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ALL SEVEN SOCIETIES AND ALL RESEARCH GROUPS.

Seven Societies Post Graduate Course

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Oostende, February 09th - 11th 2012

» **XXIVth** EDITION



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City of Oostende :

The city of Oostende, protected from the North Sea by a network of dikes, is the largest population center on the Belgian coast, with 67,000 residents. Very important for the image of the city was the attention it started to receive from the Belgian kings Leopold I and Leopold II. Both liked to spend their vacations in Oostende. Important monuments and villas were built to please the Royal Family. The rest of aristocratic Belgium followed and soon Oostende became known as «The Queen of the Belgian sea-side resorts».

Thermae Palace :

Thermae Palace is a unique hotel along the Belgian coast. You are a guest in a monumental building, decorated in characteristic art deco-style. This hotel is situated directly on the beach, right in front of the Wellington golf and Wellington Racecourse. You will be staying within walking distance of the animated centre of Ostend and the famous Casino-Kursaal.

Thermae Palace is easily accessible and has its own parking.

Friday Night Party of the XXIVth BWG :

Friday February 10, 2012 at the Koninklijke Gaanderijen Oostende.

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 XXIVth Belgian Week of Gastroenterology

Feb 09-11, 2012 - "Thermae Palace - Oostende"

Registration / Abstract Submission

On-line Registration / Payment are now available on the website.

Abstract submission deadline is **Dec. 1st 2011 midnight.**

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Call for Abstracts :

Authors are invited to send abstracts electronically as early as possible, before **December 1st, 2011** (absolute deadline) and from this year on, to choose a research group where her/his abstract fits the best.

This is completely new this year because the classic « Joint Meeting » from Thursday afternoon until Friday afternoon is now replaced. The Belgian Week working group (all societies) decided to have in 2012 a **"Plenary Session" on Friday afternoon (14h-16h)**, without any other parallel sessions at this time. Each research group will suggest maximum 1 or 2 of its best abstracts (basic/clinical) to the Plenary Session working group, which will select the papers that will be presented. Thus, only the really best abstracts of the whole Belgian gastroenterology (clinical/basic) will be presented during the Plenary Session on Friday afternoon.

There will also be a **"Translational Research Plenary Session"** (Friday from 16h-17h30) to stimulate the interaction between basic researchers and clinicians. The aim is to have an excellent state of the art lecture on a basic topic, followed by some basic abstracts and followed by a wrap up of the session with the link to the clinic.

So the abstracts can be sent to the following research groups: Liver and Transplantation (BASL/BLIC), IBD, Endoscopy (BSGIE/Small Bowel Group), Pathology, Paediatrics, Radiology/Nuclear Medicine, Oncology (BGDO), OGFOW, Nutrition, Pancreas and Varia.

The abstracts will be selected by the selection committee of each research group. All abstracts will be scored anonymously from 0 to 10, on the basis of originality and scientific value. A member of the selection committee will not vote if she/he is author or co-author of the abstract.

Awards:

- Plenary sessions: 2 awards for the best oral presentations in Basic Research and in Clinical Research: awarded on Saturday.
- BASL session: 2 awards for the best Basic and Clinical presentation: awarded on Thursday noon.
- BGDO, Belgian IBD Research Club (BIRD) and the BeSPGHAN (pediatricians) will all grant 1 award on Saturday for the best presentation in their field.
- A Best Poster Award will be granted on Saturday.

An abstract submitted for the Digestive Disease Week (DDW) in May 2011 or the United European Gastroenterology Week 2011 (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 accepted abstracts (oral/poster) of the 24th Belgian Week of Gastroenterology will be published in Acta Gastroenterologica Belgica (AGEB 2012, fasc1). If not accepted as oral or poster presentation, the abstract will NOT be published anymore in AGEB.

Scientific Programme

Thursday February 09, 2012

Morning

BASL/BLIC
OG-FWO
Pancreatic Club

Afternoon

BASL/BLIC
OG-FWO
BSGIE/Small Bowel Group
BIRD Immunology
Nutrition (VVKVM - SBNC)

Friday February 10, 2012

Morning

BGDO/Radiology/Pathology Club/Nuclear Medicine
BeSPGHAN/HP
BIRD Clinical

Afternoon

BWG Plenary Session :
Clinical and Translational Research
Pathology Club

Saturday February 11, 2012

Morning and Afternoon

Seven Societies Post Graduate Course (BASL/BLIC)
«Management of Complications of Cirrhosis»

BROHEE Lecture (14H)
«Treatment achalasia» G. Boeckxstaens

Accreditation :

CME credits will be provided. Certificates for accreditation will be provided at the end of each 1/2 day session (3 units) to the registered delegates who have attended the respective sessions.