18th World Congress of the International Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Oncologists

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MESSAGE FROM IASGO

Message from the president of IASGO

On behalf of the International Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Oncologists, I would like to extend my warmest invitation to each of you to participate in the 18th World Congress of IASGO, which will take place in Istanbul, Turkey from October 8th to 11th, 2008. This important meeting will surely leave you a long lasting impression, and contribute to the further improvement and advancement in your future clinical practice. The Congress President, Prof. Yusuf Bayraktar, will do his utmost to fulfill your expectations to make this a memorable event for our association.

The field of Gastrointestinal Medicine and Surgery is ever changing and evolving rapidly. Not only are new trends, new tools, and new ideas constantly affecting our daily clinical practices, but the conditions and situations of clinical practices also vary in each country. This meeting will provide all participants with a forum of open medical communication, for which to succeed we will need your active participation. Studying and comparing various medical practices in each country and reviewing our own methods and choices of treatment will improve our medical practice and help developing future medicine. These ongoing endeavors will bring about the realization of our philosophy, "Medicine without Frontiers".

Prof. Yusuf Bayraktar and the Secretary General Nick J. Lygidakis are currently finalizing a very attractive program that promises a large number of highlights in both scientific and social issues. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Prof. Bayraktar and the Local Organizing Committee, as well as the Secretary General, for their valuable efforts to organize this event.

Istanbul is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. I remember clearly the beautiful scenery I saw once at sunset with the reflections of the setting sun on the shining windows of houses and buildings of the opposite side of the channel.

Dear friends and colleagues, I am looking forward to seeing you in Istanbul.

Masatoshi Makuuuchi
President of IASGO
MESSAGE FROM IASGO

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As Secretary General of the International Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Oncologists, it is my great pleasure to extend to you my warmest invitation for your participation in the 18th World Congress of the IASGO taking place in Istanbul, Turkey October 8-11, 2008. I am confident that this meeting will be a unique experience for our association. I am convinced that this year’s congress will leave a landmark impression as a standard for our future international scientific events. Our congress President, Prof. Yusuf Bayraktar and his colleagues in Turkey, will do their utmost to fulfill your expectations to make this a memorable experience with warm hospitality.

We have organized main scientific sessions with introductory lectures and presentation of several clinical cases reflecting the experience of a number of distinguished international universities and hospital centers around the world. Interactive and controversial discussions will also take place among world renowned surgeons, gastroenterologists and oncologists. Challenging questions will be raised concerning therapeutic and diagnostic steps and modalities relevant to treatment options. We are convinced that by promoting interaction and stimulating dialogue between the presentators 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. Participation in this congress will aid us to better treat our patients and to provide them with the latest and most advanced healthcare available allowing us to keep in sync with our main goal and guiding philosophy of medicine without frontiers and health for all.

As we all know, the field of GI medicine, Surgery and Oncology is constantly evolving. Everyday practice is constantly being affected by new trends, new tools, and modern techniques for dealing with GI malignancies and illnesses. This year in Istanbul we will offer all participants a forum of open medical communication for which we need your personal contributions and active participation. 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, coworkers, young doctors and nurses. It is very important to have the participation of our younger generation.

Dear friends and colleagues, as the Secretary General of our association I am most pleased and determined to support this international congress which will certainly be a great success with your active participation, suggestions and contributions.

In closing I would like to express our warmest gratitude and appreciation to all participants and to Prof. Yusuf Bayraktar, President of the 18th World Congress and the local organizing committee for their tireless efforts and commitment to the IASGO to ensure an outstanding event!

Very sincerely,

Prof. N.J. Lygidakis, MD, FACS, FRCST (H), FJSS (H)
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