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UEGF would like to wish all a very  **Happy New Year and all the best for 2009!**

UEGW Vienna 2008 – Overwhelming Success



The record numbers of delegate registrations and abstract submissions clearly testify to the overwhelming success of UEGW Vienna 2008: the 3,130 submitted abstracts and 11,692 participants from more than 100 countries from around the globe made the European Congress of Gastroenterology the event of the year for gastroenterologists from Europe and beyond.

Apart from the scientific programme, the UEGW Fun Run again proved a major highlight. This year it attracted a record number of athletes: almost 400 delegates from 39 countries participated in this charity event to promote a healthy lifestyle and to raise money for the European Federation of Crohn's & Ulcerative Colitis Association (EFCCA).

With great pleasure, UEGF awarded the first UEGF Research Prize to Prof. Markus F. Neurath (University Hospital Mainz, Germany) at UEGW Vienna 2008! Prof. Neurath was selected by the UEGF Scientific Committee out of a large number of applicants and was awarded the prize for his research in endomicroscopy.

Please visit the [UEGW Vienna 2008 website](#) to:

- View congress pictures
- Review abstracts
- Order your syllabus for the Postgraduate Teaching Programme
- Order your Highlights DVD, "Best of UEGW 2008"
- Obtain more information on UEGW Vienna 2008



GASTRO 2009 – UEGW / WCOG London – November 21-25, 2009

For the first time in the history of gastroenterology, an international conference is to bring together the forces of four pre-eminent organisations: the United European Gastroenterology Federation (UEGF), the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO), the World Organisation of Digestive Endoscopy (OMED) and the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) are jointly organising GASTRO 2009 – UEGW/WCOG London. This landmark meeting will be held from 21 to 25 November 2009. The collaboration between the four organisations will ensure the perfect balance of basic science and clinical practice and ensure a truly global context. All disciplines in gastroenterology (endoscopy, digestive oncology, nutrition, digestive surgery, hepatology, gastroenterology) will be covered at the meeting, in the exciting setting of the city of London.

The call for abstract submission and the preliminary programme will be available online as of January 2009. Be sure not to miss announcements on the website.

Please visit the [Gastro 2009 website](#) for more information on the scientific programme and registration options! We look forward to meeting you in London!

UEGF Research Prize 2009 – Call for Applications



UEGF is delighted to announce that this initiative will be continued in 2009! The prize of € 100,000 will be awarded for excellence in basic science or translational or clinical research within the specialty.

Applicants are asked to visit the UEGF website www.uegf.org for more information on the prize and for application procedures! The UEGF Scientific Committee is looking forward to receiving your application!

UEGF Educational Activities – Apply Now

The newly launched [UEGF Education Programme Committee](#) under the chairmanship of Prof. Lars Lundell has put a great deal of effort into starting the educational branch of UEGF.

This new Committee is initiating postgraduate courses with a multidisciplinary approach, guaranteeing high-quality scientific programmes while allowing time for personal discussion and exchange of views with distinguished and experienced faculty members. A balanced blend of lectures on theoretical and practical issues will be offered. Courses will take place at centrally located university settings that are famous for excellent scientific research in order to provide the best training opportunities for both established and nascent clinical and non-clinical investigators.

The UEGF Education Programme Committee is delighted to be able to give young European gastroenterologists the chance to enhance their scientific knowledge and to advance their professional careers with the assistance of leading experts in the wide field of gastroenterology and hepatology.

UEGF Professional Trainee Course

Topic: "Management of Biliary Diseases"
Date: May 9-10, 2009
Location: AMC Amsterdam, The Netherlands



This course is based on four state-of-the-art lectures on day one, followed by practical break-out sessions and hands-on training on day two. Sessions cover the latest science and clinical information, including diagnostic and treatment issues, and expose participants to a number of real-life examples. Attendees will expand their knowledge and gain hands-on experience in clinical management.

UEGF Teaching Activity on Basic Science

Topic: "Cell signalling with relevance to the GI tract"
Date: July 19-21, 2009
Location: Murray Edwards College, Cambridge, UK



The aim is to foster young investigators through an intensive interchange of scientific knowledge with a distinguished faculty of world-leading experts. Participants have the possibility of learning about new developments and findings from top specialists in the field. This initiative will be the starting point for a pan-European network of young basic scientists in gastroenterology and hepatology.

The UEGF Education Programme Committee encourages physicians in the last year of internal medicine/paediatrics training, physicians in GI fellowship training and young gastroenterologists, as well as radiologists and surgeons, to apply now on www.uegf.org Early application is advised.