



To promote, to the general public and health care professionals alike, an awareness of the world wide prevalence and optimal care of digestive disorders through the provision of high quality, accessible and independent education and training

- WGO Mission



**WGO Program E-Newsletter**

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**WGO is Proud to Announce the Theme of  
World Digestive Health Day 2010: Inflammatory Bowel Disease**



While IBD was predominately a disease of developed countries from the middle of the twentieth century, in recent years there have been rising incidence rates in developing countries. During 2010 WGO wishes to underscore the emergence and complexities of IBD to doctors in developed and developing countries. Our focus is on optimizing diagnostic approaches and maximizing patient care to enhance the quality of life of IBD patients and to help inform their health care providers worldwide.

Considering the significant social impact of IBD on a global scale and the lack of knowledge about IBD in developing countries, WGO focuses the attention of the international gastroenterology community on May 29, 2010, and throughout 2010, on IBD.

» [Read more about WDHD 2010](#)

In preparation of **2010: Year of Inflammatory Bowel Disease**, WGO would like to provide its membership the first WDHD 2010 tool: a review article on influenza A (H1N1) virus in patients with IBD.

» [Read Article](#)

**World Digestive Health Day 2009:** Don't forget that WDHD 2009 activities continue throughout the year and every month on the WGO website a global IBS expert highlights a "gold standard" article on IBS with a direct link to the source.

» [See the latest Monthly Research Review](#)



■ **Over 13 000 Participants Expected to Attend GASTRO 2009:  
See you in London!**



WGO will organize its quadrennial World Congress of Gastroenterology in conjunction with GASTRO 2009 in London, 21-25 November, 2009. We are pleased to invite you to meet us at the WGO booth, located in the registration area. The WGO booth is designed to serve as a meeting point for all GASTRO 2009 visitors. We wish to provide an inviting location where WGO leaders meet the membership during the special "Meet Your WGO Leader" sessions and all interested can find out about the various possibilities of becoming involved in WGO's educational activities.

Pick up the updated schedule of "Meet Your WGO Leader" at the WGO booth and find out when you can personally meet some of the members of the WGO and WGO Foundation board.

■ **2009: Year of Irritable Bowel Syndrome Culminates in a Special IBS Task Force Symposium at GASTRO 2009**

Don't miss the WDHD 2009 IBS Task Force Symposium at GASTRO 2009 "New Horizons in Irritable Bowel Syndrome: developments in pathogenesis and a report from the WGO IBS Task Force".

**Speakers:**

- **Dr. Francisco Guarner (Barcelona):** the Gut Microbiota in IBS.
- **Dr. Giovanni Barbara (Bologna):** IBS; an Inflammatory Disorder?
- **Dr. Eamonn Quigley (Cork):** A Global Perspective in IBS; the report of the WGO Task Force.

Date: Sunday November 22, 2009

Time: 18:00 – 19:30

Venue: N7/8

**The work of the WGO Task Force has been made possible by an unrestricted educational grant from Procter & Gamble.**

» [Read more about the IBS Task Force Symposium at GASTRO 2009](#)



**WGO Tips for GASTRO 2009 Attendees:**

**"My Schedule" on the GASTRO 2009 Website**

The GASTRO 2009 Scientific Abstracts have been uploaded on the GASTRO 2009 website together with the special feature: "My schedule", which is a personal electronic meeting manager that allows you to organize your meetings, symposia and personal appointments and edit your schedule before and during the congress.

» [Access My Schedule on the GASTRO 2009 website](#)

Don't forget to visit the **ESGE/OMED Learning Area** for live video demonstration, lectures and interactive hands-on opportunities.

» [Find out more about the ESGE/OMED Learning Area at GASTRO 2009](#)

## The Latest Edition of World Gastroenterology News Now Available Online



The latest edition of the World Gastroenterology News (WGN) is now available on the WGO website as an e-book and as an easily printable PDF. WGO is proud to present one of this year's most impressive scientific articles: The Serrated Pathway to Colorectal Cancer by Profs. Lambert, O'Brien, Jaramillo and Vieth. Together with the scientific content, we have also given a special focus to GASTRO 2009 with an overview of the GASTRO 2009 Working Party reports and the WGO Program tips for GASTRO 2009.

» [Access WGN online](#)

## The Profound Impact of the WGO Train the Trainers Workshop in Santiago, Chile

To address a common problem among gastroenterologists, the lack of pedagogic training, WGO Train the Trainers workshops offer intensive and interactive 4 day sessions dedicated to the development of teaching and training skills. The TTT workshop in Santiago, Chile, was a result of the close cooperation between the Chilean and Argentinean GI societies, the AGA and the WGO. Participants from all over the world praised this latest TTT for having a long-lasting impact on their professional development as not only doctors, but as teachers. The WGO Training Center in Santiago hosted the TTT and generously devoted time and resources to ensure the smooth transition from general sessions to break out sessions in small groups. The skilled faculty which comprised of the world's top gastroenterologists, including the WGO president, Eamonn Quigley, interacted continuously with the TTT participants. This close cooperation ensured putting into practice the WGO TTT goal to improve the education and training standards of those who care for patients with digestive disorders.



TTT Santiago faculty and alumni

» [Read more comments about the TTT Santiago on the WGO website](#)

## A New Feature Complements the WGO Global Guidelines: The Virtual Room of Gastroenterology



The Virtual Room of Gastroenterology (VRG), a comprehensive information platform for gastroenterologists, is a joint effort between WGO and the Faculty of Medical Sciences at the National University of La Plata, Argentina. This new feature is easily accessible from the WGO website, is based on the PubMed platform and can capture and store search strategies as web addresses. Based on these embedded search strategies, a medical library has been created. Thanks to the enormous efforts of Prof. Dr. Osvaldo M. Spinelli (UNLP, Argentina), Prof. Dr. Eduardo Henderson (UDELAR, Uruguay) and WGO's in-house information expert Justus Krabshuis, customized searches are now possible for 28 topics such as Celiac Disease, Liver Cirrhosis, Gallstone Disease, Colorectal

Neoplasms, Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors and Barrett's Esophagus, which all complement WGO's 21 Global Guidelines. The Virtual Room of Gastroenterology includes a Spanish version of the site and in the future Cascade search strategies for each guideline topic, allowing a search for alternative, resource sensitive solutions for the diagnosis and management of digestive diseases will also be added to the special VRG services.

» [Visit the WGO Global Guidelines library and access VRG](#)

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### ■ **WGO Continues to Collaborate with Touch Briefings**

In collaboration with Touch Briefings, WGO is pleased to provide members free access to the latest edition of the review journal European Gastroenterology & Hepatology Review – Volume 5, Issue 1. This issue focuses on the issues and treatments in the area of hepatitis, ulcerative colitis and other diseases in hepato-gastroenterology.



» [Access European Gastroenterology and Hepatology Review Volume 5, Issue 1](#)

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