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WELCOME

Next year, you will be one of over 10 million visitors coming to our country. However, you will be both different and special because you will be our guests at the World Congress of Gastroenterology 2002, the 'Congress for the World'. We are trying our best to make your arrival and your stay in our country either during the Congress or before and after that, a pleasant one. As an example, we are working with the Immigration department to facilitate your admission to the country. At Bangkok Airport, you will be met at our courtesy booth and there will be transportation to the hotels and afterwards to and from the hotel to the Congress venue.

May I call your attention to the remarkable scientific program which will consist of over 100 symposia on different topics, such as the stomach, H pylori, intestinal motility, IBS, small bowel disease, portal hypertension, liver failure, viral hepatitis, including the latest advances in vaccine development; to name but a few. In these symposia, you will be especially interested in the 'East meets West' symposia on diseases which are common in one area, but not commonly seen in the other, such as squamous cell cancer of the esophagus, IBD etc. These symposia are unique to this Congress. State-of-the-Art lectures will be delivered on almost 40 important topics, which we feel to be very interesting for gastroenterologists. Topics include TIPS, alcoholic liver disease, updates on gut neurotransmitters, liver fibrogenesis and regeneration and meta-analysis in gastroenterology. Moreover, how can you miss one of the 20 interactive sessions, in which you can actively participate? Also you cannot afford to miss one of the Quadrennial Reviews on such important issues as quality of life, new imaging modalities in GI.

As February is the peak month of our tourist season, make sure you reserve your hotel well in advance and please also decide early on which pre- and post Congress tours you may wish to take. The weather is expected to be very pleasant and favorable for all the trips we offer. You will notice that prices for the tours are attractive and are arranged by carefully chosen, trustworthy and professional companies.



If you would like to attend the Post Graduate Courses, there are two to choose from. The Endoscopic Post Graduate Course will be a special endoscopic extravaganza and commemorates the 10th Anniversary celebration of OMED. The Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology will hold a very exciting Postgraduate Course on 'Viral hepatitis and gastric cancer in the molecular age'. Furthermore, a special Surgery Day will be organised.

Of course, when you are here in Thailand, you will feel the warmth and friendliness of our people evidenced by their great smiles. We are most proud that our country has over 700 years of history which you will be able to see and feel during your visit. Experiencing the traditional dances during the Thai Cultural Night is a must for everyone and will take place on Wednesday February 27, 2002. We are devoted to show you the best of our culture, dances and exhibitions, together with the world famous Thai cuisine. Please do not miss this magnificent and memorable event.

Sawasdi and hope to see you all in Thailand next year. It will be a Congress for the World, one of the best Congresses.

Prof. Dr Termchai Chainuvati
President World Congress of Gastroenterology
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WCOG President Welcomes you to Bangkok

Prof. Dr. Termchai Chainuvati

While you are among some 10 million people who visit our country each year, your purpose here is different and special because you are our guests at the World Congress of Gastroenterology 2002 — the "Congress for the World" — and we hope your stay in our country is a pleasant one.

I would like to call your attention to the remarkable scientific program being offered at WCOG,

which consists of more than 100 symposia on topics such as the stomach, *H. pylori*, intestinal motility, IBS, small bowel disease, portal hypertension, liver failure, viral hepatitis and advances in vaccine development — to name but a few. In these presentations, you will be especially interested in the "East meets West" symposia on diseases which are common in one area, but not commonly seen in the other, such as squamous cell cancer of the esophagus and IBD. These symposia are unique to this Congress. State-of-the-Art lectures will be delivered

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WCOG Opening Ceremony, Welcome Reception Set for Tonight

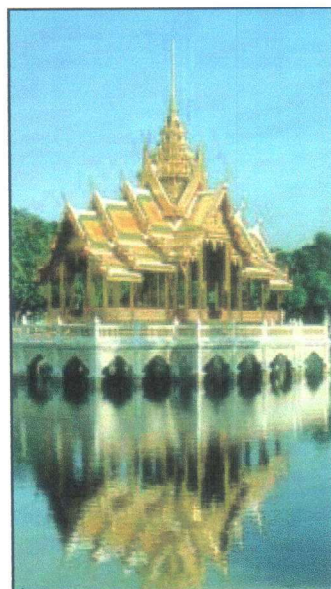
Catch up with former colleagues and renew friendships during the WCOG Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception from 19.00 to 21.00, Sunday, Feb. 24, at the BITEC International Trade and Exhibition Center. Refreshments and small canapés will be provided.

Please note, you will not be allowed to enter the BITEC after 18.30 hours to attend this event, due to the arrival of dignitaries.

Welcome to Thailand



WCOG Local Host Committee (left to right): Dr. Sathaporn Manatsathit, Dr. Anuchit Chutaputti, Prof. Dr. Sawadh Hitanant, Prof. Dr. Vikit Viranuvatti, Prof. Dr. Termchai Chainuvati, Dr. Pravit Lerdsirirakul, Dr. Kamthorn Phaowasadi, Dr. Pairoj Luengrojanakul and Dr. Udom Kachinthorn.



WCOG Offers Range of Scientific Education

With an emphasis on all of the major issues across the field of gastrointestinal disease — whether approached from a medical, surgical or endoscopic viewpoint — the World Congress of Gastroenterology is certain to fulfill your educational expectations

New findings

All original work will be presented in poster format, thus ensuring real interaction between the presenter and the widest possible audience. Posters will be grouped by topic. Each poster will have its featured day, and the very best will be presented to the presidents of the Congress and OMGE as specially highlighted Presidential Posters.

Being actively involved

The core of the meeting will revolve around topic symposia featuring a range of views on a given topic, with ample time for discussion. You can express your views even more directly in the newly introduced interactive sessions, where you can pit your knowledge with the experts in resolving challenging clinical problems, which are based on real cases. These sessions, which include the full range of diagnostic information and therapeutic choices, will prove most popular. Arrive early to reserve a seat.

A range of issues

Between State-of-the-Art Lectures, Symposia, Quadrennial Reviews, Working Party Reports, Special Fora and Named Lectures, virtually every conceivable topic will be covered, from schistosomiasis to sclerosing cholangitis, from Barrett's to biliary endoscopy, from enterically transmitted hepatitis to EUS, and from PBC to parasitic diseases.

A true World Congress

Where else will you have an opportunity to learn about GI diseases from every corner of the globe? To highlight geographic variation, several sessions will compare and contrast experiences in the presentation, diagnosis and management of common disorders, such as esophageal cancer, hepatitis and dyspepsia, in the "East Meets West" symposia. These symposia also serve to emphasize the missions of OMCE and OMED — "Gastroenterology for the World." As a further recognition of our presence in Asia, this Congress incorporates the APAGE Congress for 2002, and special APAGE features include the Postgraduate Course and Named Lecture.

Every specialty involved

Whether you are a surgeon, hepatologist, endoscopist, adult or pediatric gastroenterologist, you will find plenty to interest your particular specialty in Bangkok. As another bonus during this meeting, you can learn about what is going on in other areas beside your own. What are the surgeons really up to? What can the whiz-kid endoscopists really do? Furthermore, the Endoscopy Course and the Surgery Day will provide further opportunities for those in these areas to gain even more focused exposure.

The Local Host Committee and the Program Committee have worked especially hard to ensure that WCOG Bangkok will be the best, in every way. Remember, this is your Congress. We hope you enjoy partaking in the best in GI education in the unique environment of Thailand.

World Congress of Gastroenterology

OMGE President Highlights his Term of Office

Dr. Meinhard Classen

With the World Congress of Gastroenterology upon us, it is an opportune moment to glance back at my term of office since the last World Congress in Vienna in 1998. OMGE is growing. White spots on the world map of OMGE continue to disappear, as national societies find their way into the World Organization of Gastroenterology. Included in these are the national societies of China, Kazakhstan and, more recently, Myanmar, Nepal and Outer Mongolia, to mention but a few. Since 1998, the number of member societies in OMGE has increased to 90.

It is the Committees of OMGE that brings life into the decrees of the Governing Council. The combined OMGE and OMED Education Committee has earned particular praise for the establishment of the innovative and interactive course known as Train the Trainers. This event was so successful and popular that it will be repeated this year, this time involving delegates from different countries. OMGE is the only scientific organization in our field of medicine that concerns itself with the development of guidelines and position statements, which have global applicability and implementation. The young Guidelines and Publications Committee, founded in 1998, has already produced five guidelines and position statements, and it is now working on collaboration with the World Health Organization in this field. I also would like to thank the committees on Ethics,

Nominations and Research, which fulfilled their tasks so efficiently.

OMGE has, for several years, supported and promoted an OMGE Training Center serving the south of the African continent and based in the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto, South Africa. Numerous gastroenterologists, surgeons, nurses and health care workers have benefited from an intensive training course at this center. This model has inspired us to pursue discussions with governmental departments in Rabat and Cairo, with a view to establishing training centers for colleagues in these regions. A similar project is planned for Bangkok following the World Congress. OMGE strives to assist in lifting the standard of gastroenterology care and education to a common high level throughout the world. We hope, or expect, that other national and international organizations will contribute actively and assist us in reaching this goal.

Finally, I would like to draw attention to the joint OMGE and OMED Cancer Awareness Campaign, which will be launched in March 2002 in Rome. The aim of the campaign is to increase public awareness of the morbidity and mortality caused by gastrointestinal carcinoma. Provided the financial outcome of the World Congress in Bangkok can permit this, the campaign will become a regular event and take place in other regions of the world. This campaign should not compete with the many other successful cancer screening programs occurring worldwide, but should serve to support these on a global level.

I would like to draw your attention to the new OMGE statutes, which are being presented for ratification at the General Assembly in Bangkok. They should support and improve the vitality and activity of the organization. Your attendance at the World Congress exemplifies your efforts to join us in working toward our goals.

Dr. Meinhard Classen

OMED Postgraduate Course: A Showcase on Endoscopy

Attendees of today's OMED Postgraduate Course on Endoscopy will be treated to a showcase of advances in digestive endoscopy. Presenters will demonstrate the current status of endoscopy as practiced at leading centers throughout the world.

Dr. Melvin Schapiro, professor medicine and gastroenterology at the University of California, Los Angeles, edited the hundreds of hours of videotape he and a professional film crew compiled for this course, after he made four trips encompassing 15 days to 11 centers. These endoscopic excursions brought him to Denmark, Sweden, Brazil, Mexico, Australia, Japan, Spain, Austria, Italy, the United States and Thailand. In commemoration of this 10th anniversary course, these prominent centers represent the previous hosts of the OMED World Congresses.

The six video modules will cover EGD, Upper GI Bleeding, Endoscopic Ultrasound, ERCP: Pancreas, ERCP: Biliary Tract, and Colonoscopy.

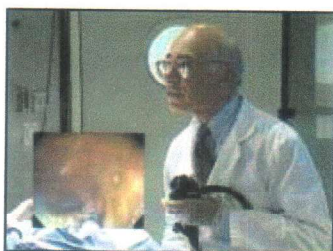
According to Dr. Schapiro, the best and most interesting endoscopic procedures have been prepared for this Postgraduate Course. "The presenters will showcase the latest diagnostic and therapeutic advances, such as the use of stents in multiple areas of the GI tract, mucosectomy and the latest techniques to treat GI bleeding. Each world-renowned discussant will have the ability to stop the video and comment on a particular technique, complication or risk, as well as use the exciting telestrator technology to draw over and explain the procedures," said Dr. Schapiro.

OMED President Dr. Glaciomar Machado will introduce the course, which will be from 08.00 to 17.00 today. Dr. Pairoj Luengrojanakul of Thailand and Dr. Jerome D. Wayne of the United States are the course directors.

The OMED Postgraduate Course on Endoscopy is supported in part by the Olympus Corporation.



Dr. Melvin Schapiro, Dr. Pairoj Luengrojanakul (of Thailand) and a representative from Olympus in Bangkok.



Dr. Jerome D. Wayne of the United States performs a colonoscopy.

Young Clinicians Program Hopes to Create Future Leaders

Sathorn Manatsathit and Gordon Guyatt

The Young Clinicians' Program (YCP) has always been one of the most exciting events at WCOG.

First introduced at the World Congress in Los Angeles in 1994, the YCP is based on the realization that participating young and talented clinicians are likely to be future leaders in various specialties in gastroenterology.

The program offers scholarship awards to young clinicians, some of whom might otherwise not be able to attend the Congress at their own expense and who often have difficulty in obtaining support from the biomedical industry, especially in developing countries.

Currently, more than 120 scholarships have been sponsored by the pharmaceutical and medical equipment industries (30 scholarships from the Falk Foundation, 16 from AstraZeneca and the remainder from several other companies). This industry support has made it possible for young clinicians from more than 40 countries to participate in the program. In addition to the 120 members of the YCP, the program will also include 30 young Thai clinicians, who will act as hosts in YCP's social program and group activities.

The Young Clinicians' Day activities include scientific and social programs. We are especially honored to have Prof. Gordon Guyatt, the eminent epidemiologist who works in medical education and the meta-analysis of guidelines, presenting a one-day workshop on "Evaluation of

Asian-Pacific Digestive Week Features APAGE Postgraduate Course

Prof. Shiu-Kum Lam

This second Asian-Pacific Digestive Week (APDW) taking place today during WCOG 2002 exemplifies the APDW mission to promote awareness of problems specific to this region and extending throughout the world.

In particular, the Postgraduate Course will highlight two of the most common conditions in the region — viral hepatitis and gastric cancer in the molecular age. The course, which runs from 09.00 to 16.00, Sunday, Feb. 24, will begin with an opening address given by Prof. S.K. Lam, president of the Asian-Pacific Association of Gastroenterology (APAGE).

During the first session on viral hepatitis, Prof. Ching Lung Lai of Hong Kong will present a new treatment for hepatitis B infection, including the use of interferon, in a Chinese population, and new treatment modalities, including the use of nucleoside analogs and immune modulators. He will also review hepatocellular carcinoma. Prof. Anuchit Chutaputti of Thailand will discuss the treatment of viral hepatitis and hepatocellular carcinoma in Thailand. There will also be a discussion of the management of hepatocellular carcinoma in Southeast Asia. Prof. Masao Omata of Japan will discuss the treatment of hepatitis C infection, both in the region and throughout the world. Prof. Ding-Shinn Chen of Taiwan will discuss the prevention of hepatocellular carcinoma in Taiwan, including the use of hepatitis B vaccination to prevent HCC in children, and the use of interferon or antiviral analogues in an attempt to prevent HBV-related HCC in adults.

The afternoon session will focus on various aspects of gastric cancer, the second most common cancer in the world. About 75 percent of new cases of gastric cancer are diagnosed every year in Asia. Prof. K.M. Fock of Singapore will review data on the relationship between gastric cancer and *H. pylori*. After the coffee break, Prof. S.K. Lam and Dr. Benjamin Wong from Hong Kong will discuss various aspects of the chemoprevention of gastric cancer, from bench to bedside. The final presenter, Prof. Masakazu Maruyama of Japan, will examine Japanese experiences in gastric cancer.

This comprehensive coverage of two important topics, both in the Asia-Pacific region and throughout the world, will tackle both basic science and practical logistics. The course is intended for both clinicians practicing gastroenterology and hepatology, as well as for trainees, nurses and researchers. Course materials will be distributed on site, and CD-ROMs will be prepared to allow for future reference.

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Farewell Message from the President of OMED

Glaciomar Machado

It has been an honor to represent digestive endoscopy at a worldwide level as president of the World Organization of Digestive Endoscopy (OMED). Looking back to September 1996, I feel proud of what has been done by the collaborators that trusted my ideas and ideals toward a modern, well-structured and independent organization, prepared to support educational activities and graduate training in digestive endoscopy, as well as research and screening of cancer of the colon.

The new statutes we developed bring first-rate improvements, which you will witness at the General Assembly meeting during the World Congress.

The Joint Education Committee, chaired by Dr. Jerome Wayne (OMED) and Dr. James Toouli (OMGE), ran the first Train the Trainers meeting in Crete in April 2001. Delegates from 23 countries and 12 faculty covered topics on education, research, computers, electronic communication and ethical issues. Other OMED educational initiatives include active participation in several meetings of national societies and the production of highly sophisticated videotapes describing techniques of endoscopic procedures. OMED Webmaster Antonio Grassi put the Society online on the Internet, and the Web site (www.omed.org) was updated and restyled in 1999.

The pioneering work on unifying endoscopic terminology by



Glaciomar Machado

Zdenek Maratka, has progressed, thanks to modern technology, but also mainly to the obsessive work of Michel Delvaux and the members of his committee. The English version of the Minimal Standard Terminology (MST) is available at www.omed.org, www.esge.com and www.gaster.org. Translations are available in 14 languages. A book with definitions of all terms and attributes is being released in Bangkok, together with a CD-ROM of endoscopic images.

OMED is covering two areas of great and increasing interest — colorectal cancer and the rising incidence of adenocarcinoma of the gastroesophageal junction. Under the leadership of Albert Svoboda, a group of more than 40 endoscopy centers have generated data to determine the causative factors in cancer development in areas of high prevalence and in regions in which there is an increasing frequency of adenocarcinoma.

Paul Rozen of the colorectal cancer screening committee has proven to be one of the most productive collaborators. A complete description of the committee membership, aims, activities and future plans can be found in *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy* 1999; 50: 449-454 and at the OMED Web site.

During this term, we experienced clear progress in the close cooperation between OMGE and OMED. The two newsletters have merged, with OMED Treasurer Dr. Jerome Wayne as editor-in-chief, and we have seen the active participation by OMED in organizing this Bangkok World Congresses and the celebration of the 10th World Congress of Digestive Endoscopy.

I am convinced that endoscopy and OMED are a reality and that OMED must continue as an independent Society. My successor, Hirohumi Niwa, has the interest, the degree of involvement and the capability to take good care of OMED.

WCOG PRESIDENT

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YOUNG CLINICIANS

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Guidelines." This workshop will be held on a boat cruising the Chao Phraya river. The trip will focus not only on scientific excel-

lence, but will also, it is hoped, allow strong and lasting relationships to be forged among the young clinicians.

In addition, the young clinicians are invited to take part in the Thai Cultural Night, where they will experience the great taste of Thai cuisine and the beauty of Thai traditional shows, while having an opportunity to meet prominent gastroenterologists.

The YCP Committee has spared no effort

to ensure that this will be one of the most successful programs at the WCOG in 2002. We feel that building relationships among young professionals is just as important as exchanging scientific knowledge. The YCP Committee hopes that the young doctors taking part will be able to establish lasting new friendships and develop working relationships that will carry over into their future professional lives.

Astra Zeneca article