



WGO-OMGE E-Newsletter March 2005

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WCOG 2005

Dear Colleague

If you have not yet registered for WCOG 2005, do so online today!

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It is the ambition of WGO-OMGE, OMED and the Canadian Organizing Committee that Montreal 2005 will not just be an excellent World Congress, but the absolute best!



Never before has a World Congress incorporated three exciting days of Endoscopy transmitted live from two world-renowned centres. Internationally acclaimed endoscopists participating in the program will include:

Dr. J. Baillie (U.S.), Dr. J. Deviere (Belgium), Dr. C. Navertte Garcia (Chile), Dr. M. Giovannini (France), Dr. D. Jensen (U.S.), Dr. N. Marcon (Canada), Dr. N. Reddy (India), Dr. J. Sung (Hong Kong), Dr. N. Soehendra (Germany), Dr. J. Waye (U.S.), Dr. W. Weinstein (U.S.), Dr. C. Williams (U.K.), Dr. H. Yamamoto (Japan).

The Scientific Program will highlight global issues of every important topic of gastroenterology and hepatology that will enrich your clinical practice in all dimensions. Outstanding international speakers in the program will include:

M. Asaka (Japan), B. Feagan (Canada), I. Cook (Australia), D. Henry (Australia), S.K. Lam (Hong Kong, China), A. Lanas (Spain), S-R Lin (China), J-T Lin (Taiwan), J. Malagelada (Spain), P. Malfertheiner (Germany), C. O'Morain (Ireland), D. Peura (U.S.), F. Shanahan (Ireland), R. Spiller (U.K.), J. Tack (Belgium), J. Valenzuela (Chile), N. Wright (U.K.).

If you can pull yourself away from this exciting program, you will find many things to do in Montreal. For runners, the Montreal Marathon will take place Sunday September 11. This is a great way to keep in shape while travelling and put another notch in your jogging shoe! Find out how you can participate at

» <http://www.marathondemontreal.com>.

To discover more about theatre shows, concerts and exhibitions that will be on during September 10-14 check out:

» <http://www.tourisme-montreal.org>

All of us in Canada look forward to welcoming you to a magnificent experience at The WCOG 2005.

Yours sincerely

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Celiac Disease Guideline



WGO-OMGE is proud to publish its new Global Guideline on Celiac Disease.

Features:

Eminence + Evidence

It combines 'evidence-based-medicine' with 'eminence-based-medicine'; the Celiac Disease Review team consists of world experts who base their comments on an ongoing evidence-based literature analysis.

A Global Approach

Like other WGO-OMGE Guidelines, the Celiac Disease guideline addresses global epidemiology. Attention is paid especially to 'global issues'; publishing relevant information for the 'information poor' as well as the 'information rich'.

WGO-OMGE Cascade for Celiac Disease

From 2005 onwards WGO-OMGE Guidelines include a 'Cascade' approach to both diagnosis and therapy. Expert clinicians identify solutions with 'different levels of sophistication' – depending on locally available resources.

The Celiac Disease Cascade:

1. Autoantibodies and endoscopy with intestinal biopsy (gold standard)
2. Endoscopy with intestinal biopsy
3. Autoantibodies
 - EMA or anti-tTG or both (depending on availability and experience)
 - Dot ELISA
4. Diagnosis based on 'clinical aspects' with clinical improvement after a corn or rice-based GFD

Evidence always Up To Date

Readers can keep up to date with the most recently published research through the 'latest evidence' feature on the WGO-OMGE website. New evidence on Celiac Disease is updated every two months.

» [View the full guideline here](#)

OMGE welcomes your views on Celiac Disease. Write to us: omge@omge.org

Inauguration of WGO-OMGE Training Center in La Paz, Bolivia

"March 2005 sees the inauguration of the WGO-OMGE Training Centre in La Paz Bolivia under the direction of Drs Guido Villa-Gomez and Daniel Elio-Calvo. This is an extremely important development for gastroenterology in the region and will see the transmission of training and expertise from the center in La Paz, long renowned in the continent, to young gastroenterologists from the region who will attend the courses in Bolivia. Together with the established gastroenterology centers



"This WGO-OMGE Guideline summarises our knowledge of Celiac Disease to date. Instead of creating new evidence, it helps to close the gap between what we know and what can be done – in different parts of the world."

*Professor Michel Fried ,
Head of Gastroenterology and
Hepatology,
Zurich Teaching Hospital, Switzerland*

in Soweto, Rabat, Karachi and Cairo and the Advanced Endoscopy Centre in Santiago these training centers promote the primary goal of the World Organisation of Gastroenterology (WGO-OMGE): **to promote the highest standards in training and education in gastroenterology throughout the world.**”

Dr E. Quigley
Vice President, WGO-OMGE

» [Learn more about the WGO-OMGE Training Center in La Paz](#)



La Paz Training Center

Background:

WGO-OMGE and OMED develop Training Centers in different regions of the world with the purpose to contribute to the improvement of education and training in the different aspects of gastroenterology. In this aim, The La Paz Bolivian-Japanese Institute of Gastroenterology supported by the WGO-OMGE and OMED Education and Training Committee has been nominated as a training center for the region of Latin America.

A mutual cooperation document was signed by the Governments of Japan and Bolivia, giving support to the advanced international courses in gastroenterology and digestive endoscopy for Latin America between 2004-2008. One of these courses will take place between March 7 – 19, 2005.

An individual course in therapeutic endoscopy will take place from March 7 - June 7, 2005, offering practical training in therapeutic endoscopy techniques and supervised by IGBJ Faculty and international experts.

Countries invited to participate in the first year of the program are :
Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela.

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