



**WGO is proud to celebrate 50 years** of active contributions to promoting the highest standards in gastroenterology and endoscopy training and education around the globe. 2008 will witness several anniversary activities and programs being hosted in various countries and details of these will be updated regularly on the website:

» [WGO website](#)

**50th Anniversary Reception:** We cordially invite all those interested in the work of WGO to join us during the DDW meeting in San Diego to celebrate this wonderful occasion and to participate in a raffle with exciting prizes to be won – proceeds from this raffle will aid the work of the Afghanistan Society of Gastroenterology in memory of Prof. Martin Wienbeck.

For more information and to indicate your attendance please go to

» [Invitation to 50th Anniversary reception](#)

**Training the Gastroenterologist of the Future: A Global Perspective** – WGO will present this international symposium on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 from 8:30 – 10:00am as part of the core DDW program. All interested in educational issues in gastroenterology are encouraged to attend.

» [View program here](#) [PDF file]

**Exhibition Booth:** WGO will be present at DDW with a booth from Sunday to Wednesday. Colleagues are welcome to pass by and collect a free copy of the WGO Public Campaign DVD on **Nutrition in Digestive Health: A Review of current and emerging issues for the gastroenterologist.**

» [Read more about the contents of the DVD](#) [PDF file]

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## WGO Foundation



“ Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I learn. Involve me and I remember ”

- Benjamin Franklin

The **WGO Foundation** has been established as a strategic response to increasing demand to solicit financial support for the World Gastroenterology's global and developing country training and educational programs. The newly launched WGO Foundation website is now available and we encourage you to visit the WGO Foundation website to learn more about:

- Where we are going
  - How we will get there
  - What benefits we will provide
  - How will we measure our success
  - How can we do better
- » [Visit the WGO Foundation website](#)



## World Digestive Health Day – Calling all to focus on Optimal Nutrition in Digestive Health and Disease



World Digestive Health Day 2008 is off to an exciting and promising start with the conclusion of an agreement with Danone to support a worldwide public awareness campaign on nutrition in digestive health. We are very encouraged to hear that several WGO national societies have picked up on this important global theme and will be running their own local campaigns to highlight the challenges they are facing in their local contexts. We congratulate our member societies in Canada, Chile, Ireland, Israel, Peru, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, and Venezuela for the initiative they are showing and we welcome any further plans from other countries. Further details regarding the support we can provide to our national societies will be sent out shortly. Please watch the WGO website for updated program details.

» [Updates on WDHD 2008](#)

## International Digestive Cancer Alliance – spotlighting digestive oncology and its global challenges

The IDCA will host its annual business meeting during the forthcoming DDW in San Diego on Sunday, May 18, 2008 from 7:30am - 12.30 pm. The core issues will be Upper Gastrointestinal Cancer and Screening Guidelines in Colorectal Cancer presented by leading specialists in the field. There is no registration fee to attend this meeting and all interested colleagues are welcome. A light breakfast will be served from 7:30 am in the meeting room.

» [Detailed program](#)





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## Programme Highlights

The Programme Committee is committed to delivering

- A world beating array of new science in gastroenterology and hepatology
- High quality updates on the frontiers of global clinical practice
- Interdisciplinary symposia on new approaches to diagnosis and treatment
- Live endoscopy from around the world each day
- A major emphasis on innovative, technical advances in the non-invasive management of gastrointestinal and hepatic disorders
- An overriding theme will be the importance of addressing both research and clinical practice issues at a global level
- Eight working team reports which have been commissioned will be presented at GASTRO 2009
- New research workshops on each day of the core programme
- A full two day post-graduate programme will be offered incorporating gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy, surgery, imaging and other diagnostic modalities. Participants will purchase a "passport" to move around the various options that will be running in parallel to allow them to 'pick 'n mix' according to their needs and interests.

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This e-newsletter promotes the activities of the WGO.

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