

# Join Us!

Hepatologists and hepatology health professionals from across the nation and around the world will gather in Boston this November 2 – 6 to exchange the latest liver disease research, discuss treatment outcomes, and network with colleagues at The Liver Meeting® — AASLD's 58th Annual Meeting.

Designed for physicians, surgeons, scientists, educators, nurses, physician assistants, and all other hepatology health professionals, The Liver Meeting® is the premier event in the science and practice of hepatology where the cutting edge in the study and treatment of liver and biliary diseases is defined. With four and a half days of courses and workshops; plenary, parallel and poster sessions; State-of-the-Art lectures; and scientific exhibits, The Liver Meeting® has something for you.

Don't miss this once-a-year educational and networking experience. Hotel and advance registration deadline is October 5. **Register today!**

## Dear Colleagues,

### We invite you to join us in Boston this year for The Liver Meeting® 2007.

We're pleased to offer two new sessions this year. 2007 marks the 50th anniversary of the discovery of interferons, and AASLD will celebrate this anniversary with a special symposium providing a historical overview on the discovery of interferons and a review of the ongoing therapeutic application of these biological agents in viral liver diseases. Another session, Advances for Practitioners, will focus on recent publications that impact the practice of hepatology, with an emphasis on therapeutic studies. An expert panel will discuss deciding when and whether to incorporate this information into your practice.

AASLD members may want to attend organizational meetings on Monday evening, November 5, for our recently established Special Interest Groups (SIGs). The science and practice of hepatology have enjoyed rapid growth over the last decade. In recognition of this growth, AASLD has developed SIGs to promote collaboration among professionals from a range of disciplines who share common specialized interests. The development of these groups (approximately 16) will be phased in over time. The Governing Board has elected to develop six in 2007. Members are invited to join one or two groups if they match their focused interest within hepatology.

AASLD is grateful for close working relationships with other organizations and is collaborating this year with the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), International Liver Transplantation Society (ILTS), American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE), and the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN) to present specialized programming.

Attendees enjoy the unique benefits of networking and face-to-face education that can only be realized by personally participating in The Liver Meeting®. To enhance the experience, AASLD will continue to offer The Liver Meeting® Online. This tool debuted in 2005 and includes posted slides and audio files from the plenary sessions, State-of-the-Art lectures, and General Hepatology Update. The Liver Meeting® Online will be available at [www.aasld.org](http://www.aasld.org) after the meeting and will allow you to view presentations again from your favorite sessions or from those you missed.



Research and education remain the highest priorities of AASLD, and the discovery of new information and its translation into practice are the essence of our mission to advance both the science and practice of hepatology and liver transplantation. The international composition of the speakers and audience at The Liver Meeting® promotes multinational cooperation and collaboration in this endeavor.

Whether you're a researcher, academician, practicing clinician, or in training, we have an outstanding range of educational and networking opportunities planned for you in Boston. We look forward to seeing you at The Liver Meeting® this fall.

### **Gregory J. Gores, MD**

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