



WGO Program E-Newsletter

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■ 50th Anniversary

Dear Colleague,

Over the last fifty years, WGO has taken the lead in global medical education and training, through the development of its unique Train the Trainers workshops and nine Training Centres. With over 50,000 members across 103 countries, WGO has the unique distinction of being a truly global organisation working with local partners to fulfil its mission of training and education.



In celebration of WGO's 50th Anniversary, we are pleased to announce the establishment of the new WGO Foundation, which will shortly launch two new fundraising campaigns: the Global Mentor Fund campaign and the 50th Anniversary Fund for the Future campaign which will help to secure the future of global training and education for the next generation.

Furthermore, 2008 will see the establishment of four new training centres in Brazil, Colombia, Fiji, and Mexico. This

marks an unprecedented expansion of WGO's training facilities and WGO is privileged and committed to working with members and communities to continually improve education and training in digestive disorders across the world.

World Digestive Health Day on May 29 starts off our year long 2008 public awareness campaign to improve digestive disease; this year's focus is on Optimal Nutrition in Digestive Health and Disease.

WGO is delighted to announce a collaboration with the Danone corporation in this year of Nutrition. Throughout the year, this collaboration will result in a number of projects and events which will highlight the roles of good nutrition in maintaining digestive health and in dietary factors in digestive disorders. Many of these projects will be achieved through direct collaboration with national societies. Indeed, national societies have already been circulated with details of the first of these events: a very important and quite unique survey of common digestive disorders throughout the world which should provide, for the very first time, a true picture of the relative prevalence of digestive ailments across the globe. Watch out for more information as the year progresses!

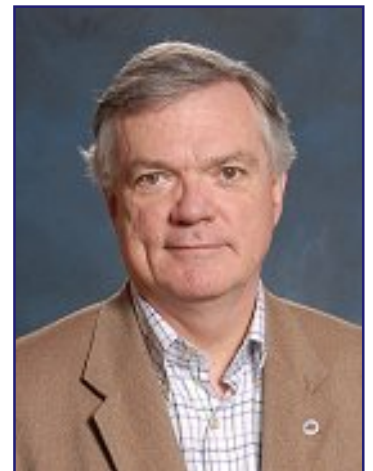
Our special year was launched with the "First African Middle East Conference on Digestive Oncology" held in Rabat, Morocco this month, during which a special declaration entitled "Africa Against Viral Hepatitis and Hepatocellular Carcinoma-Declaration of Rabat" has been established and endorsed by the World Health Organisation. WGO members are invited to attend 50th Anniversary events across the world, and WGO encourages national societies to organise local events to raise public awareness for World Digestive Health Day.

We will be keeping you informed of the various events which are planned throughout this special Anniversary year.

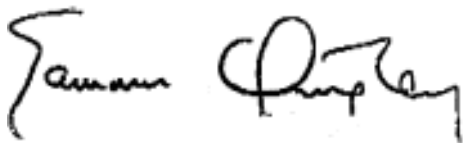
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Join us in celebrating the achievements of the WGO and support us in our aims to continue improving the services we provide to gastroenterologists worldwide.



Eamonn M.M. Quigley
President WGO

■ Training Scholarships - La Plata Training Center



The WGO La Plata Training Center is pleased to offer one scholarship for a two day practical training course, from April 17-18, 2008. The scholarship includes local expenses and registration; the student is responsible for their travel costs from their home country to the course site. The deadline for submission of applications is March 10, 2008. Interested applicants are asked to contact the Training Center directors, Dr. Landoni and Dr. Chopita, for further information.

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■ Educational Partnership with Touch Briefings

WGO is honoured to partner with Touch Briefings, to bring WGO members free access to the online, e-book versions of US Gastroenterology Review, Issue 2, 2007 and EU Gastroenterology Review, Issue 2, 2007.

US Gastroenterology Review 2007 - Issue 2

Comprising articles from thought leaders, this edition discusses the most salient challenges and developments within gut -related disorders, including focus on IBD, Diagnostics & Endoscopy, Intestinal Mucosa, GERD and Gastrointestinal Cancers.

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