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Dear Colleagues

United European Gastroenterology (UEG) Week is Europe's premier meeting and one of the world-leading Gastroenterology events. This year's congress in Vienna from October 20-24, 2018 will again cover a wide range of digestive disease areas, cutting-edge post-graduate teaching sessions, some of the best GI abstracts, posters and simultaneous live streams to a global audience.

Have a look at our UEG Week 24/7 platform (www.ueg.eu/week/24-7) with over 550 on-demand recordings from last year's UEG Week to catch a glimpse of the scientific spectrum at our annual UEG Week.

In this spirit of "sharing the future of digestive health", world-renowned experts will again gather to discuss the latest advances in our field, from new digestive health research to state-of-the-art clinical practice.

We expect 13,000 onsite attendees from across the globe and 1,500 online followers through our UEG Week live stream. Therefore, submitting your abstract to UEG Week is a unique opportunity to make your scientific achievements visible for a large audience who shares your interest in gastroenterology and hepatology.

Undoubtedly, UEG Week is THE place for clinicians and scientists from all around the globe to present their best work. For everyone interested in any aspect of digestive health and disease there is a comprehensive programme organised in innovative, interactive and exciting formats. As in previous years we will have a large number of sessions dedicated to oral presentations of original research, and printed posters will also be presented as E-Posters on E-Poster Terminals all over the congress centre. Moreover, small group sessions, entitled "Posters in the Spotlight" will give the poster presenters possibilities to discuss their scientific findings in depth with experts in the field. Finally, best scoring abstracts and most controversial research data will be presented in our exciting format of fast-paced oral presentations, the Abstracts on Fire.

Exposure for your scientific work continues after the congress: all abstracts are permanently featured in UEG's Education (www.ueg.eu/education), the biggest resource for gastroenterologists in the world and are published in the UEG Journal, now within the top 25% of GI and hepatology journals!

Abstracts, Clinical and Video Cases for UEG Week 2018 may be submitted until April 20, 2018. Note that abstracts presented previously at national or international meetings may be submitted providing this is declared but that we particularly welcome work not previously presented at international meetings. Submitting abstracts for UEG Week is free of charge.

UEG is dedicated to providing young clinicians and scientists with a first-class congress experience and we are eager to deliver a platform to link people within the global GI community. Various attractive incentives especially for younger delegates make it as convenient and cost effective as possible to come to UEG Week:

- UEG Week registration fee for a fellow in training if registered until May 17 is € 200
- Registration fee for a fellow in training for the Postgraduate Teaching Programme is € 100
- The best 510 abstracts receive a Travel Grant up to € 750 (one third of which are reserved for presenters from economically disadvantaged countries)
- The best 5 abstracts receive the Top Abstract Prize in the amount of € 10,000

Further prizes and grants that are offered to support abstract submitters to present their research on the international stage:

- Poster Champ Award for best daily posters: free registration for the Postgraduate Teaching Programme at the upcoming UEG Week
- National Scholar Award: recognition for the best abstract from your country, presented by a co-author below the age of 35
- Oral Free Paper Prize in each Free Paper - and Posters-in-the-Spotlight Session.

We hope we have convinced you that UEG Week Vienna has to be part of your congress calendar 2018 and look forward to receiving your scientific work. To find out more about UEG Week Vienna, including delegate registration, abstract submission and practical information visit our [UEG Week website](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to UEG Week in Vienna – the premier event in 2018 for digestive health and disease!



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