From Research to Therapy in Liver Tumors
Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the First International Symposium on Pediatric Solid Tumors, which focuses on liver tumors. Hepatoblastoma and Hepatocellular Carcinoma are the most common primary malignant hepatic neoplasms in children. Recent improvements in the outcome of these malignancies have been achieved in multicenter studies mainly through advanced chemotherapy strategies. However, there exist unsolved clinical problems such as advanced, multifocal, and metastatic tumors. Although we know some reasons that are responsible for the limited outcomes, many phenomena are yet unclear. Treatment results of patients in the respective groups could not be improved over the last decade and consecutively, intensive clinical and basic research are playing a key role in this special field.

On this symposium we will hear about the latest developments in understanding the biology of solid liver tumors, new modalities of chemotherapy regimens, present surgical approaches in extended liver tumors, additional treatment options, and basic science in liver oncology. Excellent guest speakers will inform the audience on those developments and will certainly entertain and stimulate the discussions.

Tübingen is known as comprehensive center for medical care, research and professional teaching. We would like to invite you to Tübingen in July 2005 and we hope that we will share exciting two days spent in a stimulating scientific and social atmosphere.

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