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■ XXXI Pan American Congress of Gastroenterology - A Resounding Success



WGO congratulates the Inter-American Gastroenterology Association (AIGE) and the Chilean Society of Gastroenterology on the successful Pan American Congress which was held in Santiago last month.

The four day congress offered a variety of academic, practical and case-based learning sessions for over 2000 gastroenterologists from North, South and Central America. The entire WGO Executive Committee attended the congress and held a meeting with the Presidents of the national AIGE societies which was well attended.

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■ WGO Introduces a New Two Day Train the Trainers Course for 2009 -Trial Design



In response to overwhelming demand WGO is offering a new two day Train the Trainers workshop focussing exclusively on **Trial Design**.

The workshop will offer interactive, case based learning sessions and will be held in Dubrovnik from 1-2 April 2009 in association with the Croatian Gastroenterology Society. All WGO members who have not previously attended a TTT workshop are eligible to apply but must be nominated by their society. Members who have previously attended a TTT workshop do not need to be nominated by their national society.

Participants are required to fund their own travel and accommodation, and course registration is 500.00 EUR.

Application deadline: December 15, 2008

» [View the full program and download application forms](#)

■ WGO Takes the Lead on Radiation Safety

Radiation safety is an important issue for all doctors using fluoroscopy as well as all those who request radiological examinations as part of their diagnostic and/or therapeutic strategy. In order to improve education about radiation exposure, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has developed a training course for doctors.

Dr. M Rehani and Dr. R. Ramirez have summarised the key recommendations from this course in article on the WGO website. WGO applauds the work of the IAEA on this important subject and encourages all members to stay up to date on this important issue. WGO and the IAEA have entered into a formal collaboration agreement and over the next year will work together to bring important safety information to the membership.

» [Read the full article here](#)



■ WGO Wiki



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■ WGO and Touch Briefings Collaborate

In collaboration with Touch Briefings, WGO is pleased to provide members free access to the latest editions of the bi-annual review journals European Gastroenterology & Hepatology (Vol. 4, Iss. 1) and US Gastroenterology & Hepatology Review (Vol. 4, Iss. 1).



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