17th World Congress of the International Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Oncologists

UNDER THE HIGH PATRONAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY TRAIAN BASESCU - THE PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA

New frontiers in the diagnosis and treatment of GI diseases

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Final Announcement
Dear Colleagues,

As the President and Secretary General of the International Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Oncologists, it is our great pleasure to extend to you our warmest invitation for your participation in the 17th World Congress of the IASGO taking place at the Palace of Parliament in Bucharest, Romania September 5th - 8th, 2007. We are certain that this unique meeting will be a landmark event for our association. We are convinced that this year's congress will leave a long lasting impression as a standard for our future international scientific events. Our congress President, Prof. Irinel Popescu, will do his utmost to fulfill your expectations to make this a memorable event for our association.

As we all know, the field of GI medicine and Surgery is forever evolving. As such, our everyday practice is constantly being affected by new trends, new tools, and modern techniques for dealing with GI malignancies and illnesses. This year in Bucharest we will offer all participants a forum of open medical communication for which we need your personal contributions and active participation. We have organized main scientific sessions with introductory lectures and presentation of several relevant clinical cases reflecting the experience of a number of distinguished international universities and hospital centers worldwide. Interactive discussion will also take place among world renowned surgeons, gastroenterologists and oncologists.

Challenging questions will be raised concerning diagnostic steps and therapeutic modalities relevant with treatment options. We are convinced that by promoting interaction and stimulating dialogue between the presenters and the audience, vital questions will be raised, thus challenging all medical professionals to weigh the pros and cons of various conventional and controversial diagnostic and treatment modalities being used worldwide.

This will help us to better serve our patients and to provide them with the latest and most advanced healthcare available. This is the main goal of our Bucharest Congress, parallel also to our IASGO guiding philosophy of medicine without frontiers and health for all.

We would like to make a plea to all IASGO members to participate actively in this meeting. Moreover, we kindly request that you please promote this meeting among your colleagues, co-workers, young doctors and nurses.

Dear friends and colleagues, as the President and the Secretary General of our association we are most pleased and determined to support this international congress which we are certain will be a great success. However, we need your active participation, suggestions and contributions.

In closing we would like to express our warmest gratitude and appreciation to Prof. Irinel Popescu, President of the 17th World Congress and the local organizing committee who have done an excellent job with high perseverance to ensure that this is a successful and outstanding event!

Very sincerely,

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