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# World Congress comes to Asia!



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## Message from the Editor-in-Chief



**T**he month of September is the month that the annual Asia Pacific Digestive Week is usually held. APDW2012 however will be held in Bangkok from 5th – 8th December. There are two reasons for the change - to avoid inclemental weather during September and also to take advantage of the National Holiday in Thailand in honour of the King's birthday. The local organizing committee has reported a new record for abstracts received this year, more than 1200 abstracts and with a list of illustrious speakers. APDW2012 promises to be a rewarding experience for all participants. If you have not done so, please register early as the early bird registration closes on 30th September.

APDW2013 will be held in Shanghai from September 20th – 24th in conjunction with WGO, WEO and Chinese Society of Digestive Diseases (CSDD). It will be named Gastro 2013 to signify the collaboration between

the various gastro groups. APDWF has been working closely with the partners to produce a scientific programme that will reflect regional interest of Asia Pacific in the context of the global GI interest.

In a previous issue of APDNews I asked for your assistance in responding to an e-survey conducted to evaluate the impact of clinical practice guidelines that were presented at APDW. My gratitude goes to the respondents of the e-survey and the study has been completed in time for a presentation at APDW2012. Do attend the session to find out how your response agree/differ with other delegates.

APDW has come a long way since its inception in 2001. With delegate numbers and abstract submission increasing, and more biomedical industry partners sending their senior management to the conference, it augurs well for the future of APDW.

*Professor Kwong-Ming Fock*  
*Editor-in-Chief*

# 3 months to go till APDW2012

The 10th Asian Pacific Digestive Week, themed "Achieving Excellence in Gastroenterology and Hepatology" will feature a strong faculty discussing timely and substantive topics and hotly debated issues while promising opportunities for resolutions. Hosted by the Gastroenterological Association of Thailand, the congress is from 5th-8th December 2012 at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (QSNCC), Bangkok, Thailand.

Leading the impressive line-up of speakers is Professor Jia Horng Kao of the Graduate Institute of Clinical Medicine at the National Taiwan University college of Medicine and Hospital who will deliver the Okuda Lecture. Professor Kao's presentation will focus on the "Risk Stratification for HBV-related HCC." The first day of the congress, 6th December, ends on a high note with the State of the Lecture from Professor Jacob George on "IL28B in hepatitis C virus infection: translating pharmacogenomics into clinical practice."



The scientific program for 7th December promises to be equally packed with Professor Kentaro Sugano tackling "Premalignant conditions of gastric cancer" during his Marshall & Warren Lecture. The day will also introduce a new feature lecture, the WGO Distinguished Global Lecture, by Professor Kwong Ming Fock of Singapore. In between these lectures will be the awarding of the winners for the APAGE/JGH Foundation Clinician-Scientist Training Fellowship Award.

The 8th December scientific program likewise offers participants with a selection of interesting sessions, including two Emerging Leader Lectures, State-of-the-Art Lectures, the Asian-Pacific EUS Forum and the Advanced Diagnostic Endoscopy Course Sessions.

For those who are willing to spend more time in Thailand to attend APDW2012, the Organizing Committee offers several pre-conference courses that cater to a diverse set of audience. All to be held on 5th December, these courses are open to all for a nominal fee. One of the pre-conference courses is WEO's Endoscopy Directors' Workshop that targets directors and heads of endoscopy units in pursuit of increased quality of endoscopy processes and systems within hospitals. The Live Endoscopy Workshop and Post-Graduate Course will also be held on the same day.

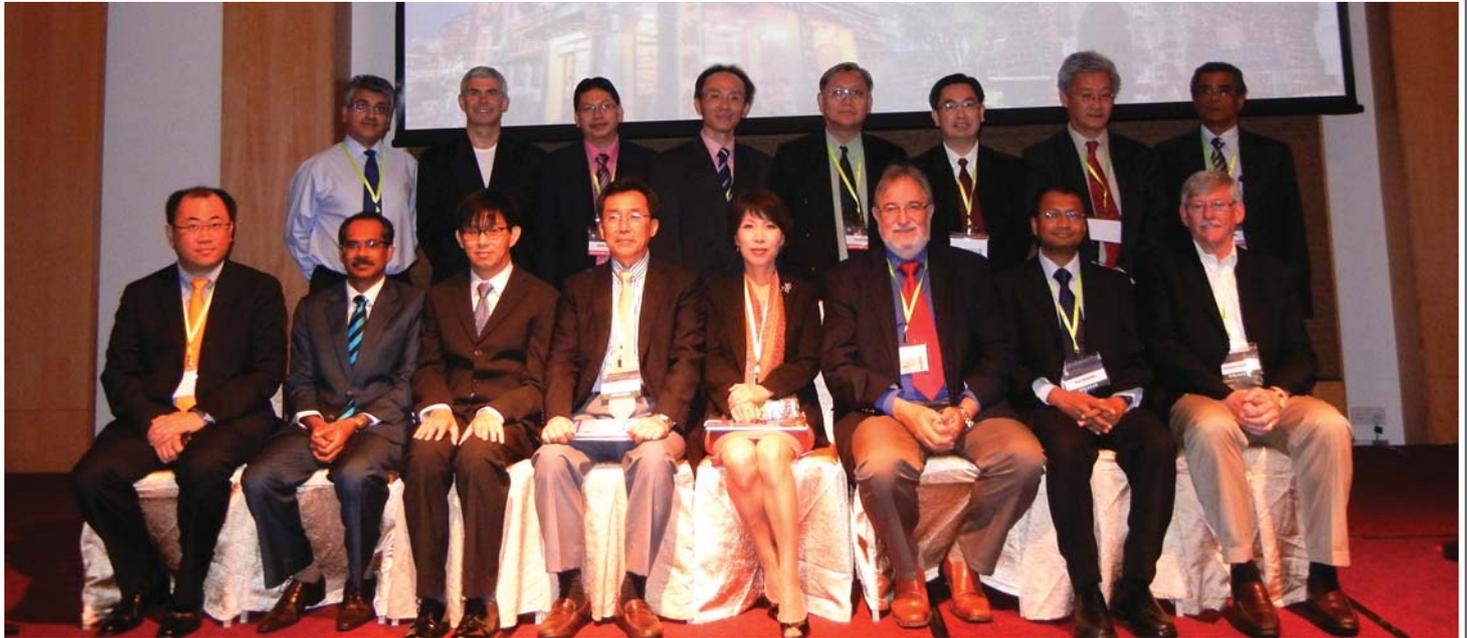
Another session that is going to be conducted in conjunction with the APDW2012 is the Hands-On Workshop: Advanced Endoscopy with Animal Models. This workshop is scheduled on 7th December and will be held at the Chulalongkorn Hospital. Participants who choose to attend this workshop will be provided shuttle service from the congress center, QSNCC, to the workshop venue and back. Seats are limited, so early registration is highly encouraged.

As the congress falls on the first week of December, foreign visitors will be delighted to arrive in a luminous Bangkok, spectacularly decorated in celebration of His Majesty the King's birthday. All of Bangkok will be alight paying tribute to a most beloved and revered figure, who also happens to be the longest-living monarch in the world today.

Do join us and register now! Visit [www.apdw2012.org](http://www.apdw2012.org) for more information.

# GUT 2012

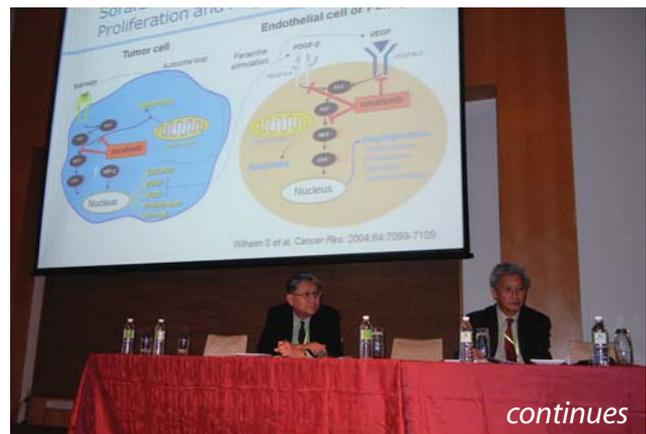
by Prof Sanjiv Mahadeva



**A**fter several consecutive MSGH meetings in KL - APDW 2010, GUT 2011 & APAGE HP 2012 - the Gastroenterology community were more than ready for a different venue for the next meeting in 2012! Melaka provided us all with a refreshing change of scene, and a quick reminder for some of us how much this historical town has changed over the years. The conference venue of the Holiday Inn was quaint and charming with its view of the rapidly developed Melakan coastal frontline. For some of us, this change was "development", for the rest, it was too much change too fast.

On to the scientific programme. The succinctly developed two and a half day programme was a credit to the scientific chairpersons, Dr Tan Huck Joo and Dato' Prof Goh Khean Lee. With plenary and symposia on topics ranging from Functional Dyspepsia to Hepatocellular Carcinoma to Pancreatitis, there was indeed something for most clinicians in the field of Gastroenterology. GUT 2012 was duly blessed with the presence of

international stars in Gastroenterology, with the likes of Emad El-Omar from the U.K. (Editor of Gut, 2nd highest ranking GI journal) and Richard Kozarek from the USA (Executive Director of Digestive Disease Institute of the Virginia Mason Medical Centre, Seattle), both of whom delivered the Panir Chelvam Memorial Lecture and MSGH Oration respectively. However, these were not the only "stars" of the programme. Old friends of MSGH, namely Nageshwar Reddy (India), Henry Chan Lik Yuen (Hong Kong, China) and Lawrence Ho Khek Yu (Singapore) kept participants enthralled by their usual audience-gripping lectures.



# GUT 2012

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Always a favourite of the GUT meetings, the clinical case-based discussions were masterly delivered and co-ordinated by Dr Soon Su Yang (HCC) and Dr Nik Kosai (GERD) - enthralling the audience and challenging the expert panels with a variety of true-life cases from Malaysia. The best five free research papers were presented on the first day of GUT 2012, which ensured a decent audience for budding researchers to highlight their work.

With all the "work" during the daytime, it was time for "play" at the Malaysia Night Gala Dinner. This regular feature at the GUT meetings is the only opportunity for both faculty and participants to mingle in a carefree environment, enjoy "free" food and savour some local entertainment. The gala dinner at GUT 2012 was a "full-house". Delegates were entertained by an evening of wise-cracks from long-suffering emcee Prof Sanjiv Mahadeva and the main attraction, local celebrity comedian Douglas Lim.



GUT 2012 would not have happened without the support from the Biomedical Industry, and the MSGH remains extremely grateful for many of its regular and some new found partners. All in all, whilst the audience had thinned out by the last few sessions on the last day, we believe many of the delegates will remember GUT 2012 in fondness, for the change it provided from previous meetings, and with satisfaction, for the great scientific programme and entertainment.

**MSGH Boleh !**

# A World Congress in Asia!

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## Upcoming Events

### The 3rd Asian-Pacific Topic Conference

**Date:** 3rd November 2012  
**Venue:** Shiba Park Hotel (Tokyo)  
**Main Theme:** Nutrition Related Disorders and Digestive System  
**URL:** [www.jigy.com/APTC](http://www.jigy.com/APTC)

### The 2nd JSGE International Topic Conference

**Date:** 22nd - 23rd March 2013  
**Venue:** Kagoshima Castle Park Hotel (Kagoshima)  
**Main Theme:** Inflammation and Carcinogenesis of Digestive Organs  
**URL:** [www2.convention.co.jp/itc2013/](http://www2.convention.co.jp/itc2013/)



The poster features a large, stylized 'T' in white and pink, followed by 'DDW' in pink. Below this, the year '2012' is shown in white on a black background, followed by a row of seven circular logos representing various medical and academic organizations. The text 'Taiwan Digestive Disease Week' is written in pink and black. The background is a warm yellow-orange gradient with a black silhouette of a person's arm and hand on the left side.

**2012** 

**Taiwan Digestive Disease Week**

**Time:** October 5<sup>th</sup> (Fri)  
**Venue:** B2 Joyful Ballroom of Sheraton Taipei Hotel

**Time:** October 6<sup>th</sup> (Sat) ~ 7<sup>th</sup> (Sun)  
**Venue:** National Defense Medical Center