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## World Digestive Health Day 2009

### Irritable Bowel Syndrome



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#### World Digestive Health Day 2009: WGO calls attention to Irritable Bowel Syndrome



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It is now recognized that irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is a truly global problem reportedly affecting millions of individuals worldwide and exerting a significant influence on the quality of life for those affected. Yet, IBS is often poorly appreciated and while the basic cause(s) of IBS remain incompletely understood, recent research has identified a number of factors that may be relevant to the induction of symptoms in patients and considerable effort is being expended on developing new therapeutic options for the affected patient.

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WGO recognises therefore, that there exists a very significant "knowledge gap" with regard to all aspects of IBS and there is a real unmet need to bring the very latest information on IBS to medical practitioners, other health care workers and the general public. For this reason, WGO, in partnership with industry sponsors, focuses the attention of the global gastroenterology community on May 29, 2009 on IBS.

*Eamonn Quigley*  
WGO President

WGO members are encouraged to organise events in their community to increase education and awareness about IBS. Register your World Digestive Health Day (WDHD) event on the WGO E- calendar:

» [WGO E-calendar](#)

Read more about the tools WGO will be releasing to support WDHD activities on May 29, 2009:

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#### SPOTLIGHT: IBS Global Prevalence

IBS affects 1 in 10 people in the world. Of those affected, 50% report **severe complications affecting their daily quality of life.**

#### WGO Training Center in La Plata offering a Two-Day Scholarship



The WGO La Plata Training Center is pleased to offer one scholarship for a two day practical training course, from 23 – 24 May, 2009. The scholarship includes course registration, meals and accommodation for two nights. Applicants should have experience in therapeutic endoscopy and are required to fund their own travel to the course site. The deadline for applications is 21 March 2009 and should be sent to:

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## Train the Trainers Chile/Argentina-Application Process Still Open

WGO is pleased to announce the second Train the Trainers workshop of 2009 will take place in Santiago, Chile. In association with the Chilean Society and the Argentinean societies of gastroenterology (SAGE & FAGE) the course will run from October 4-9, 2009 at the WGO Training Center in downtown Santiago. Member societies are invited to present their candidates by February 27, 2009. Regrettably, WGO cannot accept applications directly from individuals.

» [Application Details](#)



## WGO Endorses New Nutrition Learning Unit in Argentina



The World Gastroenterology Organisation and the WGO La Plata Training Center are proud to announce the endorsement of the Unit for Nutritional Support and Malabsorptive Diseases now based at the San Martín University Hospital of La Plata. The Unit's main activity in 2009 will be an e-learning course on nutrition, targeted mainly to Latin-American physicians. For more information on the course, please visit

[www.soportenutricional.com.ar](http://www.soportenutricional.com.ar).

Have a research query? Ask the WGO Librarian-Dr. Justus Krabshuis. Free access for HINARI countries.

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## The WGO Foundation: helping individuals and communities have better access to digestive healthcare

We appeal to you and your organization to support the WGO's global training, education and awareness programs by donating and/or pledging generously toward our WGO Foundation. Together, we will promote digestive health and ensure the optimal care of those who suffer from gastrointestinal ailments.

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## Gastro 2009 - Online Registration Now Open

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