



*Dear Colleagues,*

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is an honor for me to invite you to the crossroads of Europe and Asia, amazing Azerbaijan!

As Delta problem moved from the shadow up on the stage, becoming one of the most crucial disease in Hepatology area, our STC 2019 is dedicated to hepatitis D, for the first time in the history of APASL STC topics. As hepatitis Delta occurs only with HBV infection, we will discuss hepatitis B, its epidemiology, work-up, current treatment and new horizons in the developing pharmaceutical agents. The scientific program will include the topics presented by the best speakers and the experts in Delta and B hepatitis.

This conference is a good chance to meet and interact with leading clinical professionals and researches and to obtain latest information for hepatologists.

We encourage the submission of abstracts, on research for oral and poster presentations through the conference website: [www.apaslstc2019.com](http://www.apaslstc2019.com)

Along with the informative and productive scientific program, we are delighted to introduce you the cultural heritage of ancient and modern Azerbaijan, its fusion of the past and the future. Our region is located on the way of Ancient Silk Way and is a homeland of the fire-worshippers, thus it might be interesting for the guests from India, Near and Far East.

Be sure that Azerbaijan will amaze you with its beautiful nature, tasty cuisine and hospitable people.

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