers, bioengineers. liver stem/progenitor biologists, vascular biologists and hepatologists) would be vital to the success of this initiative.
- ➤ Overcoming current funding shortage in the area of regenerative medicine will require the development of an **ambitious fundraising campaign**

#### Response

> Launch an EASL consortium on regenerative medicine

#### PASTEUR INSTITUTE PARIS

EILF: consultative meeting on regenerative medicine

## EASL Consortium for Regenerative Hepatology

#### The Aim of the Consortium

The EASL Consortium for Regenerative Hepatology is aimed at the delivery of bioengineered tissues and associated biotechnologies for regenerative Hepatology.

#### Prioritized areas of scientific/technical expertise of consortium

- 1. Cell sources and cell biology
- 2. Biomaterials
- 3. Tissue engineering
- 4. Safety, ethical and regulatory

#### Consortium strategy

- 1. Create a 5% bio-engineered liver mass in order to develop "implantable liver tissue" for the treatment of inherited hepatic metabolic disorders
- 2. Create bioengineered bile ducts to be used in liver transplant and congenital biliary diseases
- 3. Create a 30% bio-engineered liver mass for transplantation in patients with acute or acute-on-chronic liver failure

#### Benefits

The benefits of achieving these outcomes are wide-reaching and will enable

- The direct study of human physiology and pathophysiology, which will have wideranging research applications, for example: mechanisms of liver tissue, drug discovery, screening, toxicity testing and bio-marker identification;
- > A significant reduction in the need for animal testing;
- Advancement in the development of other bio-engineered organs through the processes, mechanisms, and technologies for tissue engineering identified through this project.

1. University College London, London, United Kingdom Institute for Liver and Digestive Health: Professor Massimo Pinzani, Dr G. Mazza Institute for Child Health: Professor Paolo De Coppi Centre for Cell, Gene and Tissue Therapeutics: Professor Marc Lowdell

> 2. Centro de Investigacion Biomedica Aragon, Zaragoza, Spain Professor Pedro Baptista

3. University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom Stem Cell Institute: Professor Ludovic Vallier, Dr Fotis Sampaziotis

4. Universite' Catholique Louvain, Brussels, Belgium Institute of experimental and Clinical Research: Professor Etienne Sokal

5. University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland Stem Cell Center of Competence: Dr Andrea Banfi

6. Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands Faculty of Veterinary Medicine: Dr Bart Spee, Dr Louis Penning

7. University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, United Kingdom MRC Centre for Regenerative Medicine: Professor Stuart Forbes

8. Yale University Medical School, New Haven, CT, USA Yale Liver Center: Professor Mario Strazzabosco

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## A network of excellence in HCC management

Europe has been the leader of major advancements in the field of diagnosis and treatment of liver cancer.

Studies conducted in Europe have been instrumental in defining epidemiology, risk factors, diagnostic approach, prognostic evaluation, treatment indication and criteria to select patients for surgical resection, liver transplantation and ablation. Indeed European experts have provided the majority of the data that has resulted in the guidelines that are now followed worldwide.

The Foundation appointed Professor Jordi Bruix to develop and manage the EILF Preceptorship Programme. Based on strict criteria 5 canters of excellence devoted to liver cancer were invited to participate in this programme.

- > BCLC. Hospital Clínic. Barcelona.
- University Hospitals Paris-Nord-Val-de-Seine, AP-HP, Beaujon, Paris.
  - > Istituto Nazionale Tumori, Milan.
  - > Geneva University Hospitals, Geneva.
  - University Medical Center. Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz.

- The team has to have international standing because of publication track in the field.
- The center has to offer all treatment options: resection, transplant, ablation, TACE and systemic therapy according to current evidence. This secures exposure to all approaches and the involvement of fellows in their application, as well as the feasibility to debate any aspect with the experts in charge.
- Active participation in clinical trials is mandatory. Trials have to be listed in official site such as trial.gov.

## Viral Hepatitis Elimination



#### Viral Hepatitis Elimination Consultative Meeting

European Haemophilia Consortium

Vilnius – October 6th, 2017 14.30 – 16.00





ELIMINATING VIRAL HEPATITIS IN THALASSEMIA PATIENTS

AN EXPERT CONSULTATIVE MEETING

Thessaloniki 18 November 2017

Where therapy of hepatitis C stands now

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#### Editorial



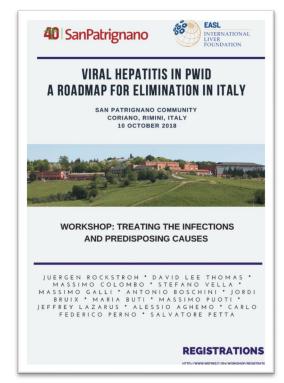


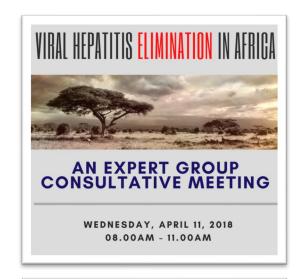
#### Micro-elimination - A path to global elimination of hepatitis C

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### Awareness

TOGETHER, we will generate a strong call to action to tackle liver diseases, starting from NAFLD.

80% of liver disease is amenabale to prevention and cure.

Yet, the world is confronted with a new emerging epidemic, it is called NAFLD and it affects approximately 25% of the world's population.

We are working to place the spotlight on NALFD and take the first important step needed to generate a call to action by developing an understanding of what governments and key stakeholders such as medical associations and patient groups are currently doing.

These actions will be followed by the development of partnerships promoting public awareness campaigns targeting children and adults.



## Our Partnership Approach

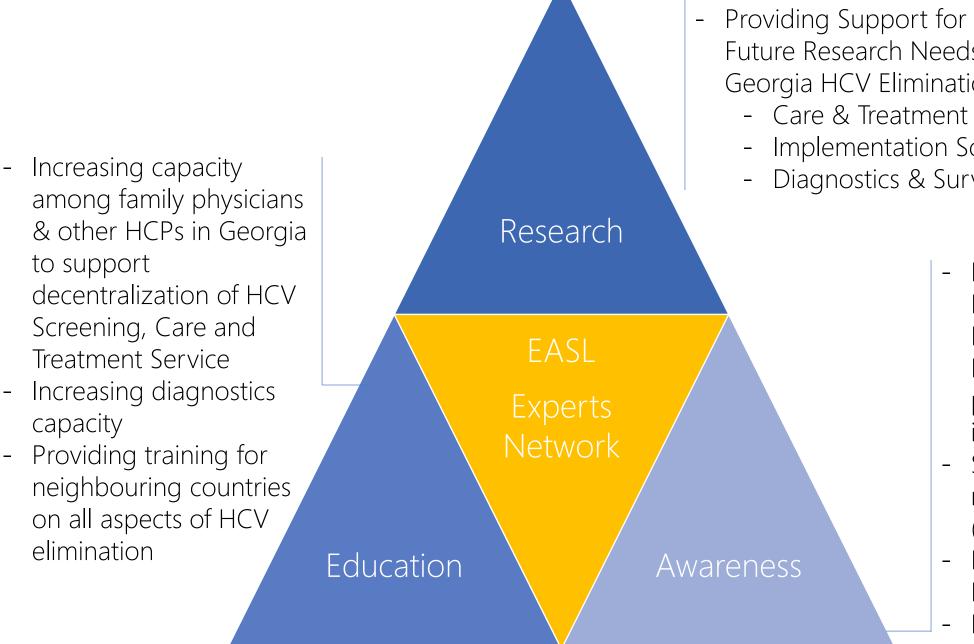
- Impeccable Ethical Standard
- 2. Regular and Transparent Communication with well-defined Focal Points
- 3. Lean Project Organizational Process
- 4. Long-term Partnership Perspective
- 5. Open to new Solutions



# Positioning Georgia as a National HCV Elimination Center of Excellence



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- Providing Support for Ongoing and Future Research Needs for the Georgia HCV Elimination Program

  - Implementation Science
  - Diagnostics & Surveillance
    - Dissemination of Best-Practices and Lessons Learned from HCV Elimination through publications & international conferences
    - Support in countering mis information attacks (fake news etc...)
    - Leveraging Existing Partnerships
    - Mapping & Engaging new Partners



## Moving Forward



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## Next Steps

- 1. Agreement on Partnership
  - 1. Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia.
  - 2. National Center for Disease Control and Public Health
  - 3. Center for Disease Control and Prevention
  - 4. EASL International Liver Foundation
- 2. Identify and Prioritize Key Activities for 2019
- 3. Participation at Decentralization Workshop
- 4. Participation at EASL 2019 in Vienna