Early Bird registration deadline is approaching!

If you haven’t already, be sure to secure your Early Bird discounted registration for the essential event in the endoscopy calendar. Those who can’t join us in the beautiful city of Prague can make the most of our state-of-the-art HYBRID event where an interactive and comprehensive programme is also offered.

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Visit the official congress website, esgedays.org, for further information.

The new ESGE Norgine Research Award

Deadline to apply: March 15, 2022.

The newest award to join our member-only opportunities aims to revive and accelerate colorectal cancer screening programmes during the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of €15,000 will be awarded to the institutions of up to 2 winners to support scientific research in CRC screening, with a particular focus on the recovery and acceleration of colonoscopy screening services during and post the COVID-19 pandemic.

Apply here: www.esge.com/grants/esge-norgine-research-award/

New ESGE Committee Chairs elected

The ESGE winter Governing Board meeting took place in December last year as an online event. During the meeting, three committee chairs were elected via a virtual voting system. Their terms of 2022-2024 will commence as of the ESGE General assembly on April 30, 2022.

We would like to congratulate the elected chairs:

- Dr Istvan Hritz, ESGE Education Committee chair
- Professor Monika Ferlitsch, ESGE Quality Improvement Committee chair
- Dr Andrei Voiosu, ESGE Young Endoscopists Committee chair (re-elected for the second term)

We would also like to thank all candidates who put themselves forward for these positions.

New ESGE position statement

ESGE and ESGENA Position Statement on gastrointestinal endoscopy and COVID-19: Updated guidance for the era of vaccines and viral variants.

I. M. Gralnek, C. Hassan, A. Ebigbo et al.

Please read page 210–215 in this issue of *Endoscopy*.

Despite the worldwide introduction of COVID-19 vaccinations, GI endoscopy continues to entail a significant risk of infection and morbidity from COVID-19, for both health care professionals (HCPs) and patients. Infection prevention and control has been shown to be dramatically effective in assuring their safety. This ESGE-ESGENA updated Position Statement is intended to provide ongoing guidance during the pandemic to help assure the highest level of GI endoscopy care and protection against COVID-19 for both our patients and endoscopy unit personnel. It is based upon the best available evidence in the current context of COVID-19 vaccines and SARS-CoV-2 viral variants.
When will we see you again?

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

**EURO-EUS 2022 – Endoscopic ultrasound meets oncology**
Mar 2–4, 2022
Faculty of Medicine, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain
https://euro-eus.org/

**ENDO 2022, 3rd World Congress of GI Endoscopy**
May 13–May 15, 2022
Kyoto International Conference Center, Kyoto, Japan
https://worldendo2022.org/

Check the events calendar on esge.com for full details of all events of interest and the locations of ESGE booths.

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- 81 Hands-on training sessions for onsite delegates. These small group, expert-led sessions are the ultimate training tool!

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