The Kyoto Global Consensus Meeting on *H. pylori* Gastritis was recently held Jan 30 – Feb 1, 2014. The meeting was organized by the Japanese Society of Gastroenterology (JSGE) in conjunction with the European Helicobacter Study Group (EHSG) and was endorsed by the Asian Pacific Association of Gastroenterology (APAGE), Healthy Stomach Initiative (HIS) and the Japanese Society of Helicobacter Research (JSHR). Conference Presidents, Dr. Peter Malfertheiner and Dr. Kentaro Sugano professionally and deliberately conducted the entire conference. There were 13 voting members from North America, South America, Europe, 9 from the Asia-Pacific region, and 24 from Japan.

Other Highlights

4th Asian Pacific Single Topic Conference on FUNCTIONAL GASTROINTESTINAL DISORDERS

Background on ICD revision and Kyoto Global Consensus Conference on *H. pylori* gastritis

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The Kyoto Global Consensus Meeting on H. pylori Gastritis

The consensus concerned the four major areas of discussion which include:
• Classification of Gastritis (in relation to proposal for ICD-11 classification)
• Dyspepsia associated with H. pylori infection
• Diagnosis of Gastritis
• Management of Gastritis

Over the past few years, a group of experts in the field have been discussing the ideal design for future classification of GI diseases with a move to revise the ICD-10 to ICD-11. Gastric disorders, especially gastritis and gastric ulcers will be classified according the well-known etiology, particularly considering H. pylori as an important causative factor. During the conference, the new classification of gastritis in ICD-11 was introduced. There was a fruitful discussion on how to sub-classify H. pylori gastritis in terms of gastric location and severity of gastritis. H. pylori gastritis is classified as a distinct pathological condition separate from functional dyspepsia.

The proceeding of this consensus conference on various aspects of H. pylori gastritis will soon be published.

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A revision project for ICD (International Classification of Diseases) is currently underway. The Kyoto Global Consensus Conference on Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) gastritis was recently held and classification of gastritis was also discussed.

ICD is a reference classification for basic parameters of health by which WHO is promoting the appropriate selection of classifications in the health field throughout the world. ICD was first established in 1900 and has since been revised about every ten years. The latest revision was endorsed for the Tenth Revision (ICD-10) in 1989. In 2004, WHO recommended updating ICD-10 to ICD-11. In order to improve the revision process, WHO has implemented an open, internet-based permanent platform to allow people to revise the code in a structured way. Last year, the Foundation Components of ICD-11 were implemented as a beta version, and there are now plans for peer reviewing and field trial.

Many distinguished gastroenterologists are now involved in the ICD revision project. Dr. Kentaro Sugano, President of the Japanese Society of Gastroenterology (JSGE), is a member of the WHO Revision Steering Committee and organizes all fields of internal medicine as chairman of the Internal Medicine Topic Advisory Group (IM-TAG). Dr. Peter Malfertheiner in Germany and Dr. Soichiro Miura are working as chairmen of the GI-working group, and Dr. Geoffrey Farrell in Australia is acting as chairman of the Hepatology and Pancreatobiliary (HPB) working group. International members of the GI-working group representing the Asia-Pacific region include Dr. Francis KL Chan, Hong Kong, Dr. Kwong Ming Fock, Singapore, Dr. Varocha Mahachai, Thailand, and Dr. Nick Talley, Australia. Over the past few years, we have been discussing about the ideal design for future classification of GI diseases at conferences including IM-TAG and GI & HPB Joint WG Face-to-Face Meetings in Tokyo.

Since the current ICD-10 was designed in the 1980’s, there is no inclusion of the concept of H. pylori-associated disorders. The Sydney System, a well-known classification of gastritis that emphasizes the importance of combining etiological, topographical and morphological (histological) information into a schema, was introduced in the 1990’s after ICD-10 had been established. Therefore, in ICD-11, gastric disorders, especially gastritis and gastric ulcers, will be classified according to the well-known etiology, particularly considering H. pylori as an important causative factor. Since an understanding of the concept of H. pylori gastritis or H. pylori-induced gastric ulcer is now critically important for many doctors as well as health care professionals.

During the Kyoto Global Consensus Conference on H. pylori gastritis, the new classification of gastritis in ICD-11 was introduced and there was much discussion on how to classify gastritis in the context of revision of the ICD classification system.

The updated ICD-11 as well as the proceedings of this Consensus Conference on H. pylori gastritis will be useful for gastroenterologists worldwide.
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A total of 383 delegates attended the APSTC consisting of 26 overseas speakers and 14 foreign delegates. The rest were fellows, diplomates of PSG as well as fellows in training, residents and students.

The local organizing committee came up with interesting topics centered on the theme: Take Action for FGID - Mechanisms, Triggers and Treatments, with valuable inputs from international advisors: Professor Khean-Lee Goh, Professor Kwong-Ming Fock and Dr. Gerald Holtmann, and local advisors: Dr. Jose Sollano Jr., and Dr. Joseph Bocobo.

Professor Robin Spiller set the tone for the conference when he spoke on “What has Changed in IBS Treatment: Theory and Practice”, at a dinner symposium sponsored by A. Menarini Philippines. The opening ceremony that followed showcased the officers and members of the host society in their traditional national costumes. Establishment of new friends and re-connecting with old ones paved the way for further collaboration between the Filipinos and the international faculty and guests as early as this first activity.
The second day of the conference was dedicated to the basic concepts pertaining to FGID. The breakfast symposium on “Serotonin, Gut and Functional Dyspepsia” sponsored by Hi Eisai, was delivered by Professor Hiroto Miwa. Investigation and the role of biomarkers in functional GI disorders were elucidated by Professor Kwong-Ming Fock. The psychosocial model of disease was next discussed by Dr. Leticia Ibanez-Guzman, to facilitate better understanding of the symptomatology and management of patients with FGID. Dr. Nicholas Talley, in his State-of-the-Art lecture on the “Pharmacologic Management of Functional GI Disorders” emphasized the benefit of a therapeutic physician-patient relationship in both functional dyspepsia (FD) and irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) sufferers. He discussed further various novel pharmacologic agents and their mechanisms of action in the treatment of both these disorders. Differences in the microbiota of IBS patients were discussed by Professor Robin Spiller, as well as the implication of dietary influence on the symptoms of IBS. Dr. Taku Kobayashi, discussed the mystery of gut inflammation in FGID. Conventional and new techniques of evaluating gastric sensorimotor function, as well as controversies in their utility, was comprehensively discussed by Dr. Daphne Ang in the “Assessment of Disordered Gut Function: Current Standards and Other Innovations”.

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Professor Nimish Vakil elegantly discussed challenges and solutions to refractory GERD, in the lunch symposium sponsored by Takeda. Dr. Suck Chei Choi, who also discussed etiology and treatment options for atypical GERD. The multifactorial pathogenesis of NERD and its refractoriness to proton pump inhibitor therapy was tackled by Dr. Hiroto Miwa, who emphasized optimizing treatment efficacy of PPI and combination treatment with prokinetics or psychological treatment as well as central and peripheral sensitization. A more deliberate definition of functional dyspepsia in the development of a Rome IV criteria was proposed by Professor Kentaro Sugano, as he eloquently stated that in the real world setting, there are wide variations in the diagnostic work up among the Asian Pacific countries. Dr. Nimish Vakil discussed recent international consensus guidelines as basis for recommendations on Barrett’s esophagus. Diffuse Esophageal Spasm as a rare motility disorder, its pathophysiology and approach to the diagnosis and management was delivered by Dr. Varocha Mahachai. The sunset symposium, sponsored by Westmont, on the role of specialized amino acids in patient’s early recovery was delivered by Dr. Jesus Fernando Inciong. The fellowship night that ensued was a cultural and engaging social night to remember, as it fostered closer ties between guests and hosts.
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On the last day, the State-of-the-Art lecture was on the prevalence, symptom spectrum and management of constipation in Asia, delivered by Dr. Minhu Chen. Management of solitary rectal ulcer syndrome, by Dr Sutep Gonlachanvit and constipation in adolescents by Dr. Shaman Rajindranith followed. The rest of the scientific sessions dealt with the following: “Gut Dysbiosis and IBS” by Professor Mark Morrison, who also talked on the “Impact of Dietary Pattern, Functional Foods, FODMAP, and Digestive Enzymes on the Gut Microbiota”, and “IBS and IBD: Association or Dissociation” by Dr Choon-Jin Ooi. “Approaches to the management of IBS such as prebiotics, probiotics and antibiotics” by Professor Aamir Ghapoor Khan and “Psychotherapy in IBS” by Dr Constantine Della were lectures that preceded the last plenary by Dr Gerald Holtmann, on “Obesity being a Functional Disorder of the Gut”. Three simultaneous workshops, attended by fellows in training as well as their mentors on Quality of Life in FGID, facilitated by Professor Sanjiv Mahadeva and Dr Chirk-Jen Ng, Capsule Endoscopy by Dr Wai Keung Leung and High Resolution Manometry/pH Impedance by Dr Justin Wu, concluded the conference.

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The Asian Pacific Digestive Week Federation (APDWF), the Chinese Societies of Digestive Diseases (CSDD), the World Endoscopy Organization (WEO) and the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) are honored to have been a part of this outstanding World Congress which for the first time took place in China! For those of you who attended, we hope that you would have found Gastro 2013 APDW/WCOG Shanghai a positive experience and one that continues to benefit your work and research in the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy and the related disciplines in which we are engaged in.

With an impressive attendance record of over 6,000 delegates, faculty, nurses, exhibitors and guests from around the globe, we are privileged to have provided all who attended with the most up-to-date information, as well as practical and technological advances delivered by the most esteemed faculty members and sponsors. It is our commitment to provide a quality program to all delegates at an outstanding venue that continues to fuel our goal to all physicians and allied health professionals in every country benefiting from the knowledge shared during the World Congress.

On Saturday, 21st September, two very exciting and important educational activities took place; the Postgraduate Course and the Live Demonstration Endoscopy. The Postgraduate Course offered participants a full one-day course on key topics; from GERD to Hepatitis C to Acute Pancreatitis, Upper and Lower GI, Liver Disease and Biliary-Pancreatic Disorders. Twenty-one faculty members got the Congress off to an exceptional start.
Following these two Courses, postgraduates and delegates alike were invited to the Opening Ceremony, which featured dancing by the Shanghai Dance Theatre/Shanghai Oriental Youth Dance Troupe. Professor Ka-ichun Wu, member of the Gastro 2013 Steering, Scientific Program and Local Organizing Committees, then introduced the partner organization leadership and Congress Steering Committee who were accompanied by representatives from the Ministry of Health and Welfare and the Office of the Mayor of Shanghai. The leadership, Professor Daiming Fan, Congress President, Chairman of the Gastro 2013 Local Organizing Committee, and Chairman of the Chinese Societies of Digestive Diseases (CSDD), Professor Kwong-Ming Fock, Co-Chair of the Gastro 2013 Steering Committee and President of the Asian Pacific Digestive Week Federation (APDWF), Professor Richard Kozarek, Co-Chair of the Gastro 2013 Steering Committee and Past President of the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO), Professor Henry Cohen, current Past President of the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO), and Professor Jerome Waye, current Past President of the World Endoscopy Organization (WEO), each gave a brief speech welcoming all attendees to the Congress.

The Main Program featured 34 dynamic symposia in one of four tracks: Upper GI, Lower GI, Endoscopy and Liver Disease. During the three days, participants were presented with the latest scientific and clinical achievements by more than 150 renowned experts from around the globe. The faculty was pleased to present a program that met the diverse educational needs of the attendees which covered the broad field, and that emphasized topics which currently are of great interest.
Each morning of the Main Program during the Plenary Sessions, the highly prestigious Named Lectureships of the organizing partners took place. The JGHF Okuda Lecture, *Immune disorders lead to liver damage and influence antiviral efficacy in patients with chronic HBV infection*, was given by Fu-Sheng Wang, Beijing; the JGHF Marshall & Warren Lecture, *Adult tissue stem cell therapy for gastrointestinal diseases*, was given by Mamoru Watanabe, Tokyo; Katsunori Iijima, Sendai gave the JGHF Emerging Leader Lecture, *Involvement of luminal nitric oxide in the pathogenesis of gastro-esophageal reflux disease spectrum*; and the JGHF Emerging Leader Lecture, *Dual HCV and HBV Infection: Resolved and unresolved issues*, was given by Chun-Jen Liu, Taipei.


Also taking place during the Main Program were 44 oral presentations chosen as the highest scoring abstracts, and presented throughout nine Free Paper Sessions. Additionally, nine Working Party Reports, a distinctive feature of each World Congress, were chosen out of the 28 high quality proposals submitted and their findings were presented over the three Main Program days. Several satellite symposia were held throughout the Congress, organized by the biomedical industry and open to all Congress participants.
The Congress was supported by numerous sponsors who assisted in making the Congress a great success. From sponsoring sessions, to registration, to various Congress materials, the Congress partners are extremely appreciative of the generous contributions of our Platinum, Gold and Silver Sponsors, and all those who exhibited during Gastro 2013!

Also taking place prior to and during the Congress was the Young Clinicians Program (YCP), led by Professors Kai-Chun Wu from Xi’an and Duo-Wu Zou from Shanghai. Fifty-eight delegates from 24 countries participated in the program which focused on gastric cancer, liver cirrhosis, IBD, and pancreatitis, taught by twelve esteemed faculty members.

A record number of abstracts were submitted and well over 1,700 posters were accepted for display in the exhibition hall during Gastro 2013. The abstracts presented at the Congress, have been printed in the Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

The World Endoscopy Organization (WEO) is proud to have been a part of this exceptional congress which offered all involved, whether as faculty, participant or exhibitor, the opportunity to come together to explore the advancing arena of gastroenterology. Several sessions of live endoscopy demonstrations were broadcast from Changhai Hospital to the convention center. Together with the local organizers, WEO brought their expertise to this outstanding event in which international and local experts demonstrated a variety of cases and techniques, covering many endoscopic procedures. WEO highly appreciated the cooperation with the local organizers who had carefully selected the patients who benefited from the presence of the world renowned endoscopists. The audience was provided with an excellent balance of every-day procedures and highly sophisticated operations. The WEO Learning Center opened its doors on Sunday and provided a hub for all interested in the world of endoscopy. Here, delegates had the opportunity to delve into state-of-the-art teaching in a friendly and intimate atmosphere. Two main attractions were offered, the WEO Lecture Theater and DVD stations.

We very much enjoyed celebrating the exciting happenings in our field and continue to receive positive feedback from many of you regarding the presentations and lectures and how they will benefit you in your future treatment of patients. We hope that you enjoyed your stay in Shanghai and were also able to enjoy some of the culture that made it a unique destination for Gastro 2013.
Calendar of Events

**Kyoto Global Consensus Conference**

Date: 31 January – 1 February 2014  
Venue: Kyoto, Japan  
Theme: Kyoto Global Consensus Conference on *Helicobacter pylori* Gastritis

**International Symposium**

Date: 16 -19 February 2014  
Venue: Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii  
Theme: International Symposium IgG4-RD & Associated Conditions

**GI Live Demonstration 2014**

Date: 24 – 26 February 2014  
Venue: King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital & Queen Sirikit National Convention Center, Bangkok, Thailand  
Theme: Translational practice in experimental prototype endoscopy

**7th Sydney International Endoscopy Symposium 2014**

Date: 6 – 7 March 2014  
Venue: Hilton Sydney, Australia  
Theme: Live demonstrations of core and new techniques in Basic and Advanced Endoscopy

**APASL 2014**

Date: 12 - 15 March 2014  
Venue: Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, Australia  
Theme: The Conference of the Asian Pacific Association for the Study of Liver
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Endoscopy 2014

Date: 28 – 30 March 2014
Venue: University Malaya Medical Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
www.msgh.org.my

EASL The International Liver Congress 2014
49th Annual Meeting of the European Association for the study of the Liver

Date: 9 – 13 April 2014
Venue: London, United Kingdom

APAGE Clinical Forum on Inflammatory Bowel Disease 2014

Date: 18 - 19 April 2014
Venue: Eastern & Oriental Hotel Penang, Malaysia

International Conference on Helicobacter pylori

Date: 18 -19 April 2014
Korean College of Upper GI and Helicobacter Research, University of Ulsan College of Medicine Seoul, Korea

4th International Forum

Date: 25 - 26 April 2014
Venue: Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo, Japan

Theme: 1. Drug-Associated GI injury: Advances of the pathogenesis and recent clinical topics,
2. Challenge to the Pancreatic and Biliary cancers

The 100th General Meeting of the Japanese Society of Gastroenterology

Date: 23 – 26 April 2014
Venue: Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo Japan

DDW2014 Digestive Disease Week

Date: 3 – 6 May 2014
Venue: McCormick Place Chicago, Illinois, USA
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International Digestive Disease Forum (IDDF) 2014
- Date: 7-8 June 2014
- Venue: Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong

FNM 2014
- Date: 5 – 7 September 2014
- Venue: Royal Paragon Hall, Siam Paragon
- Bangkok, Thailand
- The 1st Federation of Neurogastroenterology and Motility Meeting

GUT 2014
- Date: 22-24 August 2014
- Venue: Shangri-la Hotel Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- www.msgh.org.my

European Helicobacter Study Group
- XXVIth International workshop on Helicobacter and microbiota in chronic digestive inflammation and gastric cancer
- Date: 11 - 14 September 2014
- Venue: Rome, Italy
TDDW 2014
Date: 3 – 5 October 2014
Venue: Kaohsiung International Exhibition Center, Kaohsiung, Taiwan

5th Asia-Pacific Topic Conference
Date: 21 - 22 October 2014
Venue: Kobe International Conference Center, Hyogo, Japan
Theme: Gut microbiota and Human Disease
1. Infectious Disease in Gastroenterology
2. Gut microbiota and Mucosal Immunity (Including IBD, IBS)
3. Microbiota and Carcinogenesis
4. Microbiota and Metabolic syndrome

APDW 2014
Date: 22 - 25 November 2014
Venue: Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center, Bali, Indonesia
www.agdw2014.org

3rd JSGE International Topic Conference
Date: 24 - 25 April 2015
Venue: Sendai International Center, Sendai, Japan
Theme: Translational Research in Gastroenterology

UEGW United European Gastroenterology Medical Congress
Date: 18 - 22 October 2014
Venue: Austria Medical Congress, Vienna, Austria

Japan Digestive Disease Week 2014
Date: 23-26 October 2014
Venue: Kobe International Exhibition Hall, Kobe Portopia Hotel, Kobe International Conference Center

AASLD The Liver Meeting 2014
The 65th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease
Date: 7 – 8 November 2014
Venue: Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA

10th JSGE-AGA Joint Meeting
Date: 23 April 2015
Venue: Sendai International Center, Sendai, Japan

APDW 2015
Date: 3 – 6 December 2015
Venue: Taipei International Convention Center, Taipei, Taiwan