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# A tribute in memoriam ▼

It is with deep sorrow that we received the news that Aksel Kruse passed away January 28, 2015, after months of serious illness.



(1942–2015)

Aksel Kruse

Aksel was born 1942 in Denmark and spent his life as a medical doctor in Aarhus, primarily at Aarhus County Hospital. After his first year, he initiated the method of ERCP in Denmark, April 1973 and performed the first endoscopic papillotomy in the Nordic countries august 1974. His series of the first 100 ERCPs were reported at the Scandinavian meeting in Oslo one year later.

Initially a full time endoscopist, Aksel went on to specialize in radiology. However, his passion for endoscopy prevailed and he held the position as Chief of Endoscopy until his retirement two years ago.

Aksel was also actively involved in the ESGE, serving initially as councilor, then treasurer and as education committee chair. He became an ESGE Honorary Member on leaving the board in 2004. He was a dedicated clinician, but also keenly involved in educational and organizational matters of endoscopy on the European level, and was well-known for his warm hospitality through the many ESGE grantees who spent time at his department in Aarhus.

We will deeply miss Aksel. He was a highly gifted endoscopist, but even more importantly a dear friend, with close links to many of those presently involved in ESGE activities.

Lars Aabakken, on behalf of the ESGE Governing Board European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy



### ESGE events

*ESGE* Individual Members are encouraged to take advantage of registration fee reduction.

**Quality in Endoscopy symposium: Colonoscopy & colonic neoplasms** April 17–18, 2015 Prague, Czech Republic



Join us in Prague next Spring where ESGE is combining forces with ESDO to discuss and debate colonoscopy & colonic neoplasms.

Check out the Quality in Endoscopy website for more details.

www.quality-in-endoscopy.org

#### Quality in Endoscopy symposium: ERCP and EUS

November 13 – 14, 2015 Budapest, Hungary



The 7th event of the Quality in Endoscopy symposia will be held in collaboration with EASL (European Association for the Study of the Liver) and ESGAR (European Society of Gastrointestinal and Abdominal Radiology).

Please check the website for the events details. www.quality-in-endoscopy.org

# ESGE endorsed events

#### BAVENO VI CONSENSUS WORKSHOP

Stratifying risk and individualizing care for Portal hypertension of portal hypertension April 10–11, 2015 Baveno, Italy www.baveno6.com

**NapoLive – Emergency in endoscopy 2** April 13 – 14, 2015 Naples, Italy napolive@areaqualita.com

#### Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy Live porcine model Hands-on EMR and ESD workshop

April 27–28, 2015 Braga, Portugal www.endoscopy.eagen.org

#### Endo Live Roma 2015

May 5–7, 2015 Rome, Italy www.endoliveroma.it Visit us at the ESGE booth!

#### EUS Live in Amsterdam

June 4–5, 2015 Amsterdam, The Netherlands www.epgs.nl/eus-live-in-amsterdam/

#### EndoSwiss 2015 Live

June 6, 2015 Zürich, Switzerland www.endoswiss.ch

#### 33rd GEEW

June 15 – 17, 2015 Brussels, Belgium www.live-endoscopy.com Visit us at the ESGE booth!

## 7th Workshop on ESD Expert Training

June 23 – 25, 2015 Salzburg, Austria Information: Professor Berr f.berr@salk.at

#### 7th Update on Endoscopic Skills 2015 – Early gastrointestinal cancer June 26, 2015

Salzburg, Austria Information: Professor Berr f.berr@salk.at

#### 4th International Symposium

on Complications in GI Endoscopy June 25 – 27, 2015 Hannover, Germany www.complications-in-endoscopy.com