Rome WGO Training Center
Director: Prof. Guido Costamagna

TRAINEE COURSES

Over 130 trainees have successfully completed the short or long training courses in our Unit since early 1992 which has included participants from all over the world, especially Italy, India, USA and Japan.

The aim of the education program is to focus on practical training. The large number of procedures carried out by Prof. G. Costamagna’s staff provides the opportunity for personalizing the program, especially given the possibility of training on computerized Olympus Simulators and practicing various endoscopic procedures on EASIE models.

Additionally we provide the Advanced Endoscopy Intensive Course with Tutor, a week long program during which the trainee follows all the procedures and has personalized theory lessons with his/her Tutor.

The WGO Training Center offers lodgings in our three bedrooms apartment located just near the Gemelli Hospital, kindly sponsored by Cook Endoscopy.

The Training Centre’s major goals are to:

- Provide a practical and theoretical training process in advanced endoscopic techniques,
- Promote the implementation and diffusion of up-dated guidelines,
- Support the knowledge and promotion of modern endoscopic techniques through hands-on training on isolated organs and/or electronic simulators,
- Promote reaching diagnostic and therapeutic algorithms of the main endoscopic pathologies on the basis of evidence-based medicine by taking part in live demonstrations carried out by experts and broadcasted from the Endoscopy Unit,
- Promote comparison of various techniques and devices,
- Promote comparison of different experiences through interactive discussions with experts,
- Support mutual exchange and optimisation of digestive endoscopy activities in terms of planning and management, by comparing different methods of organisation of local units.
FUTURE COURSES

- Hands-on Advanced Course on Polipectomy and Mucosectomy Endoscopy,
- Hands-on Advanced Course on Enteroscopy,
- Hands-on Advanced Course on Biliopancreatic Endoscopy,
- Hands-on Advanced Course on Videocapsule Endoscopy organized for Given Imaging,
- Barrx Academia Training Program,
- Hands-on Advanced Course on GI bleeding,
- Hands-on Advanced Course on Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS),
- Courses for Nurses:
  - Hands-on Advanced Course on Polipectomy and Mucosectomy Endoscopy,
  - Hands-on Advanced Course on Biliopancreatic Endoscopy,
  - Hands-on Advanced Course on GI vascular bleeding,
  - Hands-on Advanced Course on GI no vascular bleeding.

All the courses are organized at the European Endoscopy Training Centre (EETC), Gemelli Hospital, Rome, Italy.

The EETC is the first structure in Europe to be exclusively dedicated to training in Digestive Endoscopy and one of the first in the world to have been purposely designed as such. It has already been recognised as an Official Training Centre by the European Society of Digestive Endoscopy (ESGE) and from the World Organisation in Gastroenterology and Endoscopy (WGO-WEO).

The courses cover a wide range of clinical and technical issues:

- Endoscopic treatment of upper-GI bleeding,
- Endoscopic treatment of Reflux Disease,
- Polipectomy and mucosectomy of the oesophagus, stomach and colon,
- Biliopancreatic therapeutic endoscopy,
- Endotherapy of the colon,
- Endotherapy of the oesophagus,
- Small bowel diagnosis and therapy through traditional endoscopy and videocapsule endoscopy,
- Therapeutic Diagnostic Endoscopy of the small bowel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
• We are really pleased to inform that the annual “XIV European Workshop on Therapeutic Digestive Endoscopy and Radiology – Live Video Demonstrations” will take place in our Unit on 12th-13th April 2012.

• One place will be considered booked each year for a WGO member whom would like to apply to our Training Period.