

WGO Program E-Newsletter

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World Digestive Health Day/Year 2008 & 50th Anniversary



The year 2008 promises to be a significant year for the WGO. Not only are we celebrating the formation of the WGO Foundation but it is also our 50th anniversary! To tie in with our 2008 World Digestive Health Day / Year (WDHD/Y) theme, many of our activities and events will focus on the topic of nutrition.

We invite all our member societies to join us in celebrating this auspicious occasion. Please watch the WGO website for information regarding the planned celebrations.

In addition, we appeal to our members to support the celebrations within your local setting – anything from a sporting, media, social or cultural event you might wish to hold – you can be assured of our support and gratitude in celebrating the 50th Anniversary.

The 50th Anniversary falls on the 29th May 2008, the launch date of World Digestive Health Day / Year. Please ensure that you inform us of any WDHD activities which your society undertakes. Through our newly launched website we will be happy to advertise your events. We also encourage all societies to add a link to the WGO website on their society webpage and display the WGO and 50th Anniversary logos.



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GASTRO 2009

Mark your calendars for GASTRO 2009:
21 – 25 November 2009
London, UK



■ Sharjah Workshop-Challenges and Solutions in Clinical Gastroenterology



Sharjah Faculty and Participants

Fifty gastroenterologists, trainee gastroenterologists and gastrointestinal surgeons from eighteen countries across the Middle East and Africa joined international, regional and local UAE faculty for the first African-Middle East workshop, "Challenges and Solutions in Clinical Gastroenterology: a perspective from Africa and the Middle East on **December 8 – 9, 2007**.

the gastrointestinal tract, liver and pancreas, such as hepatitis C, pancreatitis and gastrointestinal bleeding.

» [Read more here](#)

■ First African-Middle Eastern Congress on Digestive Oncology

WGO and IDCA are pleased to announce the "**First African-Middle Eastern Congress on Digestive Oncology**",

1 - 2 February 2008 - Rabat, Morocco.

The congress includes State-of-the-art lectures, a postgraduate course, interactive discussions and a Pan African live demonstration. The language of the congress is English and a simultaneous French translation will be available.

Deadline for abstract submission: **31 December 2007**. The registration fee will be waived for participants who submit abstracts.

The best posters and best oral presentations will be awarded € **500** each.

» [Read more here](#)



■ Train the Trainers - Brazil



"One of the most comprehensive meetings I have been at in the last ten years."

- Brazilian Participant

WGO was pleased to present its **third Train the Trainers workshop** of 2007 in collaboration with the Brazilian Federation of Gastroenterology in **Angra dos Reis, Brazil November 5 – 9, 2007**. Co-organised by Professor Jaime Eisig (Sao Paulo Hospital), participants and faculty came together in the extensive five day program. Taught modules included "Teaching Procedural Skills", "Trial Design" and "Critical Appraisal".

This e-newsletter promotes the activities of the WGO.

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