

Cairo Training Center - WGO Info Package

Location: Cairo, Egypt
Center Director: Professor Ibrahim Mustafa

Introduction:

The Cairo Training Center (CTC) was established in March 2004 as an international non-governmental project in collaboration with the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO).



Aims/Mission:

The CTC mission is to develop mutual cooperation to train physicians and young doctors from countries in the Middle East and from English speaking African countries on the sciences and techniques of Gastroenterology and Hepatology through an international non-profit, long term program based in Egypt and subject to Egyptian laws and regulations.

Facilities:

The Cairo Training Center is located in the Theodor Bilharz Research Institute. The Endoscopy Unit includes:

- Endoscopy rooms: 6 endoscopy rooms (3 with X- ray facility)
- 4 ERCP Endoscopes, 10 Gastrosopes , 3 Colonoscopes , 1 Enteroscope
- 27 Working Endoscopists (12 performing ERCP).
- 10 specialized endoscopy Nurses
- 140 – 150 Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures per week (10 – 15 ERCP). 20 – 30 Acute upper GI Bleeding cases per week (24 hour working unit).

Equipment used in Training Course, provided annually, free of charge:

- Pentax provides the Center with 4 Gastrosopes , 2 Colonoscopes.
- COOK provides the Center with 30 – 40 Band Ligation sets , 30 -50 Injector needles
- Local Pharmaceutical companies provide all drugs used e.g. cyanoacrylate injections

Teaching Facilities:

- A maximum of 20 trainees can able to participate per course.
- A total of 2 courses could be held at the Center per year and these courses could potentially be held in May and/or October
- Accommodation is available for 20 students and 5 Faculty members.

Areas of Training:

- Therapeutic Upper Endoscopy
- Colonoscopy
- EBM & Medical Ethics

Level I – Diagnostic Endoscopy

Level II – Therapeutic Endoscopy

Level III – Advanced Endoscopy



Courses Offered:

2 Week Training Course for ca. 15 - 20 trainees held annually.
Course Program of 2007 is attached

2008 Course Dates: May 9 – 12 (Due to missing legal documents from Fujinon, the equipment for the 2008 course did not reach the center on time and the course was postponed)

2009 Course Dates: October 3 - 17

Trainee Application Process:

Trainees are selected according to applications and requests received from African countries and Arab countries. Applications include a letter of recommendation from the President of the applicant's GI Endoscopy Society.

Further Academic Activities:

- Training of 87 Egyptian trainees over the course of the last 5 years (two month hands-on training)
- Training of 17 International trainees over the course of the last 5 years
- Successful telecommunication with Rabat and Soweto Training Centers
- 2006 Update on Hepatocarcinoma and Viral Hepatitis B and C (Rabat Training Center – 2006)
- 1st Summer Postgraduate Course on Digestive Oncology & "21st Century Tools for Managing Liver and Stomach Cancer" (Rabat Training Center – June 2007)
- Live Endoscopy cases performed in Cairo Training Center were presented in the First African-Middle Eastern Congress on Digestive Oncology – IDCA/WGO (Rabat Training Center – 2008)

Endorsements:

The Cairo Training Center has been endorsed by

- the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO)
- American College of Gastroenterology (ACG)

Funding / Sponsorship:

Funding and sponsorship is currently received from the following sources:

- World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO)
- Local pharmaceutical companies
- *All Pentax scopes and COOK accessories are provided free of charge*

Philanthropic Endeavors:

Patients at the Center are treated free of charge.

Site-Seeing Experiences

- Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx. The only remaining monuments of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, it is the country's most famous tourist attraction.
- Egyptian Museum, on Midan Tahrir. The world's premier collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts.
- Citadel, in Islamic Cairo. A grand castle built by Salah Al-Din. Also parts of the water pipes (Majra Al-Oyouon) are still there, these pipes used to carry the water from the Nile River to the citadel.
- Al-Azhar Mosque. One of the pillars of Islamic thought and home to the world's oldest university.
- Ibn Tulun, close to Sayidna Zeinab. The oldest, and maybe most beautiful mosque in Cairo.
- The Coptic Museum, in Coptic Cairo.
- The "Hanging Church" (Church of the Virgin Mary), in Zabeleen Area (District of Manshiet Nasser) below Mokkatam Hills, not far away from the Citadel
- Cairo Tower (185 m./610 ft.) on Gezira Island offers a 360-view of Cairo, along with the Giza Pyramids off in the distance to the west.
- Sultan Hassan and El Rifae mosque, Near the Citadel and Ibn Tulun mosque. Al Sultan Hassan and El Rifae Mosque, Near the Citadel and Ibn Tulun One of the most peaceful and quiet places in Cairo, considering the noise outside. The architecture of the place is amazing relative to the time they were built. Shah Iran is buried there!



Training Center Needs:

- The Cairo Training Center would like to host a second 2 week training course per year, however funding does not currently allow this.
- Permanent Endoscopy Sets in the unit
- Permanent teaching modules (for upper and lower endoscopy and ERCP)
- Training materials, accessories and a dummy
- Most applicants to the center seek ERCP training.

Cairo Training Center Scholarship Amount: USD 9500,-