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ACCRREDITATION

CME credits will be provided by online submission to the registered delegates who have attended the sessions. The file from the online accreditation registrations will be sent to the INAMI/ RIZIV end of March 2019.

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 in their mother tongue.

BWGE 2019 EVENT

Thursday February 21st, 2019

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**BSGIE**
The BSGIE organises a scientific session on Thursday afternoon and a live endoscopy session with live transmission from selected Endoscopy Units on Friday morning.

**PROCTOLOGY SESSION**
The BWGE welcomes for the second time a session on Proctology that will be organized on Friday afternoon.

**HANDS-ON ULTRASOUND SESSION**
Two hands-on ultrasound sessions with phantoms of diseases 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 Thursday morning, offering the opportunity to present and discuss rare cases.

**E-POSTER SESSIONS**
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 the Award Ceremony on Friday.

**BWGE GRANTS**
The Belgian Week awards 3 basic or clinical research grants of 2,500€ to young researchers. 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. Acta Gastroenterologica awards a grant of 2,500€ to best 2018 publication.

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS / CASES**
Abstracts can be submitted electronically via the website. Abstract submission opens October 1st, 2018. The deadline for abstract submission is December 1st 2018 at midnight. Upon abstract submission authors will have to choose the research group where the abstract fits the best. Research abstracts can be sent to the following research groups: BASL/BLIC, BIRD, BSGIE, Digestive Pathology, BeSPGHAN, Radiology/Nuclear Medicine, BGDO, GIREM, Nutrition and Pancreas (BPC), Proctology.

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 results of the selection will be communicated to the submitting authors by the end of December 2018.

**AWARDS**
- 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.
- Best Poster Award: 2 awards (1 in Basic Research and 1 in Clinical Research).
- Best Case Report Award.

The awards will be handed over during the award ceremony on Friday February 22nd 2019.

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 31st Belgian Week of Gastroenterology will be published in Acta Gastroenterologica Belgica (AGEB 2019, fasc1).