



WGO-OMGE E-Newsletter July 2005

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The World Congress of Gastroenterology is only **67 days away!** Taking place September 10-14, 2005, this is the most important gastro-enterological meeting of the 21st century and you cannot afford to miss it! Register online now:

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World Congress of Gastroenterology Highlights

ENDOSCOPY

The WCOG endoscopy program reflects one of the missions of OMED: *to promote the worldwide advancement of gastrointestinal endoscopy.*

In this aim, the World Congress offers three full days of interactive, live endoscopy transmitted from renowned centres in Hong Kong and Toronto. International experts will give State-of-the-art lectures and be available for extensive discussion.

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Gastrosopes 1911-1933

Three Honorary OMED Lectures will be given:

Moutier Lecture: How can I improve endoscopy in my unit?
Anthony Axon (UK)

Schindler Lecture: "Endoscopic treatment of advanced esophageal cancer"
Nestor Chopita (Argentina)

Tasaka Lecture: Perspectives of Therapeutic ERC
Rikiya Fujita (JAPAN)

OMED will also host the renowned ASGE Learning Centre on site. The program includes an international post-graduate course on "Endoscopic Ultrasound for the Clinician" on September 9, and a course presented in French on "Emerging Technologies and Current Practice in Digestive Endoscopy".

Shakespeare recognized the value of visual imaging:

"Behold, his eyes

As bright as is the eagle's, lightens forth Controlling majesty."

(King Richard II, III, iii, 68)

SURGERY

The excellent program will interest all participants at the World Congress.

Post-graduate courses are almost fully booked and highlighted program topics include:

- esophageal surgery
- management of Barrett's
- pancreatitis
- frontiers in transplantation
- management of HCC
- controversies in the management of IBD
- recent advances in the management of anorectal diseases
- management of FAP

State-of-the-art lectures:

Management of pancreatic cancer *M. Buechler, Germany*

Liver transplantation *J. Belghiti, France*

What is the role of genetic testing in colon cancer? *C. Gallinger, Canada*

Symposia topics:

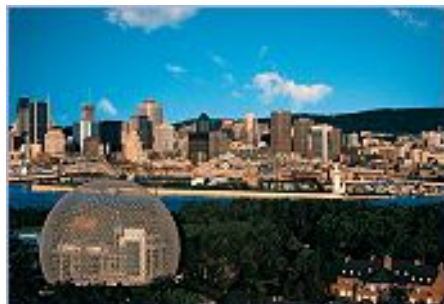
- Frontiers in minimally invasive therapies for digestive diseases: Evidence and techniques
- Inflammatory bowel disease and surgery
- Management of esophageal and esophagogastric junction cancer

"Sir, for your hurts, myself will be your surgeon."

(Shakespeare, in Othello II, iii, 245)



Dorchester Square, Montreal
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Montreal Skyline
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Montreal Fact: Did you know that the the Montreal region is not just a regular metropolis, but is a collection of more than 400 islands?

To find out what games, shows and events are on in Montreal during WCOG, click here

» [See what is on in Montreal](#)

WGO-OMGE Special Initiative: Can Guidelines Span the Globe?

September 12

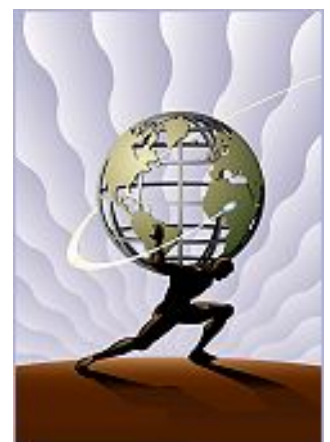
Palais de Congres, Montreal

12:30-16:00

Open to WCOG delegates and non-delegates!

Most clinical practice guidelines do not take into account the limited resources in the developing world. As a global organisation, WGO-OMGE takes on the challenge and responsibility of producing globally applicable guidelines. Experts from non-GI, publishing and bio-medical fields, along with health policy experts will debate their opinions in our special symposium and address the limitations of evidence-based medicine, industry involvement and the impact on government policies. Come to this fiery afternoon session to express your point of view and actively contribute to the development of a WGO-OMGE position statement as a landmark for all future production of global guidelines.

Speakers include:



R. Horton (Editor, *The Lancet*)

J. Kassirer (Editor Emeritus, *New England Journal of Medicine*)

G. Tytgat (President, WGO-OMGE).

» [Learn more about this WGO-OMGE Special Initiative](#)

■ Report from Ireland: World Digestive Health Day



Local children take part in World Digestive Health Day Activities

To commemorate World Digestive Health Day 2005, the Alimentary Pharmabiotic Centre (APC) a Research Centre focusing on gastrointestinal health and based at University College Cork (UCC), put its own advice into practice and organized Live the Good Life – You Are What You Eat And What You Do Family Fun Evening at the University College Cork's Mardyke Arena.

The event, organized as part of the APC's Education and Outreach programme, was targeted at the general public. The evening included two lectures on health and nutrition for adults.

The APC is a Science Foundation Ireland funded research centre focusing on developing new therapies for lifelong debilitating gastrointestinal diseases such as gastroenteritis, irritable bowel syndrome, ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. The centre's mission is to link Irish science with industry and society through excellence in research education and outreach in gastrointestinal health. The APC is headquartered at University College Cork (UCC) and is a research partnership between UCC, Teagasc (the government food and agriculture research agency) and Alimentary Health Ltd and its research partners.

WGO-OMGE congratulates Ireland on this impressive initiative!

» [Learn more about the APC here](#)

■ UptoDate Subscription Grant Program

The **World Gastroenterology Organisation** has opened the application process for UpToDate subscription grants.

The grants consist of seven, one year, donated subscriptions of **UpToDate**

access for individual association members who practice in medically underserved areas and who could benefit from **UpToDate**, but who do not currently have funding to subscribe. To apply for a subscription grant please consult the application criteria on the World Gastroenterology Organisation website and [download application forms here](#).

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