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### Location

Hilton Hotel Antwerp

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ANTWERP , February 21<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>th</sup> 2008

XX<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary





### City of Antwerp :

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 pocket-size metropolis.

### Hilton Antwerp Hotel:

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

### XX th Anniversary dinner and party :

Horta House Grand Café Art Nouveau  
Great venue, superb food, evening rich of surprises for our XXth Anniversary

### 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.

# The XX<sup>th</sup> Belgian Week of Gastroenterology

Will be organised at the Hilton Antwerp Hotel from Thursday February 21, 2008 to Saturday February 23, 2008.

## Registration / Abstract Submission

Registration and Abstract submission are now open on the WEBSITE [www.belgianweek.be](http://www.belgianweek.be)

### Call for Abstracts:

Authors are invited to send abstracts electronically as early as possible, before November 30th, 2007 (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 February 21 and Friday February 22, 2008. Research Groups oral presentations will be selected chosen by the Selection Committees of each research group.

For the Joint Meeting, the abstracts, without 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 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 by the BASL for the best Basic and Clinical Presentation in Liver diseases.

An abstract submitted for the Digestive Disease Week (DDW) in May 2008 or the United European Gastroenterology Week 2008 (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 Acta Gastro-Enterologica Belgica (2008, fasc.1).

## Scientific Programme

### Thursday February 21, 2008

Morning BASL  
OG-FWO  
Belgian Pancreatic Club  
Afternoon OG-NFWO  
Joint Meeting  
Videocapsule Group

### Friday February 22, 2008

Morning Joint meeting  
Pathology Club  
Afternoon Joint meeting  
BeSPGHAN combined with Helicobacter Study Group  
Nutrition (VVKVM-SBNC)  
BGDO combined with Pathology Club  
Radiology

### Saturday February 23, 2008

Morning and Afternoon  
Six societies symposium:

**XXth Anniversary of the BWG** : «Innovations in digestive diseases: State of the art 2008»

Topics: high definition endoscopy, functional and molecular imaging, new biologicals in IBD, NOTES

### Accreditation :

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