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In the English language there is a specific word for 'health resort' or 'place with thermal baths', namely the word Spa. Very often people don't know that in the Walloon region of Belgium lies the beautiful city of SPA. The name of this city has become a synonym of 'thermal bath' or 'health resort' since the 17th century. Already the Romans had discovered the benefits of this watery place and the name of the city probably comes from the Latin words 'espa' (fountain) and 'sparsa' (from spargere = to bubble up). At the end of the Middle Ages, SPA became more and more famous and started to attract a lot of people who visited the place to use the water for their health benefits. Soon, SPA became known as 'the Café of Europe'. Nowadays, SPA still shows the 'grandeur' of its past

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XVIIth Belgian Week of Gastroenterology



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THE XVIIITH BELGIAN WEEK OF GASTROENTEROLOGY



Organized in **Spa**

from **Thursday February 24**
to **Saturday February 26, 2005.**

Invited Lectures will be proposed by the Belgian Society of Transplantation, the Belgian Club of Digestive Endoscopy, the Belgian Helicobacter Pylori Study Group and the Belgian IBD Research Group.

The thema of the symposium of the Six Societies has been chosen this year by the Société Royale Belge de Gastro-entérologie : "UNRESOLVED ISSUES IN HEPATOGASTROENTEROLOGY"

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.

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 and at the Saturday Symposium in their mother tongue.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Authors are invited to send abstracts electronically (through the website "www.belgianweek.be") as early as possible, before December 3, 2004 (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 24 and Friday 25, 2005. 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 for the Digestive Disease Week in May 2005 or the United European Gastroenterology Week 2005 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 (2005, fasc 1).



PROVISIONAL SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24TH 2005

MORNING

RESEARCH GROUP (OG-NFWO)
"GASTROINTESTINAL REGULATORY MECHANISMS"

BELGIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF THE LIVER
(Spring Meeting)

THE IMMUNOLOGY IBD MEETING

AFTERNOON

JOINT MEETING (Selected papers)

RESEARCH GROUP (OG-NFWO)
"GASTROINTESTINAL REGULATORY MECHANISMS"

BELGIAN HELICOBACTER PYLORI STUDY GROUP

BELGIAN GROUP OF DIGESTIVE ONCOLOGY

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25TH 2005

MORNING

JOINT MEETING (Selected papers)

GASTROINTESTINAL PATHOLOGY CLUB

AFTERNOON

JOINT MEETING (Selected papers)

BELGIAN GROUP OF PEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY
AND NUTRITION

RESEARCH GROUP WKVM AND SBNC
OF CLINICAL NUTRITION AND METABOLISM

RESEARCH GROUP "DIGESTIVE AND ABDOMINAL IMAGING"

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26TH 2005

MORNING

SYMPOSIUM OF THE SIX SOCIETIES ON
"UNRESOLVED ISSUES IN HEPATOGASTROENTEROLOGY"
Hot topics in colorectal cancer screening

AFTERNOON

SYMPOSIUM OF THE SIX SOCIETIES ON "UNRESOLVED ISSUES
IN HEPATOGASTROENTEROLOGY"
A patient with minimal HCV chronic hepatitis.