12th World Congress Of International Association Of Surgeons & Gastroenterologists

October 30th - November 2nd 2002
TURKEY

Istanbul Convention and Exhibition Center

Third Announcement and Call for Abstracts
Dear Colleagues,

As the Secretary General of the International Association of Surgeons and Gastroenterologists, I extend a cordial invitation for your active participation in the 12th IASG World Congress to be held October 30th - November 2nd, 2002 in Istanbul, Turkey.

As we all know, the events of September 11th, affected the lives of us all, both professionally and personally. At a time when many scientific societies opted to cancel their meetings, the IASG chose instead to carry on with our plans and hosted our 11th World Congress in Crete. To our delight, the Crete Meeting was a great success, supported by a large international attendance from all geographic regions. The determination of these colleagues to join us in Crete, under such difficult circumstances, served as a sign of solidarity towards the IASG and our goal of medicine without frontiers. Moreover, the enormous success of our Crete Congress demonstrated once again that the IASG is a strong and influential association with a dynamic future.

The IASG is extremely excited about hosting our 12th World Congress in Istanbul. As the crossroad between Asia and Europe, Istanbul serves as a bridge between East and West. Thus, we have the perfect setting for convening all IASG members together from all corners of the globe. The IASG is a forerunner in promoting a forum of medical communication between eastern and western medicine. We hope in this way that we can help bridge the gap which exists in the standard of medical care the world over. This is in following with our vision of health for all.

As in all of our meetings, our scientific sessions will present the global views of the surgeons and the gastroenterologists. As the field of GI medicine rapidly evolves, new trends and techniques have resulted in a closer cooperation between the surgeon and physician. The IASG is proud to have recognized the importance of this multi-disciplinary teamwork 12 years ago, when our association was founded. The IASG places great importance on Continuing Medical Education. In this direction, we will organize a special postgraduate training course, one day prior to the opening of the main meeting. This course will aim to offer our young doctors an opportunity to update their knowledge via live demonstrations of advanced endoscopic, laparoscopic and surgical procedures.

Dear Colleagues, due to the success of our IASG Crete Congress, our standards are high, and the challenge ever greater to organize a scientific program of the highest scientific level. All of us in the IASG Executive Committee are extremely confident that Prof. Faruk Memik, Congress President, Prof. Yusuf Bayraktar, President of the Organizing Committee and their colleagues will succeed in this challenge.

I very much look forward to the opportunity of welcoming you in Istanbul for the 12th IASG World Congress. In addition to an outstanding scientific program, all participants will surely enjoy the distinctive beauty of Istanbul and the warm hospitality of its people.

Very sincerely,

Prof. N.J. Lygidakis, MD, FACS, FRCST (Hon)

Dear Colleagues,

Ever since it was founded at its constituent congress in Amsterdam, the International Association of Surgeons and Gastroenterologists has attempted to maintain the dialogue between these two groups at a high and scientifically relevant level. This was particularly true for questions of post-graduate training. The IASG World Congresses have always climaxed in the face to face discussions between gastroenterologists and surgeons about contentious issues of everyday practical medicine. Some big questions in our time such as the management of the peptic ulcer and the cholelithiasis therapy have been answered.

I am confident that 12th IASG World Congress will keep this tradition alive. Our Turkish Colleagues have often proved in the past that they are masters in the organization of international conferences. They will provide a first-class programme featuring both the latest results from the research laboratories and their practical applications in everyday patient care.

I am looking forward to see you in this important 12th World Congress of IASG in Istanbul. Please come to Istanbul in October 30th, 2002.

Prof. Dr. M. Classen
Honorary President
Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the International Association of Surgeons and Gastroenterologists, we cordially invite you to attend its 12th World Congress to be held in Istanbul from October 30th to November 2nd, 2002.

Management of gastrointestinal diseases is being challenged by vast increases in scientific information, including innovation in technology of diagnostic tools and therapeutic agents. The field of these innovations is very large in surgery, medicine, radiology, endoscopy and biology. A multidisciplinary approach of the patients is more and more necessary. This is one of the objectives of our Association to confront for each disease all the specialists who may deal with the patients.

The scientific program will cover a large variety of different sessions from symposia to controversies, lectures to posters. Every people will have his place and find his interest from the well known experts to the young doctors. This is our objective to open largely our meeting to all categories of doctors. We consider also very important to welcome people coming from all countries in all continents.

So, from today, make your plans to be with us in Istanbul during the week of October 30th to November 2nd, 2002.

I look forward to seeing you in Istanbul for the 12th Annual Congress of the International Association for Surgeons and Gastroenterologists.

Prof. Dr. H. Bismuth
Honorary President

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