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Symposium Spotlight:

Assessment of Iron Status

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This symposium should be essential for all delegates given iron's role in maintaining human health as well as disorders such as haemochromatosis and anaemia. New regulatory mechanisms and biomarkers have extended our knowledge over the last few years.

Professor Dorine Swinkels, Nijmegen, Netherlands, specialises in the identification of novel factors that affect dysregulation of iron homeostasis and their translation into novel diagnostic assays that help guide therapeutic strategies in the clinic. Her topic at EuroLabFocus is hepcidin: discovered in 2000 and now recognised as the principal regulator of iron transport across the gut, it has key roles in the development of iron deficiency anaemia and juvenile haemochromatosis as well as having antifungal and bactericidal functions.



Professor Dorine Swinkels

Professor Pierre Brissot heads the National Reference Center for Rare Genetic Iron Overload Diseases at Pontchaillou University Hospital, Rennes (France). His specialist subject is iron overload. He is followed by Professor Lothar Thomas from Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany, who takes the opposite theme: the laboratory role in the differential diagnosis and therapy of functional iron deficiency, a curse for many with cancer and long term conditions.



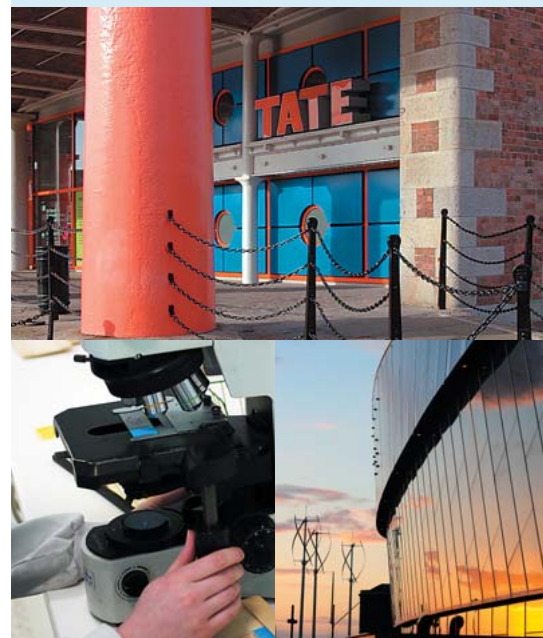
Professor Kari Punnonen

Professor Kari Punnonen from Kuopio University, Finland will round off the symposium with his views on soluble transferrin receptor. Can this biomarker live up to its early promise as a more stable indicator of body iron levels compared to ferritin, an acute phase reactant?

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