



La Paz WGO Training Center

2011 Report

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Academic Programs 2011

VII International Course on Advances in Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy

March 28 to April 3, 2011

New Trends and Innovations in Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy

March 30 to April 1, 2011

Hands On Course on Therapeutic Endoscopy

First period: February-July 2011
Second period: July-December 2011

AIGE Individual Course of Gastroenterology

Four months course (one a year)

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Location: La Paz, Bolivia



Introduction:

The Bolivian-Japanese Gastroenterology Institute (IGBJ) established the WGO Training Center with the mission to carry out yearly courses designed to complement and improve specialists training in gastroenterology, as acquired in their home countries. The course program is defined in conjunction by the WGO Education and Training Committee, the Bolivian Society of Gastroenterology (SBG) and the IGBJ, according to regional needs in training and an ethical approach to patient care.

The academic program includes basic sciences relevant to gastroenterology, as well as the latest concepts of gastrointestinal disease, with emphasis in diagnosis and treatment of digestive diseases, given through formal lectures and interactive seminars.

Practical instruction in endoscopy, radiology, echography, EUS, TAC, motility studies etc. are provided through interactive programs, as well as live patient demonstrations.

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Aims / Goals:

A) Main Objective:

To promote the highest standards for the development of the Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy in Latin American countries.

B) Specific Objectives:

- To upgrade, deepen and/or acquire knowledge about the specialty with its base in programs fundamentally directed to young specialists.
- To develop a curriculum for training in Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy, appropriate to the local and regional necessities of medical care, by means of the use of innovative instruments of education and medicine, based on evidence, and sustained in ethics and scientific advances.
- To establish programs of training that allow interaction in each training process.
- To promote guidelines for better practice in Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy.
- To stimulate a favourable atmosphere for appropriate relationship among trainees, national and foreign experts.

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Facilities:

The training center is located in the Bolivian-Japanese Institute of Gastroenterology in La Paz, which is situated in a University General Hospital. The following department units are located in the hospital:

- Department of Gastroenterology
 - Outpatient Clinic
 - Inpatient Clinic
 - Endoscopy Unit; diagnostic and therapeutic
 - EUS Unit
 - Motility Unit
 - Radiology and TAC
 - Ultrasonography
- Department of Surgical Gastroenterology
- ICU
- Clinical Laboratory
- Pathology Laboratory



La Paz WGO Training Center

Bolivian Professors

- Guido Villa-Gomez MD (TC Director)
- Modesto Valle MD (IGBJ Director)
- Javier Pabon MD
- Ernesto Loza MD
- Juan Luis Uria MD
- Rafael Ortuño MD
- Amparo Rejas MD
- Moira Ibargüen MD
- Oscar Calderon MD
- Javier Peres MD
- Gustavo Vidales MD
- Valeria Pabon MD
- James Köller MD
- Jose Luis Laserna MD
- Roberto Muñoz MD

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International Professors

- Luis Caro MD (Argentina)
- Vitor Arantes MD (Brazil)
- Claudio Navarrete MD (Chile)
- Kenshi Yao MD (Japan)
- Agustin Balboa MD (Spain)
- Fernando Fernandez MD (Spain)
- Gregory Haber MD (USA)
- Michel Kahaleh (USA)
- Ricardo Morgenstern MD (USA)

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- This year we added participants from Panama, Guatemala , Nicaragua and Cuba, in addition to South American countries have participated in previous versions.
- The number of countries present at the meeting was fifteen including professors from USA, Spain and Japan.
- Average age of trainees: 34 years (range 27 to 42 years).
- Gender: Male 53% - Female 47%.
- From: Public Health System: 63.9% - Private Health System 19.4% - Public/Private: 16.7%.

37 Trainees from:

Argentina: 6
Bolivia: 8
Brazil: 5
Chile: 1
Cuba: 2
Ecuador: 2
Guatemala: 1
Nicaragua: 1
Panama: 3
Peru: 2
Uruguay: 3
Venezuela: 3



New Trends and Innovations in Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy

March 30 to April 1, 2011

The ***International Course of Advances in Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy***, from the third day was open to specialists, internists, surgeons and general practitioners under the name of ***New Trends and Innovations in Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy***.

It had 250 participants.



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- The seventh version of the International Course was in tribute to the 50 Anniversary of the Bolivian Society of Gastroenterology.
- There was a special event where the President of the Bolivian Society of Gastroenterology, Dr. James Köller, presented the historical background.
- It was also read the WGO greeting send by Prof. Richard Kozarek and Prof. Henry Cohen.



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Dear Dr. Köller,

On behalf of the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO), we would like to congratulate the Sociedad Boliviana de Gastroenterología y Endoscopia Digestiva on the auspicious occasion in 2011, the celebration of your society's 50th anniversary. We understand that your formal celebration of this remarkable achievement is currently underway until 2 April at the scientific event being hosted by the WGO Training Center in La Paz and led by Dr. Guido Villa-Gomez.

WGO is very proud to have to have your esteemed society as a member of our organization, and the La Paz Training Center as one of our 14 premier, WGO-endorsed Training Centers worldwide. We applaud the excellence of physician training and patient care that has been and continues to be provided by you and your colleagues in the region that you serve. You are to be congratulated on your vision and commitment in this regard.

We highly value our collaboration with your society and look forward to continuing our successful partnership in the years to come.

With warmest regards,


Richard Kozarek, MD
President

World Gastroenterology Organisation


Henry Cohen, MD
Vice President

World Gastroenterology Organisation

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Program load time: 89 hours

- > Lectures
- > Interactive Seminars
- > Video Forum
- > Forum: New Technologies in Endoscopy
- > Workshop: Therapeutic Endoscopy in Pig Models
- > Live Cases: Diagnosis Endoscopy with New Technologies – 8 cases
- > Live Cases: Therapeutic Endoscopy: 2 half days – 25 cases
- > Workshop of Quality in Endoscopy
- > Community Health Program: 2 days



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National and International Lectures

27 lectures: Gastroenterology, endoscopy and Quality topics



Interactive Seminars:

Three sessions where the trainees and experts discuss and analyze cases or topics of interest based on evidence.



Workshop:
Therapeutic Endoscopy in Pig Models



Forum and live cases of diagnostic Endoscopy using new technologies as Magnification and NBI.

Professor K. Yao spearheaded these Sessions.

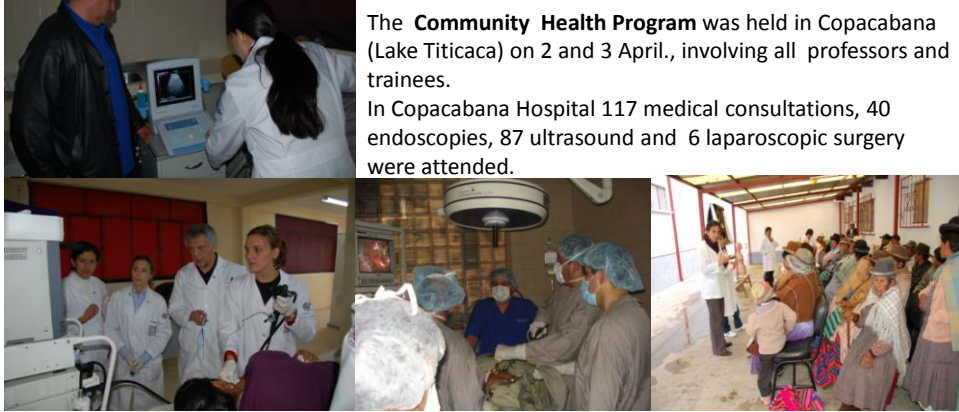


Live Cases:
Therapeutic Endoscopy: 2 days
25 cases



The **Community Health Program** was held in Copacabana (Lake Titicaca) on 2 and 3 April., involving all professors and trainees.

In Copacabana Hospital 117 medical consultations, 40 endoscopies, 87 ultrasound and 6 laparoscopic surgery were attended.



In Copacabana was time to visit floating islands of Titicaca Lake and see the lifestyle and customs of the Aymara Indians who live in the Andean regions of Bolivia.

What Trainees said and thought

The *VII International Course on Advances in Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy* performed in the past month of March in the city of La Paz, Bolivia, was a great experience for everyone involved in it.

From the organizational point of view, it was excellent. We were kept informed prior to the event via email by a course syllabus as well as activities where we had direct intervention. Also gave us study material via electronic. We were offered all assistance to our arrival and stayed comfortable and pleasurable.

From the academic point of view, guest teachers showed at all times, not only their high scientific quality, but also human quality, always in order to resolve our questions and doubts, and let us also share with them in social activities.

Advanced endoscopic techniques were demonstrated through live cases and gave us the opportunity through the *hands on* (practices in pork stomach) to practice endoscopic techniques that some of us do not have in our work units.

Through Program Community Outreach, we could approach the reality of the country that hosted us 10 days, enjoying the people, giving back a little of being practicing endoscopic studies in the hospital in Copacabana with the guidance of the guest teachers.

From the social point of view, the experience of sharing with other Latin American physicians was magnificent, because we have similar situations in our countries. This opens the door for each other and allows not only to strengthen friendship ties, but also to have a multiplier effect in each of our countries of the knowledge received.

Special thanks to professor (PhD) Dr. Guido Villa-Gomez, brilliant professor and best friend, whose leadership and knowledge made possible the organization of such an important event of international magnitude.

As a recommendation we would like to see this event becoming a reference for other similar events in Latin America, probably lasting longer and with the continuous support from the WGO.

Thanks to everyone involved in the realization of the VII course it was really a great success.

**Doctors Participants in the VII International Course
April, 2011**