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Report



UEG Educational Committee 2014-2015

Report from the UEG Education Committee

Güralp Ceyhan, UEG Education Committee member

The main aim of the Education Committee/EC is to reinforce UEG as the main provider and leading actor in advanced postgraduate training in the fields of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Endoscopy in Europe. For this, it endorses current and develops additional mechanisms by which basic science and evidence-based medicine can link into clinical gastroenterology and teaching. It also aims for further developing effective training tools and new teaching formats (e.g. e-learning) to meet the learning requirements of the future and, by this, enhances quality of teaching in Europe and improves patient care across the world.

Since January the chair of the EC changed. The former head of the EC Marco Bruno retired and was replaced by Heinz Hammer.

His major aims for his period as head of the EC are:

Classroom courses & Training Support:

1. To organise and fund meetings and other activities outside UEG Week to promote and support collaboration and interdisciplinarity across Europe. In particular to support collaborative efforts between National Societies and between specialist societies
2. To support training through specialist courses for different target groups, carefully coordinated with the Postgraduate Course at UEG Week and using the best educational models and an evidence-based approach
3. To support the development and integration of basic and early translational science through workshops and training

E-learning:

4. To develop UEG Education in close conjunction with its users to make it the premier source in the world for online education in Digestive Diseases
5. To establish an evolving and up-to-date E-learning library covering all major topics in Digestive Diseases based on the established structure of the Blue Book or any successor
6. To integrate the many training opportunities UEG offers into an European syllabus, to provide evidence of participation

Collaboration with EBGH & European syllabus:

7. To develop an integrated strategy and closer working links with European bodies working in the area of professional training and accreditation

The following courses are annually organized and sponsored by the EC:

a) Trainee course – Summer School

Novelty: To create continuity and a curriculum like education, the participants are now invited to attend the course in a 4 years row time. This should guarantee a wide spectrum in clinical skill training and a close and firm connection to the UEG.

b) Basic Science Course

Next Basic-Science-Course in 2016 will be held again in Munich and organized by Güralp Ceyhan and Hana Algül. The major focus of the course will lie in experimental gastro-oncological research, with great emphasis on pancreatic cancer and upper and lower GI cancer. This course is an educational activity for young PhDs and basic science oriented physicians in the field of gastroenterological cancer research across Europe and this time with special focus on experimental pancreatic cancer. On the first day the special emphasis will be on state-of-the-art lectures. The other two days will entirely concentrate on hands-on training in the laboratory within small groups up to 2-4 participants on special isolation methods important in nowadays-oncological cancer research. Furthermore, we will give an insight what kind of imaging modalities the researcher can use in mice, as sonography, MRI, colonoscopy and luciferase imaging. A distinguished faculty of experts in gastroenterology, surgery, neurogastroenterology and pathology will lead the discussions and a close faculty-attende interaction will be emphasized. The exact date and the call for registration will be announced soon at the UEG homepage (<https://www.ueg.eu/education/courses/basic-science-courses/upcoming-course/>)

c) Young Investigators Meeting

d) Evidence Based Medicine

Training Support

The EC provides a huge platform to support and finance postgraduate teaching programs across Europe and different practice courses with special focus on hot topics in clinical Gastroenterology. The application for the Training Support 2016 is closed and will be decided by the 18 members of the EC on 29th June 2015 in Vienna. The deadline for the next training support 2017 will be around May 2016. For further information please visit: <https://www.ueg.eu/awards-grants/ueg-awards/ts/>. Although in-depth presentation of the different possibilities in the last general assembly at the EPC meeting in Southampton, as short and long-term support by the UEG for training support, there is only a very few number of EPC members applying for this very attractive opportunity._The Training Support

Programme started 2009 and up to now has granted more than 3 million Euros to UEG Member Societies. Currently and unfortunately, the number of EPC driven applications is still very small. Therefore, the EPC and its members are deeply encouraged to use this great opportunity and to promote pancreatology within the UEG. The money for funding is there, but we don't use it, as we could.

My position as representative of the EPC at the EC will be open by January 2016. The UEG is deeply interested in promoting new representative who are very much interested in education but also have great experience with e-learning, since this sector is getting more and more in the focus of the EC work. Due to the overwhelming majority of male representatives, the EC encourages applications of female representatives to have a gender balance. Prof. Hegyi will soon open the call for tis position and he will inform the EPC members.

Last, I would like to thank for the trust in my person and for the possibility to represent our club in this important committee for the last 4 years.



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