UEG Week Barcelona – the place to be for gastroenterologists in 2015!

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UEG Week is the place to be for clinicians as well as for researchers, as the programme includes all aspects of our specialty, ranging from basic science to clinical practice guidelines. It attracts around 14,000 participants and features original research in GI and liver disease, as well as different interactive session formats, where the latest advances in clinical gastroenterology and hepatology is presented and discussed. Next year the meeting will be held in the Fira de Barcelona in Spain, October 24–28, and we will continue with many of our successful session formats, as well as introducing new features at the meeting, in order to continuously improve the quality of our meeting.

In 2015, I would especially like to draw your attention to the following features/sessions:

- We will introduce new symposia entitled “Translating guidelines into clinical practice”, where recent European and/or national guidelines for some of our major GI and liver diseases are presented and their incorporation into clinical practice will be discussed.
- The clinically oriented one-day symposium within the meeting, entitled “Advances in Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology” that will be launched in Vienna in 2014 will continue in 2015 and the topic for the meeting in Barcelona is viral hepatitis. This is certainly a disease area where substantial progress has been made during the last couple of years, with several new and very effective treatment options now entering the market. During this one-day symposium the optimal management strategies for patients with viral hepatitis in 2015 will be highlighted.
- The most important participants at our meetings are the scientists who submit and present abstracts at our meeting! As previous years we will have a large number of sessions dedicated to oral presentations of original research, and in our E-Poster Gallery the printed posters will also be presented as an e-poster on poster terminals. These terminals will also be used for daily Poster Champ Sessions, where the Poster Champs of the day are awarded. Moreover, small group sessions, entitled “Posters in the Spotlight” will give the poster presenters possibilities to discuss their scientific findings in depth with experts in the field.
- The successful formats from previous years, such as Therapy updates, case-based Round Table Discussions, Live Endoscopy, and Video Case Session will continue in Barcelona, and I am sure that these will continue to be attractive for our audience.
- For the 6th year we will have our two day “Today’s science; tomorrow’s medicine” initiative in the programme of UEG Week, and in 2015 the theme will be “The Omics revolution”. This is a very active and rapidly evolving research area, which is now knocking on the door to the clinic and will affect clinicians in the foreseeable future. Top class scientists have been invited to give you the evidence that this is an important area for all of us working in GI.
- The programme of the two-day postgraduate course will be based on the newly launched three-year curriculum, which will ensure that all clinically important topics within GI, liver and pancreas are covered within a three-years period. This will make the postgraduate teaching programme even more attractive to visit on a yearly basis for experienced clinicians as well as for trainees.
- In Vienna 2014 and Barcelona 2015 we will focus on attracting even more young attendees to the meeting – the future of UEG Week! We have created a “Young GI track”, where sessions of special interest for fellows will be highlighted in the programme, and there will be a Young GI Network, where young delegates meet and network with peers from around the world and form new collaborations. Moreover, there will be a mentoring programme for fellows, where they team up with experienced experts in the field, who will guide the fellows through the programme and interact with them.
- New at UEG Week Barcelona 2015 is the “UEG Week Hotspot”, which is an interactive area at the congress where debates and discussions of hot topics will take place and the audience will be given the possibility to interact with key opinion leaders in a new way.

As you can easily understand from this, UEG Week is the place to be for gastroenterologists! I hope to see all of you in Barcelona 2015!

Highlight these dates for UEG Week Barcelona 2015 in your calendar:

- December 10, 2014: Opening of abstract submission
- April 30, 2015: Deadline for abstract submission
- May 12, 2015: Deadline for early bird registration fee

- September 10, 2015: Deadline for late registration fee

Find out more, visit www.ueg.eu/week

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