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Report from the UEG Education Committee

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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. Furthermore, the EC provides a huge platform to support and finance postgraduate teaching programs across Europe. The following courses are annually organized and sponsored by the EC: a) Trainee course – Summer School, b) Basic Science Course, c) Young Investigators Meeting, d) Evidence Based Medicine and different practice courses with special focus on hot topics in clinical Gastroenterology. Currently, the head of the EC is Marco Bruno and the entire committee consists of 18 members from UEG associated societies from entire Europe. For further information please also visit our website: <https://www.ueg.eu/education>

In the last year the EC has mainly focused on further establishment of the e-portal, since the UEG decided to make considerable investments in the portal to develop a universal source of knowledge, and significantly enlarge the user base. Here the UEG underlines the importance to integrate Member Societies' to the e-learning task force and with this to enlarge the e-learning content. Furthermore, in the light of the portal's future significance, the EC agreed that the involvement of representatives from UEG Member Societies in this most important project should increase. For this, a call for two additional web editors had been sent to UEG Member Societies with the request to nominate suitable persons. The open call was finalized 21st march 2014. Currently, the e-learning task force is led by Charles Murray and two additional members (Ian Jenkins and Lars Aabakken).

The application for the Training Support 2015 is open and will end in May with a decision in June 2014, so that the applicants for long- and short-time projects should prepare their applications. The deadline is set for May 12th 2014. For further information please visit: <https://www.ueg.eu/awards-grants/ueg-awards/ts/>

As the head of the Basic Science Course task force I have organized a new course,

which is mainly focused on hot topics in pancreatic cancer. This upcoming UEG Basic-Science-Course will be held in Munich from the 17-19th July 2014. 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 on what to consider and what to avoid when working with genetic modified mice. 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 pancreatic cancer research, as isolation of pancreatic cancer cells from mice, isolation of stellate cells (different techniques) and isolation of dorsal root ganglia and myenteric plexus cells. 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. For further information please visit: <https://www.ueg.eu/education/courses/basic-science-courses/upcoming-course/>

Since the education part within the UEG is constantly increasing and becoming more and more professional the EC deeply encourages the UEG Member Societies to integrate education within their society structures, if not already done.