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I. DEPOORTERE, J-M. VANDERWINDEN (GIREM, Belgian Network on Gastrointestinal Regulatory Mechanisms)
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C. VAN STEENKISTE (Young VVGE)
J. SCHOUTEN (Ultrasound Course)

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 April 2017.

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 XXIXTH BWG

Friday February 10th, 2017

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The Plenary Session takes 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.

**BSGIE**
New this year: The BSGIE Session will be extended to a whole day with live transmission from selected Endoscopy Units.

**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**
Two hands-on ultrasound sessions with phantoms of pathology in gastroenterology and hepatology will be organized. On these phantoms, ultrasound images are generated as on your own ultrasound machines. The aim of these 2 sessions is to give gastroenterologists and trainees the opportunity to get experienced in abdominal ultrasound of less frequently encountered abnormalities. More information on these sessions can be found on the website. A separate registration is required and the number of attendees is limited on a first come/first served basis.

**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 awards 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 2016. 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.

**CITY TOUR**
A city tour around Antwerp will take place on Saturday morning. Further information can be found on the website.

**REGISTRATION / ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**
*On-line Registration / Payment are now available on the website.*
*Abstract submission deadline is December 1st 2016 midnight.*
*www.bwge.be*

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS / CASES**
Abstracts can be submitted electronically via the website. The deadline for abstract submission is *December 1st 2016 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: BASL/BLIC, BIRD, BSGIE, Digestive Pathology, BeSPGHAN, Radiology/Nuclear Medicine, BGDO, GIREM, Nutrition and Pancreas.

The abstracts will be selected by the selection committee of each research group for oral or poster presentation. All abstracts will be scored anonymously, based on originality and scientific value. The best abstracts (basic/clinical) of each research group will be sent to the Belgian Week Scientific Committee, which will select the papers that ultimately will be presented at the “Plenary Session” on Saturday morning.

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.

The results of the selection will be communicated to the submitting authors by *December 23rd 2016*.

**AWARDS**
• Plenary session: 2 awards (1 in Basic Research and 1 in Clinical Research) for the best oral presentation, awarded on Saturday at the end of the session.
• BASL session: 2 awards (1 in Basic Research and 1 in Clinical Research) for the best oral presentation, awarded on Thursday afternoon.
• BGDO, BIRD and BeSPGHAN 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 Saturday morning.

An abstract submitted for an international meeting (Digestive Disease Week (DDW), the United European Gastroenterology Week (UEGW), 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 29th Belgian Week of Gastroenterology will be published in *Acta Gastroenterologica Belgica (AGEB)* (2017, fasc1).