

## ESGE News and Upcoming Events

### January 2018



On behalf of ESGE, I wish you all a Happy New Year 2018. With news working groups and lots of new projects, 2017 has been a busy year. With our first “ESGE Days” congress just around the corner, 2018 promises to be busier and more exciting!



**Happy New Year from ESGE**  
See you in 2018!

In recent years, ESGE published numerous guidelines covering most areas of endoscopy. We realize that the implementation of these important tools are crucial for daily practice and in 2018 the Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) will focus on how to best disseminate this knowledge amongst colleagues in Europe and beyond.

ESGE, as a society has been growing steadily and counts now nearly 2000 individual members with 50 actively cooperating member societies.

In 2017 several new initiatives were launched, namely for membership, curricula and webinar development, for patient relations and for our young fellows. The ESGE Young Endoscopist (EYE) working group will be involved in all ESGE activities, giving insight into the needs and interests of the upcoming generation. A short description of these working groups is included in this newsletter.

ESGE will hold its first annual meeting, ESGE Days 2018, in Budapest, Hungary April 19–21 and preparations are in full swing. We were delighted to receive more than 750 abstracts from 55 countries which were evaluated by an excellent panel of experts. ([www.esge-days.org](http://www.esge-days.org)). We look forward to an exciting year ahead and very much hope to greet you all in Budapest!

Thierry Ponchon  
ESGE president

### ESGE working groups

#### ESGE Young Endoscopist “EYE” working group

Tasked with increasing the focus on trainee related content within ESGE – the newly formed EYE group will be getting involved with various pre-existing and new ESGE working groups to act as advocates for our young colleagues. They are currently developing a session within ESGE Days 2018 focused specifically to the career development needs of young endoscopists.

#### Patient Relations working group

Quality of endoscopy, research and training are all vitally important within ESGE. So too is making sure that the needs of our patients are addressed and that patients are well informed about endoscopy procedures.

ESGE has developed a Patient Relations working group to address the needs of patients and we look forward to developing new informative publications and videos to help patients access information pertaining to their endoscopic care.

#### Curricula working group

The main goals are to develop a curriculum for minimum standards and training

for specific endoscopic procedures and to address specific interventional endoscopic procedures (additional training beyond national core curricula)

This programme begins in 2018 with three topics: ESD and large EMR, electronic chromoendoscopy and small bowel

#### International Affairs working group

The main goals are to identify the current status and needs of physicians and medical staff performing endoscopic procedures in Africa in order to improve the provision for and quality of endoscopic procedures.

#### Webinars working group

It is not always possible to attend international congresses, and ESGE wants to increase the scope of our educational and outreach activities. Webinars are a proven way to disseminate information on a large scale. The planned webinar series will deliver high quality lectures on a global stage and we look forward to launching this exciting project in 2018.

#### Public Affairs working group

The main purpose of this working group is to promote the role of endoscopy (diagnostic and therapeutic) in Europe towards European governmental authorities. Support for endoscopy reimbursement and implementation of new endoscopy technologies will be discussed at this level.

#### Membership working group

ESGE is all about our members and the Membership working group was developed to investigate how we can make ESGE activities more member-centric. In doing so we hope to increase our membership base and engage with our pre-existing members as to how we can better represent them and cater to their needs.

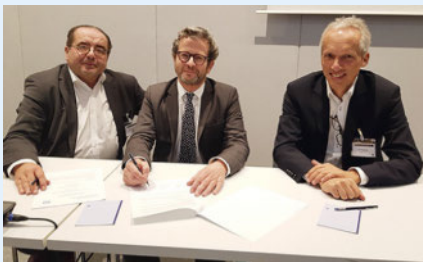
## e-Learning working group

The eLearning working group makes ESGE available at your fingertips. With symposia recordings, Live Demo, teaching units and new features such as the colon capsule course, the eLearning portal offers individual members a wealth of information. With new productions planned for 2018 – make sure to keep an eye on the eLearning portal.

## New dual membership agreements 2018

ESGE is looking forward to join forces with five national member societies through the dual membership programme in 2018. ESGE warmly welcomes the following societies among the Dual Members:

- Austrian Society of Gastroenterology and Hepatology
- Hungarian Society of Gastroenterology
- Israeli Gastroenterology Association
- Slovenian Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
- Ukrainian Association of Endoscopy



Professor Rainer Schöfl (President of the ÖGGH), Professor Thierry Ponchon (President of the ESGE) and Professor Andreas Püspök (Chair of the Endoscopy Section of ÖGGH) sign the dual membership agreement.

## ESGE Days 2018 Innovation of the Year Award

April 19–21, 2018  
Budapest, Hungary



### Innovation

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1. The introduction of something new
2. A new idea, method or device

Innovation drives progress and ESGE would like to recognise outstanding innovations in the field of endoscopy during 2017. The winners of this new award will be recognised during an awards ceremony during ESGE Days 2018.

ESGE has opened the call for applications with the aim of identifying the most inspiring, ground-breaking and potentially game changing innovations in the field of endoscopy.

Students, physicians, institutes, corporate partners and biomedical companies are invited to submit applications demonstrating how their innovation (new technique, new device) has changed patient management and improved quality standards.

The best innovation in two categories will be recognized:

1. Best procedural innovation
2. Best new device

[www.esgedays.org](http://www.esgedays.org)

## When will we see you again?

Attend ESGE endorsed events and take advantage of the registration fee reductions as an ESGE individual member.

### Oesophagus from diagnosis to advanced therapy

January 15 – 19, 2018

Oslo, Norway

[www.sade.dk](http://www.sade.dk)

### 20th Düsseldorf International Endoscopy Symposium

February 2 – 3, 2018

Düsseldorf, Germany

[www.endo-duesseldorf.com](http://www.endo-duesseldorf.com)

### Operative endoscopy in treatment of benign esophageal diseases

February 28 – March 1, 2018

Moscow, Russia

[www.gastrosession.ru](http://www.gastrosession.ru)

### 3rd Karolinska Lower GI Endoscopy Course

March 12 – 13, 2018

Stockholm, Sweden

[www.karolinskalive.com](http://www.karolinskalive.com)

For a detailed overview of upcoming events please visit the website:

[www.esge.com/events](http://www.esge.com/events)

### ESGE dual membership

- Belgian Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (BSGIE)
- Czech Society of Gastroenterology (CSG)
- Estonian Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (EGEÜ)
- French Society of Digestive Endoscopy (SFED)
- Italian Society of Digestive Endoscopy (SIED)
- Portuguese Society of Digestive Endoscopy (SPED)
- Romanian Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (SRED)
- Serbian Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (SSGE)
- Spanish Society of Digestive Endoscopy (SEED)
- Scandinavian Association of Digestive Endoscopy (SADE)
- Endoscopy Section of the Netherlands Society of Gastroenterology (NVGE)
- Endoscopic Section of the German Society of Gastroenterology (DGVS)