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## World Digestive Health Day 2009

### Irritable Bowel Syndrome



#### WGO Program E-Newsletter

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#### World Digestive Health Day – May 29, 2009: Irritable Bowel Syndrome



World Digestive Health Day (WDHD) 2009 is off to an exciting and promising start with organisers in Australia, India, Mexico, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Spain already planning events around May 29 to highlight Irritable Bowel Syndrome.

» [Read about the events here](#)

WGO is pleased to announce a new WDHD tool to support IBS awareness: *The Monthly Research Review*. Issued

once a month until the end of the year, *The Monthly Research Review* will be featured in the WGO E-Newsletter and website. In each issue a global IBS expert will recommend and highlight a "gold standard" article on IBS with a direct link to the original source. *The Monthly Research Review* will be archived and accessible on the WGO website.

#### March 2009: Monthly Research Review

##### Article: Epidemiological and clinical profile of irritable bowel syndrome in India: report of the Indian Society of Gastroenterology Task Force

Source: *Indian Journal of Gastroenterology*, 2008, Volume 27 Number 1



Prof. Kok Ann Gwee  
(Singapore)

A wonderful and sharp selection by Professor Gwee from Singapore, this prospective multi-centre study by the Indian Society of Gastroenterology's IBS Taskforce with data from 4500 community subjects involving 2785 patients with chronic lower GI symptoms presenting at 30 nation-wide centres in India. Most patients were middle aged men. By contrast, the typical IBS patient in the West is often a young female.

» [Read the full article](#)

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#### Professor Gwee:

**"By not being shackled to conventional criteria, this study reaffirms to me that the IBS patient that I see can be different from the image created in Rome."**

#### GASTRO 2009: 21-25 November

##### 1. Preliminary Program Now Online

The Preliminary Programme for GASTRO 2009 is now available online. Read more about postgraduate courses, original presentations, special lectures and symposia that are planned for this truly landmark meeting which promises to be a highlight of 2009 for the global gastroenterology community. Register online as a delegate before May 15, 2009 to receive substantial savings off the full price registration.

- » [Preliminary Programme](#)
- » [Register Online](#)



## 2. Travel Grants Available to GASTRO 2009



Gastro 2009 is offering 200 Travel grants of € 1.000 each for clinician-scientists of a maximum of 35 years old (born on January 1, 1974 and later) and younger for the best abstracts.

100 Travel grants of € 1.000 each will also be offered to non-clinical scientists of a maximum age of 40 years old (born on January 1, 1969 and later) and younger for best submitted basic science abstracts. The application for non-clinical scientists must be supported by a letter from the Head of Department.

All Travel grants are awarded on the basis of scientific merit using the evaluation process of the Gastro 2009 Programme Committee.

» [Further information](#)

## 3. Young Clinicians Programme - An unprecedented number of applications received

The Directors of the Young Clinicians Programme at GASTRO 2009, Drs. Mark Hull and Christopher Hawkey, were inundated with over 180 applications from 65 countries for only 90 positions. The selection process has now been completed and successful applicants have been notified. The YCP organisers wish to thank the member societies of WGO, OMED, UEGF, ASNEMGE and the BSG for their enthusiastic response.



### WGO Foundation welcomes Procter & Gamble Health Care

WGO Foundation is pleased to announce that Procter and Gamble have become sponsors of the WGO Foundation and are joining our Bronze Circle of Care. We look forward to a productive and collaborative partnership.

## WGO Training Centers: AIGE Announces Six Scholarships

The Asociación Interamericana de Gastroenterología (AIGE), WGO's regional partner in Latin America, is pleased to announce six annual gastroenterology training scholarships for the next six years for training at the WGO Training Centers in Latin America. Applicants must be under 45 years of age and available to spend 4 continuous months onsite at the WGO Training Center.



**Application Deadline: May 29, 2009**

» [Further application details and requirements](#)

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



Promoting Digestive Health

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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