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ACcreditation

CME credits will be provided by online submission to the registered delegates who have attended the sessions. The number of credits is 6 credits points per day (category 3) and 4 cp for Saturday. The file from the online accreditation registrations will be sent to the INAMI/RIZIV end of June 2016.

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 Plenary session in their mother tongue.

Friday Night Party of the XXVIIIth BWG

Friday February 19th, 2016

Venue

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New this year: the Plenary Session will take place on Saturday morning! The best abstracts selected by the different scientific societies and research groups as Oral Presentations will be presented during this session, together with several keynote lectures given by national and international experts.

**E-POSTER SESSION**

Selected posters will be exposed electronically on several screens in the exhibition area. Two e-poster sessions will take place on Thursday and Friday during the coffee breaks. The best posters will be presented and discussed during specific oral poster sessions as indicated in the program. Two Best Poster Awards of €250 will be offered during the Plenary Session on Saturday morning.

**HANDS-ON ULTRASOUND SESSION**

For the third time we organize 2 hands-on ultrasound sessions with phantoms of pathology in gastroenterology and hepatology. On these sessions, ultrasound images are generated as on your own ultrasound machines. The aim of this 2 sessions is to give physicians trainees the opportunity to get experienced in abdominal ultrasound. On Thursday, the course is oriented towards young gastroenterologists and other physicians interested in abdominal ultrasound, both beginners and experienced. The Friday course is on advanced sonography in bowel disorders.

**CASE REPORT SESSION**

An interactive case report session will be organized on the Friday morning, offering the opportunity to present and discuss rare cases.

**BWG GRANTS**

The Belgian Week offers 3 basic or clinical research grants of 2,500€ to young researchers, as well as 1 grant for the best paper published in Acta Gastroenterologica Belgica in 2015. The Belgian Week offers 4 travel grants of €750 + free income for foreign researchers of whom an abstract has been accepted for oral presentation.

Further information on these grants and the application modalities can be found on the website.

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

Abstracts can be submitted electronically via the website. The deadline for abstract submission is December 1st 2015 at midnight. On abstract submission authors will have to choose the research group where the abstract fits the best. Abstracts can be sent to the following research groups: Liver and Transplantation (BASL/BLIC), IBD, Endoscopy (BSGIE), Digestive Pathology, Paediatrics, Radiology/Nuclear Medicine, Oncology (BGDO), GI/REM, Nutrition and Pancreas.

**CALL FOR CASES**

Since 2013 an interactive case-report session is organized on Friday morning. Abstracts with a short description of the case can be submitted via the website following the same procedure as the research abstracts. Deadline for submission is December 1st 2015 at midnight. Cases will be selected by the Belgian Week Scientific Committee. The results of the selection will be communicated to the submitting authors by January 10th 2016.

**AWARDS**

- Plenary sessions: 2 awards (1 in Basic Research and 1 in Clinical Research) for the best oral presentation, awarded on Friday at the end of the afternoon.
- BASL session: 2 awards (1 in Basic Research and 1 in Clinical Research) for the best oral presentation, awarded on Thursday afternoon.
- BGDO, Belgian IBD Research Club (BIRD) and the BeSPGHAN (pediatricians) will all grant 1 award on Saturday morning for the best presentation in their field.
- Best Poster Award: 2 awards (1 in Basic Research and 1 in Clinical Research) will be granted on Friday afternoon. An abstract submitted for an international meeting (Digestive Disease Week (DDW), the European Gastroenterology Annual Meeting (UEG), the Liver Meeting (AASLD) or the International Liver Congress (EASL)) may be presented at the Belgian Week of Gastroenterology ("National Meeting"), following the rules of the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA), the United European Gastroenterology Federation (UEGF), the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) and the European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL).
- Abstracts accepted for presentation (oral/poster) at the 28th Belgian Week of Gastroenterology will be published in Acta Gastroenterologica Belgica (AGEB 2016, fasc1).