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XVIIIth

Belgian Week of Gastroenterology



First announcement and call for abstracts

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Oostende, February 9th-11th 2006



Oostende, city by the sea

The largest of all the Flemish resorts and the only true city on the coast, Oostende has 9 km of white sandy beaches, not to mention all the nightlife, restaurants, shops, museums and attractions you would expect to find in a premier resort.

Casino Kursaal Oostende

After the official opening on December 17th 2004, the Casino Kursaal Oostende is one of the largest and best equipped congress and concert halls in Belgium.



The XVIIIth Belgian Week of Gastroenterology

will be organized in the Casino Kursaal Oostende, from Thursday February 9, 2006 to Saturday February 11, 2006.

Invited Lectures will be proposed by the Belgian Association for Study of the Liver and the Belgian IBD Research Group.

The theme of the symposium of the Six Societies has been chosen this year by the BASL: "EMERGENCIES IN HEPATOLOGY"

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.

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.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Authors are invited to send abstracts electronically as early as possible, before December 2, 2005 (absolute deadline) and to choose either the "Joint Meeting" (Clinical and basic research with clinical impact) or appropriate Research Groups.

Joint Meeting oral presentations will be selected by the Joint meeting Selection Committee and will be presented Thursday 9 and Friday 10, 2006. Research groups oral presentations will be selected by Selection Committees of the respective research groups.

For the Joint Meeting, the abstracts, without the 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 will comprise experts in different fields of Gastroenterology. After scoring the abstracts will be allocated into several categories, the highest scores being for presentation at the Plenary Session on Friday morning.

Prizes will be awarded for the two best oral presentations (presenters aged less than 40 years) at the Joint Meeting in basic research and clinical research, respectively.

An abstract submitted for the Digestive Disease Week in May 2006 or the United European Gastroenterology Week 2006 may be presented at the Belgian Week of Gastroenterology ("National Meeting"), following the rules of the American Gastroenterological Association and the United European Gastroenterology Federation. The abstracts of the Belgian Week of Gastroenterology will be published in Acta Gastro-Enterologica Belgica (2006, fasc 1).



PROVISIONAL SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Thursday February 9th 2006

MORNING

- RESEARCH GROUP (OG-NFWO) "GASTROINTESTINAL REGULATORY MECHANISMS"
- BELGIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF THE LIVER (Spring Meeting)
- PANCREATIC CLUB

AFTERNOON

- JOINT MEETING: liver, biliary and pancreatic session (Selected papers)
- RESEARCH GROUP (OG-NFWO) "GASTROINTESTINAL REGULATORY MECHANISMS"
- BELGIAN HELICOBACTER PYLORI STUDY GROUP

Friday February 10th 2006

MORNING

- JOINT MEETING: plenary session with best papers (Selected papers)
- GASTROINTESTINAL PATHOLOGY CLUB

AFTERNOON

- JOINT MEETING: IBD session (Selected papers)
- COMBINED MEETING OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL PATHOLOGY CLUB AND THE BELGIAN GROUP FOR DIGESTIVE ONCOLOGY
- BELGIAN GROUP OF PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY AND NUTRITION
- RESEARCH GROUP VVKM AND SBNC OF CLINICAL NUTRITION AND METABOLISM
- RESEARCH GROUP "DIGESTIVE AND ABDOMINAL IMAGING"

Saturday February 11th 2006

- SYMPOSIUM OF THE SIX SOCIETIES ON "EMERGENCIES IN HEPATOLOGY:"