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# ISHEN Newsletter

## 15th ISHEN Symposium 29 May - June 2, 2012 in Denmark

The 15th ISHEN symposium will take place in 2012 from May 29 to June 2 in Denmark. The location is close to Aarhus, at the 'Grenaa Beach Center' at the sea-front to the Baltic. The center is quite roomy and will give us possibilities for all sorts of activities. There are many rooms so that all can be accommodated within the center. There is a good in-house kitchen and the staff is eager to make it a memorable event. The center is a very beautiful complex with a lot of Scandinavian art and furniture. We can only recommend a glance at [www.kysthotellet.dk](http://www.kysthotellet.dk). The center can be approached from the small nearby Aarhus Airport that commutes with Copenhagen Airport and a few other places, eg. London. Another possibility is the somewhat larger but more distant Billund Airport that connects to most major European airports. There is a fast train connection via Hamburg and the E45 nearly goes to the door if you travel by car.

The programme is under preparation by the Danish task force. All sorts of input from you is much welcomed. We plan to maintain the format with the most recent basic and clinical research and state-of-the-art and consensus symposia. We wish to attract new and junior researchers and we have plenty of space for posters. We plan to publish the meeting proceedings in a special issue of a relevant paper.

The budget is laid down and the sponsorships under preparation. We hope to be able to continue the tradition of no-registration fee and free housing for invited junior and senior speakers, and low cost for other attendants.

## Joint ISHEN/EASL Symposium

The joint ISHEN/EASL symposium was held in Berlin on Wednesday March 30. The 3 hours' programme was laid down by past president Roger Butterworth and president Hendrik Vilstrup, who was also the chair on behalf of both organizations. We owe many thanks to our presenting ISHEN members: Roger Butterworth, Karin Weissenborn, Juan Cordoba, Manuela Merli, and Marsha Morgan. Their presentations did honour to ISHEN. The meeting was very well attended, at the highest with an audience of about 250, in excess of the seating. There was a good atmosphere at the meeting with good questions and comments. Many positive comments were received after the symposium. EASL was represented by Peter Jansen as educational councillor, and discussions have been initiated about the continuation and the format of this very generous collaboration. We hope to be able to repeat and expand the success at the next EASL International Liver Congress in 2012 in Barcelona.

Beside the joint symposium there was also an EASL Hepatic Encephalopathy event on Sunday April 3. Juan Cordoba and Jasmohan Bajaj of ISHEN drew a good audience on the in- and outpatient clinical handling of HE.

## HE Guidelines

The first result of the Val David working groups is already published: E-pub 2011 Feb. 9, J Bajaj et al.

The report on nutrition is closing.

EASL is preparing clinical guidelines together with AASLD. ISHEN is trying to get a hand in this procedure.