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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 XXIst edition of The Belgian Week of Gastroenterology.

Gala Dinner and Party of the XXIst BWG :

Marble Hall in the famous Zoo of Antwerp with reception in the Winter Garden, in walking distance from the Hilton

Nice dinner in an impressive venue, followed by a dancing evening

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 language.

The XXIst Belgian Week of Gastroenterology

Will be organised at the Hilton Antwerp Hotel from Thursday February 12, 2009 to Saturday February 14, 2009.

Registration / Abstract Submission

Registration and Abstract submission are now open on the WEBSITE www.belgianweek.be

Call for Abstracts:

Authors are invited to send abstracts electronically as early as possible, before Dec. 1^{rst}, 2008 (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 12 and Friday February 13, 2009. Research Groups oral presentations will be selected by the Selection Committees of each research group.

All abstracts will be scored anonymously from 0 to 5, on the basis of originality and scientific value, by each member of the selection committee of the joint meeting or by the selection committee of the research group you asked for. A member of the selection committee will not vote if he is author or co-author of the abstract.

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 on Thursday morning by the BASL for the best Basic and Clinical Presentation in Liver diseases.

An abstract submitted for the Digestive Disease Week(DDW) in May 2009 or the United European Gastroenterology Week 2009(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 AGEB (2009, fasc1).

Scientific Programme

Thursday February 12th 2009 Morning BASL/BLIC OG-NFWO **Belgian Pancreatic Club** Afternoon Joint Meeting Belgian Week OG-NFWO HP-Research Group IBD Research Group Videocapsule Group Friday February 13th 2009 Morning Joint meeting Belgian Week Afternoon Joint meeting Belgian Week BeSPGHAN Nutrition (VVKVM-SBNC) BGDO Radiological-pathological correlations Saturday February 14th 2009 Morning and Afternoon Six Societies Symposium organised by the Belgian Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (BSGIE): «Premalignant lesions of the digestive tract» BSGIE Annual Meeting Brohee Prize Awarding 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.