ANTWERP, March 4th - 6th 2010

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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.

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

Gala Dinner and Party of the XXIInd BWG :
Friday March 5, 2010.
At the very special Appelmans Brasserie and Absinth Bar, a warm atmosphere around the corner from the Antwerp Hilton and followed by a dancing evening.

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 language.

Registration / Abstract Submission

On-line Registration / Payment are now available on the website.
Abstract submission deadline is Dec. 1st 2009 midnight
www.belgianweek.be  or  www.bwge.be

Call for Abstracts:

Authors are invited to send abstracts electronically as early as possible, before Dec. 1st, 2009 (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 March 4 and Friday March 5, 2010. Research Groups oral presentations will be selected by the Selection Committees of each research group.

All abstracts will be scored anonymously from 0 to 10, on the basis of originality and scientific value, by each member of the selection committee of the joint meeting or by the selection committee of the research group you asked for. A member of the selection committee will not vote if he is author or co-author of the abstract or if the abstract is from his own group.

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 on Thursday morning by the BASL for the best Basic and Clinical Presentation in Liver diseases. The BGDO and IBD research groups will both give a research grant on Saturday.

An abstract submitted for the Digestive Disease Week/DDW in May 2010 or the United European Gastroenterology Week 2010(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 AGEJB (2010, fasc1).

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