



# World Gastroenterology Organisation and the World Organisation of Digestive Endoscopy

Training Centers – Sharing Excellence in the GI World

## Guideline for Primary Training Centers

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<b>001</b>	<p><b>Goals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To promote the highest standards in training in gastroenterology and endoscopy in a selected region</li> <li>▪ To develop a curriculum for training in gastroenterology based on current science, ethical principles and relevant to local and regional health care needs</li> <li>▪ To expose young gastroenterologists-in-training to the most current knowledge in gastroenterology</li> <li>▪ To foster interactions between international and regional experts in the field of gastroenterology</li> <li>▪ To promulgate best practice guidelines in gastroenterology and endoscopy</li> </ul>
<b>002</b>	<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>The World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) has identified as one of its major aims the promotion of the highest standards in training for, and the practice of, gastroenterology. Whilst our view is Global a particular focus has been on the developing world and, in particular, on areas where access to high-quality training in gastroenterology remains problematic.</p> <p>We have developed two major strategies to address this aim; the institution of training centers and the development of a program to support those who are actively involved in the training process. With regard to the former, the following centers are either active or are in final planning stages:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ South African Academy, Soweto, South Africa</li><li>▪ Rabat, Morocco</li><li>▪ Cairo, Egypt</li><li>▪ Bangkok, Thailand</li><li>▪ Karachi, Pakistan (virtual center – see below)</li><li>▪ La Paz, Bolivia</li><li>▪</li></ul> <p>The second strategy is being achieved through the development of “Train-the-Trainers” courses which takes place each year and brings together 50 training program directors from around the world.</p>
<b>003</b>	<b>The WGO Training Center Concept</b> <p>WGO aims at developing centers in various regions around the world which will provide residential training courses to trainees in gastroenterology from that specific region.</p> <p>These courses are designed to supplement and enhance training provided in the home country and will not attempt to provide a complete training in gastroenterology. The courses will be based on a defined curriculum to be developed joining by the local gastroenterological society and the WGO Education and Training Committee to reflect the health needs of the area and based on a caring and ethical approach to patient care. Didactic components will review both basic science relevant to gastroenterology, as well as the latest concepts of gastrointestinal disease, in both formal lectures and small group interactive seminars. Practical instruction in endoscopy and other important procedures will be provided through interactive video- and computer-based programs, as well as live patient demonstrations.</p> <p>We also expect that the Center may serve as the site for “Train-the-Trainers” programmes for this area. We envisage that the Center will emerge to play a leadership role in gastroenterology in a specific region and that it will become accepted as an acknowledged center of excellence throughout the world.</p> <p>It is important to note that the Centers should not be seen as opportunities to run conferences. Instead, they should fulfill educational needs for gastroenterologists of a specific region. These needs may take a variety of strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Specific workshops</li><li>▪ Training of doctors, nurses and health care workers from surrounding countries</li><li>▪ Running Master Classes in endoscopy so as to introduce new techniques to regions where these do not exist</li><li>▪ Support ongoing training of physicians and surgeons who have not training in gastroenterology i.e. the training center may become the focal point of a training programme that may include assistance of a local gastroenterology society and its training programme.</li></ul>



<p><b>004</b></p>	<p><b>Logistics</b></p> <p>The faculty for the center will be drawn from local expertise and from a panel of international experts, nominated jointly by the WGO Education and Training Committee and the local gastroenterology society.</p> <p>The WGO Executive Committee has approved the allocation of US\$15 000,00 per annum to each officially recognized and functioning WGO Training Center. This must be used to support and develop educational activities of the center as selected and promoted by the local course director and approved by the responsible member of the Education Committee. Prior to the allocation of any funding, a detailed budget must have been approved by the WGO Education and Training committee and be endorsed by the WGO Finance Committee. The annual budget reviews would normally occur at the May meeting of the Training Centers subcommittee of the Education and Training Committee. Funding will be committed annually with an expectation for a commitment over a 5-year period as long as objectives are being met., A detailed account of spending must be given for a current year before any funding can be provided for the following. Budgets and financial reports must be submitted to the member of the Education Committee responsible for a particular center. These will be presented to the May meeting as indicated above. These budgets and reports must be submitted in a timely fashion.</p> <p>The WGO Executive Committee has agreed to fund two international faculty members to attend the inaugural course of a center (Normally this would be 2 members of the executive who will open the center and also contribute to the faculty of the meeting). This funding is in addition to the annual funding mentioned above and will cover the transport only. This additional funding will only be provided at the first inaugural meeting of a center. Thereafter, the course directors are required to manage their budgets with the WGO support specified above.</p> <p>Course Participants should be nominated and funded by their national gastroenterology association: it is expected to include up to 20 trainees in a given course at one time. The course will be delivered in a university teaching hospital (or a venue selected jointly by the WGO Education and Training Committee and local GI society) and should involve the active participation of the local faculty as well as the Department of Health and Education of the host country.</p>
<p><b>005</b></p>	<p><b>Long-term Goal</b></p> <p>The goal for all of these centers is that they should become financially self-sufficient, based on funds raised from local and regional sponsors. It is hoped that with an increasingly secure financial basis, the scope of activity of the center can expand, the duration of administered courses can be extended and their frequency increased. The WGO Education and Training Committee is committed to working with the local gastroenterological society and authorities to providing on-going academic leadership.</p>
<p><b>006</b></p>	<p><b>What will be the respective roles of WGO and the local host?</b></p> <p>The WGO Education and Training Committee will commit considerable efforts to the establishment of these centers. The WGO Executive will undertake to assist in</p>



	<p>negotiations with the local Ministries of Health and Education as well as with local gastroenterological societies in surrounding regions which should be serviced by the center.</p> <p>The WGO Education and Training Committee works together with the Center to develop and implement a training programme. A member of the WGO Executive and a member of the joint Education Committee will work together with the hosts to develop the long-term programme as well as the budget for presentation to the Education Committee. Their task is to assist the local host in the establishment of the customized curriculum, selection of faculty and the development of a 5-year plan..</p> <p>A unifying theme for all of WGO activities is to establish basic standards for training in gastroenterology in any part of the world and to develop curricula pertinent to the care of digestive and liver diseases in every part of the globe. WGO is committed to assisting the Course Director in the selection of the very best faculty for each Center.</p> <p>The WGO Education and Training Committee also seeks to partner with other major organizations in gastroenterology to increase the input of international faculty and materials to the Training Centers.</p>
<p><b>007</b></p>	<p><b>Virtual Training Centers</b></p> <p>The WGO Education and Training Committee is actively investigating how the latest electronic technology can aid in the pursuit of its goals with regards Training Centers. Political upheaval in some parts of the world may make the running of courses with international faculty more difficult. WGO Education and Training Committee is presently developing a virtual training course which will enable the international faculty to participate long distance.</p>
<p><b>008</b></p>	<p><b>Practical and Financial Implications</b></p> <p>Establishment and Dedication of the Center</p> <p>It is our expectation that the Center will be housed in pre-existing facilities and that there will be no building, renovation or maintenance costs to the partners. It is expected that renovations will be undertaken by the local authorities, who will also meet on-going maintenance costs. Rental of lecture theatre, seminar room space and associated AV facilities will be negotiated with the relevant authorities and it is hoped that rates will be nominal. It is our belief that access to clinical facilities and, in particular, to endoscopic equipment may prove more problematic and costs incurred will have to be covered by the local host. The WGO Education and Training Committee will assist, wherever possible, in obtaining sponsorship of such equipment.</p> <p><i>The following costs will be covered by the WGO Education and Training Committee:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Travel to review facility (site inspection) if deemed necessary by the WGO Education and Training Committee</li> <li>▪ Flight costs for a maximum of two members of the Executive at the inaugural meeting (business class)</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ An annual grant of \$15000 to be awarded to each center on approval of the budget as detailed above.</li></ul> <p><i>The following costs will be covered by the local host/society:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Accommodation for international faculty</li><li>▪ Accommodation and flights for local faculty</li><li>▪ All catering/social events and technical costs including live transmission costs if required</li><li>▪ Any infrastructure costs</li></ul> <p>The local host is also encouraged to raise funds to support the travel and accommodation of trainees from surrounding areas.</p>
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<b>009</b>	<p><b>Information/Contact</b></p> <p>Further information regarding the WGO Training Centers can be obtained from:</p> <p><b>WGO Executive Secretariat</b> C/o Medconnect Bruennstein Str. 10 81541 Munich Germany Tel: +49-89-4141 92 42 Fax: +49-89-4141 92 45 Email: <a href="mailto:info@worldgastroenterology.org">info@worldgastroenterology.org</a></p>
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