In this issue

Dr. Richard N. Fedorak, 1955-2018

Richard Hunt, FRCP, FRCPEd, FRCP(C), AGAF, MACG, MWGO

World Digestive Health Day 2018 in Odisha, India
Shivaram Prasad Singh, MBBS, MD, DM, FSGEI, FACD, FRCP (Edin)

A Celebration of Gastro 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand

Varocha Mahachai, MD, FRCPC, FACG, AGAF
David Bjorkman, MD, MSPH SM, FACG
Co-chairs of the Gastro 2018 Joint Steering Committee

Teerha Piratvisuth, MD
Carolina Olano, MD
Co-Chairs of the Gastro 2018 Scientific Program Committee

More than 1,300 gastroenterologists and other health care professionals from 64 countries around the world convened at the Shangri-La Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand for Gastro 2018 from 5 – 8 December 2018. The theme of the meeting was “Global Perspective in Gastroenterology,” and reviewed the latest scientific advances in gastrointestinal research, treatment of digestive diseases and clinical practice management.

Gastro 2018 was jointly organized by WGO and the Gastroenterological Association of Thailand (GAT), together with the Thai Association for the Study of the Liver (THASL), the Thai Neurogastroenterology and Motility Society (TNMS) and the Thai Association for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (TAGE). WGO was proud to be back 16 years after holding the World Congress of Gastroenterology in Bangkok in 2002. In addition to the World Congress of Gastroenterology held every two years, the WGO is collaborating with its member societies to host joint meetings in between World Congresses.

This conference was more than a national or regional effort, but indeed had a truly global program...

On behalf of the Joint Steering Committee: Co-Chairs, Varocha Mahachai and David Bjorkman, and members, Chomsi Kositchaiwat, Somchai Leelakusolvong, Naima Amrani and Cihan Yurdaydin as well as the Joint Scientific Program Committee: Co-chairs, Teerha Piratvisuth and Carolina Olano, and members Tawesak Tanwandee, Pises Pisespongsa, Joost Drewnth and Geoffrey Metz, WGO along with GAT, THASL, TNMS and TAGE, are honored to have co-hosted this outstanding conference. Thanks also to the Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology (APAGE) for their endorsement of the meeting.

Continued on page 4
Gastro 2018

A Celebration of Gastro 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand 1
Varocha Mahachai, MD, FRCP, FACC, AGAF
David Bjorkman, MD, MSPH SM, FACC
Teerha Piratvisuth, MD
Carolina Olano, MD

Message from the Editors

5

WDHD News

Thank You for Supporting World Digestive Health Day 2018 8

World Digestive Health Day 2018 in Odisha, India 9
Shivaram Prasad Singh, MBBS, MD, DM, FSGEI, FACC, FRCP (Edin)

World Digestive Health Day 2018 in Malaysia 11

WDHD 2018 in Portugal: Gastroenterologists put Hepatitis C on the Agenda of Politicians 12
Guilherme Macedo

WGO & WGOF News

Dr. Richard N. Fedorak, 1955-2018 13
Richard Hunt, FRCP, FRCPed, FCP(C), AGAF, MACG, MWGO

Train the Trainers in Romania 15

Microbiota Hard Talks 16

Pan-American Digestive Disease Week in Brazil 16

The 18th Congress of Gastroenterology China 17

Indonesian Digestive Disease Week (IDDW) 2018 18

Malaysian GUT 2018 and Clinical Meetings 19

Nigeria Marks World Hepatitis Day 20
Dr. Olusegun Isaac Alatise
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>60th Anniversary Scientific Symposium of the Romanian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (SRGH)</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>'Microbiota Hard Talks - Live from Texas Medical Center' Continues to Attract Large Numbers of Viewers</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WGO Exhibits Around the Globe in 2019</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>WGO Global Guidelines</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WGO Guidelines AND Cascades News</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Calendar of Events</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calendar of Events</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The speakers, delegates, sponsors, and all other attendees received a warm welcome and took advantage of the many networking opportunities with leaders in the field. The conference provided four days of academic and practical excellence, showcasing a wide selection of quality research and clinical contributions. As one participant stated, “It is the “City of Smiles” here in Bangkok and people are just so friendly. And everything has run like clockwork.” Another concurred, “The conference has done quite a bit of justice with a wide field of presenters. The lectures were excellent.”

This conference was more than a national or regional effort, but indeed had a truly global program. It drew experts from all over the world to participate, with over 63 international experts complementing local faculty, presenting a program with numerous concurrent sessions each day. The joint effort of all the organizing societies produced an outstanding program for all participants and attendees. New research was presented and summaries of our current knowledge was provided from top experts in the field. This was an opportunity to learn the latest advances and state of the art in our discipline as well as interact with colleagues in Thailand and from all over the world.

The Scientific Program Committee brought together internationally recognized experts and rising stars in the field. The program delivered the latest clinical updates in gastroenterology and hepatology, plus discussion of what is on the horizon that may be impactful. Abstract submission was notable, highlighted by over 223 posters from 174 authors.

Highlights of the program included the Postgraduate Course: “Effective Management Strategies in GI and Liver Diseases.” Also, to conclude the conference, there was a special WGO session, chaired by David Bjorkman and Sathaporn Manatsathit and led by members of WGO’s leadership team. This focused on Training Centers (Naima Amrani), Train the Trainers (Guilherme Macedo), Global Guidelines and Cascades (Greger Lindberg) and the WGO Foundation (David Bjorkman). These programs are at the core of WGO’s mission and vision and exemplify the four WGO pillars: “Train. Educate. Advocate. Inform.”

The WGO Global Guidelines were also incorporated throughout the Scientific Program, thus highlighting their relevance to a broad clinical audience. The WGO global guidelines presented at Gastro 2018 were: Celiac Disease (Carolina Olano), NAFLD and NASH (Khean-Lee Goh), and IBS (David Bjorkman).

The Exhibition Hall, where the host societies had booths highlighting their many programs, offered delegates a showcase of products, services, and expertise from sponsors and exhibitors from around the world.

Gastro 2018 Co-Chair, Varocha Mahachai, stated, “The Congress would not have been so successful without my friends and colleagues from around the world, and the trade support as well. We trust this meeting has provided a platform for us to make new friends and bring back the old ties. Thank you again for your support.”

Gastro 2018 Co-Chair, Varocha Mahachai, stated, “The Congress would not have been so successful without my friends and colleagues from around the world, and the trade support as well. We trust this meeting has provided a platform for us to make new friends and bring back the old ties. Thank you again for your support.”

We too hope all attendees had the opportunity to connect with your colleagues from Thailand, the rest of the Asia-Pacific and the entire world. We cordially invite you to attend the upcoming World Congress of Gastroenterology which will take place from 21 - 24 September 2019 in Istanbul, Turkey!
Message from the Editors

We welcome the new year, but with the sad news of Dr. Richard Fedorak’s death. Please read the obituary; even if you did not know him, we know that his impact will remain.

On a more positive note, the meeting in Thailand was a huge success, with excellent attendance and programming.

It is time to plan for World Digestive Health Day (WDHD) for this year. The focus of WDHD 2019 is Early Diagnosis and Treatment of GI Cancer. Please consider organizing events to advocate for and raise awareness of the early diagnosis and treatment of GI cancers throughout 2019. The campaign this year is led by WDHD 2019 Co-Chairs, Dr. Kentaro Sugano of Japan and Dr. Joseph Sung of Hong Kong, along with the WDHD 2019 Steering Committee.

For ideas you may want to look at the very successful program last year, when WDHD on May 29 was focused on raising awareness of Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C. There were 17 celebrations in 12 countries, as well as blogs and infographics. This issue has summaries from events in India, Malaysia and Portugal.

Finally, please help us by giving feedback on the relevant resources for 2018. Please take 10 minutes to fill out the survey, even if you didn’t celebrate WDHD. Your input will be most helpful.

Survey: (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wdhd2018

As always, feedback and comments are welcome.

Chris and Mario.
We would like to invite you to attend the World Congress of Gastroenterology, where the continents will meet in Istanbul, Turkey from 21 - 24 September 2019. This congress is being organized jointly by the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) and Turkish Society of Gastroenterology (TSG).

Istanbul, the only city in the world built on two continents, has a strategic setting forming the city’s destiny as an imperial capital for nearly 1600 years, for Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman Empires. This metropolis proud of its rich history and unequalled natural beauty offers a friendly welcome and genuine hospitality. It will be hard to imagine a more historic part of the world as a focal point for the World Congress! Some of the most fascinating history will unfold before your eyes, as you visit this magnificent city.

Recent years have seen dramatic developments in the clinical investigation of digestive function. In relation with those developments, the World Congress of Gastroenterology 2019 will include keynote presentations, oral presentations, poster presentations, and exhibitions from leaders in the field!

We look forward to welcoming you to this excellent meeting in September.

Registration and housing is now open! Please visit the World Congress website at wcog2019.org for more information.
World Digestive Health Day (WDHD) 2019

Early Diagnosis and Treatment of GI Cancer

The focus of WDHD 2019 is Early Diagnosis and Treatment of GI Cancer. WGO and The WGO Foundation (WGOF) invite all WGO Member Societies, WGO Training Centers, Regional Affiliate Associations, and other global partners to organize events to advocate for and raise awareness of the early diagnosis and treatment of GI Cancers throughout 2019. The campaign this year is led by WDHD 2019 Co-Chairs, Dr. Kentarō Sugano of Japan and Dr. Joseph Sung of Hong Kong, along with the WDHD 2019 Steering Committee who will provide a wealth of expertise to this topic. To meet the Steering Committee, please visit www.worldgastroenterology.org/wgo-foundation/wdhd/wdhd-2019/meet-the-steering-committee.

We invite you to submit your WDHD 2019 related events for listing on the WDHD 2019 Events and Success Stories webpage at www.worldgastroenterology.org/wgo-foundation/wdhd/wdhd-2019/events-and-success-stories-2019. Some events may also be featured in e-WGN, the official newsletter of WGO. To read the latest issue of e-WGN, please visit www.worldgastroenterology.org/publications/e-wgn.

Additionally, we encourage you to join the GI cancer conversation on social media and show your support for WDHD 2019 by tagging WGO on Facebook (World Digestive Health Day—WDHD) and Twitter (@WGOF_WDHD). Be sure to include #WDHD2019 in your post. Please visit www.worldgastroenterology.org/about-wgo/media-center/social-media to view our social media feeds.

For more information about WDHD 2019, to obtain the WDHD 2019 logo, or to access resources, visit http://www.worldgastroenterology.org/wgo-foundation/wdhd/wdhd-2019.

Thank you for supporting WGO and WGOF in promoting global GI health.
Thank You for Supporting World Digestive Health Day 2018

Viral Hepatitis, B and C: Lift the Global Burden

On behalf of the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) and The WGO Foundation (WGOF) the leadership extends their thanks and appreciation to all partners and supporters who joined us on World Digestive Health Day (WDHD), 29 May 2018, in advocating and raising awareness of viral hepatitis B and C. WDHD 2018 witnessed 17 celebrations in 12 countries as well as blog postings and infographics in others. We are pleased to include summary articles from WDHD 2018 celebrations in India, Malaysia and Portugal in this issue of e-WGN.

To maintain a high level of participation and to provide the most relevant resources for WDHD, WGO needs your feedback. We kindly ask that you take 10 minutes to complete the 2018 survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wdhd2018) even if you did not celebrate WDHD this past year. Your responses will help direct the next WDHD Steering Committee as they develop tools and resources for use in promoting the early diagnosis and treatment of GI cancer throughout 2019 and beyond.

To access new tools, resources, highlights, and happenings of WDHD 2018 please continue to visit: www.worldgastroenterology.org/wgo-foundation/wdhd/wdhd-2018.

Together we can increase awareness of the optimal care of gastrointestinal and liver disorders worldwide. WGO and WGOF greatly value your support of World Digestive Health Day and helping to ensure its continued success.
World Digestive Health Day 2018 in Odisha, India

Shivaram Prasad Singh, MBBS, MD, DM, FSGEI, FACG, FRCP (Edin)
Department of Gastroenterology
S.C.B. Medical College, Odisha, India

This day was of special significance to gastroenterology in Odisha, because on this day was also founded the Odisha chapter of the ISG...

The World Digestive Health Day (WDHD) 2018 ceremony was organized jointly by the Kalinga Gastroenterology Foundation (KGF) of Odisha, the Department of Gastroenterology, S.C.B. Medical College, Cuttack and the Odisha Chapter of Indian Society of Gastroenterology (ISG). It was held at the Mayfair Hotel in Bhubaneswar. The program was attended by about 200 physicians, internists and gastroenterologists of the state. At the outset, Prof. Shivaram Prasad Singh spoke about the history of the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO), and how the birthday of WGO was being celebrated aptly as the World Digestive Health Day (WDHD). He also spoke how this day was of special significance to gastroenterology in Odisha, because on this day was also founded the Odisha chapter of the ISG, plus the website for educating the people in the native Odia language was also launched on 19 May 2007.

Prof. Singh explained the objectives of WGO:
- To contribute on a global scale to the study and progress of gastroenterology;
- To maintain active contact with all organizations interested in gastroenterology and allied fields;
- To encourage and support cooperative research, particularly in relation to the epidemiologic study of gastrointestinal diseases;
- To consider the study of future plans for the development of education & training in gastroenterology.

He also spoke how the Kalinga Gastroenterology Foundation played an important role in observing WDHD every year in Odisha since 2007. This was the twelfth consecutive year that KGF was organizing WDHD in Bhubaneswar. Prof. Singh also read out the message from Dr. Yun-Fan Liaw and Dr. Brian McMahon, the Co-Chairs of WDHD 2018 culminating in the words: “Through the WDHD 2018 campaign, the WGO looks forward to helping to provide a better understanding and recognition of Viral Hepatitis, B and C, as a global burden. Please join us in ensuring its success.”
The WDHD 2018 program was inaugurated by Prof. Subrat Kumar Acharya, Pro Chancellor of KITTS University, Bhubaneswar by lighting the inaugural lamp, in keeping with the Indian tradition. Prof. Acharya, who was formerly President the ISG, spoke about the importance of organizing such programs and lauded the efforts of the KGF for organizing these events continuously for over a decade. Dr. K. N. Panda, the Secretary of the ISG Odisha Chapter welcomed the delegates and thanked Prof. Singh for consistently conducting various educational programs in the region for over two decades. This was followed by a brief introduction on the burden of viral hepatitis, especially B and C, by the Guest of Honor, Prof. Y. K. Chawla, Chairman of Academics, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar and Past President, Indian National Association for Study of the Liver (INASL).

A symposium entitled “Management of Hepatitis B and C in India” was the highlight of the WDHD 2018. The introductory lecture of the symposium was delivered by Prof C.E. Eapen, Professor and Head of the Department of Gastrointestinal Sciences, Christian Medical College in Vellore. He spoke on the “Management of Chronic Hepatitis B,” and the various practical issues which arise. He discussed various problems of management including fulminant hepatic failure due to HBV infection during pregnancy, management of needlestick injury, and management of HBV reactivation during chemotherapy.

This was followed by an interactive session on “Management of Chronic Hepatitis C” moderated by Dr. Ashok Choudhary from the Department of Hepatology at the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) in New Delhi. He discussed with the young gastroenterology residents the various intricate scenarios associated with management of Chronic Hepatitis C.

This was followed by a panel discussion on “Management of Hepatitis B and C” with the following panelists: Prof. S.K. Acharya, Prof C.E. Eapen, Dr. Ashok Choudhary and Prof. Y. K. Chawla. The panel stressed the need for developing our own strategies for prevention and treatment of chronic hepatitis B and C, keeping in mind the resource constraints that the health care delivery system of India has to struggle with. There was a free interaction on management issues between the panelists and the delegates attending the meeting.

The symposium ended with a vote of thanks which was offered by Prof. Manoj Kumar Sahu of SUM Hospital, Bhubaneswar.
World Digestive Health Day 2018 in Malaysia

GUT 2018 – Annual Scientific Meeting
The Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology held their Annual Scientific Meeting with the theme “Eliminate Hepatitis Fight Cancers,” in line with the World Digestive Health Day 2018. It was held on 13th to 15th July 2018 at the G Hotel in Penang, Malaysia. A total of fifteen overseas faculty, assisted by local doctors, anchored the scientific program. The program included three symposia related to viral hepatitis which were “Treatment of Hepatitis B in 2018,” “HCV treatment with EBR/GZR: From Evidence to Clinical Practice,” “Eradicating Hepatitis C” and other related topics like “Liver Cancer” and a Meet-The-Expert Breakfast Session on “Enhancing Patient Care With Fibroscan.”

MSGH Clinical Meetings
The Society also held two Clinical Meetings in 2018. The focus at both these meetings was on Hepatitis C and the topics were “Viral Hepatitis - The present and future”, “My Approach to Management of Chronic Hepatitis C”, “Chronic Hepatitis C in Special Populations,” “What Can Primary Care Offer in Managing Chronic Hepatitis C” and two sessions of case discussions.
1. 7 January 2018 at the Dermatology Auditorium, Hospital Kuala Lumpur;
2. 22 September 2018 at Clinical Research Centre Auditorium, Hospital Umum Sarawak, Kuching, Sarawak attended by 97 healthcare workers
WDHD 2018 in Portugal: Gastroenterologists put Hepatitis C on the Agenda of Politicians

Guilherme Macedo
Treasurer, World Gastroenterology Organisation
Porto, Portugal

On 14 June 2018 the Sociedade Portuguesa de Gastroenterologia held a conference “Elimination of Hepatitis C in Portugal: Challenges for the Present and the Future” at Assembly of the Republic (which functions as the parliament of Portugal). The objective of the event was to inform the political class about this disease that affects around 70,000 people in the country.

This World Digestive Health Day conference was planned by Prof. Guilherme Macedo and its participants included medical experts, politicians, community organizers and activists. Click here to see an interview with Prof. Macedo as well as highlights from the meeting: https://youtu.be/cyfCaBgVg0.

The location of the Assembly was not chosen by chance. In an interview with News Farma, Prof. Macedo said they wanted to formally “put the subject on the agenda of politicians.” He pointed out that “as long as it is a marginal issue of concern to the political class, we will never get to the final stage to achieve the elimination of Hepatitis C.” Now expectations are higher because “…although the parties would have different options, there is a common motivation to combat this problem.”

Additionally the conference held a discussion panel with experts Drs. João Marques Gomes (New School of Business and Economics), Rui Tato Marinho (Hospital Center Lisboa Norte), Gonçalo Lobo (Abraço) and Isabel Aldir (Directorate General for Health). That was followed with a roundtable with parliamentary groups, represented by all the parties in the Assembly. Professor Maria do Céu Machado, president of Infarmed, presented the closing session.

Dr. Richard N. Fedorak, 1955-2018

Canadian gastroenterology and the World Gastroenterology Organisation lost an outstanding academic leader, clinician, researcher and teacher when Richard Fedorak passed away on 8 November 2018 in Edmonton.

Richard was born on 28 May 1955 in Edmonton, Alberta, the first of three sons of Walter and Ann Fedorak. A talented scholar, Richard was interested in the sciences from an early age and set his sights on medicine in high school. He graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Medical Science with Distinction in 1976 and his Medical Degree with First Class Honours in 1978. He took his internship at the University of Western Ontario followed by a medicine residency at the University of Toronto before he undertook a gastroenterology fellowship at the University of Chicago. This was followed by research fellowships at the University of Chicago and Columbia University in New York.

On returning to Edmonton in 1986, Richard joined the medical staff at the University of Alberta Hospital and Cross Cancer Institute and his remarkable medical career developed rapidly. He was promoted to Professor of Medicine in 1996 and served in key administrative roles including Division Director of Gastroenterology (1996-2006), Director of the Northern Alberta Clinical Trials and Research Centre (2005-2015), Associate Vice-President Research, University of Alberta (2010-2013), Interim Dean (2015-2016), and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry in October 2016.

During his time as Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology, Richard created the Allan H. Owen Endoscopy Suite at the University of Alberta Hospital and established the Zeidler Gastrointestinal Health Centre. This became a world-class clinical and research unit attracting outstanding gastroenterologists and scientists from around the world and taking the Division of Gastroenterology to one of the largest in Canada. Richard successfully obtained a $21 million research award to establish the Centre of Excellence in Gastrointestinal Inflammation and Immunity Research.

Outside of Edmonton, Richard went on to lead the successful Canadian bid for the 13th World Congress of Gastroenterology, held in Montreal in 2005, of which he was President. He was also Chair of the WGO Research Committee and among a busy agenda initiated the important Research Methodology Project.

Richard also served as President of the Canadian Digestive Health Foundation (CDHF) from 2007-2018, growing the organization and helping its website to become the go-to location for Canadian patients seeking advice on their digestive health. His infectious enthusiasm for the Ride Cycling Program and other fundraising challenges have attracted wide support for the CDHF.

Richard was an outstanding clinician with a sensitive and compassionate approach to his patients. He had a life-long interest in IBD and was a strong patient advocate who did all he could to achieve a normal life for his patients. His tireless approach to his work might find him rounding with in-patients late in the day or running...
Richard Fedorak, President of the 13th WCOG, Montreal 2005

Richard with Catherine Mulvale (Former Exec. Director of CDHF) at the Ride Program, Ontario 2016

Canada, London and Edinburgh. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. He has published more than 400 peer-reviewed manuscripts and book chapters and has received numerous awards, research fellowships and grants and held two patents in colonic-specific drug delivery and colorectal cancer diagnosis. He served on a number of national and international scientific advisory boards and organizations devoted to IBD.

On a personal note, Richard was a wonderful friend and colleague who I had the pleasure to know for more than 30 years, first when he was Secretary of the CAG during my Presidency. His extraordinary administrative skills, organization and support greatly enriched and enhanced my role. It was a pleasure to join him almost a decade later when Steve Collins and I had the honor to co-chair the Scientific Program Committee under Richard’s leadership for the World Congress of Gastroenterology in 2005 in Montreal. For the past 11 years we worked closely together after he became President of the CDHF. Richard possessed remarkable people skills and was a natural communicator, with a deep interest in patient, student, staff or colleague alike and was always generous with his time, making each feel the focus of his attention. He was supportive of all those working in his team and showed a life-time a loyalty for all those he worked with. He had a wonderful sense of humor, a twinkle in his eye and an infectious personality that created a can-do atmosphere for all those around him.

Richard was also a very private person who valued and protected his family above all else, ensuring that they came first and that we should understand and respect his wishes. At home Richard took great pleasure in life with his wife Karen and two children Kristin and Bryan and he especially valued time at their lakeside cottage. Richard was hugely supportive of Karen’s successful career as Chief Medical Officer of Health in Alberta, and encouraged Kristin and Bryan’s academic, musical and sporting activities enabling their evolution to successful independence.

Richard was an exceptional person, gifted with a superb intellect, drive and sense of purpose which was combined with remarkable leadership talents and a compassionate caring and considerate personality. For those fortunate enough to be influenced by Richard, he endowed us with confidence and a sense of commitment in our task. He was a wonderful friend, role model and global leader in our extended family of global gastroenterology and he has set the bar high for us all. The WGO joins me in sending our sincere condolences to Karen, Kristin and Bryan and the Fedorak family at this sad time.

Richard was an outstanding clinician with a sensitive and compassionate approach to his patients.
Train the Trainers in Romania

The 29th Train the Trainers (TTT) workshop will be held from 1 – 4 April 2019 in Bucharest, Romania. Organized by WGO in partnership with the Romanian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (SRGH), this four-day intensive and interactive workshop is characterized by numerous hands-on sessions with ample opportunity for discussion.

Developed by WGO in 2001, the Train the Trainers program concentrates on expanding the educational skills of educators in the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy, and GI surgery, who are responsible for teaching, through the use of current educational techniques and philosophies. It brings together faculty and participants from across the globe in an intensive and interactive workshop, characterized by numerous hands-on sessions with ample opportunity for discussion.

The application process is now closed for this TTT and we are looking forward to welcoming participants and faculty to Bucharest. Since TTT began over 1,000 educators from around the world have attended this unique program to hone their skills in adult education. TTT has now been organized in Spanish, Mandarin and French. Stay tuned as future dates and locations are being finalized.
Pan-American Digestive Disease Week in Brazil

The over 7,000 participants were able to access both congresses simultaneously.

The 2018 Pan-American Digestive Disease Week (Semana Panamericana de las Enfermedades Digestivas) took place from 17 – 20 November at the Transamérica Expo Center in São Paulo, Brazil. This event was held in conjunction with the XVII Semana Brasileira do Aparelho Digestivo. These two congresses were jointly organized by three national societies in Brazil: Federação Brasileira de Gastroenterologia (FBG), the Sociedade Brasileira de Endoscopia Digestiva (SOBED) and the Colégio Brasileiro de Cirurgia Digestiva (CBCD), as well as two regional associations: the Pan-American Gastroenterological Association (OPGE) and the Interamerican Society of Digestive Endoscopy (SIED). These organizations were led in this endeavor by their Presidents, respectively: Drs. Flavio Antonio Quilici, Flávio Hayato Ejima, Nicolau Gregori Czeckzo, Jose Roberto de Almeida and Júlio Carlos Pereira Lima.

The over 7,000 participants were able to access both congresses simultaneously. The two scientific programs were fully integrated with pre-congress courses, conferences, round tables, symposia and interactive sessions, as well as the presentation of oral and poster presentations, addressing all areas of gastroenterology and endoscopy.

The International Course on Diverticular Disease, the OPGE Postgraduate Course and the International Course on Microbiology were great successes. The rooms where they were held were filled with people who were interested in new education, taking advantage of a robust program of topics of real interest for the doctor in his/her daily routine of patient care. In addition to over 700 speakers from Brazil itself, over 100 speakers from other American countries also presented: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Panama, Peru, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela. This helped make the congresses truly “Pan-American”! Additionally, faculty came from Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The Hall of the Americas had a unique presentation, where representatives of the national societies across the Americas could demonstrate their scientific and cultural impact.

The congresses were also enhanced by the contributions of the American Gastroenterological Association, the American College of Gastroenter-
ology, and United European Gastroenterology, which presented the theme “The Best of The Best.” The Pan-American Congress for the Young Gastro had great attendance, through which the congresses brought together young professionals in gastroenterology representing the many countries of the Americas.

Pan-American Digestive Disease Week also marked the turning over of leadership of OPGE from the Brazilian team to their colleagues from Uruguay, including the new President, Eduardo Gutierrez Galiana, and Secretary General, Jose Pedro Ibargoyen.

In addition to over 700 speakers from Brazil itself, over 100 speakers from other American countries also presented...

The 18th Congress of Gastroenterology China

The 18th Congress of Gastroenterology China (CGC) was held from 27 – 29 September 2018 at the Dalian World Expo Center, Dalian, Liaoning, China. This congress was hosted by the Chinese Society of Gastroenterology.

We created comprehensive and educational scientific programs for CGC 2018, and brought together researchers and physicians in the fields of hepatology, gastroenterology, gastrointestinal surgery and endoscopy. The Congress was an amazing success and attracted 5,174 participants as well as 26,809 physicians who watched the Congress via internet. In total 2,957 abstracts were submitted to this Congress, and over 200 scholars delivered lectures in one main session and 13 parallel sessions.

We were very honored to have three members of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, the presidents of WGO, WEO, APAGE, APDWF, AGA, BSG, Editor-in-Chief of Gut, and Editor-in-Chief of Hepatology with us!

During the Congress, we integrated the latest research with clinical experience to provide a practical perspective to incorporate into daily practice. At the completion of the congress the attendees had a broader knowledge of the subjects discussed and a greater understanding of significant diagnostic and therapeutic advances in the management of digestive diseases.

The Congress was an amazing success and attracted 5,174 participants as well as 26,809 physicians who watched the Congress via internet.

We look forward to welcoming you to the next Congress in Guiyang, Guizhou in 2019!
Indonesian Digestive Disease Week (IDDW) 2018

For the twelfth time in Indonesia, the Indonesian Society of Gastroenterology (ISG) in collaboration with the Division of Gastroenterology, Department of Internal Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Indonesia / Cipto Mangunkusumo National General Hospital Jakarta, organized a great event, “Indonesian Digestive Disease Week (IDDW) 2018.”

Due to the rising challenges of gastrointestinal diseases in Indonesia, and also the advancement of tools and techniques in digestive endoscopy, the meeting was organized for the exchange of knowledge and skills in the field of gastroenterology and digestive endoscopy.

On the first two days, a Hands-on Workshop on EUS-ERCP was held at Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Centre, Cipto Mangunkusumo National General Hospital in Jakarta, from 18 - 19 April 2018. The workshop was supported by the Asian EUS Group (AEG) and the Indonesian Society for Digestive Endoscopy (ISDE).

On the next day, the Scientific Sessions of IDDW 2018 were held at the Borobudur Hotel in Jakarta, from 20 - 21 April 2018. The meeting consisted of five plenary lectures, 14 symposia, three satellite symposia, two snack-with-the-expert sessions, two meet-the-expert sessions, one dinner symposium and poster sessions.

The meeting provided the most updated information and knowledge in the field of gastroenterology and digestive endoscopy. In addition to experts from Indonesia, all sessions were delivered by international faculties from India, Malaysia and Singapore, and were attended by more than 400 participants.

The Indonesian Society of Gastroenterology will hold the next “Indonesian Digestive Disease Week 2019” from 26-27 April 2019. We look forward to a successful meeting and welcoming participants from the Asia Pacific and all around the world.

**In addition to experts from Indonesia, all sessions were delivered by international faculties from India, Malaysia and Singapore, and were attended by more than 400 participants.**
Malaysian GUT 2018 and Clinical Meetings

GUT 2018 – Annual Scientific Meeting

The Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology held their Annual Scientific Meeting with the theme “Eliminate Hepatitis Fight Cancers,” in line with the World Digestive Health Day 2018. It was held on 13th to 15th July 2018 at the G Hotel in Penang, Malaysia. A total of fifteen overseas faculty, assisted by local doctors, anchored the scientific program. The program included three symposia related to viral hepatitis which were “Treatment of Hepatitis B in 2018”, “HCV treatment with EBR/GZR: From Evidence to Clinical Practice,” Eradicating Hepatitis C” and other related topics like “Liver Cancer” and a Meet-The-Expert Breakfast Session on “Enhancing Patient Care With Fibroscan.”

The meeting had more than 400 registrations and the Society sponsored the registration fees of 76 doctors from the government hospitals and the primary care clinics in Penang.

MSGH Clinical Meetings

The Society also held two Clinical Meetings in 2018. The focus at both these meetings was on Hepatitis C and the topics were “Viral Hepatitis - The present and future”, “My Approach to Management of Chronic Hepatitis C”, Chronic Hepatitis C in Special Populations,” “What Can Primary Care Offer in Managing Chronic Hepatitis C” and two sessions of case discussions.

1. 7 January 2018 at the Dermatology Auditorium, Hospital Kuala Lumpur;
2. 22 September 2018 at Clinical Research Centre Auditorium, Hospital Umum Sarawak, Kuching, Sarawak attended by 97 healthcare workers
The activities in Nigeria commenced in some places on Friday, 27 July, got to a peak on Saturday the 28th and continued with various chapters in August and September.

The World Hepatitis Day this year was celebrated across the length and breadth of Nigeria in a most remarkable manner. Members of the Society for Gastroenterology and Hepatology in Nigeria (SOGHIN) in virtually all the state capitals and outskirts came out en masse to create awareness on the need to ELIMINATE HEPATITIS, which is the theme for this year’s event.

World Hepatitis Day is an awareness campaign organized by the World Hepatitis Alliance. It is celebrated every 28 July to bring about the awareness of the global burden of viral hepatitis, with the primary campaign goal of eliminating viral hepatitis by 2030, estimating that 300 million people around the world are unaware that they’re living with viral hepatitis. The worldwide campaign for 2018 focused on “Finding the Missing Millions”, a three-year global awareness-raising and advocacy campaign aimed at tackling the main barriers to diagnosis by putting civil society organizations and the affected community at the heart of the solution.

The activities in Nigeria commenced in some places on Friday, 27 July, got to a peak on Saturday the 28th and continued with various chapters in August and September. The colorful event across Nigeria seems to speak so well of the determined effort of physicians all over the country to “FIND THE MISSING MILLIONS”. From Lagos to Ibadan to Ife, Ado Ekiti, Benin, Enugu, Calabar, Port Harcourt, Yenagoa, Abuja, Makurdi, Jos Kaduna, Kano, Sokoto and Maiduguri, the above message was even made clearer by the diversity of vibrant display of activities marking the celebrations. The activities included:
• Marches among the local communities;
• Health talks and interviews within the communities including radio and television programs;
• Free hepatitis status testing and distribution of relevant drugs provided by pharmaceutical sponsors and partners;
• Immunizations; and
• Visit to prominent traditional figures and governmental representatives.

During all this year’s activities SOGHIN sent out the desired message for awareness and partnership by all to find the missing millions and to eliminate hepatitis.
60th Anniversary Scientific Symposium of the Romanian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (SRGH)

Following 60 years of continuous and growing activity, the Romanian Society for Gastroenterology and Hepatology (SRGH) reached an important landmark in its development, the 60th Anniversary Scientific Symposium. In the year when Romania celebrates 100 years of existence, the event was celebrated on 17 September 2018, in a highly meaningful environment with profound cultural significance, the National Art Museum of Romania, in Bucharest.

We also had the honor to have Professor Cihan Yurdaydin, the President of WGO, as a guest speaker who presented a lecture about the organization and the relations between WGO and national societies of gastroenterology.

At the initiative of Professor Anca Trifan, MD, FEBGH, FRCP, the current President of SRGH, and the National Board of the Society, this event brought together both the renowned senior and young gastroenterologists from various university centers across Romania.

The scientific program was comprised of state of the art lectures and focused on the main current issues in gastroenterological care in Romania, including management of Helicobacter pylori infection, alleviating the hepatitis C infection burden and improvement for the care of inflammatory bowel disease.

The anniversary symposium included the recognition of outstanding figures from the national society, who throughout their career have made fundamental contributions to the development of gastroenterological care and research. The acknowledgement of Senior Professors was accompanied by a session covering the history and development of each Gastroenterology Departments from the main university centers.

For young gastroenterologists, the Anniversary Scientific Symposium of the Romanian Society for Gastroenterology and Hepatology represented an impressive event by having the opportunity to learn about the history of the gastroenterology society and its founders. They also had the opportunity to meet Professor Carol Stanciu and Professor Alexandru Oproiu, the pioneers of advancing gastroenterological care in Romania, and were able to learn from their experience and find the motivational context for bringing further meaningful contributions in gastroenterology.

We also had the honor to have Professor Cihan Yurdaydin, the President of WGO, as a guest speaker who presented a lecture about the organization and the relations between WGO and national societies of gastroenterology.

The celebration event also marked the release of the latest Gastroenterology and Hepatology textbook for gastroenterology trainees, aiming to bring together, in a concise and educational manner, updated information of ground knowledge in gastroenterology.
‘Microbiota Hard Talks - Live from Texas Medical Center’ Continues to Attract Large Numbers of Viewers

The third webinar in 2018 of the “Microbiota Hard Talks – Live from Texas Medical Center” webinar series was broadcast on Wednesday, 7 November 2018. Moderated by Prof. Eamonn Quigley, MD, PhD, of the United States, the webinar featured Prof. Fergus Shanahan, Director of APC Microbiome Ireland, who discussed the topic “Missing Microbes and Misplaced Microbes - facts and fiction.”

Prof. Shanahan’s presentation focused on four broad topics:
-- Lessons learned
-- Limitations of disease correlation studies
-- Opportunities for clinical translation
-- Advice for the Everyman

The live broadcast of the third webinar had over 500 connections from 80 countries on all continents. This level of participation was consistent with the high number of connections from the first and second webinars of 2018. Similar to those previous webinars, questions for the speaker came from participants around the world, in this case India, Turkey and Uruguay.

Webinars in 2019
To stay up-to-date with announcements about the 2019 webinar series:
• Visit the WGO Educational Programs page, http://www.worldgastroenterology.org/education-and-training/educational-programs/microbiota-hard-talks
• Join the conversation on social media, http://www.worldgastroenterology.org/about-wgo/media-center/social-media
• Subscribe to the WGO Mailing List, http://www.worldgastroenterology.org/forms/mailing-list.php

On-Demand Availability
If you missed the live broadcasts of the Microbiota Hard Talks webinar series in 2017 and 2018, all previous webinars are available for on-demand viewing! To access the webinar series, please visit https://edge.media-server.com/m/e/ezz7gsi2/p/pg60wphb0/lan/en; you must register for the webinar series. Once registered, you will gain access to all on-demand webinars. To view a webinar, selecting the title of the respective webinar highlighted in purple. At the end of each webinar, a Certificate of Participation may be downloaded directly from the webinar player.

About the Webinar Series
‘Microbiota Hard Talks – Live From Texas Medical Center’ webinar series is supported by an unrestricted medical educational grant from Biocodex. The education webinar series aims to provide medical education in the field of the human gut microbiota. This interactive program, developed by Professors Henry Cohen (Montevideo, Uruguay) and Eamonn Quigley (Houston, Texas, USA), both former Presidents of WGO, offers the chance to join experts and like-minded colleagues from around the globe on state-of-the-art microbiota topics.
WGO Exhibits Around the Globe in 2019

Each year the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) exhibits at major GI meetings around the world. Please be sure to stop by and visit and get the latest information from WGO – members can also pay their dues at the booth. In 2019, in addition to the World Congress of Gastroenterology in Istanbul, Turkey in September, WGO will have exhibit booths at:

- Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver (APASL) Annual Conference in Manila, Philippines (20-24 February)
- 17th Egyptian Digestive Disease Week “EDDW 19” in Cairo, Egypt (26-30 March)
- 27th United European Gastroenterology (UEG) Week 2019 in Barcelona, Spain (19 - 23 October)
- The American College of Gastroenterology’s Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, USA (25 – 30 October)
- EASL - The International Liver Congress TM in Vienna, Austria (10-14 April) October
- The Liver Meeting® 2019 in Boston, Massachusetts, USA (8 - 12 November)
- Digestive Disease Week in San Diego, California, USA (18-21 May)
- Asian Pacific Digestive Week (APDW 2019) in Kolkata, India (12-15 December)
A highlight of the Gastro 2018 conference in Bangkok was the WGO session on 8 December 2018 which focused on WGO’s global education programs. This included presentations and discussion on the WGO Training Center program, WGO Train the Trainers, the WGO Foundation and the WGO Guidelines.

The WGO Guidelines portion of the symposium was presented by Prof. Greger Lindberg, Chair of the WGO Global Guidelines Committee. Prof. Lindberg’s presentation described the use of the Guidelines Cascades model and the application of WGO Guidelines in regions of variable resources.

The WGO Guidelines were also incorporated throughout the Scientific Program, thus highlighting their relevance to a broad clinical audience. The WGO Global Guidelines presented at Gastro 2018 were: Celiac Disease (Carolina Olano, Uruguay), NAFLD and NASH (Khean-Lee Goh, Malaysia), and IBS (David Bjorkman, USA).

New Translations Published

WGO is pleased to announce the publication of the updated Management of Strongyloidiasis Guideline in Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. The French version will be available soon.

The Celiac Disease Guideline is also published in French, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish translations.

For the first time ever WGO is offering a Persian translation of the updated Celiac Disease Guideline! Coming soon in 2019 will be translations of the new Diet and the Gut guideline. To see all of WGO’s Guidelines and Cascades please visit http://www.worldgastroenterology.org/guidelines/global-guidelines. The Guidelines are available in English, French, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.
Calendar of Events

WGO RELATED MEETINGS

Train the Trainers
When: April 1-4, 2019
Location: Bucharest, Romania
Organizers: WGO and the Romanian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (SRGH).

World Congress of Gastroenterology 2019
When: September 21-24, 2019
Location: Istanbul, Turkey
Organizers: WGO and The Turkish Society of Gastroenterology (TSG)
Website: Wcog2019.org

Gastro 2020 Prague
When: November 26-28, 2020
Location: Prague, Czech Republic
Organizers: WGO and the Czech Society of Gastroenterology
Website: gastro2020prague.org

World Congress of Gastroenterology 2021
When: December 12-15, 2021
Location: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Organizers: WGO and the Emirates Gastroenterology and Hepatology Society

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Canadian Digestive Diseases Week™ 2019 (CDDW™ 2019)
When: March 1-3, 2019
Location: Banff, Alberta, Canada
Organizer: Canadian Association of Gastroenterology
Website: https://www.cag-acg.org/cddw

PSG
When: March 15-17, 2019
Location: Quetta, Pakistan
Organizer: Pakistan Society of Gastroenterology & GI Endoscopy
Website: https://psg2019.com/

22nd Annual Meeting
When: March 19-22, 2019
Location: Madrid, Spain
Organizer: Asociación Española de Gastroenterología (AEG)
Website: http://www.aegastro.es

Journées Francophones d’Hépatogastroentérologie et d’Oncologie Digestive (JFHOD)
When: March 21-24, 2019
Location: Paris, France
Organizer: Société Nationale Française de Gastro-Entérologie
Website: https://www.jfhod.com/

8th Gut Microbiota for Health Summit
When: March 23-24, 2019
Location: Miami, Florida, USA
Organizers: American Gastroenterology Association and European Society of Neurogastroenterology
Website: http://gutmicrobiota-forhealth.com/

17th Egyptian Digestive Disease Week “EDDW 19”
When: March 26-30, 2019
Location: Cairo, Egypt
Organizer: Egyptian Society for the Study of Endoscopy and Hepatogastroenterology
Website: http://eddw2019.com/

ESGE Days 2019
When: April 4-6, 2019
Location: Prague, Czech Republic
Organizer: European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE)
Website: https://esgedays.org/

The International Liver Congress TM
When: April 10-14, 2019
Location: Vienna, Austria
Organizer: European Association for the Study of the Liver
Website: http://www.easl.eu/discover/events/international-liver-congress

Indonesian Digestive Disease Week 2019
When: April 24-27, 2019
Location: Jakarta, Indonesia
Organizer: Indonesian Society of Gastroenterology
Website: http://iddw2019.com/

AWIG 30th Anniversary Conference
When: April 25-27, 2019
Location: Montego Bay, Jamaica
Organizer: Association of West Indian Gastroenterologists
Website: https://www.awig.org/

WGO Member Societies Submit Your Event
Are you a WGO Member Society wanting to share your event with WGO readers? Visit http://www.worldgastroenterology.org/forms/submit-event.php to submit your event for publication in WGO’s website conference calendar as well as the quarterly e-WGN calendar of events!
**Endo Live Roma 2019**
**When:** May 8-10, 2019  
**Location:** Rome, Italy  
**Organizer:** Course Director: Guido Costamagna  
**Website:** www.endoliveroma.it/

**Madagascar Congress**
**When:** May 9-11, 2019  
**Location:** Mahajanga, Madagascar  
**Organizer:** Société Malgache D’Hépatogastroenterologie et D’Endoscopie Digestive

**Digestive Disease Week**  
**When:** May 8-10, 2019  
**Location:** San Diego, California, USA  
**Website:** http://www.ddw.org/home

**Screen the Unseen! - Early Diagnosis and Treatment of GI Cancer**
**When:** May 29, 2019  
**Location:** Maharashtra, India  
**Organizer:** Shobha Hospital and Super Speciality Gastroenterology Center  
**Website:** https://gastrolivercancersurgery.business.site/?m=true

**61st Annual Meeting**
**When:** June 1-3, 2019  
**Location:** Siófok, Hungary  
**Organizer:** Hungarian Society of Gastroenterology  
**Website:** www.gastroenter.hu

**APASL Single Topic Conference (STC)**
**When:** June 6-7, 2019  
**Location:** Baku, Azerbaijan  
**Organizers:** Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver and Azerbaijan Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association  
**Website:** https://apaslstc2019.com/

**WGO-Endorsed Event**
**13th Byblos International Digestive Workshop**
**When:** June 21-22, 2019  
**Location:** Byblos, Lebanon  
**Organizers:** Gastroenterology and Hepatology Units at Notre Dame des Secours University Hospital, General Medical Workshop Ass., Africa-Middle East Association of Gastroenterology and Lebanese Society of Gastroenterology  
**Website:** https://z-upload.facebook.com/events/352753475306719/

**Annual General Meeting and Scientific Conference**
**When:** July 9-12, 2019  
**Location:** Ile-Ile, Nigeria  
**Organizer:** Society for Gastroenterology and Hepatology in Nigeria (SOGHIN)  
**Website:** http://www.soghin.ng

**Singapore GIHep 2019**
**When:** July 11-14, 2019  
**Location:** Singapore  
**Organizer:** Gastroenterological Society of Singapore  
**Website:** https://gastro.org.sg/event/gihep-2019/

**GUT 2019**
**When:** August 16, 2019 - August 18, 2019  
**Location:** Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
**Organizer:** Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology & Hepatology  
**Website:** http://www.mshg.org.my

**18th International Celiac Disease Symposium 2019 (ICDS 2019)**
**When:** September 5-7, 2019  
**Location:** Paris, France  
**Organizers:** International Society for the Study of Celiac Disease and Société Nationale Francaise De Gastro-entérologie  
**Website:** http://icds2019-paris.com/

**Australian Gastroenterology Week (AGW) 2019**
**When:** September 8-10, 2019  
**Location:** Adelaide, Australia  
**Website:** www.gesa.org.au

**Gastro 2019**
**When:** September 11-13, 2019  
**Location:** Mendoza, Argentina  
**Organizer:** Federacion Argentina de Gastroenterologia (FAGE) and Federacion Argentina de Asociaciones de Endoscopia Digestive  
**Website:** http://www.fage.org.ar

**EUS ENDO 2019 - International Live Course**
**When:** September 19-21, 2019  
**Location:** Aix-en-Provence, France  
**Organizer:** Course Directors: Drs. Marc Giovannini and Erwan Bories  
**Website:** http://www.eus-endo.org/en/

**27th United European Gastroenterology (UEG) Week Barcelona 2019**
**When:** October 19-23, 2019  
**Location:** Barcelona, Spain  
**Organizer:** United European Gastroenterology  
**Website:** www.ueg.eu/week

**Gastro Cuba 2019: VII Congress**
**When:** October 22-25, 2019  
**Location:** Havana, Cuba  
**Organizer:** Sociedad Cubana De Gastroenterología  
**Website:** http://www.gastrocuba2019.com/

**ACG 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course**
**When:** October 25-30, 2019  
**Location:** San Antonio, Texas, USA  
**Organizer:** American College of Gastroenterology  
**Website:** gi.org
The Liver Meeting ® 2019
When: November 8-12, 2019
Location: Boston, Massachusetts, USA
Organizer: AASLD
Website: https://www.aasld.org/events-professional-development/liver-meeting

JDDW 2019 - Japan Digestive Disease Week 2019
When: November 21-24, 2019
Location: Kobe, Hyogo, Japan
Organizer: Organization of JDDW
Website: http://www.jddw.jp/english/index.html

XVIII Semana Brasileira do Aparelho Digestivo
When: November 23-26, 2019
Location: Fortaleza, Brazil
Organizer: Federação Brasileira de Gastroenterologia (FBG), Sociedade Brasileira de Endoscopia Digestiva (SOBED) and the Colégio Brasileiro de Cirurgia Digestiva (CBCD)
Website: http://www.sbad.com.br/

Asian Pacific Digestive Week 2019
When: December 12-15, 2019
Location: Kolkata, India
Website: http://www.apdw2019.com/

Endo 2020 - 2nd World Congress of Endoscopy
When: March 7-10, 2020
Location: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Organizer: World Endoscopy Organization, Sociedade Brasileira de Endoscopia Digestiva and Interamerican Society of Digestive Endoscopy
Website: www.endo2020.org

Asian Pacific Digestive Week 2020
When: September 19-22, 2020
Location: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Organizers: Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology and Malaysian Society of Gastroenterology & Hepatology
Website: http://www.apdw2020.org/

28th UEG Week
When: October 10-14, 2020
Location: Amsterdam, Netherlands
Organizer: United European Gastroenterology
Website: https://www.ueg.eu/

Panamerican Digestive Disease Week 2020
When: November 4-7, 2020
Location: Punta del Este, Uruguay
Organizer: OPGE
Website: sped2020.uy

JDDW 2020 – Japan Digestive Disease Week 2020
When: November 5-8, 2020
Location: Kobe, Japan
Organizer: Organization of JDDW
Website: http://www.jddw.jp/english/index.html

JDDW 2022 – Japan Digestive Disease Week 2022
When: October 27-30, 2022
Location: Fukuoka, Japan
Organizer: Organization of JDDW
Website: http://www.jddw.jp/english/index.html

APASL 2020
When: March 4-8, 2020
Location: Bali, Indonesia
Organizer: Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver
Website: http://apasl2020.org

JDDW 2021 – Japan Digestive Disease Week 2021
When: November 4-7, 2021
Location: Kobe, Japan
Organizer: Organization of JDDW
Website: http://www.jddw.jp/english/index.html
World Congress of Gastroenterology

21-24 September 2019
Istanbul Congress Center, Istanbul

Registration Now Open!

www.wcog2019.org