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OCTOBER 13–18
ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER
ORLANDO, FLORIDA, USA

LOOK INSIDE! MORE ABOUT THE MEETING and WHAT TO DO AND SEE in Orlando.
LEARN. CONNECT. EXPLORE. ENJOY!
Join colleagues from across the Americas and around the world at the World Congress of Gastroenterology (WCOG) at ACG2017. WCOG returns to the USA after more than 20 years, and beautiful Orlando, Florida, is our host city. The theme-park capital of the world, you’ll find numerous family-friendly activities in the area.

GETTING TO ORLANDO
Getting to Orlando is easy. The Orlando International Airport has 800 flights per day and is serviced by 40 airlines. It offers non-stop service to 34 international destinations, including Bogota, Santiago, San Salvador, Rio de Janeiro, Mexico City, Frankfurt, London, Dublin, Glasgow, and more.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS
Attendees of the World Congress at ACG 2017 can plan their visit to Florida via visitflorida.com. In addition to English, the site is available in Deutsch, Espanol, Francais, Portgues, and Chinese.
Attendees of the World Congress at ACG2017 will find much to do and see in the Orlando, Florida area.

Orlando is home to Walt Disney World®, Epcot®, Universal Studios Florida®, SeaWorld® Orlando, and more. In addition to theme parks, visitors to Orlando will find a number of outdoor and sports attractions, as well as art museums and shopping.

**WALT DISNEY WORLD®**

Walt Disney World is just a short drive from the Orange County Convention Center and area hotels. Attendees can enjoy a wide variety of attractions at Walt Disney World’s four theme parks: Magic Kingdom®, Disney’s Animal Kingdom®, Epcot®, and Disney’s Hollywood Studios, plus two water parks, Disney’s Typhoon Lagoon and Disney’s Blizzard Beach. Whether you are a Disney movie fan or not, you can’t help but smile seeing the many movie characters that have made millions of people laugh for decades. New at Disney is Disney Springs, where you can enjoy shopping, dining and entertainment with your family.

Here are just a few of the highlights of each of the Walt Disney World Theme Parks. Each park includes rides and attractions.

**Magic Kingdom®**
- Cinderella’s Castle
- Enchanted Tales with Belle
- Meet Merida at Fairytale Garden

**Disney’s Hollywood Studios**
- Star Wars Launch Bay
- Star Wars - Path of the Jedi
- Jedi Training: Trials of the Temple
- Toy Story Mania
- For the First Time in Forever: A Frozen Sing-Along Celebration

**Epcot**
- 11 country pavilions Mexico, Norway, China, Germany, Italy, Japan, Morocco, France, United Kingdom, Canada, and the U.S.A.
- Meet Frozen characters at Royal Sommerhus
- Jeweled Dragon Acrobats
- Mission: SPACE
- The Seas with Nemo and Friends

**Disney’s Animal Kingdom**
- Dino-Sue
- Discovery Island Trails
- Conservation Station
- Humunga Kowabunga
- Kilimanjaro Safaris
SEA WORLD®

Even though Orlando is miles from ocean waters, you can still explore the greatest creatures of the sea with a visit to SeaWorld®. Popular rides and attractions include Dolphin Cove and the Dolphins Up-Close Tour, Antartica: Empire of the Penguin®, Shark Encounter®, and Shamu® Underwater Viewing. Plus, learn about SeaWorld's efforts in animal care and rescue, as well as conservation.

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER

No theme park can beat the thrill of the Kennedy Space Center. This is NASA's launch headquarters, and all NASA human space flights have taken place from the Kennedy Space Center since 1968. It’s about an hour’s drive from Orlando, so visit the Kennedy Space Center and take a tour to get an up-close view of the launch pad, the launch control center, the vehicle assembly building, and a history of Cape Canaveral, past and present.

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS FLORIDA® AND UNIVERSAL’S ISLANDS OF ADVENTURE®

Ever dream that you could experience all the action you see in your favorite movie or TV show? You can when you visit Universal Orlando®, the number one movie and TV-based theme park in the world. Fans can enjoy such rides and attractions as Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringotts®, Despicable Me Minion Mayhem, E.T. Adventure®, Shrek 4-D, The Simpsons Ride, Terminator 2™: 3-D, Transformers: The Ride-3D, and more. In addition, there are more than 50 dining options, including character dining. At Universal’s Islands of Adventure®, you’ll find the newest attraction, Skull Island, plus Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey, Jurassic Park River Adventure®, The Incredible Hulk Coaster®, The Amazing Adventures of Spider Man®, and more.

MORE OF WHAT TO DO AND SEE IN ORLANDO

If a theme park isn’t the adventure you seek, no problem. Orlando offers numerous art museums, shopping excursions, outdoor adventures, and of course, golf. There are more than 170 golf courses within an hour’s distance from Orlando to choose from.
If you are looking for attractions within driving distance of Orlando, you can also visit CENTRAL FLORIDA locations such as Daytona Beach, home of the Daytona International Speedway, which is approximately 50 miles away. A little farther, at approximately 100 miles, but still a short driving distance, is St. Augustine, Florida; one of the oldest and most historic cities of Florida. Founded in 1565, St. Augustine is the start of the Old Spanish Trail Transcontinental Highway, which connects Old Spanish colonial towns across the U.S. If all you want to do is hit the beach, within approximately 60 miles driving distance from Orlando are the beaches of Space Coast, home of the Kennedy Space Center. Beaches on Space Coast include Cocoa Beach, Melbourne Beaches, Palm Bay and Titusville.

Other regions of Florida include Northwest Florida, Northeast Florida, Southeast Florida, and Southwest Florida.
NORTHEAST FLORIDA

Back on the Atlantic side of Florida, popular destinations include Jacksonville and Gainesville. Jacksonville is the first major city as you enter Florida from the North. In addition to enjoying numerous beaches, Jacksonville also offers the Intercoastal Waterway, as well as a number of marshes and lakes to explore. Gainesville, Florida, is inland and about a 90 minute drive from Orlando or Jacksonville. It offers numerous outdoor activities on one of the many lakes and rivers in the region.

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

Located in Southeast Florida are popular cities like Miami, Key Largo, West Palm Beach, and the Florida Keys. Approximately 250 miles from Orlando, you can take a quick flight from Orlando to Miami to enjoy Miami’s dynamic nightlife. From Miami, rent a car and drive down Highway 1 to visit the Florida Keys. Vast ocean waters surrounding the Keys make Florida one of the top fishing destinations in the world. Your trip down Highway 1 ends in Key West, the Southernmost point in the continental U.S. If you want to explore the Everglades National Park, you’ll find it south of Miami. In the Everglades, you can find camping, hiking and canoeing trails, ranger-guided programs and bird watching.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Want to explore the Gulf side of Florida? Drive west from Orlando to Tampa, St. Petersburg, or farther south to Ft. Myers or Naples. You’ll find numerous beaches along Southwest Florida’s coast, many of which are considered some of the finest in the U.S. The Tampa/St. Petersburg area is within driving distance, at 106 miles. Explore Florida’s Southwest region by car and drive down the coast to Naples, which is approximately 200 miles from Orlando.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA

The panhandle of Florida and on the Gulf side, Northwest Florida includes destinations such as Pensacola, Tallahassee and Panama City. Also referred to as the Emerald Coast, Northwest Florida features numerous beaches and resorts.
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COLLABORATE AND ENGAGE at the WORLD CONGRESS of GASTROENTEROLOGY @ACG2017

CLINICAL UPDATES delivered by international and U.S. experts

CONNECT WITH COLLEAGUES from the Americas and around the world

DISCUSS GLOBAL HEALTH ISSUES and ways to work together to improve outcomes

HONE YOUR TECHNICAL SKILLS at hands-on endoscopy sessions
# Preliminary Agenda

## Friday, October 13
- 7:00 am - 12:30 pm: Pathophysiology Course
- 7:00 am - 4:30 pm: Practice Management Course
- 7:30 am - 3:30 pm: Endoscopy Course
- 1:45 pm - 5:00 pm: What's New in GI Pharmacology Course

## Saturday, October 14
- 7:50 am - 5:00 pm: Postgraduate Course
- 10:00 am - 10:30 am: ACG’s David Sun Lecture
- 12:20 pm - 1:35 pm: Optional Learning Luncheons (pre-registration and ticket required)
- 5:15 pm - 7:00 pm: GI Jeopardy - See GI Fellows compete for the Jeopardy Cup!

## Sunday, October 15
- 7:50 am - 5:00 pm: Postgraduate Course
- 12:20 pm - 1:35 pm: Optional Learning Luncheons (pre-registration and ticket required)
- 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm: Hands-on Endoscopy Workshop Center
- 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm: Scientific Poster Sessions
- 5:15 pm - 7:00 pm: Opening Welcome Reception

## Monday, October 16
- 6:30 am - 7:45 am: Optional Breakfast Sessions (pre-registration and ticket required)
- 8:00 am - 9:00 am: Presidential Plenary Session 1 - Free Paper/Abstract Presentations
- 9:00 am - 9:30 am: ACG’s Presidential Address
- 9:30 am - 10:30 am: Presidential Plenary Session 2 - Free Paper/Abstract Presentations
- 10:00 am - 4:30 pm: Exhibit Hall Open
- 10:30 am - 11:30 am: Break - Visit the Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters
- 11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Simultaneous Symposia 1
- 12:45 pm - 2:15 pm: Lunch Break - Visit the Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters
- 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm: WGO’s Presidential Address
- 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm: WGO’s Bockus Lecture
- 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm: Break - Visit the Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters
- 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm: Simultaneous Plenary 1 - Free Paper/Abstract Presentations
- 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm: Simultaneous Symposia 2

## Tuesday, October 17
- 6:45 am - 8:15 am: Optional Breakfast Sessions (pre-registration and ticket required)
- 8:30 am - 10:00 am: Simultaneous Plenary Session 2 - Free Paper/Abstract Presentations
- 10:10 am - 10:45 am: ACG’s J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecture
- 10:30 am - 5:00 pm: Exhibit Hall Open
- 10:45 am - 11:45 am: Break - Visit the Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters
- 11:45 am - 1:00 pm: Simultaneous Symposia 3
- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm: Lunch Break - Visit the Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters
- 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm: Simultaneous Plenary Session 3 - Free Paper/Abstract Presentations
- 3:40 pm - 4:10 pm: ACG’s Emily Couric Memorial Lecture
- 3:40 pm - 4:10 pm: WGO’s Brohee Lecture
- 4:10 pm - 5:00 pm: Break - Visit the Exhibit Hall and Browse Scientific Posters
- 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm: Simultaneous Symposia 4

## Wednesday, October 18
- 6:45 am - 8:15 am: Optional Breakfast Sessions (pre-registration and ticket required)
- 8:30 am - 10:15 am: Simultaneous Plenary Session 4 - Free Paper/Abstract Presentations
- 10:20 am - 10:55 am: ACG’s David Y. Graham Lecture
- 11:00 am - 12:15 pm: Simultaneous Symposia 5

*Times subject to change*
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As always, optional full-day and half-day Friday courses such as Pharmacology, Pathophysiology, Practice Management, and Endoscopy will be offered.
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