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10th WORLD CONGRESS

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WELCOME MESSAGE

The World Congress of the International Gastro Surgical Club (IGSC) returns to Europe and we are confident that Rome will welcome an outstanding number of participants, especially after witnessing over the last years the tremendous interest and ever increasing number of specialists who retain the highest clinical knowledge on digestive diseases. It will not be easy to equal the past Congresses!
We will take advantage of the support and experience of our international and Italian colleagues and of the General Secretary of the Club Prof. Nick Lygidakis, to ensure Rome will have a challenging and high level scientific programme together with exciting social events.
Why Rome of all places as the link to the third millennium?
Just consider the eternal city as capital of Italy, of art and culture, of history being the heart of Europe and one of the most visited cities in the world. Rome offers its incredible beauty with the magic atmosphere of a city which has succeeded in perfectly harmonising the glories of its empire together with the technology of the new centuries.
The 10th World Congress will represent a real forum to debate the results obtained and will suggest the main indication for the future of this multidisciplinary discipline.
All roads lead to Rome, and we look forward to welcoming you to the 10th World Congress of the International Gastro Surgical Club together with Scientific and Academic performance, beauty, unbeatable food and accommodation, “o sole mio”.... and a lot of fun.

E. Santoro

WELCOME MESSAGE FOR THE ROME MEETING

Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to cordially welcome you in Rome on the occasion of the 10th World Congress of the International Gastro-Surgical Club. As most members of our society know, this is the last international event which will be held under the IGSC name. Following a unanimous decision during the General Assembly meeting in Nagasaki, Japan, the IGSC has officially changed its name to the International Association of Surgeons and Gastroenterologists, IASG.

The 10th World Congress will offer all participants an exceptional and innovative scientific program of the highest standard. In following with our IASG tradition, medical professionals who are at the forefront of GI medicine today, will share their knowledge and expertise in Rome. Similarly, we are delighted to collaborate with our friends and colleagues in the Italian Society of Surgery. In particular, we would like to express our warmest thanks and gratitude to Prof. Sergio Stipa, President of the Italian Surgical Society meeting and to Prof. Davide D’Amico, President of the Italian Society of Surgery and a founding member of the IASG. We are confident that this collaboration will guarantee a very successful outcome of the Rome Congress.

Special thanks and recognition must be given to Profs. E. Santoro, G.M. Gaszczanka, G. Gasbarrini and A. Montori, who have unselfishly devoted their time and effort towards organizing this congress Their enduring support and dedication towards the IASG and our vision of medicine without frontiers is highly appreciated.

We look forward with great pleasure to congregating in Rome and we hope that all participants joining this meeting will mark their agendas and plan to participate in the 11th IASG International Congress which will take place November 1-4, 2001 in Iraklion, Crete. Information, details and current updates related to this meeting will be available via our IASG web-site, located at www.iasg.org.

Dear colleagues, we look forward to sharing time together and renewing acquaintances in Rome. We are assured that in addition to the scientific program, all participants will enjoy the beauty, hospitality and special ambiance which is unique to the Eternal City!

Very sincerely,

H. Bismuth
N.J. Lygidakis