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Dear WGO-OMGE Members

With only eight days to go until the World Congress of Gastroenterology, this edition of the e-newsletter will give you an idea of what you can look forward to. Stimulating educational forums, interactive workshops, comprehensive post-graduate courses - all taking place in the city of

Montreal - often called the Paris of North America. The bustling bistros, strolling musicians, scenic boardwalk, charming bakeries, and autumn leaves in full colour - make Montreal a perfect location for our quadrennial meeting. If you haven't already registered, now is the time to do so. Contact wcog2005reg@congrex.nl for further information.

Yours sincerely,
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■ **WCOG Highlights**

Dear Colleague,

Canada eagerly anticipates welcoming all our colleagues and friends from every continent to the 2005 World Congress in Montreal! We promise you that it will be a unique milestone in world gastroenterology, addressing the expanding horizons of global goals in the 21st century. A truly outstanding program in a delightful world-renowned cosmopolitan city will enrich immeasurably your educational, collegiate and personal experiences.



Three full days of interactive live ENDOSCOPY transmitted from distinguished units in Toronto and Hong Kong will demonstrate state-of-the-art current and emerging techniques in diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy by pre-eminent experts. International panelists in Montreal will link discussion with the endoscopists and coordinate audience participation. The SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM will deliver the latest clinical and cutting-edge research evidence

applicable to the management of all important global issues in gastroenterology and hepatology.



Fragment of the Hippocratic Oath from the 3rd Century

An exciting SURGICAL PROGRAM will discuss controversies and advances in the treatment of common gastrointestinal diseases. You will have the extra opportunity of participating in one or more excellent POST-GRADUATE COURSES to further enhance your educational needs. Other highlights of the meeting will include the many quality ABSTRACTS submitted, the WORKING PARTY REPORTS, presentations of the GLOBAL GOALS SYMPOSIA and the MONTREAL CLINICAL INITIATIVES related to various critical aspects of gastroenterology, discussion of various well-defined topics in INDUSTRY-SPONSORED SYMPOSIA, the unique YOUNG CLINICIAN'S PROGRAM, and the international SIGNEA (nurses') PROGRAM, with the recognition of the immense support we have from the nurse assistants in our GI clinics world-wide.

You will love MONTREAL! CANADA NIGHT at the World Congress on 13 September will be celebrated at the Windsor Station, an elegant Romanesque Revival building and a well known historic landmark of the city.

Montreal is famous for its cuisine, and has more restaurants per capita than anywhere else in the country, second only to New York on this continent. If you could ignore your blood cholesterol for a day or two, try the irresistible tasty smoked meat at Schwartz's, one of the defining flavours of Montreal. If you are an enthusiastic runner, you may wish to observe (or perhaps even participate in) the Montreal Marathon, which will take place on Sunday, 11 September.

We look forward to seeing you and enjoy with us a magnificent experience at the 2005 WCOG in Montreal.

"Never in reply to the question, to what country you belong, say you are an Athenian or a Corinthian, but that you are a citizen of the world."

(Epictetus AD 55)

At the Congress in Montreal, we shall all be Citizens of the World, sharing a common dream, to treat and cure gastrointestinal disorders in all people.

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■ WGO-OMGE Booth at WCOG

Stop by the WGO-OMGE Booth at WCOG on the 5th level of the Palais de Congres to:



- Pick up your free copy of **'The Gastroenterologist's Guide to the Internet'**: a collection of articles by Librarian Justus Krabshuis, detailing how to find and use gastroenterological resources on the internet
- Network with fellow members and learn about WGO-OMGE programmes for which you may qualify!
- Enter a draw to win a copy of the award winning textbook **'Colonoscopy'** (*First Prize in Gastroenterology in the 2004 BMA Medical Book Competition, Authors: J. Waye, D. Rex, C. Williams. Retail value USD 279.00*)



- Check out *UpToDate* software and enter to win a subscription grant (for doctors practicing in medically underserved areas only)
- Obtain an edition of '**Global Guidelines 2005**': the definitive gastroenterology guideline compendium
- Receive your free WGO-OMGE pin

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