

A close-up photograph of a pair of dark-skinned hands cupped together, holding a large quantity of golden wheat stalks.

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■ WGO Raises Public Awareness about Nutrition



WDHY Presentation to the Community of Valencia – Estado Carabobo, Venezuela

Launched on May 29, World Digestive Health Year 2008 focuses on the role of nutrition in digestive health. With an impressive response from WGO member societies and the support of an unrestricted grant from Groupe Danone, public awareness activities in **over 30 countries** worldwide were undertaken and many countries plan to host further events during the remainder of the year.

» [WDHY Activities and Events](#)

WGO wishes to thank its members and supporters for following this invitation thereby playing an important role in increasing the awareness of Nutrition amongst the general public.

Online Nutrition Tools:

Visit the WGO website to watch the full length educational video tool "Nutrition in Digestive Health- A Review of Current and Emerging Issues for the Gastroenterologist" featuring lectures from an international faculty:

Kevin Cashman, Francisco Guarner, Jonathan Hourihane, Eamonn Quigley and Jon L. Shaffer.

» [Watch the video here](#)

The WGO has developed 10 nutritional recommendations and daily tips to improve digestive health for reference by consumers and healthcare/nutritional professionals.

» [Watch the video here](#)

» [Download the poster here](#)

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■ WGO Celebrates 50 Years at DDW

Special Reception

2008 marks the 50th anniversary of the WGO, and in honour of this special occasion, a reception was held during Digestive Disease Week in San Diego. Hundreds of WGO members turned out to demonstrate their support for WGO and its global mission of improving gastroenterology education and training around the world. As part of the celebration, a raffle was held to raise funds for improving GI services in Afghanistan. WGO was particularly honoured to have Joachim Wienbeck on hand, to speak about the work of the Foundation Wienbeck for Medical Development in Kabul. The Wienbeck Foundation was started in memory of his father, Dr. Martin Wienbeck, who was instrumental in re-introducing medical training to Afghanistan in 2002 after the fall of the Taliban regime.

To find out more about gastroenterology in Afghanistan

» [Read more](#)

WGO would like to thank everyone who participated in the raffle, as well as the American College of Gastroenterology, American Gastroenterology Association, Danone, Fujinon, GASTRO 2009, Medconnect, Olympus and Pentax for their generous donation of prizes.

International Digestive Cancer Alliance Business Meeting

In honour of WGO's 50th Anniversary, the International Digestive Cancer Alliance (IDCA) held a special digestive oncology business meeting during DDW. IDCA representatives from around the world presented the latest research on various forms of digestive cancer, and Professor Guido Tytgat delivered the Charles Moertel Distinguished Lecture on Digestive Oncology.

» [Visit the WGO website to view the full presentations online](#)



Martin Wienbeck training local doctors in Kabul in 2002



Training the Gastroenterologist of the Future: A Global Perspective

On Wednesday May 21, WGO hosted a symposium addressing some of the most important issues facing the gastroenterology community. A global faculty delivered lectures discussing the relevance of local vs. global training programs, the development of global training standards, and highlighting WGO's own experience with its Train the Trainers program.

» [View full presentations online](#)

WGO is pleased to welcome its 104th Member Society,
the Asociación Panameña de Gastroenterología (APAG).

■ WGO Releases New Guideline in Spanish: Probiotics and Prebiotics



La Web de WGO ofrece la versión española de la nueva Guía Práctica sobre el uso de Probióticos y Prebióticos en Gastroenterología. La Guía describe los conceptos básicos y muestra las aplicaciones clínicas bien fundamentadas en evidencia.

» [WGO Guías prácticas: Probióticos y Prebióticos](#)

■ Canadians Offer Latin American Studentship Award

The Canadian Association of Gastroenterology is pleased to present an opportunity for a Latin American undergraduate or graduate student to conduct gastro-intestinal related research at a Canadian university or research center. A maximum award of 6,000 Canadian dollars will be issued annually. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2009.



For further details:

» [Canadian Association of Gastroenterology](#)

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■ Limited Time Offer for New Donors to the WGO Foundation



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