



# World Gastroenterology Organisation

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## WGO Program E-Newsletter

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*WGO is pleased to present this special GASTRO 2009 issue of our regular e-newsletter.*

**Register for the GASTRO 2009 UEGW/WCOG, London today** and benefit from the current registration fee, as **after October 16, 2009** the Late Registration Fee applies.

» [See more information on GASTRO 2009 registration here](#)

### ■ Unique opportunity at GASTRO 2009: Meet Your WGO Leaders in person

During GASTRO 2009 we offer all our members and partners the unique opportunity to meet the World Gastroenterology Organisation leaders at the WGO booth. Our booth is located in the registration area and throughout the congress we welcome you to learn more about WGO and how you can become involved in our various educational activities all around the world.

Add the **Meet Your WGO Leader** schedule to your congress calendar:

Please note that the schedule displayed here is a preliminary one and is subject to change. Come by the WGO booth during GASTRO 2009 for the final "Meet Your WGO Leader" schedule.

 <b>Monday, Nov 23</b>	10:00 - 11:00	<b>Richard Fedorak</b> (Canada), <b>Douglas LaBrecque</b> (USA)
	11:00 - 12:00	<b>Richard Hunt</b> (Canada), <b>Bernard Levin</b> (USA)
	12:00 - 13:00	<b>Henry Cohen</b> (Uruguay)
	13:00 - 14:00	<b>Michael Fried</b> (Switzerland)
	14:00 - 15:00	<b>Henry Cohen</b> (Uruguay)
 <b>Tuesday, Nov 24</b>	10:00 - 11:00	<b>Richard Fedorak</b> (Canada)
	11:00 - 12:00	<b>Guido Tytgat</b> (Netherlands)
	12:00 - 13:00	<b>Douglas LaBrecque</b> (USA)
	13:00 - 14:00	<b>Eamonn Quigley</b> (Ireland), <b>Richard Kozarek</b> (USA)
	14:00 - 15:00	<b>Nadir Arber</b> (Israel)



### ■ **Meet the WGO Librarian at the WGO booth**

The Ask a Librarian feature on the WGO website is a free service run on a voluntary basis by WGO's expert information consultant, Justus Krabshuis, for non-Western gastroenterologists, hepatologists and endoscopists. Assistance is offered with complex evidence based gastroenterology literature and citation searches. Justus Krabshuis will be present at the WGO booth during GASTRO 2009 for an expert insight on WGO's Global Guidelines and other educational initiatives.



Justus Krabshuis

» [Find out more about the WGO Ask a Librarian service](#)

### ■ **WGO Henry L. Bockus Lecture: Science, Society and the Gastroenterologist: The Influence of Politics, Pharma and Professors**

In honor of the first WGO president, Henry L. Bockus, whose vision was to enhance standards of education and training in gastroenterology, a special lecture is given at every World Congress of Gastroenterology.

Professor Richard H Hunt, who will deliver the WGO Henry L. Bockus lecture during GASTRO 2009, comments on his presentation:



Prof. Richard H Hunt

**"The advances in gastroenterology during my professional career have been remarkable but we are experiencing serious challenges in the environment in which we deliver patient care and conduct research.**

**There is a decline in interest and investment in the basic sciences and in research, in part due to societal changes. The influence of academia has diminished and following a half century of dramatic drug discoveries pharmaceutical companies are increasingly regulated, investing less and promising pipelines, especially in gastroenterology, are few. Much of this is due to increasing government intervention and control fostered through health economic constraints. A new paradigm for a positive partnership between clinicians, academia, industry and government is urgently needed."**

Date: Tuesday November 24, 2009

Time: 14:00 - 15:30

Venue: N9/10

» [Register for GASTRO 2009 here](#)

## Working Party Update: Endoscopy Guidelines for Credentialing



Prof. Douglas Faigel



Prof. Peter B. Cotton

The GASTRO 2009 Working Party "Endoscopy Guidelines for Credentialing" started its work in 2007 with the objective to improve patient care by creating guidelines that will bring more attention to credentialing and quality assurance in digestive endoscopy, which will ensure that patients are treated by competent doctors. This is the first attempt to achieve international consensus on credentialing in endoscopy by considering and including input from across the world in the development of these landmark guidelines. Professors Douglas Faigel and Peter B. Cotton were chosen to chair this Working Party by Professor Axon, the President of OMED, due to their extensive experience and professional activity in the field of digestive endoscopy.

**"We would like to encourage all national organizations to review these newly developed Endoscopy Guidelines for Credentialing. Our goal is that the guidelines will be adopted on a global level and will enable a continuous quality improvement process in endoscopy units in all parts of the world."**

- Working Party Chairs, Professors Douglas Faigel and Peter B. Cotton

Learn more about the outcomes of this Working Party at GASTRO 2009

### **Working Party Report: Endoscopy for Guidelines for Credentialing**

Date: Wednesday November 25, 2009

Time: 12:30 – 13:00

Venue: S 1/2/3

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**Stop by the WGO booth to collect your copy of the GASTRO 2009 Working Party Report Summaries.**

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## Inform your patients about GASTRO 2009 Public Health Day

GASTRO 2009 Public Affairs Committee in collaboration with the National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease (NACC), Coeliac UK and the GUT Trust will be organising a GASTRO 2009 Public Information Event. Members of the public are invited to attend a public information event at GASTRO 2009.

Chaired by medical broadcaster and journalist, Dr. Mark Porter, this informative event will offer the opportunity to hear from world renowned experts on the latest medical opinion and research, diagnosis and management and how to live with, and take control of, chronic gut conditions.



On November 22, 2009 world renowned experts, together with patients, will discuss the following topics:

- Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) and Coeliac Disease
- The latest medical opinion and research
- Primary care diagnosis and management
- Living with and taking control of chronic gut conditions

» [Find out more about Public Health Day](#)

#### **Latest WGO News:**

The second issue of this year's **World Gastroenterology News (WGN)** will be available online during the first week of **November, 2009**. This issue will focus on WGO society news and the latest scientific developments in the field of gastroenterology.

One of this issue's scientific highlights will be an article by Profs. René Lambert, Michael J. O'Brien, Edgar Jaramillo, and Michael Vieth on "The serrated pathway to colorectal cancer".

» [See previous editions of WGN](#)



**World Digestive Health Day 2009:** Don't forget that WDHD 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](#)

This e-news promotes the activities of the WGO.

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