Dear Colleague,

The focus of this month’s e-newsletter is some of the outstanding innovative EDUCATIONAL aspects of the World Congress of Gastroenterology (WCOG) in September, in the magnificent venue of the Palais de Congress, Montreal, Canada. The learning experience will inspire gastroenterologists worldwide, the youths of tomorrow, and global friendships of the future. It will thereby enhance the highest standards of optimal care of all people with digestive disorders.

For further information on the programme and access to registration and accommodation forms, please go to [www.wcog2005.org](http://www.wcog2005.org).

Your educational experiences will be thoroughly enriched in Montreal.

The World Congress is just a few weeks from now!

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One of the main components of this meeting will be the **YOUNG CLINICIANS’ PROGRAM**, chaired by Dr. Alan Barkun (Montreal), a WGO-OMGE/OMED initiative that brings together promising young clinician-leaders from all over the world. It is aimed to foster long-lasting international bonds and professional collaboration of future global educators, facilitating scientific and cultural exchange. The program will take place over three days prior to the World Congress. Approximately seventy Young Clinicians representing WGO-OMGE/OMED member societies worldwide (one to three candidates selected from any given country) have been invited to attend. They will be joined by junior trainees and gastroenterology fellows from the annual Canadian Fellows’ Courses in Gastroenterology. There will be thirteen international faculty representing all continents, and ten Canadian course faculty. Highly interactive teaching vehicles will be utilized to optimize participation and the overall learning experience. These will also focus around debates and case presentations. Exciting features of the program will include a "World Cup" with the Young Clinicians grouped in teams and presented with a mystery case to be solved, a slide quiz, and a keynote address of the Ivan T. Beck Lectureship/Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Education Excellence Lecture (Speaker: Dr. Khursheed Jeejeebhoy, Toronto). At the conclusion of this program, the participants will attend the AGA Post-graduate Course, followed by the main World Congress program.

**AGA Fall Post-Graduate Course**

The **AGA FALL POST-GRADUATE COURSE** - **EVIDENCE-BASED GASTROENTEROLOGY, Translating Evidence into Practice**, will be held during the World Congress, September 10-11. The course directors are Philip Schoenfeld, MD, MSEd, MSc (Epid), and Sander Van Zanten, MD, PhD. They have brought together an internationally renowned faculty to update gastroenterologists about difficult patient management issues by applying an evidence-based approach to each topic. Discussions will address ongoing controversies in gastroenterology, including management of relapsing hepatitis C, infliximab for maintenance therapy of Crohn's disease, endoscopic polypectomy of complicated polyps, and the most effective approaches to non-ulcer dyspepsia. Please visit the Education and Training section of www.gastro.org to get more information about program sessions and to register online.

» Learn more about the AGA FALL POST-GRADUATE COURSE here

**WCOG 2005 Post-Graduate Courses**

Post-graduate Courses at WCOG 2005 will also include a most interesting:

- **INTERACTIVE COURSE ON UPPER AND LOWER INTESTINAL DISEASE AND LIVER DISEASE**, organized by the Sociedad Interamericana de Endoscopia Digestiva and the Interamerican Society of Gastroenterology;
- **CONTROVERSIES IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY OF INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE** (a post-meeting conference), organized by Yale University;
- **INTESTINAL FAILURE, FUNCTIONAL FOODS AND GI DISEASE AND HEALTH: WHAT THE GASTROENTEROLOGIST NEEDS TO KNOW**, organized by Canadian Society for Clinical Nutrition;
- the **7TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIA ON CYTOKINES AND CHEMOKINES** (course director: Dr. Manuela Neuman, Toronto); and
- **WHAT THE GASTROENTEROLOGIST SHOULD KNOW ABOUT DIGESTIVE CANCER**, organized by the International Digestive Cancer Alliance. Post-graduate Courses on Endoscopy and Surgery were highlighted.
This e-newsletter promotes the activities of the WGO-OMGE.

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