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Report from the UEG Scientific Committee

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The Scientific committee of the UEGF (United European Gastroenterology Federation) consists of a multidisciplinary team of clinician scientists from all over Europe, who have been delegated by their society to participate in the organisation of UEG week. I was delegated by the EPC to work in the Scientific Committee in 2009 and since then we developed the program for the Post Graduate Course (PGT) and the invited program as well as the original research program for each week.

Ever since, the week has increased in popularity and each year has outnumbered the previous year with regard to number of participants both in the PGT and during the week. Moreover, the quality of the original research submitted to UEG is steadily increasing and this holds true for papers submitted by members of the EPC.

Just recently I learned that the “acute pancreatitis session” in Berlin this year was overcrowded in a room in which 800 people fitted, that people were sitting on the floor and this was all due to the excellent talks given by members of our society. Let me thank our excellent speakers. Furthermore, the Sunday morning 8:00 o'clock session in a room for 600 people in the PGT on autoimmune disorders of the liver and the pancreas was equally well attended proving the ever increasing interest of European clinicians in pancreatic disorders. From my experience attending UEG week is a great experience and this is because the EPC actively participates in the design of the program. In 2014 I resign and hand over my position on the Scientific Committee to Thomas Gress. I would like to thank all the members of the EPC for the help in putting together a program for UEG and for submitting their original work to the UEG. I hope that you will continue to do so in the future.

Our future goal need to be that pancreatology is well represented in the week by members of the European Pancreatic Club. We should submit more excellent abstracts for the free paper sessions and advertise the advantages of the meeting to our younger colleagues.

UEG offers 1000 stipends to young researchers each year and tries to attract those to the meeting. Please visit UEG web site to learn more about the options (<http://www.ueg.eu/>).

