

## 2013 Annual Report of ESP Working Group of Digestive Diseases

### Status of the Working Group End of 2013

Currently the working Group has 114 members. We kindly ask all members to keep their contact information up to date, as even in the times of the internet this is difficult to achieve for the chairman and his secretary.

Thus, for 111 members we currently have full contact information and working email addresses. However, for three members we have not.

Therefore we kindly ask the following three colleagues to update their contact information (or perhaps some other member can help us by providing the missing information):

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### ECP Lisbon 2013

The annual ESP congress in Lisbon was a great success. In all, more than 2000 colleagues attended the meeting.

The Working Group of Digestive Diseases presented the following seven sessions, which were well attended and generally well received:

**Symposium:** Pathology Meets Endoscopy - Metaplasia in the Gastrointestinal Tract (Joint Symposium with United European Gastroenterology)

**Symposium:** Molecular Pathology of Benign Hepatocellular Neoplasms: Classification and Clinical Significance

**Short Course:** Intraductal / Intramucosal Neoplasms of Pancreas, Bile Ducts, Gallbladder and Ampulla: Evolving Concepts

**Short Course:** Autoimmune Disorders of the Digestive System

**Slide Seminar:** Iatrogenic Pathology of the Gastrointestinal Tract

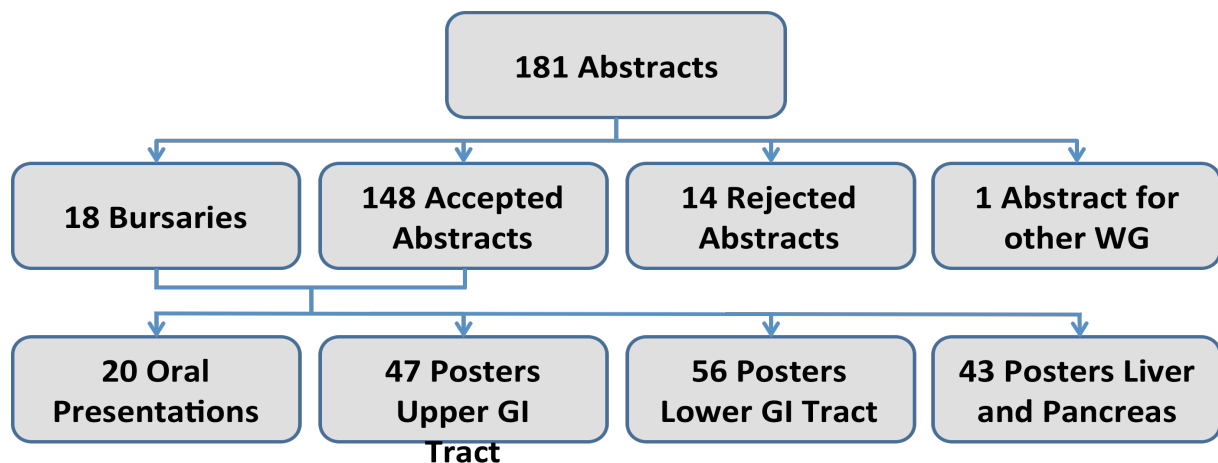
**Videomicroscopy:** Dysplasia and “Look-Alikes” in the Gastrointestinal Tract

**Business Meeting:** What’s Hot in Digestive Disease Pathology?

I thank all presenters for their good job!

In all, 181 abstracts had been submitted to the Working Group for the congress. Four independent members of the Working Group scored the abstracts (compare below).

As in Prague 2012, the posters were subdivided into three groups of comparable size with three poster chairs, respectively. By doing so, it was technically possible to visit all posters and discuss the findings with the presenters. New in 2013 was a “Joint Oral Free Paper Session”, together with the Working Group of Molecular Pathology.



Like in Prague, the Prize for the **Best Oral Presentation of the Congress** was given to a free oral presentation of the WG. The winner was Dr. Timo Gaiser, Mannheim, Germany for his contribution entitled “LGR5 positivity defines stem-like cells in colorectal cancer”.

### **Collaboration with the European Crohn’s and Colitis Organisation (ECCO)**

Members of the Working Group participated successfully in a collaboration with ECCO which aimed at standardizing the quality of care in the histopathology of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).

The Consensus document addressed the following topics: Procedures for the diagnosis of IBD, ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease with special reference to the histology of children and adolescents, infectious colitis related to IBD and the microscopic colitides.

Two papers were produced by the Consensus members and published in 2013 (and early 2014):

Magro F, Langner C, Driessen A, Ensari A, Geboes K, Mantzaris GJ, Villanacci V, Becheanu G, Borralho Nunes P, Cathomas G, Fries W, Jouret-Mourin A, Mescoli C, de Petris G, Rubio CA, Shepherd NA, Vieth M, Eliakim R; European Society of Pathology (ESP); European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO). European consensus on the histopathology of inflammatory bowel disease. *J Crohns Colitis*. 2013 Nov 1;7(10):827-51.

Langner C, Magro F, Driessen A, Ensari A, Mantzaris GJ, Villanacci V, Becheanu G, Borralho Nunes P, Cathomas G, Fries W, Jouret-Mourin A, Mescoli C, de Petris G, Rubio CA, Shepherd NA, Vieth M, Eliakim R, Geboes K. The histopathological approach to inflammatory bowel disease: a practice guide. *Virchows Arch*. 2014 Feb 1. [Epub ahead of print]

### **Collaboration with United European Gastroenterology (UEG)**

In 2013, the ESP was approved as Ordinary Member of the UEG which is a great success for the whole society but also for the Working Group of Digestive Diseases.

As indicated above, the Lisbon Congress in 2013 hosted the first Joint ESP/UEG Joint Symposium. Both clinical colleagues and pathologists highlighted the different aspects of metaplasia in the GI tract.

The Working Group was honored by the presence of Prof. Colm O'Morain, the president of UEG.

In October, several colleagues of the Working Group participated in the program of the UEG week in Berlin. The pathology program was very large in 2013 and particularly well received.

The WG's pathology UEG program had been presented on the homepage of the European Network of Gastrointestinal Pathology (ENGIP, [www.medunigraz.at/ENGIP](http://www.medunigraz.at/ENGIP)) before the meeting.

### **"Gastrointestinal and Liver Pathology Subspecialty Test" (on behalf of the European Association of Pathology Chairs and Program Directors; EAPCP)**

At the business meeting in Lisbon, the Working Group thanked Dr. Fred Bosman for organizing this test, which was appreciated as a great achievement and many members of the WG participated.

The multiple choice questions in that test had been developed by members of WG Digestive Diseases, in particular Dr. Fatima Carneiro, Dr. Dina Tiniakos, Dr. Cord Langner, and Dr. Fred Bosman. Several questions contained illustrative images (dealing with macroscopy and histology). These images (together with the correct diagnoses) were uploaded by Dr. Bosman on the new ESP Education Portal.

## **Outlook**

The planning for the PathSoc/ESP Joint Congress in London in 2014 was finalized end of 2013.

The Working Group will present five sessions. One videomicroscopy session with gastrointestinal content will be organized by the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

Once we have the final approval of the local organizers we will present our program for London on the ENGIP homepage ([www.medunigraz.at/ENGIP](http://www.medunigraz.at/ENGIP); WG Digestive Diseases ESP).

ENGIP is not a society, but serves as a platform for the dissemination of relevant information (such as society information, particularly from ESP and from WG Digestive Diseases, but also from other societies, such as UEG and ECCO, including guidelines, consensus documents, courses, grants etc.) in the field of gastrointestinal pathology.

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