Applications are now open for the new ESGE Research Grant! Grants are awarded to best research projects in the field of gastrointestinal diagnostic or therapeutic endoscopy. In 2011, two research grants of €10,000 will be awarded to the successful applicants. Support will be preferably given to multicentre projects presenting original rationale with a reasonable budget.

For more information and online application, please visit the ESGE website.

ESGE Given Imaging Research Grant 2011

The Given Imaging Research Grant has been initiated to support innovative, original research in gastroenterology with substantial involvement of capsule endoscopy. We would like to thank Given Imaging for their support to this ESGE research project. Application for the Given Imaging Research Grant 2011 will be possible online as of February 11th, 2011.

For more information and application online, please visit www.esge.com

ESGE sponsored meetings

ESGE Individual Members receive a 20% discount at ESGE sponsored and endorsed events.

ESGE Syrian Endoscopy Workshop 2011
April 11–12, 2011
Syria, Damascus
The Syrian Society of Gastroenterology
SSGE (Endoscopy Branch)
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ESGE Symposia

Quality in Endoscopy: ERCP
October 7–8, 2011
Germany, Munich

It is our pleasure to announce the first symposium in this series, the ESGE Quality in Endoscopy Symposium with the topic ERCP, taking place from Friday, October 7 to Saturday, October 8, 2011 in Munich, Germany. ESGE is extremely happy to be joining forces with the European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL) for this symposium. The faculty consists mainly of young academic and non-academic “rising stars”. We feel strongly about involving junior faculty to lower the threshold for discussions and at the same time offering younger colleagues an opportunity to present and prove themselves as teachers. Leaders in this field are naturally also invited as faculty in order to ensure that learning objectives are reached and to structure the discussions.

For more information, please visit the esge website.

ESGE/EHSG/SPED International Symposium
Management of Precancerous Lesions in the Stomach (MAPS)
Portugal, Porto
June 27, 2011
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The European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) is joining forces with the European Helicobacter Study Group (EHSG) and the Portuguese Society of Digestive Endoscopy (SPED) to produce a guideline on the Management of Precancerous Lesions in the Stomach (MAPS). Gastric cancer remains a major worldwide problem. However, even though these are widely found lesions in everyday practice, there are no international recommendations to guide clinicians in their care of individuals with these precancerous lesions. This consensus will aim to summarize current evidence on the management of patient with precancerous lesions for gastric adenocarcinoma (intestinal type) and to propose a guideline for the diagnosis and management of individuals with the diagnosis of chronic gastritis, atrophy, intestinal metaplasia and dysplasia.

The symposium in Porto will be the concluding meeting and held to finalize the consensus. Beforehand, each group will manage an oriented literature search, their quality assessment and synthesis of evidence through emails, teleconferences, web portal and in small group meetings. The web-based platform will be an important element, utilized to manage detailed discussion of summaries supporting recommendations’ sentences.

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EURO-NOTES 2011 is a combined activity of the European Association for Endoscopic Surgery (EAES) and the European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) will take place in Frankfurt, Germany in September.

Please see also the review published in this issue of Endoscopy on page 140: Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery (NOTES) in Europe: Summary of the Working Group Reports of the “EURO-NOTES Meeting 2010”

This review summarizes consensus statements of the working groups from the 4th EURO-NOTES workshop which took place in September 2010. Each group was assigned to an important topic, such as the correct handling of bacterial contamination and related complications, the question of the ideal entry point and secure closure, interdisciplinary cooperation and indications, robotics and platforms, and matters related to training and education. The summary provides an overview of what has been achieved so far and what might be relevant for research related to NOTES in the near future.