

La Paz WGO Training Center – 2014 Academic Activities

Name: La Paz WGO Training Center
Location: La Paz, Bolivia
Center Director: Guido Villa-Gomez MD

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, echoendoscopy, TAC, motility studies etc. are provided through interactive programs, as well as live patient demonstrations.

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 allows 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.

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

Teaching Programs 2014:

- A. ***X International Course of Advances in Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy*** (2-6 April 2014), 30 trainees.
- B. ***"Hands on" training in therapeutic endoscopy.*** 4 trainees, separated in two groups of five months each: First Period (February – July), Second Period (July – December).

Faculty and Staff:

- IGBJ Director – Modesto Valle, MD
- La Paz WGO TC Director – Guido Villa-Gómez, MD
- Oscar Calderón, MD
- Javier Pabón, MD
- Jose Luis Laserna, MD
- Virginia Berdeja
- Luís Uría, MD
- Rafael Ortuño, MD
- James Koller, MD
- Ernesto Loza, MD
- Blanca Careaga, MD
- Amparo Rejas, MD
- Nicolás Mitru, MD
- Modesto Valle, MD
- Moira Ibarguen, MD
- Javier Peres, MD
- Gustavo Vidales, MD
- Ariel Tapia

International Faculty:

- Federico Villamil MD – Argentine
- Everson Artifon MD – Brazil
- Walton Alberquerque MD – Brasil
- Ram Chuttani MD – USA
- Prateek Sharna MD – USA
- Ricardo Morgenstern MD – USA
- Haruhiro Inoue MD – Japan
- Carmelo Blasco MD – Paraguay
- Henry Cohen MD - Uruguay

Certification

Certificate details the training time in hours and indicates the partnership between the Bolivian Institute, La Paz WGO Training Center and Bolivian Society of Gastroenterology.

Endorsements:

The La Paz WGO Training Center has been endorsed by:

- the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO)
- the Bolivian Society of Gastroenterology (SBG)
- the Bolivian-Japanese Institute of Gastroenterology (IGBJ)
- the Ministry of Health of Bolivia

Funding / Sponsorship:

Funding and/or sponsorship are currently received from the following sources:

- World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO): The funds granted by WGO, are used to:
 - Airfare for 4 foreign teachers (\$4.000).
 - Hotel for 6 Bolivian trainees participating in the X International Course (\$1.000).
 - Hotel for 6 foreign teachers and 4 Bolivian teachers (\$4.000).
 - Scholarship of \$300 per month for 4 trainees, 5 months each (\$6.000).
- The Bolivian-Japanese Institute of Gastroenterology (IGBJ)
- Olympus Japan and Latin America

Philanthropic Endeavors:

Program of Projection in Health to the Community

The program was in Copacabana (30 and 31, March 2012), with the participation of all trainees of the VIII Course and Professors.

Copacabana is a small and picturesque town on the shores of Titicaca Lake, 3 hours from La Paz, with a predominant Indian Aymara population and descendents of Inca Culture.



In Copacabana Hospital, medical activities will be offered free of any charge: outpatient consultation, ultrasonography and endoscopies, and laparoscopic surgery.

