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Antwerp has a magnificent architecture, dazzling monuments, inspired artworks, a wealth of outstanding museums, picturesque galleries and world class shopping. Restaurants with superb belgian and multicultural food, beer-washed pubs, jazzed-up clubs are the right components of a vibrant nightlife. Antwerp is a pocketsize metropolis.

Hilton Antwerp Hotel:
The elegant Hilton Antwerp Hotel is set on the Groenplaats in the heart of the historical city center and offers all the facilities for business events like the XXth edition of The Belgian Week of Gastroenterology.

XX th Anniversary dinner and party:
Horta House Grand Café Art Nouveau
Great venue, superb food, evening rich of surprises for our XXth Anniversary

Languages:
Dutch, French and English. English (British spelling) for abstracts, slides and announcements. As proposed at the Steering Committee of 1995, Belgian Authors may present their original papers at the Joint Meeting in their mother tongue.

Registration / Abstract Submission
Registration and Abstract submission are now open on the WEBSITE www.belgianweek.be

Call for Abstracts:
Authors are invited to send abstracts electronically as early as possible, before November 30th, 2007 (absolute deadline) and to choose either the "Joint Meeting" (Clinical and basic research with clinical impact) or the appropriate Research Group.

Joint Meeting oral presentations will be selected by the Joint Meeting Selection Committee and presented on Thursday February 21 and Friday February 22, 2008. Research Groups oral presentations will be selected by the Selection Committees of each research group.

For the Joint Meeting, the abstracts, without author's and institutions’ names, will be scored from 0 to 5, on the basis of originality and scientific value by each member of the Selection Committee, except if he is author, co-author or knows the authors.

The Selection Committee gathers experts in different fields of Gastroenterology. After scoring, the abstracts will be allocated into several categories, the highest scores being scheduled for the Plenary Session on Friday morning.

Prizes will be awarded for the best oral presentations at the Joint Meeting in Basic Research and in Clinical Research. Two awards will also be given by the BASL for the best Basic and Clinical Presentation in Liver diseases.

An abstract submitted for the Digestive Disease Week (DDW) in May 2008 or the United European Gastroenterology Week 2008 (UEGW) may be presented at the Belgian Week of Gastroenterology ("National Meeting"), following the rules of the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) and the United European Gastroenterology Federation (UEGF). The abstracts of the Belgian Week of Gastroenterology will be published in Acta Gastro-Enteroxologica Belgica (2008, fasc. 1).

Scientific Programme

Thursday February 21, 2008
Morning BASL
OG-FWO
Belgian Pancreatic Club
Afternoon OG-NFWO
Joint Meeting
Videcapsule Group

Friday February 22, 2008
Morning Joint meeting
Pathology Club
Afternoon Joint meeting
BeSPGHAN combined with Helicobacter Study Group
Nutrition (VVKVM-SBNC)
BGDO combined with Pathology Club
Radiology

Saturday February 23, 2008
Morning and Afternoon
Six societies symposium:
XXth Anniversary of the BWG : «Innovations in digestive diseases: State of the art 2008»
Topics: high definition endoscopy, functional and molecular imaging, new biologicals in IBD, NOTES

Accreditation:
Certificates for accreditation will be provided at the ends of each 1/2 day session (30 units) to the registered delegates who have attended the respective sessions. CME credits will also be provided.