



Annual Report

2019



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Dear colleagues and friends!



It is a great honour and privilege for me to write the introduction for our annual UEG report, since I only started my two-year term as UEG president on January 1st, 2020. However, as Vice President in 2018 and 2019, I had the opportunity to become deeply involved in almost all of our activities. It is an incredible honor to serve as your UEG President for 2020 and 2021. UEG is now the largest global organisation promoting digestive health, combining the efforts of 48 National Societies and 17 Ordinary Member Societies. With this as well as the help of more than 300 volunteer GI professionals, we serve a community of more than 50,000 professionals with an interest in digestive health. The past year has again demonstrated that UEG is fit for the future due to its previous and current thoughtful volunteer leadership, its organisational structure and its strategic plan and ideas. Together, we are much stronger and more prominent

in shaping EU policy in Brussels and elsewhere, to advocate for more research funding and better representation of digestive health. UEG is very well placed to support cross-societal activities and digestive health initiatives within and outside of European borders. With the help of our volunteers throughout Europe and a highly dedicated and professional team at the UEG office in Vienna, UEG will continue to act as the united and trusted voice of European gastroenterology.

One of the most important and most visible UEG activities is the annual UEG Week. UEG Week continues to attract gastroenterologists, hepatologists, surgeons, pediatricians, dieticians, pathologists, radiologists, scientists, nurses, students and other representatives in the biomedical field from all around the globe. UEG Week has now become the platform where top science is presented in terms of clinical, translational and basic science.

UEG Week Barcelona 2019 was again extremely successful despite unpredicted obstacles in Barcelona with over 13,000 delegates onsite and over 2,300 delegates online from 122 countries. The scientific programme included more than 2,600 presented abstracts.

UEG Week is now attractive for senior and young researchers and provides great opportunities for networking activities and scientific exchange within the digestive health community. Further involvement of young researchers is supported with various travel grants for those who have their abstracts accepted. At the same time, we value the outstanding work of senior researchers and award one of the best senior scientists with the UEG Research Prize of € 100,000. In 2019, Silvio Danese from Italy was awarded with the UEG research award for his outstanding research activities.

Furthermore, UEG Week also provides a great educational platform for gastroenterologists in every stage of their career. One particularly strong educational programme is our annual Postgraduate Course that is directly linked to UEG Week. It follows a three-year curriculum and has gained further popularity, reaching an all-time high number of participants this year, rising from 2,500 participants in 2016 to over 4,000 in 2019. I wish to sincerely congratulate our Scientific Committee which is responsible for the course and the scientific programme of our UEG Week. UEG Week also allows for exchange with our partners from the biomedical and device industry. This year 143 exhibitors were onsite on nearly 5,000 m² of exhibition space. We have seen high levels of online success not just with our live

streams and UEG Week 24/7 content, but also with our increasing numbers of engagement in terms of our Online Education offerings. Available in a variety of formats, UEG's educational activities are widely used, highly successful services which have gained further acceptance around the world and increased in terms of participation.

I am additionally very enthusiastic about the future of UEG. We are an extremely healthy and vital organisation with respect to finances and structure as you will recognise upon careful study of this annual report. UEG's core values include integrity, quality, diversity, independence, respect, accountability and transparency as an inclusive concept for all of our strategic drivers. As we are striving for equality and inclusion, I am very proud that Helena Cortez-Pinto has been elected UEG Vice President and will become UEG's first female president in 2022. Furthermore, it is my pleasure to update that the representation of females, younger colleagues and colleagues from underrepresented areas in boards and committees is increasing. There are many more activities that are worth mentioning, including the work of all our committees and the UEG Journal, which are representing the primary strategic drivers of UEG's

activities. You will get a taste of some of UEG's activities by browsing the following pages of this annual report. I am very pleased to be part of such a fantastic multidisciplinary organisation with many committees, all full of hardworking volunteers and an extremely professional secretariat in the House of European Gastroenterology. I believe that we are ready for a bright future, come what may. Together as UEG, we are now stronger and more visible. Together as UEG, we are now the leading voice in digestive health throughout the world. With your involvement, we will be able to make UEG even more successful in the next decade as well as the years to come.

Yours sincerely,




Axel Dignass, UEG President

¹ Axel Dignass, UEG President

² Magnus Simrén, Secretary General, Paul Fockens, former UEG President, Helena Cortez-Pinto, Vice President, Axel Dignass, UEG President





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About UEG



We are UEG

Growing together to serve the digestive health community



Check out our full, [“We are UEG” video!](#) 

We are a professional non-profit-organisation combining all the leading European medical specialist and national societies focussing on digestive health. Our member societies represent more than 30,000 specialists from every field in gastroenterology. Together, we provide services for all healthcare professionals and researchers, in the broad area of digestive health. The role of UEG is to take concerted efforts to learn more about digestive disease by prevention, research, diagnosis, cure, and raising awareness of their importance.

Our mission

“To act as the united and trusted voice of European gastroenterology and to be recognised as the leading authority for digestive

health. We promote science, research, education and excellent quality of care and we aim to reduce health inequalities across Europe.”

Our vision

“To reduce the burden of digestive diseases and improve digestive health.”


We are Europe’s largest digestive health community and we are dedicated to growing together for the benefit of others.

¹ Peter Malfertheiner, UEG Lifetime Achievement Awardee 2019 being honoured



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largest community in
digestive health.

Create an account for free and benefit
from numerous offers.

More about [myUEG](#) >> 

Why you should join myUEG, Europe's largest community in digestive health!

Manage your profile

Go to **My Account** to keep your profile up-to-date. Save frequently used documents in your filebox & have it ready for your next task.

Register for UEG Week

Login to register for UEG Week or submit an abstract and be part of the programme! Go to **My Congress** and download your certificates after completing the evaluation.

Keep track of your education

Under **My Learning** you can organise your learning experience: Keep an overview of your learning progress and CME certificates for completed learning activities.

Take the opportunity

Apply for one of the many awards and grants via myUEG. Go to **My Activities** and manage your ongoing applications.

Meeting docs & review tasks

As volunteer leader access documents for your meetings under **Boards & Committees**. As reviewer you can complete review tasks via myUEG.

Access UEG Library

Our library contains over 25,000 GI recordings, abstracts, webinars and more. Your myUEG account gives you free access to the UEG Library content.

Enrol in online courses

Login with your myUEG account and enrol to any of our 30 e-courses. Learn at your own pace, free of charge, and earn CME for completed courses.

Be part of the community

myUEG is a thriving community of over 50,000 digestive health specialists. Take part in the discussion and engage with colleagues and peers.

“If you want to influence gastroenterology and be part of its development within Europe, getting involved with UEG provides the perfect opportunity.”

Magnus Simren, Secretary General

Continuous rotation of responsible volunteer leadership



Following our mission and a dedicated Strategic Plan, the overall leadership and strategic direction of UEG rests with the Council. The committees and diverse task forces enable interested volunteers to play an active role in shaping current and future UEG initiatives and form the operating body of the organisation.

At UEG Week Barcelona 2019, we bid farewell to Paul Fockens, Lars Aabacken, Yasmijn van Herwaarden, and Nurdan Tözün and acknowledged their inspiring and dedicated work for UEG during recent years. We also symbolically bid farewell to Peter Jansen who was unable to attend UEG Week 2019 but was still recognised and appreciated.

1 Outgoing Council Members being honoured at the 2019 UEG Presidential Dinner

We support and connect each other.

Member Societies
Gastroenterologists
Hepatologists
Pancreatologists
Endoscopists
Neurogastroenterologists
Digestive Oncologists
Gastrointestinal surgeons
Paediatricians
Primary care practitioners
Radiologists
Pathologists
Internists
Patients
Journalists
Politicians





“Universe of GI”

Ioannis Papanikolaou,
Greece

“Unforgettable”

Stavros Dimitriadis,
Germany

“Engaging”

Marianne Linley Sy,
The Phillipines

“Equality”

Jeanin van Hooft,
The Netherlands

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**“‘E’ for excellent
scientific selection”**

Cristina Carretero, Spain

**“‘G’ as in
gastroenterological highlight”**

Martina Müller-Schilling, Germany

**“Great congress
to come to”**

Nuha Yassin,
United Kingdom

“Great network”

Bohumil Seifert,
Czech Republic

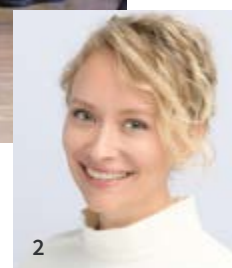
**“Great organisation of
such a huge event”**

Stepan Grytsenko, Ukraine

Check out our full, [“UEG Week delegates reveal more about their congress experience” video!](#) 



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Committed staff as an important resource to the organisation

UEG's headquarter, the House of European Gastroenterology, has its seat in Vienna, Austria, where we coordinate all association, education and congress related matters.

To further increase the visibility and impact of digestive health among the public and politicians, UEG runs a separate Brussels Office in Belgium.

In Vienna, we were happy to welcome several new team members; Iana Bernadskaia in the Finance and Administration Team, Claire Fahnenstich in the Marketing and Communication Team, Sophie Gouché and Andrea Nowak in the Association Management Team and Elisabeth Pfeiffer in the Congress Management Team. We are also pleased to welcome in Brussels, Andreea Botos in the EU Affairs Team and finally, Mathilde Ollivier who is in both the Vienna office and Brussels office in the Research Policy Team.



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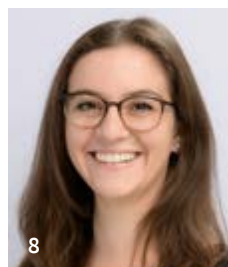
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- 1 UEG Team December 2019
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- 5 Iana Bernadskaia
- 6 Andreea Botos
- 7 Mathilde Ollivier
- 8 Sophie Gouché

Council

Providing leadership and strategic direction



President
Axel Dignass (Germany)



Vice President
Helena Cortez-Pinto (Portugal)



Secretary General
Magnus Simrén (Sweden)



Treasurer
Berthold Koletzko (Germany)



Chair Education Committee
Charles Murray (UK)



Chair Scientific Committee
Herbert Tilg (Austria)



Chair Public Affairs Committee
Markus Peck-Radosavljevic (Austria)



Chair National Societies Committee
Dan Lucian Dumitrascu (Romania)



Chair Research Committee
Luigi Ricciardiello (Italy)



Liver Representative
Laurent Castera (France)



Endoscopy Representative
Mario Dinis-Ribeiro (Portugal)



General Gastroenterology Representative
Asbjørn Mohr Drewes (Denmark)



General Gastroenterology Representative
Janneke van der Woude (NL)



Surgery Representative
Richard Van Hillegersberg (NL)



Independent Councillor
Enrique Dominguez-Munoz (Spain)



Chair Quality of Care Task Force
Wafaa Khannoussi (Morocco)



Chair Equality & Diversity Task Force
Dina Tiniakos (Greece)



Chair Young Talent Group
Henriette Heinrich (Switzerland)

Governance

Prosperity through volunteer and staff collaboration



Code of conduct

UEG is dedicated to achieving its mission in an open, transparent and democratic manner according to the highest standards of ethics. Together with other members of the **Biomedical Alliance** in Europe, UEG has approved and adopted the **Code of Conduct of healthcare professionals and scientific organisations**. This code sets out core principles for health care professional and scientific organisations to maintain and enhance professional independence, objectivity and scientific integrity. It guides all persons serving UEG in the development and implementation of UEG's activities.

Core Values

UEG's core values include integrity, quality, diversity, independence, respect, accountability and transparency as an inclusive concept for all strategic drivers

Organisational Vitality

We ensure organisational vitality by rotating volunteer leadership, by professional committed staff, by well-equipped infrastructure and by good governance

Strategic Drivers

UEG Week Organising the best international multi-disciplinary digestive health meeting in the world	Education Taking a central role in delivering and disseminating cutting-edge, unbiased continuing medical education and supporting professional development	Research Encouraging innovation and excellence in research by supporting research facilitation and cooperation in the field of digestive health
Journal Providing a key authoritative, high quality and trusted journal as an international forum for research in gastroenterology	Quality of Care Improving clinical standards and guidelines, practice and services to reduce health inequalities across Europe for better patient care	Public Affairs Acting as the united voice of European gastroenterology for the public and in different national and European institutions to promote digestive health

1 UEG volunteers hard at work in the Vienna office

Our Members

Sharing the future of digestive health



Consisting of **17 Ordinary Member Societies** and **48 National Societies** is what allows us to be a vibrant organisation that constantly adapts to the changing requirements of scientific research and health care.

17 Ordinary Members are organisations in the field of gastroenterology and related disciplines representing their specialty on a pan-European level. The scope of our member societies ranges from general gastroenterology and surgery to more disease or organ-oriented, and special interest associations on a pan-European level.

48 National Gastroenterology Societies are direct members of UEG and are represented via the National Societies Committee and the National Societies Forum. National Society membership is open to gastroenterology societies of countries recognised by the United Nations within Europe and the Mediterranean area.

We ensure that all UEG Ordinary- and National Member Societies are represented appropriately. Each society sends representatives to the **Meeting of Members**, which occurs once per year at the annual UEG Week. The Meeting of Members has various responsibilities defined in the UEG Statutes, including electing the major officers of UEG.

1 Members of UEG Council and Egypt National Society, EARTH on the occasion of UEG Week 2019

Our Ordinary Member Societies

EAES

European Association for Endoscopic Surgery and other interventional techniques

EAGEN

European Association for Gastroenterology, Endoscopy and Nutrition

EASL

European Association for the Study of the Liver

ECCO

European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation

EDS

European Digestive Surgery

EFISDS

International Society of Digestive Surgery (European Federation)

EHMSG

European Helicobacter and Microbiota Study Group

EPC

European Pancreatic Club

ESCP

European Society of Coloproctology

ESDO

European Society of Digestive Oncology

ESGAR

European Society of Gastrointestinal and Abdominal Radiology

ESGE

European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

ESNM

European Society of Neurogastroenterology and Motility

ESP

European Society of Pathology

ESPCG

European Society for Primary Care Gastroenterology

ESPEN

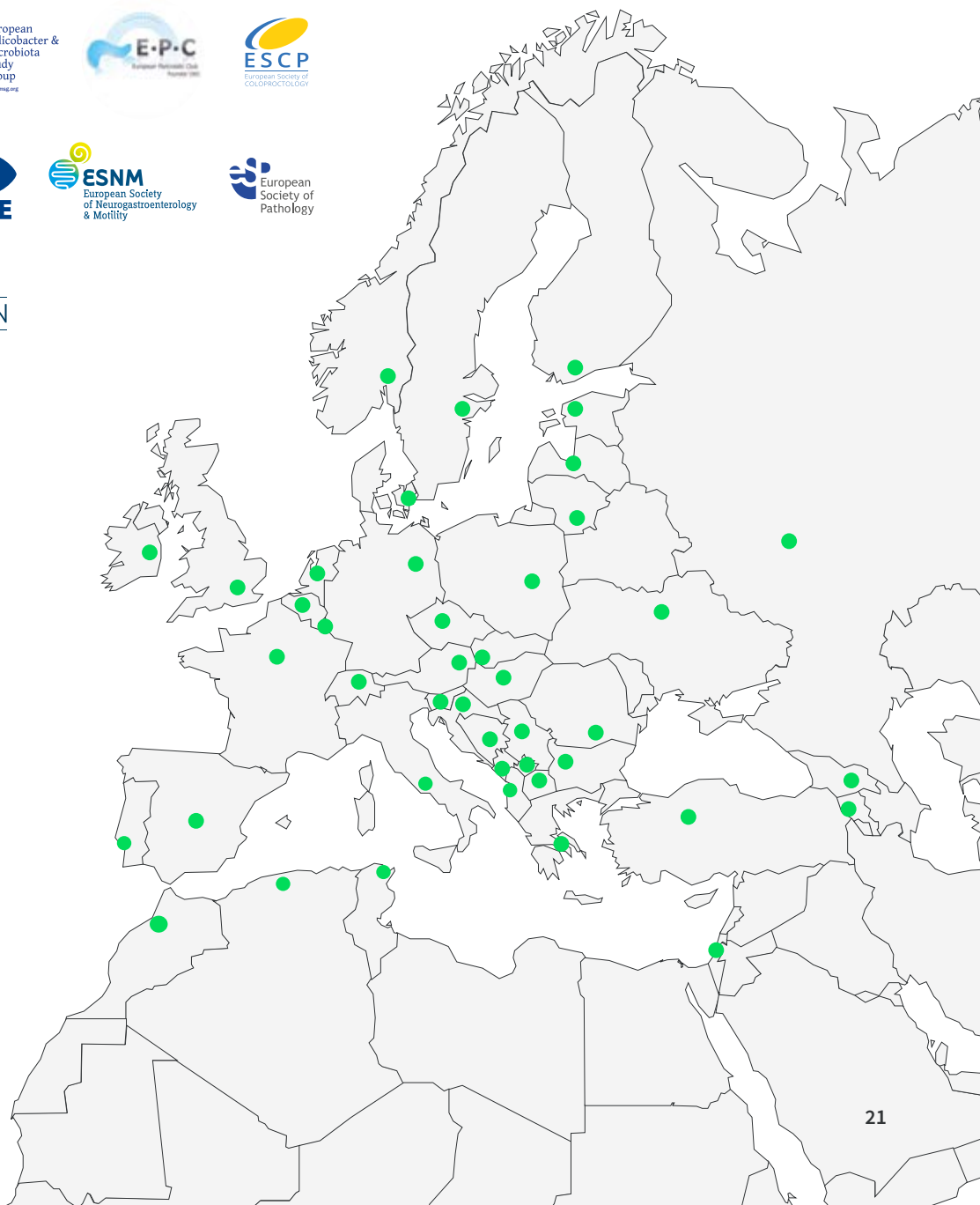
The European Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism

ESPGHAN

European Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

UEG, Ordinary Members and National Member Societies

United for digestive health



“Be inclusive – invite your peer to participate, share your research ideas, network! Trust your capabilities.”

Bonna Leerhoy, UEG Week delegate

Equality & Diversity

Striving for equality of opportunity and inclusion



Values & identity

Our core values include integrity, quality, diversity, independence, respect, accountability, and transparency as an inclusive concept for all strategic drivers. The Equality & Diversity Task Force takes responsibility by working in the best ethical way, emphasizing multidisciplinary collaboration and involving underrepresented groups in all activities. Our work shall strive for equality of opportunity and inclusion, regarding age, gender, and nationality. Consequently, the Equality & Diversity Task Force raises awareness of obstacles in all structures and activities of UEG, develops policies, and ensures that relevant actions are taken.

Reading & publications

The Equality & Diversity Task Force endeavours to provide the Digestive Health community with follow-up publications on all their activities, to share their conclusions and keep the conver-

sation going. Go to the Young GI Hive for a follow-up on [Career Chat](#) and look out for 'Burnout among gastroenterologists' and 'Survey on Women in GI' in UEG News 2020.

Women in GI survey

In August 2019, the Equality & Diversity Task Force conducted a survey to obtain information that will help understand the needs of female professionals in Digestive Health and identify barriers for UEG Week participation and UEG committee engagement. The findings of the survey will be published in the August 2020 issue of UEG Journal and serve the task force as valuable resource in developing new projects.

¹ Catalina Vladut, member of UEG Equality & Diversity Task Force and UEG Young Talent Group and other UEG Week delegates, at opening of first ever Women Networking Event at UEG Week 2019



Role Model campaign

To encourage young females envision themselves reaching their dreams and goals, the Equality & Diversity Task Force launched the Role Model Campaign on Twitter and Facebook. For this campaign, women of different ages and nationalities, and at different levels in their career and life were happy to give insight to their path and share their wisdom. Prior to UEG Week, UEG's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) still post and tweet their inspirational quotes once a month until the end of 2020.

- 1 UEG Twitter featuring UEG Quality of Care Task Force and Young Talent Group member, Vita Skuja
- 2 UEG Facebook featuring UEG Rising Star 2019, María Jesús Perugorria
- 3 UEG Twitter featuring UEG Vice President, Helena Cortez Pinto



First ever Women Networking Event

This year, the Equality & Diversity Task Force launched the Women Networking Event at UEG Week. At this event, female gastroenterologists, surgical trainees, and junior scientists were able to meet with peers and senior gastroenterologists to explore professional opportunities and establish contacts for future collaboration. The Women Networking Event attracted more than 120 predominantly female guests and proved to be a promising format that shall be repeated annually, to help build a strong network of women in Digestive Health.

Check out our full, [“Interviews at UEG Week Women in GI – making equality a reality networking event”](#) video!



Hotspot and Career Chat

In their annual Hotspot session at UEG Week, the Equality & Diversity Task Force tackles difficult issues to start a conversation that shall benefit the Digestive Health community. In 2019, Charlie Lees (UK), Kristina Gecze (The Netherlands), and Elisabetta Buscarini (Italy) discussed the evidence for Professional Risks and Burnout among Gastroenterologists. The panel offered several solutions for individuals as well as institutions and leaders. Watch the [recorded session](#).

During Career Chat 2019: Women in Research, moderator Luigi Ricciardiello (Italy) engaged Patrizia Burra (Italy), Iris Dotan (Israel), and Julia Mayerle (Germany) in a candid talk that offered valuable insights to female career paths in basic science. The casual setting in the Young GI Lounge attracted a young and diverse audience that participated in a lively discussion with the senior professionals. The event was live streamed and is still [available for viewing](#) on Facebook.

4 Adi Lahat, Scientific Committee and Equality & Diversity Task Force member
Iris Dotan, Chair Equality & Diversity Task Force Nurdan Tözün, Martina Müller-Schilling at UEG Week Women Networking Event

5 Rising Star 2019 María Jesús Perugorria, Chair Elect Equality & Diversity Task Force Dina Tiniakos mingling at UEG Week Women Networking Event

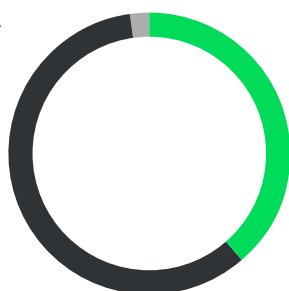
“Become a member of the appropriate networks. I have big faith in the TEAM (together everyone achieves more). Networking has brought me many opportunities.”

Lissy de Ridder, Top Abstract Awardee 2019

Women in UEG 2019

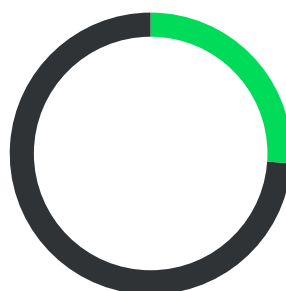
UEG Week Participation

- 38.8% Female
- 59% Male
- 2.23% N/A



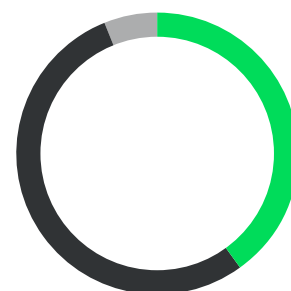
UEG Week Faculty

- 26.3% Female
- 73.7% Male



Online Courses – Unique Users

- 40% Female
- 54% Male
- 6% N/A



Women in UEG Boards & Committees

Equality & Diversity Task Force	100.0%
Young Talent Group	75.0%
National Societies Committee	44.4%
Meeting of Members	41.0%
Scientific Committee	38.5%
Web Editorial Team	37.5%
Research Committee	29.4%
National Societies Forum	27.7%
Education Committee	26.9%
Council	25.0%
Quality of Care Task Force	22.2%
Public Affairs Committee	22.2%

UEG Awards & Grants Recipients

Visiting Fellowships for Clinicians	66.7%
National Scholar Awards	51.2%
Best Abstract Presentation Prizes	47.5%
International Scholarships	46.9%
Travel Grants	44.9%
Top Abstract Prizes	33.3%
Rising Star Awards	25.0%
Poster Champs	8.3%

Classroom Courses – Participants

Basic Science Course

- 82.5% Female
- 17.5% Male



Evidence Based Medicine Course

- 51.3% Female
- 48.7% Male



Young Investigators Meeting

- 58.1% Female
- 41.9% Male



Summer School

- 50.3% Female
- 49.7% Male



Young GI Network

Connect. Collaborate. Thrive

Connecting and supporting future experts



Our Young Talent Group (YTG) is a group of eight young digestive health experts from different countries and with different clinical and research backgrounds. However, all group members have the same goals: making a difference in digestive health,

mobilising junior colleagues and encouraging conversation, engagement and action within the digestive health community. With passion and commitment, they bring up fresh ideas, and represent their young colleagues in other UEG boards, committees and task forces, each of which has at least one Young Talent Group cross-representative.



Making today's trainees tomorrow's experts

With the support of these committees and other established experts, the Young Talent Group significantly contributes to the growth of the UEG community. On the one hand, they offer grants and career tips to colleagues at an early career stage or from economically disadvantaged areas. On the other hand, they also make emerging talents known to other committees who select chairs, speakers, or project collaborators.

One element that has become popular and helps attract the best of the young generation to UEG is our **Talent Pool**. 🖱️ Clinicians, as well as basic scientists who work in the field of digestive health can apply in order to become more visible.

1 Young Talent Group October 2019

2 Abstract-related mentoring at UEG Week 2019



Gaining ground in the scientific community

Networking and coaching activities for young congress delegates at UEG Week 2019 helped the next generation to increase their knowledge and confidence under the guidance of senior experts. During the popular Young GI Mentoring, junior delegates met with role models, learned how to get the most out of the scientific programme and engaged in scientific and clinical conversations. Online discussions and live debates provided an opportunity to talk about the role of women in research, the relation between clinicians and surgeons and many more exciting topics.

Making new experiences and new friends

In 2019, 30 young clinicians were funded with € 1,250 to visit a European centre of excellence for two weeks and they returned home with new experiences, knowledge and friends. For the first time, UEG awarded the new Research Fellowship, which is worth € 50,000 and enabled a young researcher to spend 12 months working in another centre. Like each year, a comprehensive array of other grants, awards and prizes gave many young specialists the opportunity to attend UEG Week at low cost or to make their research visible to a large international audience. (See the names of awardees on page 58 and read the reports of [previous Clinical Visiting Fellowship participants](#).)



3 Young congress delegates appreciate to spend time with senior experts who share their knowledge, experience and advice

4 Past Secretary General, John Atherton mentoring at UEG Week 2019

Young GI Sections


Exchanging ideas and learning
from the experience of others



Together with the continually growing network of “Friends of YTG” (young contacts in UEG’s National Member Societies), the Young Talent Group intends to increase the representation of young digestive healthcare specialists in Europe and the Mediterranean area by promoting the formation of national young GI sections (YGIS), which can give junior colleagues more influence in training, education and professional opportunities.

An important step was the first full day meeting with Friends of Young Talent Group in May 2019 in Vienna. It was the perfect occasion to connect and network, to discuss the development of young GI sections, and to make everyone aware of what opportunities UEG provides for young colleagues all over Europe and the Mediterranean area.

Assessing the progress of young gastroenterology sections

In 2019, the Young Talent Group evaluated the situation of young GIs in UEG member countries and the opportunities available to them with a web-based survey to the Friends of YTG (read the [full article](#)). 

This latest study investigated not only the current status, but also progress and changes in young GI sections across Europe over a two-year period.

The most relevant finding was the strong increase of young GI sections across Europe, especially in Eastern Europe, in a relatively short time frame. This number is likely to increase even further in the coming years since a large proportion of national societies without a young section are planning to set up one as well. National GI societies have played a major role for the support of the new generation. However, it remained unclear how representatives are involved in decision making.



“Being part of the Young Talent Group taught me about working in a huge, progressive organisation and about realising projects that push young GIs. You make fantastic friends. You learn to make decisions and make your point. You learn to speak up and get involved. The best experience was that you can actually make a change!”

Henriette Heinrich, Chair UEG Young Talent Group



1 More than 3,700 young congress delegates enjoyed the networking activities and career opportunities at UEG Week 2019

2 Mentoring at UEG Week 2019





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UEG Activities





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GASTROENTEROLOGY**ueg**week

Meet. Exchange. Evolve

Connecting and supporting future experts

UEG Week 2019 in a nutshell

Opening Session – featuring latest advances in clinical management

Hepatocellular carcinoma: From orphan disease to trendy topic	Jordi Bruix, Spain
Paradigm shift in polypectomy: Be cool!	Michael John Bourke, Australia
Manipulation of the gut microbiota to affect multiresistant bacteria	Eric G. Pamer, United States
Manipulation of the gut microbiota to affect multiresistant bacteria	Dirk Haller, Germany
What's new in Gastroenterology in 2019?	Emad El-Omar, Australia
What's new in Endoscopy in 2019?	Maria Pellisé Urquiza, Spain
What's new in Hepatology in 2019?	Thomas Berg, Germany

Top 5 abstracts – representing the very best in GI research today

Top-down infliximab superior to step-up in children with moderate-to-severe Crohn's disease – a multicenter randomized controlled trial	Lissy de Ridder, Netherlands
Defining the clonal origin, expansion rate and clonal diversity of intestinal metaplasia in the helicobacter-infected human stomach	William Waddingham, United Kingdom
The neuropeptide receptor activity modifying protein (ramp)1 promotes liver regeneration by regulating yes-associated protein (yap) activity during acute or chronic liver injury	Yang Wang, Germany
Effects of faecal microbiota transplantation in patients with irritable bowel syndrome (IBS): a randomised, double-blind placebo-controlled study	Magdy El-Salhy, Norway
Cancer risk in primary sclerosing cholangitis	Aiva Lundberg Båve, Sweden

¹ Silvio Danese, Research Prize Awardee presenting² UEG Week 2019 at Fira Barcelona³ UEG Scientific Committee

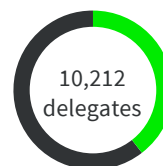
A comprehensive
[UEG Week 2019 congress review](#)  is now available

UEG Week Barcelona Facts & Figures

UEG Week participation

13,126 onsite
2,362 online

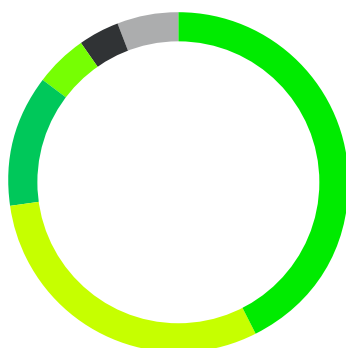
- 77.8% Delegates
- 3.7% Allied Health Professional delegates
- 18.1% Exhibitors
- 0.4% Press & media representatives



4,041 delegates attend the UEG Postgraduate Teaching Programme

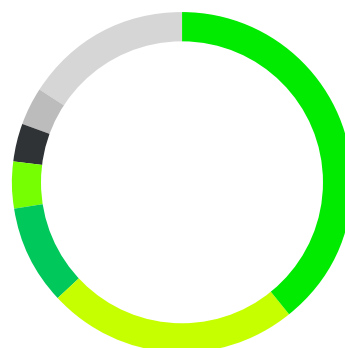
Delegates workspace

- 44% University Hospital
- 31% General Hospital
- 13% Private Hospital
- 5% Company
- 4% University
- 3% Primary Care



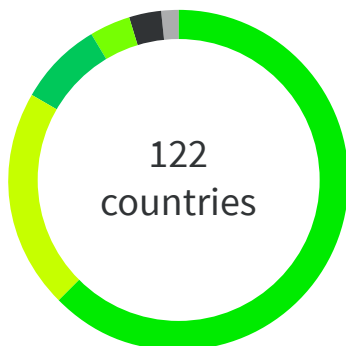
Delegates professional activity

- 67% Gastroenterologist
- 41% Endoscopist
- 16% Hepatologist
- 8% Internist
- 6% Basic Scientist
- 6% Researcher
- 27% Other

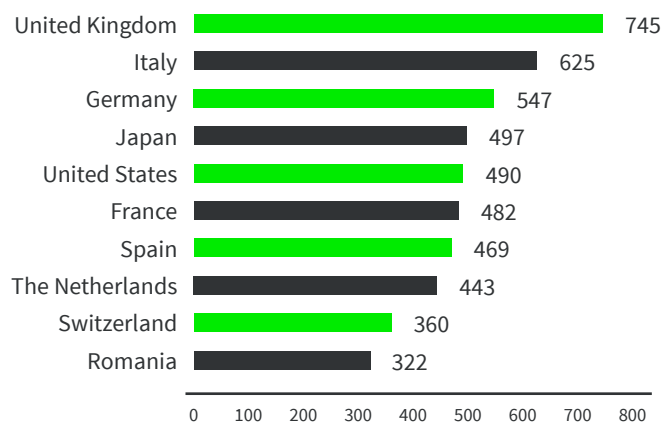


Countries and continents

- 62.6% Europe
- 21.0% Asia
- 8.0% North America
- 3.7% South America
- 3.2% Africa
- 1.5% Australia



Top 10 attending countries





“There is no meeting like UEG Week, it has a unique DNA: updated and modern, it offers the most original formats to present cutting edge science, the latest research news as well as clinical updates. The congress provides manifold opportunities to discuss relevant topics in modern gastroenterology face to face with colleagues and friends in formal as well as informal meetings.”

Iris Dotan, UEG Scientific Committee Member

UEG Week Barcelona Facts & Figures

Industry at UEG Week

Exhibition Space (m ²)	4,844
Sponsors, Exhibitors	143
Sponsored Symposia	13
Premium Partners	7
Major Partners	5

Awards & Grants

Lifetime Achievement Award	1
Research Prize	1
Journal Best Paper Award	1
Top Abstract Prizes	5
Rising Stars	8
Poster Champ Awards	13
International Scholar Awards	29
National Scholar Awards	41
Best Abstract Presentation Prizes	59
Travel Grants	471

Scientific Programme

4,021 submitted abstracts
 2,618 presented abstracts
 399 orals
 2,219 posters
 65 % acceptance rate
 494 abstract reviewers

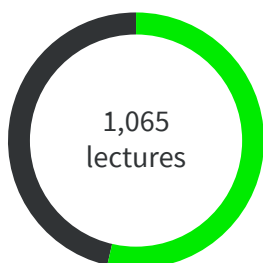


- 46.4% invited
- 25.2% abstract-based
- 7.2% mixed
- 21.2% others

400 involved faculty



1,065 lectures
 572 recorded



Communication

191,000
 twitter impressions during
 live tweeting days

964
 total items of media coverage

Media coverage achieved in
52 countries

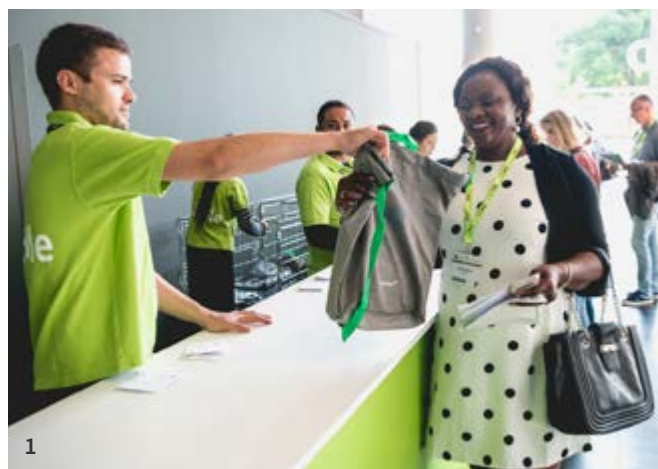
10,029
 App Downloads

UEG Week Live & 24/7

LIVE 121 Live streamed sessions



572 Recordings 24/7



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A huge thanks to all speakers and chairs for their commitment and contribution!

The involvement of UEG Scientific Committee members with different sub-specialties and from different countries provides for an unbiased selection of faculty members. Our aim is to involve the leading experts as well as emerging young talents in the scientific programme.



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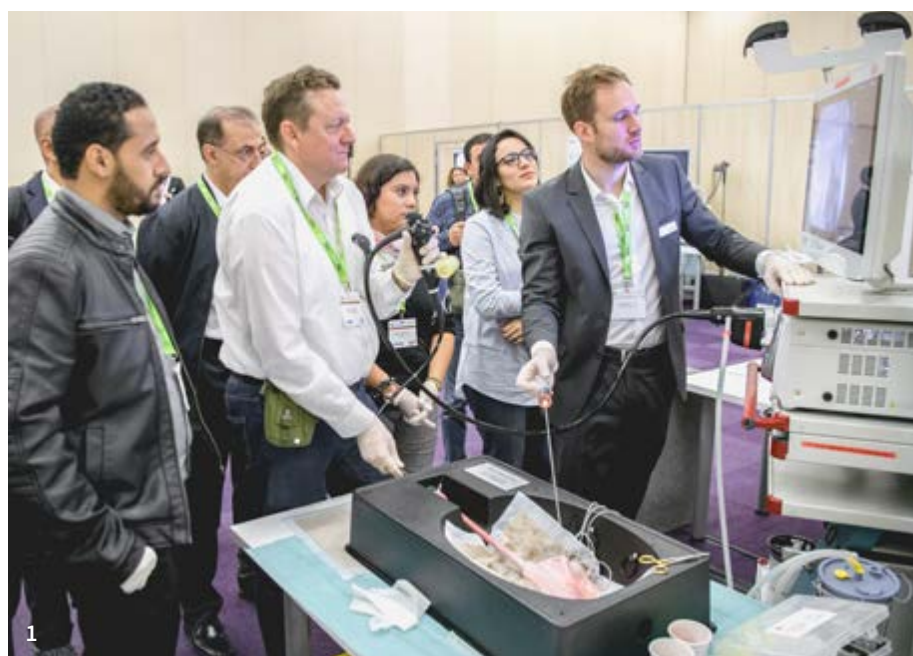


- 1 A UEG Week delegate enjoying her congress bag
- 2 Faculty panel discussing during a session
- 3 Delegates using coloured voting cards to give their answers to questions during a session
- 4 Poster presentations during Poster Champ Sessions in the poster exhibition hall
- 5 UEG Week 2019 faculty presenting
- 6 At the UEG Education Booth delegates had the chance to connect with UEG and learn more about our educational offers
- 7 Delegates reading 'Mistakes in...' booklet
- 8 Delegate fascinated by an ongoing presentation
- 9 The new UEG t-shirts and buttons made quite a sensation at UEG Week 2019
- 10 Poster Exhibition at UEG Week 2019

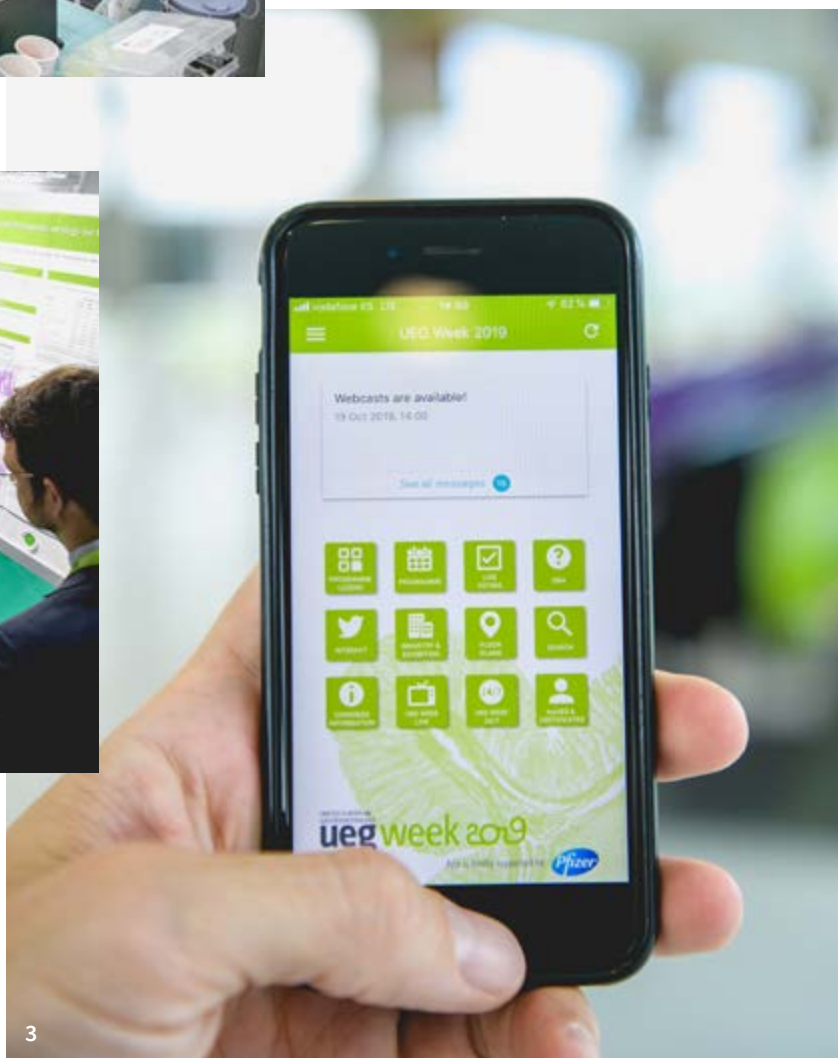
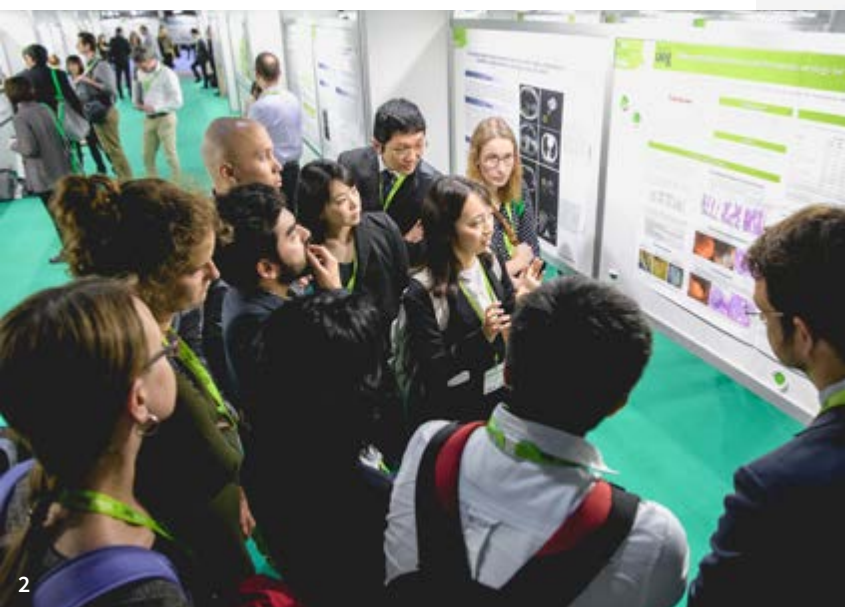


“For me, UEG Week has become the most interactive and multidisciplinary GI meeting in the world, offering ongoing attractive new formats and a wonderful combination of top research and state-of-the-art clinical medicine.”

Herbert Tilg, Chair UEG Scientific Committee



We would like to thank all industry partners of UEG Week 2019 for their support. View a [list of our long-term partners!](#) 



- 1 The Ultrasound and Surgical Learning Areas offered hands-on practice for delegates to improve their skills and knowledge
- 2 Poster presentation at a dedicated time slot
- 3 The programme was available entirely via the UEG Week app and for the first time, was not printed



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WE ARE UEG
UEG is more than the annual congress. UEG are also all classroom course participants. Georgiana Enmanuela Glică about her experience: "For me 2018 has been "my UEG year", since I had the opportunity to join all four classroom courses. Each of these experiences has helped me expand my knowledge regarding research methodology, get insight into the experience of great research centers from Europe and contribute to how to critically appraise an article to several tips and tricks to improve my everyday clinical practice and my endoscopy practice. Last, but definitely not least, I met great people, established professional connections and made new friends. I hope to be able to put into practice everything I have learned, to further improve my gastroenterology skills I have gained with peers and students. Many thanks to all people who were involved in organizing the Classroom courses for all efforts in making a difference, for improving training of young GIs and gastroenterological care! Thank you, UEG!"
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2019 achievements

New leadership & new direction

- UEG's Education Committee enthusiastically welcomed its new chair, Charles Murray into leadership.
- The Education Committee and E-learning Team came together to strive towards creating strong UEG educational plans of action as one united voice.
- The Education Committee had a "strategic think tank" during the Joint Committee Meeting based on strategic objectives set in the UEG strategy plan with the great outcome of creating a work plan for the oncoming four years (the length of current chair, Charles Murray's chairmanship), including innovative educational concepts to be launched from 2020 onwards.



1-2 Education Committee at the Joint Committee Meeting, March 2019




“The Education site as a whole has had more than 1,000,000 page views in the past year. We now have 21 online courses and more than 7,000 unique online course users. The ‘Mistakes in ...’ series remains particularly popular — 41 of these articles are now available, with additions coming all the time.”

Charles Murray, Education Committee Chair

Exciting developments

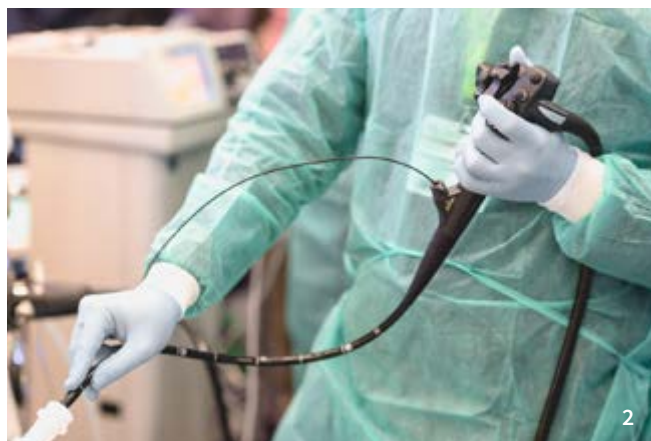
- In collaboration with the EBGH, the UEG Education Committee is mapping UEG educational content and obtaining educational offerings from our generous member societies in relation to the Blue Book, making UEG the go-to resource for anyone undertaking the European Specialty Examination in Gastroenterology and Hepatology (ESEGH).
- In general, increasing amounts of effort and resources are being put into online learning and blended learning (the combination of online and face-to-face learning) in order to both keep UEG education state of the art and to tackle the two main hurdles for CME: time and expense.
- As an outcome of the successful committee meeting in March, as well as Charles Murray's successful first year and the united voice of UEG Education, we set the stage for three main new activities: the UEG Masterclass, webinars, and Learning Bytes.

Ongoing offerings

- Classroom Courses (face-to-face learning events, covered in detail in the next two pages)
- Online Courses
 - UEG Online Courses: 20
 - Member Society Courses: 5
 - Industry Courses: 3
 - Increase in unique users of over 2,000 since 2018.
 - View the [promotional video for our ERCP Online Course](#). 
- [“Mistakes in...”](#) series 
 - Provide the opportunity to learn from experts in a written format.
- [“Head-to-Head”](#) blogs 
 - Offer the option to learn and interact due to their format of being short opinion-based articles that promote opposing viewpoints on a range of topics and discussion of topics being actively encouraged via Social Media polls.



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1-2 Hands-on experience at UEG Week

3 A UEG Week delegate with the printed 'Mistakes in...' booklet for 2019

UEG Classroom Courses

Practical education from every angle

Our classroom courses offer hands-on training in a range of medical specialties, with activities including case-based sessions, small-group discussions, workshops and lectures as well as networking events.



Young Investigators Meeting

March 22-24, 2019

House of European Gastroenterology, Vienna, Austria

- 3 days of basic training on research, statistics, reviewing and writing of papers
- Course directors: Lukas Van Oudenhove, Simon Leedham
- For clinicians and basic scientists aged 35 and below with <1 year of research experience
- 100% of participants stated that the course has improved their research skills
- The course filled knowledge gaps for 100% of participants
- 12 European CME credits
- “Guidelines for writing” and the “Study design & introduction to exercise” were the highest ranked sessions



Summer School

June 13-16, 2019

Hotel International, Prague, Czech Republic

- 4-day course with interactive sessions, lectures and hands-on training in gastroenterology
- Course directors: Radu Tutuian, Roberto Penagini, Dan Dumitrascu, Tomica Milosavljevic, Radislav Nakov
- For clinicians aged 40 and below in their 1-3 year of training
- 5 interactive sessions with case presentations, 8 hours of practical hands-on training
- 97% of participants felt actively stimulated to participate by the course teachers
- The course will result in an improvement of clinical skills for 98% of participants
- 17 European CME credits

512 applications

263 participants from 40 countries

“Thank you for organising the perfect weekend. I enjoyed it so much. I learned so many new things and met great people.”

Course participant

Basic Science Course

July 4-6, 2019

University of Pécs, Szentágotthai Research Center Pécs, Hungary

- 3 days of state-of-the-art lectures and hands-on lab training on epithelial ion transport in the GI tract
- Course directors: Péter Hegyi, József Maléth, Áron Vincze
- For basic scientists and clinicians in PG training aged 40 and below
- 100% of participants stated that the course expanded their existing knowledge
- 92% of attendees improved their research skills
- 16 European CME credits



Evidence Based Medicine Course at UEG Week Barcelona

October 19-20, 2019

Fira Gran Via Barcelona, Spain

- 2-day course teaching EBM principles and how they can be applied in daily clinical work
- Course directors: Alexander Ford, Sanjiv Mahadeva
- For clinicians with >1 year research experience
- For 97% of attendees the course resulted in an improvement of their clinical skills
- 100% said that the course expanded their existing knowledge
- 12 European CME credits

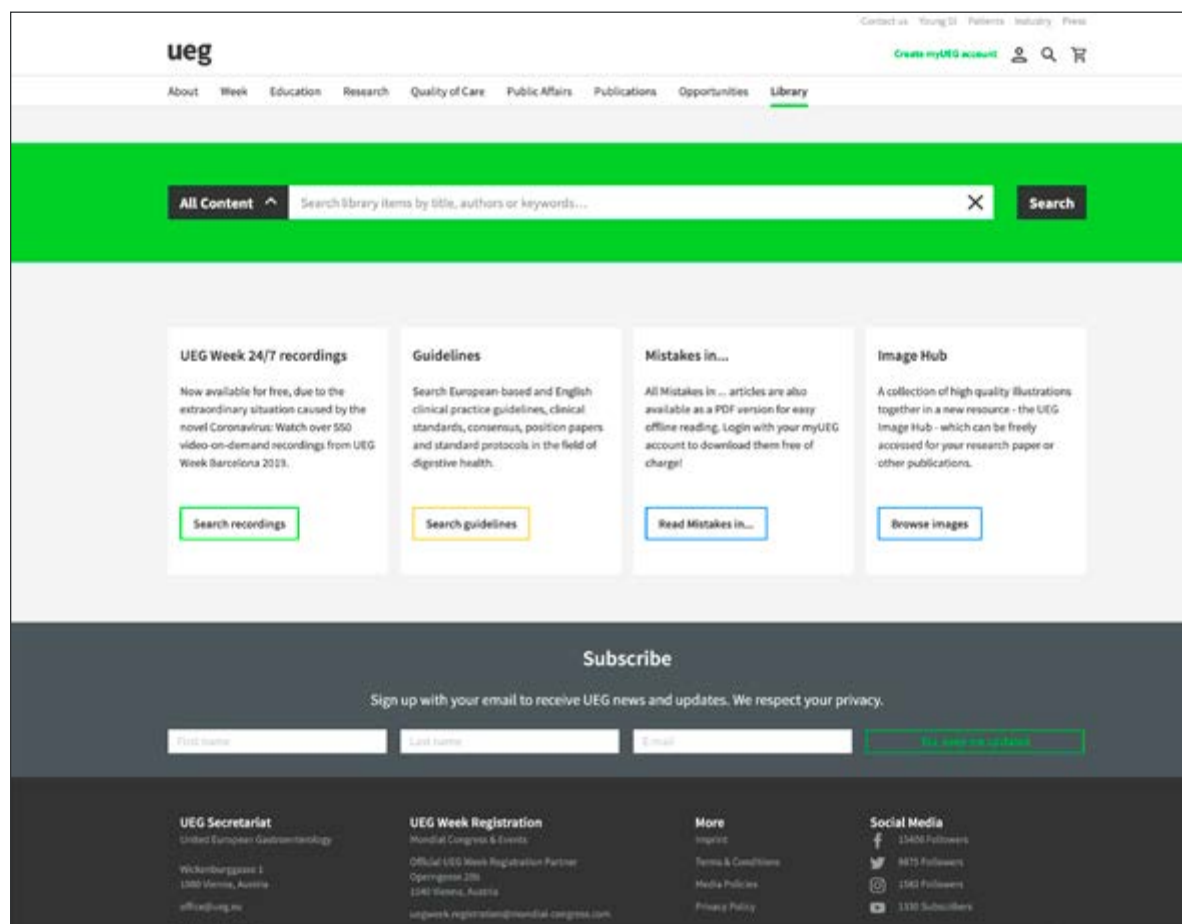


“All teachers were equally dedicated and motivated which resulted in very beneficial modules.”

Course participant

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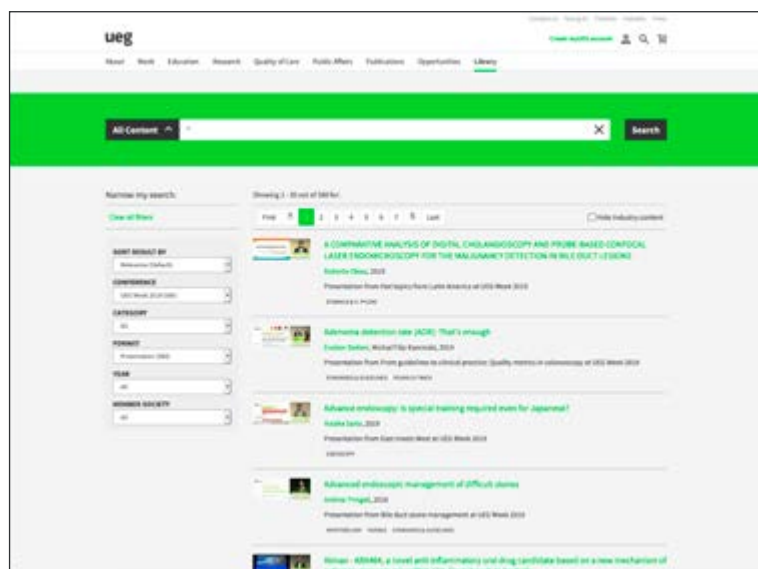
Your universal online source for digestive health



Explore what the UEG Library has to offer in a variety of formats.
All in one place and free of charge.

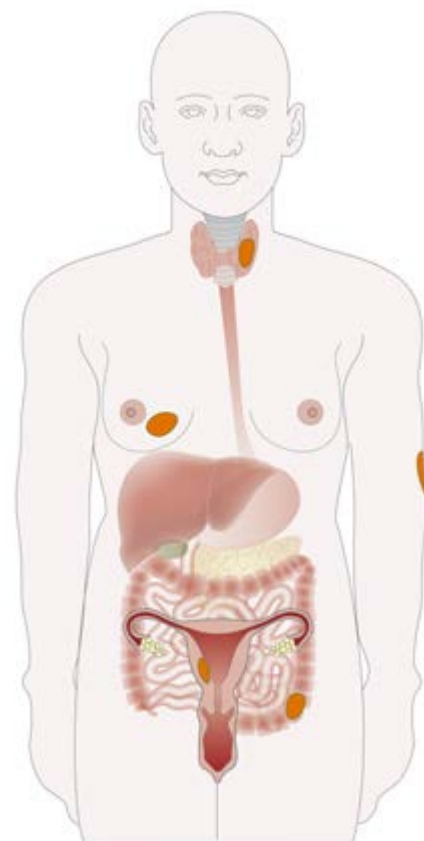
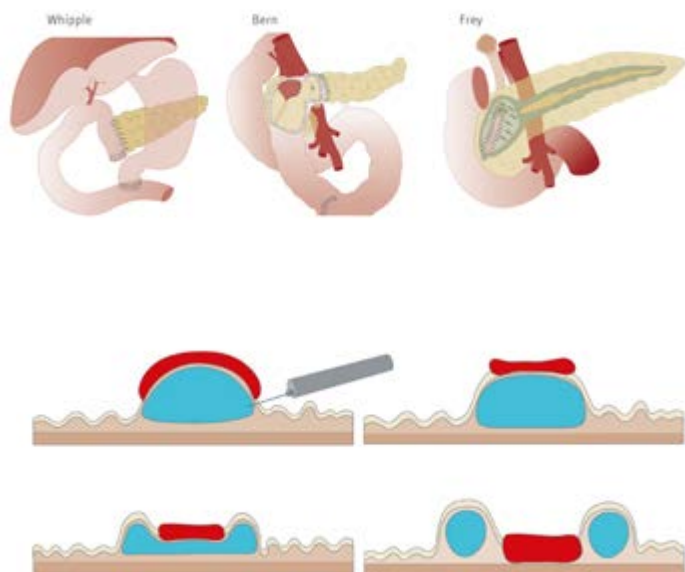
The UEG Library plays to the strengths of the digital era, providing a resource of more than 25,000 items, including abstracts, posters, recordings and guidelines. Whether one needs to prepare a presentation or simply wants to brush up their knowledge of a specific topic, no need to look any further than this 'one-stop shop' of high-quality specialised educational material.

Benefit from the [UEG library](#),  for free!



Launch of the UEG Image Hub –

Scientific images with one click



A new source of digestive health images

We are hopeful that our community finds this new resource to be of value and encourage community members to use the images provided in upcoming presentations.

Now with 101 images

The UEG E-learning Team has collected high quality illustrations together in a new resource – the [UEG Image Hub](#) – which can now be freely accessed.

How to:

To browse all images in the UEG Image Hub, simply visit the UEG Library and select “Image Hub” as the “Format” filter in the right-hand navigation bar. Further filtering of the images can be done by “Category”.

“Our aim is to foster research facilitation and cooperation in the field of Digestive Health. We encourage excellent research by awarding and recognising our best researchers, as well as advocating for GI Research funding at the EU level.”

Luigi Ricciardiello, Chair UEG Scientific Committee

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Supporting cooperation and excellence in digestive health research



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UEG strives to encourage innovation and excellence in research by supporting research facilitation and cooperation in the field of digestive Health. 2019 marked an important year for advocacy activities in Brussels as Horizon Europe, as well as the overall budget of the European Union was negotiated. For Luigi Ricciardiello, Chair UEG Research Committee, it is critical that the European Commission directs more funds to digestive health.

For this reason, UEG has been actively involved in advocacy activities on research, through application and representation in the Mission Board on Cancer and the issue of a position paper on key research priorities for digestive health in the future Horizon Europe Programme. UEG is also participating in the activities and taskforces of the Biomedical Alliance.

Watch our [interview with Luigi Ricciardiello](#). 



1 The UEG Research Committee at our Joint Committee Meeting in March 2019



Milestones



2 pan-European consortia received the UEG Horizon 2020 Support Grant and used the UEG meeting facilities in Vienna and at UEG Week. Javier Santos and his consortia were successful. They received a € 6 Million grant and started their project DISCOVERIE. (Watch our [interview with Javier Santos](#).)



With an award of € 100,000, the UEG Research Prize was given to Silvio Danese (Italy) supporting his outstanding project on the gut virome as a trigger for IBD.



The Research Fellowship went to Michal Zorniak. He was awarded the € 50,000 grant to spend 12 months in the Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich. (Watch our [interview with Michal Zorniak](#).)



We issued a position paper on the key priorities for collaborative research and the EU Cancer Mission in the future Horizon Europe research programme.



Our UEG Week session on Horizon 2020 featured tips and tricks on how to apply and be successful. COST actions were also presented in the Young GI Lounge to help young professionals to take the first step towards European funding.

Check out our [recorded session on EU funding opportunities](#).

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Delivering clinical information on digestive health with authority



Another busy year of hard work, developments and major milestones



2019 was another year of milestones and development as we saw the journal go from one success to another. In his first full year as Editor in Chief, Joost Drenth and his editorial team delivered on their mission to offer authors smooth, fast peer review, reducing time to first decision to just 15 days (average) and final decision within 26 days (average). The journal received ~ 600 original submissions from authors in 56 countries around the world.

A key objective achieved in 2019 has been the publication of 13 editorials by insightful leaders that help raise awareness and put articles in perspective for readers. 24 expert reviews were published. The most cited is currently: [Pathophysiology and management of opioid-induced constipation: European expert consensus statement](#) 

Readership of the journal more than doubled in 2019, with over 360,000 full-text downloads, demonstrating the increasing impact and importance of the research published in the journal. Guidelines, such as the European Society for the Study of Coeliac Disease (ESSCD) guideline for coeliac disease and other gluten-related disorders attracted huge interest. There is a strong

pipeline of guidelines coming out in the journal over the next 12 months.

Two papers have received enough citations to place them in the top 1% of the academic field of Clinical Medicine:

1. [Guidelines on eosinophilic esophagitis: evidence-based statements and recommendations for diagnosis and management in children and adults](#) 
2. [United European Gastroenterology evidence-based guidelines for the diagnosis and therapy of chronic pancreatitis \(HaPanEU\)](#) 

Additional Achievements

The editorial team are also working hard to provide authors with extra support post-publication with editors devoted to search engine optimisation and social media promotion that will aid discoverability and impact.

We closed the year on a major high with the journal accepted for indexing in MEDLINE. This is an important milestone that the journal's editorial and publishing teams have worked together to achieve. It confirms UEG Journal's status as a top-quality publication and will mean a significant increase in the international profile and coverage of UEG articles.

Impact factor 3.453

rank 33 / 84 Gastroenterology & Hepatology

The editorial team are focussed on driving this up in coming years by publishing the latest cutting-edge content from top authors in the field.




Top submitting countries 2019

Country	Articles
China	81
Italy	64
Germany	44
United Kingdom	32
The Netherlands	31
United States	31

Top accepted countries 2019

Country	Articles
The Netherlands	19
Italy	18
Germany	13
France	10
United States	8

- 1 The UEG Journal editors at our Joint Committee Meeting in March 2019
 2 Joost PH Drenth, Editor-In-Chief at the UEG Journal booth on the occasion of UEG Week 2019

View our [interview with UEG Journal Editor in Chief, Joost Drenth.](#) 

The pulse of cutting-edge science in digestive health.

“As the UEG Quality of Care Task Force, we strive to harmonise and implement high quality care for GI diseases across Europe.”

Wafaa Khannoussi, Chair UEG Quality of Care Task Force

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Improving clinical practice to reduce health inequalities across Europe

Kick-off meeting of the Quality of Care Task Force in March 2019



Milestones



Formation of new Quality of Care Task Force with representatives of all our Ordinary Member Societies



UEG Week session “Clinical practice guidelines: Essentials for a good guideline”



Continuous addition of new guidelines to the UEG Standards & Guidelines Repository, now comprising more than 250 items



6 From guidelines to clinical practice sessions at UEG Week



7 Activity Grants awarded:

- 5 Activity Grants for guideline development
- 2 Activity Grants for implementation and dissemination of guidelines



ESGE-UEG Quality in Endoscopy initiative: final performance measures published: Performance measures for small-bowel endoscopy: A European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) Quality Improvement Initiative

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Key milestones


Prioritising digestive health in the EU


In 2019, one of our top priorities was re-establishing the Digestive Health Interest Group within the European Parliament. Prior to the EU elections, UEG launched a **Manifesto for Digestive Health**  in order to advance the treatment and prevention of digestive diseases through the support of policymakers. Our Manifesto was translated into 8 languages and disseminated across Europe with the crucial help of our National Society Members. As a positive result of the broad support received from our National Society Members, the Manifesto was endorsed by 27 candidates of the European Parliament from 10 EU Member States.


UEG organised several successful meetings with members of the European Parliament throughout the month of December 2019. 9 members of the European Parliament have committed to joining the Digestive Health Interest Group in the 2019-2024 term, with former President of the European Parliament, MEP Antonio Tajani accepting to chair our Interest Group.



Thanks to the support of UEG's National Society Members, we were able to successfully update the [CRC leaflet](#)  which shows the status quo of colorectal cancer screening across Europe.

On the occasion of the Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month UEG produced an [animation on CRC screening](#),  subtitled in 14 languages. We were able to promote this animation in the respective countries and beyond.

We produced, together with 6 Member Societies the [Nutrition and Chronic Digestive Diseases: An Action Plan for Europe](#)  report. The report has been featured in over 80 editorials across 20 countries.

2019 marked UEG's first year participating in the European Health Forum Gastein. This forum is a key annual event, as it brings politicians, senior decision-makers and representatives of interest groups, all together in one place with the goal of shaping the future of health. Our [session](#)  consisted of a cross-sector discussion on the power of a healthy gut and disruptive nutrition policies.

UEG laid the basis for our future collaboration with the World Health Organization, with an initial meeting at WHO headquarters in Geneva. We additionally began our outreach to the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission in order to work on the update of the colorectal cancer guidelines. UEG also became members of the European Chronic Disease Alliance and the European Nutrition and Health Alliance.

UEG Week 2019 delegates had the opportunity to purchase our new merchandise. The proceeds were donated directly to the Spanish charity La Carrera de las Ciudades Contra el Cáncer de Páncreas ('The Race of Cities Against Pancreatic Cancer'). Donations from delegates raised €2,850 for the charity.

- 1 Markus Peck-Radosavljevic, Chair UEG Public Affairs Committee facilitating at our Joint Committee Meeting
- 2 Money was raised for Pancreatic Cancer on the occasion of UEG Week 2019
- 3 Meeting of the Public Affairs Committee in our House of European Gastroenterology

“We need the European Commission and national governments to act now on initiatives to change the way in which we buy and consume food. However, there is the issue that policies and actions designed to alleviate ill-health often create challenges for economic interests and livelihoods and this needs to be resolved. Our aim should be to achieve a European-wide transformation to healthy diets by 2050. This would require consumption of fruits, vegetables, nuts and legumes to double, and consumption of foods such as red meat and sugar to be reduced by more than 50% over the next 30 years.”

Markus Peck-Radosavljevic, Chair UEG Public Affairs Committee



Social Media: UEG & You



We are thrilled to offer the opportunity to get even more out of your UEG experience by contributing and sharing your adventures, as well as your day-to-day happenings with us and the rest of the digestive health community in real-time. Make your voice heard by consistently expressing yourself and therefore contributing to the UEG social media content across virtual platforms.

Every opinion counts and every adventure can be shared, all it takes is a click!

We post frequent updates in order to inform, engage with and inspire our community. That being said, the response and interaction that we get from our followers is what truly makes our content exceptional.

Social Media: Follow Along

Each of our social media channels offers different benefits. Why not explore them today?

On **Facebook**, our latest offerings are shared, as well as exciting updates in the form of website links, images, videos and more!

Our **Twitter** has a strong network and releases several daily tweets that both provide useful information and share the occurrences of societies, GI community members and more.

Our **YouTube** has a wide array of high-quality video clips, which can be browsed and watched via the categorized “play-lists” feature for your convenience.

On **Instagram**, we feature 24-hour Instagram posts as well as permanent images to tell the stories of our members, as they make up the fabric of our organisation and provide useful information.

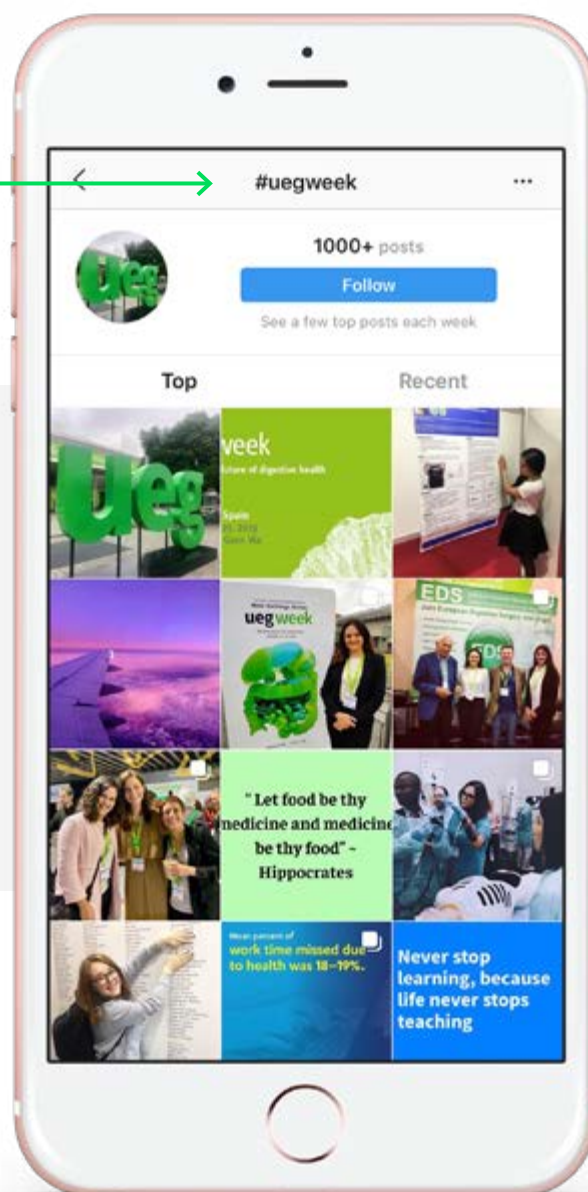
Follow us on **LinkedIn** for professional updates surrounding research and EU topics with a focus on digestive health.

We use the following hashtags and encourage our community to use them too, so we can connect, share and grow together!

#UEGWeek
#UEGEdu
#UEGResearch
#UEGWomeninGI
#UEGJ
#weareUEG

Feel free to follow us on social media!

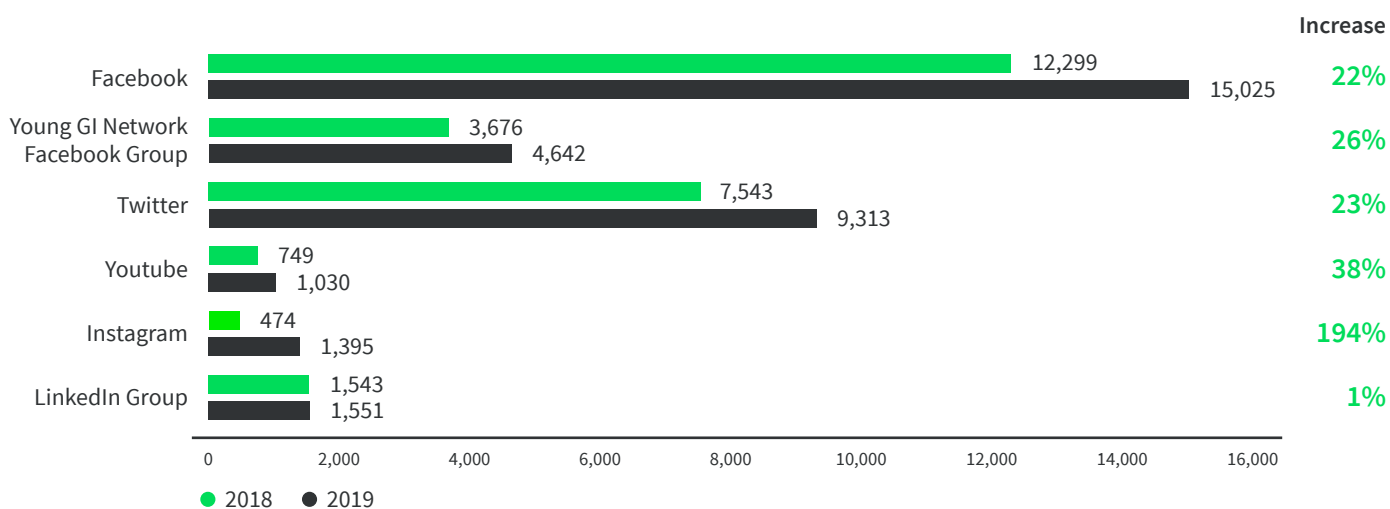
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Social Media: UEG Statistics



Social Media Followers



Social Media: Further UEG Ventures



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UEG Live Video Chats

Multiple UEG Live Video Chats were held on the occasion of UEG Week 2019. These videos were sometimes held in front of a live audience and were additionally always live streamed on the UEG Facebook page, via the Facebook Live tool. This therefore allowed both face-to-face and digital engagement in real time.

UEG Live Video Chat 2019 Topics

- Do gastroenterologists and surgeons need each other?
- I want my paper in UEG Journal: Tell me how!
- Family and GI training – Mission possible!

Click each of the topics above to watch the related Live Video Chat!

1 Enrique de Madaria, #UEGambassador awardee 2019

2 Still from the UEG Live Video Chat, “I want my paper in UEG Journal: Tell me how!”

Our #UEGambassador Programme

The #UEGambassador programme encourages enthusiastic gastroenterologists to use their social media power and influence to spread the word on important topics surrounding digestive health.

Ambassadors are invited to post scientific content, share recommendations and give peer-to-peer tips to fellow members of the GI community on social media.

The #UEGambassador award 2019 was presented to Enrique de Madaria for his excellent contribution and promotion of digestive health throughout the year.

View other [#UEGambassador posts](#) on Twitter.



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UEG Opportunities

Providing esteemed support
and recognition for all career levels



We provide a comprehensive selection of awards, fellowships and prizes to contribute to the personal and professional development of trainees and established gastroenterologists and hepatologists.



1 International Scholarship Awardees 2019

2 Research Prize Awardee 2019, Silvio Danese

3 UEG Week 2019 Awardee giving a presentation

4 Rising Stars Awardee 2019, Johan Burisch being recongised

Research Prize

Silvio Danese was awarded the distinguished UEG Research Prize 2019 for his outstanding project “The gut virome as a trigger for IBD: from metagenomics to pathogenesis”.

He is a Gastroenterologist at Humanitas Research Hospital in Milan, and Professor in Gastroenterology at Humanitas University, Italy. His main research area of interest is the investigation of the fundamental mechanisms underlying IBD pathogenesis, while his daily clinical activity is related to IBD service. He is a member of many organizations related to the IBD field, including the European Crohn’s and Colitis Organization (ECCO), of which he has been President since February 2018.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Professor Peter Malfertheiner has had a career spanning more than 40 years across Europe and is widely acknowledged by the community of gastroenterologists in Europe for his outstanding accomplishments as initiator, leader and mentor that have improved the lives of patients.

Born in Italy in 1950, he attended medical school and trained in Italy and Germany, and had a fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in the U.S.. He was founder and President of the European Helicobacter Study Group, and was the driving force in establishing the Maas-tricht consensus reports.



Additionally he served the UEG community throughout his career: He was President and remains Governing Board Member of EAGEN. He was Chairman of UEG in 2004, President of UEG Week 2006 and the first Chairman of the Education Committee. Peter Malfertheiner developed the well-known European bridging meetings “East meets West” and co-founded the “Healthy Stomach Initiative”, which conducts scientific meetings and public awareness events globally to promote stomach health.

Watch our [interview with Lifetime Achievement Awardee, Peter Malfertheiner](#). 🖱️

Journal Best Paper Award

Liat Gutin was the first author of the winning article: Fecal microbiota transplant for Crohn disease: A study evaluating safety, efficacy, and microbiome profile. She will be starting as a fellow in gastroenterology at Kaiser Permanente Northern California in July 2019. She ultimately plans to pursue additional training in Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

Watch our [interview with Liat Gutin!](#) 🖱️

Fostering scientific and educational collaborations with Activity Grants


We promote multidisciplinary across Europe by supporting activity-driven collaborative efforts between our members.

Live Educational Events

- ESPGHAN Monothematic Conference Hepatology: Infections of the Liver at Paediatric Age (ESPGHAN) [More Details >>](#)
- Health & Disease in the Aging Population - the role of the GI tract (EAGEN, ESPCG, EHMSG, Societatea Română de Gastroenterologie și Hepatologie) [More Details >>](#)
- Clinical Decisions in Gastroenterology - tailored from guidelines to individual need (EAGEN, EPC, EHMSG) [More Details >>](#)
- Hands-on Course for Gastrointestinal Manometry and Functional Investigations (SRGH, ESNM, Türk Gastroenteroloji Derneği) [More Details >>](#)
- The London Neurogastroenterology Course (BSG, ESNM) [More Details >>](#)
- EDS Visceral Medicine Course 2019: Bridging East and West (EDS, EFISDS, Ukrainian Gastroenterological Association) [More Details >>](#)
- ESGAR/ESDO course on hepatobiliary, pancreatic and GI tract neoplasms: a multidisciplinary imaging approach (ESGAR, ESDO, Sociedad Española de Patología Digestiva) [More Details >>](#)
- Management of Digestive Diseases - symptoms & personalized, evidence based treatment (EAGEN, Shoqata Shqiptare Gastro-Entero-Hepatologjisë, Hrvatsko gastroenterološko društvo) [More Details >>](#)



- Frequently asked gastroenterology questions in primary care. The European general practitioners' experience (SIGE, ESPCG) [More Details >>](#)
- Nutrition Challenges in Gastrointestinal Diseases (EAGEN , ESPEN, Hrvatsko gastroenterološko društvo) [More Details >>](#)
- Bucharest NutriGastro (SRGH, EAGEN) [More Details >>](#)
- IBD Management from within Primary Care - sharing best practice across Europe in a post Brexit world (ESPCG, British Society of Gastroenterology) [More Details >>](#)
- LIONSS 2019: Progress in Colorectal Surgery (EFISDS) [More Details >>](#)
- New views on chronic pancreatitis – Multimodal imaging of the pancreas (EPC, ESGAR, Norsk Gastroenterologisk Forening) [More Details >>](#)
- Contemporary techniques in surgical management of GI disorders (EDS, EFISDS, Lietuvos Gastroenterologijos Draugija) [More Details >>](#)
- ESGAR/EPC ESGAR/EPC Multidisciplinary Pancreatic Workshop (ESGAR , EPC, Società Italiana di Gastroenterologia ed Endoscopia Digestiva) [More Details >>](#)
- Standards & Guidelines for Surgery & Endoscopy in Pancreatic diseases (EFISDS, EDS, Societatea Română de Gastroenterologie și Hepatologie) [More Details >>](#)
- Bleeding in the GI tract (EAGEN , EHMSG, Serbian Gastroenterology Association) [More Details >>](#)

If you are interested in applying for support for a live educational event, find more details [here](#). 

Standards and Guidelines Initiatives

- AGREE II Extension for Surgical Guidelines: UEG and EAES consensus
- Current application of the European evidence-based guidelines on pancreatic cystic tumours
- European Guideline on faecal incontinence – UEG and ESCP/ESNM/ESPCG guideline
- European Guideline on Functional Chronic Diarrhoea – UEG and ESNM, SIGE, RSGH and TSG Recommendations
- European Guideline on indication, performance and clinical impact of H2CH4- and 13C-breath test in adult and paediatric patients: consensus European guideline by EAGEN in collaboration with ESNM, ESPGHAN and several National Societies
- European Guideline on obesity care in patients with GI and liver diseases – UEG and ESPEN guideline
- Translating FMT applications related to Clostridium difficile infection into the local clinical practice

- 1 2019 Poster Awardee and Chair UEG Scientific Committee, Herbert Tilg
- 2 Japanese Society of Gastroenterology (JSGE) Rising Star presenting at the UEG Week Rising Star Symposium
- 3 2019 Top Abstract Awardee, Aiva Lundberg Bave
- 4 2019 Poster Awardee and Chair UEG Scientific Committee, Herbert Tilg
- 5 Top Abstract Prize Awardee 2019, Lissy de Ridder



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NATIONAL SCHOLARS – the best young investigator in each country

Jelizaveta Aleksejeva, Latvia	Tomohiro Iwai, Japan	Petra Riznik, Slovenia
Livia Archibugi, Italy	Henriette C. Jodal, Norway	Anne A. Rode, Denmark
Alejandro Enrique Bojórquez Gutiérrez, Spain	Berna Kaya, Switzerland	Meena Sadaps, United States
Joey Ho Yi Chan, Hong Kong, China (SAR)	Adea Kocollari, Albania	Greta Streleckiene, Lithuania
Jung Won Chun, Korea (Republic of)	Martin Kolar, Czech Republic	Maarten Struyvenberg, The Netherlands
Dalila Costa, Portugal	Ivan Lyutakov, Bulgaria	Quang Trung Tran, Viet Nam
Jorge Luis de-León-Rendón, Mexico	Dóra Mosztbacher, Hungary	Parijat Ram Tripathi, India
Xiao Ding, China	Jibran Sualeh Muhammad, United Arab Emirates	Johannes Virta, Finland
Rebecca C. Fitzgerald, Ireland	Raphael Olivier, France	William Waddingham, United Kingdom
Naomi Fliss-Isakov, Israel	Yan Ling Ong, Singapore	Yang Wang, China
Annelies Geeraerts, Belgium	Szymon Ostrowski, Australia	Jen-Hao Yeh, Taiwan
Felix Grabherr, Austria	Nastazja Pilonis, Poland	Elvira Ildarovna Zaikina, Russian Federation
Safa Hachicha, Tunisia	Vasyl Prysyazhnyuk, Ukraine	Jaba Zarkua, Georgia
S M Mahmudul Hasan, Canada	Andrea Carolina Quiroga Centeno, Colombia	

Top Abstract Prize 2019

Lissy de Ridder, The Netherlands
William Waddingham, United Kingdom
Yang Wang, Germany
Magdy El-Salhy, Norway
Aiva Lundberg Båve, Sweden

Journal Best Paper Award 2019

Liat Gutin, United States

Poster Champs

Vincenzo Cardinale, Italy
Ariadna Clos Parals, Spain
João Pereira da Silva, Portugal
Mark Ellrichmann, Germany
Omar Elshaarawy, Germany
Nicola Frei, The Netherlands
Jeremie Jacques, France
Paul Thomas Kroner, United States
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Jasper Pannemans, Belgium
Khanh Do-Cong Pham, Norway
Andrew Roberts, Australia
Lucas Wauters, Belgium

Rising Stars 2019

Thomas Bird, United Kingdom
Johan Burisch, Denmark
Sarwa Darwish Murad, The Netherlands
Ihsan Ekin Demir, Germany
Sheraz Markar, United Kingdom
Jean Charles Nault, France
María Jesús Perugorria, Spain
Thomas Reiberger, Austria

Visiting Fellowships

Gonalo Alexandrino, Portugal visited Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Magdalena Andrzejewska, Poland visited Hospital Santa Maria, Lisbon, Portugal

Lidiia Babenko, Ukraine visited A. Gemelli University Hospital, Rome, Italy

Irina Boeva, Bulgaria visited DRK Kliniken Berlin Westend, Germany

St phanie Da Silva-Heil, Sweden visited Hubrecht Institute, Utrecht, The Netherlands

Krzysztof Dabkowski, Poland visited Herlev Hospital, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Nerida Dhigoi, Albania visited Centre hospitalier universitaire vaudois, Lausanne, Switzerland

Piotr Eder, Poland visited Agaplesion Markus Krankenhaus, Frankfurt, Germany

Walied El Hossary, Egypt visited DRK Kliniken Berlin Westend, Germany

Madalina Greere, Romania visited Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Raquel Herranz P rez, Spain visited Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Judith Honing, The Netherlands visited University of Cambridge, UK

Elena Tatiana Ivan, Romania visited Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Benediktas Kurlinkus, Lithuania visited Fondazione IRCCS Ca' Granda Ospedale Maggiore Policlinico, Milan, Italy

Tomasz Lorenc, Poland visited H pital Beaujon, APHP, Clichy, France

Jaune Ieva Lukosiene, Lithuania visited University Hospital of Regensburg, Germany

Giovanni Marasco, Italy visited Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg, Sweden

Pedro Marcos, Portugal visited The Royal Free Hospital and University College London, UK

Roxana Micut, Romania visited Sant'Andrea University Hospital, Sapienza University, Rome, Italy

Iulia Minciuna, Romania visited Inselspital, Bern, Switzerland

Katalin Eszter Muller, Hungary visited Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, UK

Christos Pontas, Greece visited Rikshospitalet-Radium-hospitalet, Oslo, Norway

Vasile Sandru, Romania visited A. Gemelli University Hospital, Rome, Italy

David Sawbridge, UK visited Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin, Ireland

Alexandros Skamnelos, Greece visited The Royal Free Hospital and University, London, UK

Daniela Stoyanova, Bulgaria visited John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, UK

Cristina Tucia, Romania visited A. Gemelli University Hospital, Rome, Italy

Mariam Zaghloul, Egypt visited St James's University Hospital NHS Trust, Leeds, UK

Andreea Zoican, Romania visited University Hospital of Santiago de Compostela, Spain

“I believe that we are ready for a bright future, come what may. Together as UEG, we are now stronger and more visible. Together as UEG, we are now the leading voice in digestive health throughout the world. With your involvement, we will be able to make UEG even more successful in the next decade as well as the years to come.”

Axel Dignass, UEG President

Best Abstract Presentation Prize

Pilar Acedo, United Kingdom	Joana P. Bernardes, Germany
Konrad Aden, Germany	Camille Petitfils, France
Chamara Basnayake, Australia	Nastazja Pilonis, Poland
Daniel Bergemalm, Sweden	Petra Riznik, Slovenia
Nicholas E Burr, United Kingdom	Anne A. Rode, Denmark
Bart Corten, The Netherlands	Benjamin Rogers, United States
Lois Daamen, The Netherlands	Hans-Paul Damiaan Schultheiss, The Netherlands
Marko Damm, Germany	Andrada Seicean, Romania
Astrid de MAISSIN, France	Ayesha Shah, Australia
Ranko Gacesa, The Netherlands	Sharmila Subramaniam, United Kingdom
Charlotte R H Hedin, Sweden	Andrea Szentesi, Hungary
Shixian Hu, The Netherlands	Foong Way David Tai, United Kingdom
Marianne Hupé, France	Akira Teramoto, Japan
Mohamed Hussein, United Kingdom	Noemí Tomsen, Spain
Wladyslaw Januszewicz, Poland	Akiyoshi Tsuboi, Japan
Chihiro Kato, Japan	Ayla Turan, The Netherlands
Marjolein Anthonia Ymkje Klaassen, The Netherlands	Georgios Tziatzios, Germany
Shinei Kudo, Japan	Mathieu Uzzan, France
Halyna Kuznietsova, Ukraine	Sara Van Gennep, The Netherlands
Iris J. M. Levink, The Netherlands	Joyce Veld, The Netherlands
Jyh-Ming Liou, Taiwan	Federica Vernuccio, Italy
Alfredo J. Lucendo, Spain	Sare Verstockt, Belgium
Sheraz Markar, United Kingdom	Mathew Vithayathil, United Kingdom
Xavier Mas-orea, France	Benjamin Walter, Germany
Sheida Moghadamrad, Switzerland	Gitta Maria Wanner-Seleznik, Switzerland
Michiel Mommersteeg, The Netherlands	Pauline Wils, France
Ana Montalban-Arques, Switzerland	Felix Wottawa, Germany
V. Raman Muthusamy, United States	Takeshi Yamashina, Japan
Hirotaaka Nakashima, Japan	Liselotte Zwager, The Netherlands
Kasper A Overbeek, The Netherlands	

Other Stakeholders

Creating a united voice by connecting scientific, patient and stakeholder communities



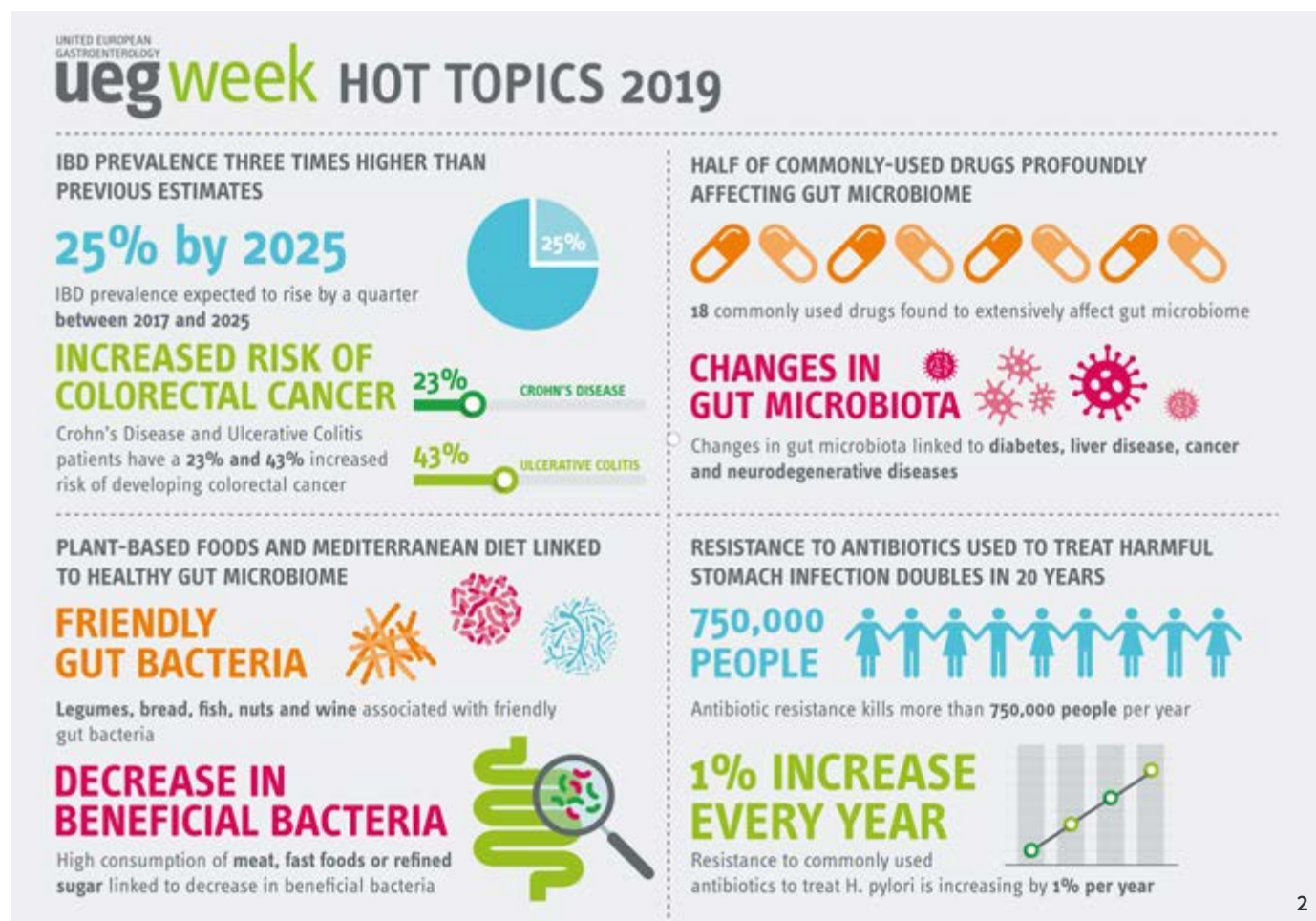
We are eager to work together with key stakeholders, including patient organisations, press and industry, with the common aim of raising awareness of chronic digestive diseases and improving patient outcomes.

We aim to consult, listen to and learn from patient organisations in order to share best practice and encourage joint working initiatives, especially in priority areas such as digestive cancers, alcohol consumption, IBD and liver disease. Our most recent Public Affairs publication, Nutrition and Chronic Digestive Diseases: An Action Plan for Europe, included valuable input from the European Federation of Crohn's and Colitis Associations

(EFCCA), Digestive Cancers Europe (DiCE) and the Association of European Coeliac Societies (AOECS).

More recently, we collaborated with Eurocare (European Alcohol Policy Alliance), EASL and The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) in producing an awareness-raising video that called attention to the need for detailed, government monitored alcohol labelling to become a European-wide regulation.

Through press and media relations, we promote the latest research and developments in digestive health. We liaise with




consumer and healthcare media to promote key UEG activities, such as hot topics presented at UEG Week and research submitted to the journal. One of the key press highlights at UEG Week Barcelona 2019 focused on research that outlined the burden of pancreatic cancer, colorectal cancer, gastric cancer and IBD across the world between 1990 and 2017.

Over 1,000 pieces of media editorials relating to UEG activity were secured in 68 countries throughout 2019, raising the profile of UEG and our initiatives to the wider world.

1 UEG Week 2019 Press Briefing

2 UEG Week 2019 Hot Press Topics Infographics

A close-up photograph of several green leaves, likely from a plant like a lemon tree, with numerous small water droplets on their surfaces. The leaves are vibrant green and have a slightly textured appearance. The lighting is soft, creating a natural and fresh feel.

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UEG Treasurer Report 2019

Letter of the Treasurer



Dear Colleagues,

It is a pleasure for me as the Treasurer of the United European Gastroenterology to provide you with the Treasurer Report for the financial year 2019. United European Gastroenterology is a professional non-profit-organisation and its bylaws constitute the legal basis for the operation of the organisation. UEG is incorporated in Vienna, Austria and complies with the legal rules of the Austrian Law of Associations with Number 570340662 in the Austrian Register of Associations. The organisation's accounts comply with Austrian fiscal provisions. The administrative and legal structure comprises the charitable arm which is the non-profit-organisation and the UEG limited liability company (GmbH), which is a 100% subsidiary of the non-profit-organisation to run the commercial activities. The financial statements of both entities have been audited separately according to law and to provide a better overview this report shows consolidated outcome with explanations on our income and expenditure situation in 2019.

Our internal auditors Professor Andrea Laghi and Professor Philippe van Hootegem confirmed that our finances are in good shape and our financial management is performed accurately. I am also delighted that the Austrian certified auditing company BBW performing the external audit provided a favourable opinion without any reservations and confirmed that our bookkeeping is fully accurate. The overall development of UEG's equity has been stable, and the organisation is in a healthy financial position. My special thanks go to our former Treasurer, Peter Jansen for his dedicated work for UEG from 2016 until 2019, and for facilitating my introduction into the complex financial tasks of UEG.



Our past solid financial management is the most valuable asset when both we and the world are facing unprecedented challenges. Most of our activities and support programmes depend on the economic success of UEG Week. It is our duty and privilege to take precautions for a sustainable future.

A blue ink signature of Berthold Koletzko.

Berthold Koletzko
UEG Treasurer

1 UEG Treasurer Berthold Koletzko

2 Berthold Koletzko and past Treasurer Peter Jansen

Internal Auditor Declaration 2019



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To UEG Meeting of Members

Vienna, May 7, 2020

Internal Auditing Declaration 2019

As UEG's internal auditors we are obliged to monitor the affairs and the financial management of the organisation according to the rules and within the aims and goals of the organisation. All information and further explanations requested by us were provided by the UEG Treasurer, the external professional auditing company and the Administration.

After studying UEG Financial Statements 2019 and after the final audit meeting on May 7, 2020, it is our view that the finances of UEG have been handled efficiently and accurately by the Treasurer and the Administration in the year 2019. It is also our opinion that the funds have been used in keeping with the statutes of UEG.

Kind regards,

Andrea Laghi

UEG Internal Auditor

Philippe van Hootegem

UEG Internal Auditor

BBW Audit Report 2019

UEG NPO

We have audited the accompanying financial statements, including the accounting system, of **United European Gastroenterology, Vienna**, for the **fiscal year from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019**.

These financial statements comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2019, the income statement for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, and the notes.

In our opinion, the enclosed financial statements comply with the legal requirements and give a true and fair view of the assets and the financial position as of 31 December 2019 and its financial performance as well as the earnings position of the association for the financial year ending on this reporting date in accordance with the regulations of the Association Act in application with the regulations of the Austrian Commercial Code.

Basis for the audit opinion

We conducted our final audit in accordance with the Austrian principles of proper auditing. These principles require the application of International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Our responsibilities under these regulations and standards are described further in the section “Auditor’s Responsibility and Description of Type and Scope of the Voluntary Audit” of our audit opinion. We are independent of the association in accordance with the Austrian regulations of the Association Act and professional regulations and we have fulfilled our other obligations in accordance with these requirements. We are of the opinion that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to serve as a basis for our audit opinion.

Our responsibility and liability as auditor towards the Association and towards third parties amounts analogous to section 275 UGB to 2 million Euros.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements and for the Accounting System

The Association’s management is responsible for the accounting system and for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the VerG and the Austrian Commercial Code. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances. In the preparation of the annual financial statements, the

management is responsible for assessing the ability of the company to carry on its business, to specify matters relating to the continuation of the business activity and to apply the accounting principle to the continuation of the business. The management intends to either liquidate the association or cease business or has no realistic alternative to it.

Auditor’s Responsibility and Description of Type and Scope of the Voluntary Audit

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance whether the annual financial statements are free from material, intended or unintentional misrepresentations and to issue an audit report which includes our audit opinion. Adequate security is a high degree of security, but there is no guarantee that a substantive misrepresentation, if any, have been carried out in accordance with the Austrian principles of proper auditing, which require the application of the ISA. False representations may result from fraudulent actions or errors and are deemed to be material if individually or reasonably expected to affect the economic decisions made by users on the basis of this annual financial statements.

As part of a final examination in accordance with the Austrian principles of proper final examination, which require the application of ISA, we exercise due to professional judgement and maintain a critical foundation.

In addition:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misrepresentation - intentional or unintentional - in the financial statements, plan audit procedures in response to these risks, perform them and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to serve as a basis for our audit opinion. The risk of material misrepresentations resulting from fraudulent actions being not revealed is greater than, counterfeiting, intentional incompleteness, misleading representation, or the abolition of internal controls.
- We gain an understanding of the internal control system relevant to the final audit in order to plan audit procedures that are appropriate under the circumstances, but not with the aim of issuing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control system of the association.
- We assess the appropriateness of the accounting policies used by the management and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates and the related information presented by the management board.

- We draw conclusions on the appropriateness of the application of the accounting principle for the continuation of the business activities by the management and on the basis of the audit evidence obtained whether there is substantial uncertainty in connection with events or circumstances which seriously undermine the ability of the Association to continue business. If we conclude that there is material uncertainty, we are obligated to draw our attention to the related information in the annual financial statements or, if this information is inadequate, to modify our audit opinion. We draw our conclusions on the basis of the audit evidence obtained by the date of our audit opinion. Future events or circumstances may, however, result in the removal of the Association from the continuation of the business activity.
- We assess the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the annual financial statements reflect the underlying transactions and events in such a way as to achieve the most accurate picture possible.

Vienna, May 7, 2020
BBW Wirtschaftsprüfungs-
und Steuerberatungsgesellschaft mbH

Bernhard Winter, Austrian Certified Public Accountant

This report is a translation of the original report in German, which is solely valid. Publication of the financial statements together with our auditor's opinion may only be made if the financial statements are identical with the audited version attached to this report. Section 281 paragraph 2 UGB (Austrian Commercial Code) applies.

BBW Audit Report 2019

UEG GmbH

We have audited the financial statements of **United European Gastroenterology GmbH, Vienna**.

These financial statements comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2019, the income statement for the fiscal year then ended and the notes.

Based on our audit the accompanying financial statements were prepared in accordance with the legal regulations and present fairly, in all material respects, the assets and the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2019 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Austrian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Austrian Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Our responsibilities under those regulations and standards are further described in the “Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements” section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Austrian General Accepted Accounting Principles and professional requirements and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with Austrian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, for them to present a true and fair view of the assets, the financial position and the financial performance of the Company and for such internal controls as management determines are necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going

concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Austrian Standards on Auditing, which require the application of ISA, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Comments on the Management Report for the Company

Pursuant to Austrian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, the management report is to be audited as to whether it is consistent with the financial statements and as to whether the management report was prepared in accordance with the applicable legal regulations.

Management is responsible for the preparation of the management report in accordance with Austrian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Austrian Standards on Auditing for the audit of the management report.

Opinion

In our opinion, the management report for the Company was prepared in accordance with the valid legal requirements and is consistent with the financial statements.

Statement

Based on the findings during the audit of the financial statements and due to the thus obtained understanding concerning the Company and its circumstances no material misstatements in the management report came to our attention.

Vienna, May 7, 2020

**BBW Wirtschaftsprüfungs-
und Steuerberatungsgesellschaft mbH**

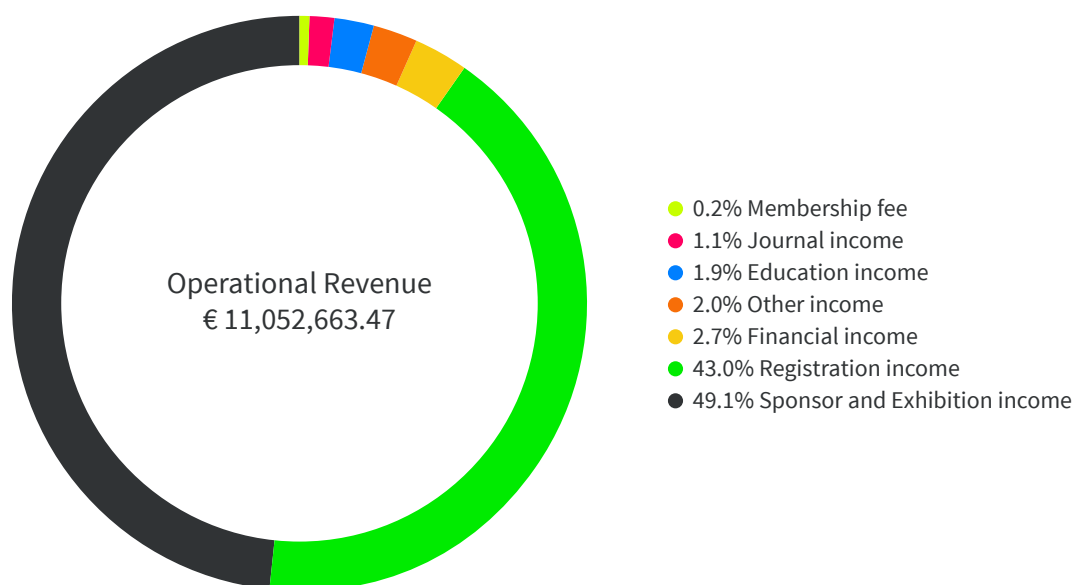
Mag. Bernhard Winter, Austrian Certified Public Accountant

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Financial Consolidated Outcome 2019

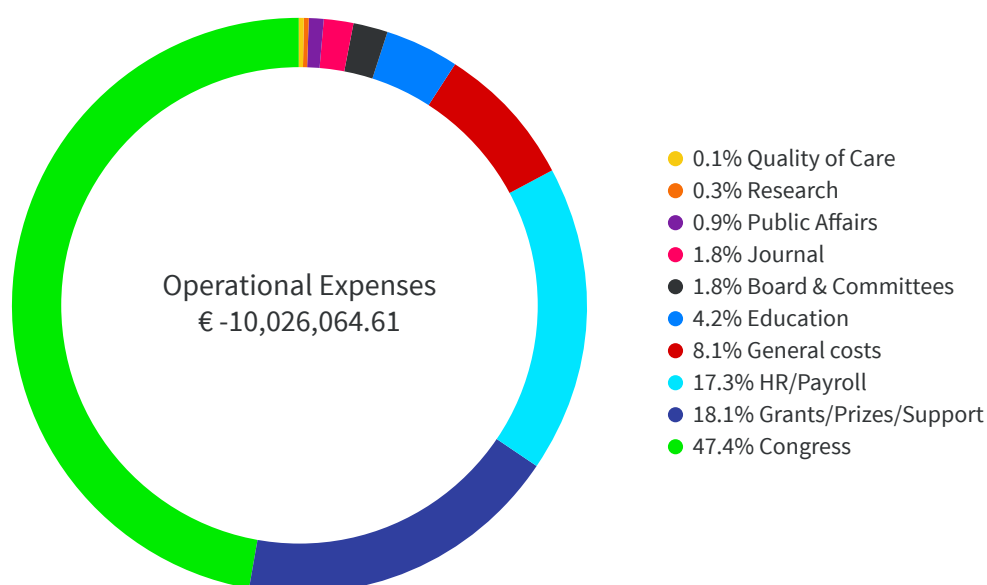
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Revenue 2019	
● Membership fee	€ 21,637.00
● Journal income	€ 120,814.92
● Education income	€ 206,765.34
● Other income	€ 220,402.10
● Financial income	€ 297,314.71
● Registration income	€ 4,760,578.40
● Sponsor and Exhibition income	€ 5,425,151.00
Operational Revenue	€ 11,052,663.47
Services not yet invoiced and revenue from provisions ¹	€ -2,585.68
Total Revenue	€ 11,050,077.79



¹ This position is not displayed in the pie chart.

Expenses 2019	
● Quality of Care	€ 7,569.00
● Research	€ 27,544.45
● Public Affairs	€ 92,025.78
● Journal	€ 176,993.26
● Board & Committees	€ 182,059.08
● Education	€ 427,305.40
● General costs	€ 811,241.34
● HR/Payroll	€ 1,732,807.66
● Grants/Prizes/Support	€ 1,818,655.20
● Congress	€ 4,749,863.44
Operational Expenses	€ -10,026,064.61
Corporate income tax ²	€ -430,124.13
Total Outcome 2019	€ +593,889.05



² This position is not displayed in the pie chart.

Explanations to the Financial Consolidated Outcome 2019

Consolidated Outcome

In 2019 UEG generated a total revenue of € 11,050,078. Total expenses including corporate income tax amounted to € 10,456,189. This resulted in a positive consolidated outcome of € 593,889 after taxes for the fiscal year 2019.

Consolidated Revenue

With 92.2%, UEG's main revenue is composed of the congress registration fees and sponsor & exhibition income. Other revenue streams included income from educational offers, Journal and membership fee for societies. Financial income originated from our asset management in various Central European banks following a prudent investment policy based on ethical standards of UEG.

Consolidated Expenses (listed according to size)

Congress

Congress was a vast pillar of UEG's expenses representing about 47.4% of all costs. It comprised diverse UEG Week costs, such as overall venue architecture including Hands-on Learning Areas and Member Village, Web & IT, marketing and social events. We are proud to say that UEG Week is almost fully organised by the in-house team. Singular agency service fees arose for outsourced activities, such as congress registration and exhibition services.

Grants/Prizes/Support

UEG continued to offer a generous Activity Support Programme for member societies and ran an attractive prize/grant policy and fellowship programme with 18.1% of total expenses.

HR/Payroll

UEG has a strong team of dedicated professionals in Vienna and Brussels which keeps HR costs at an efficient level of 17.3%.

General Costs

General costs (8.1%) include all UEG organisation-related services such as financial & tax management, Web & IT, general marketing & communication, PR & press work, and expenses for the House of European Gastroenterology (rental fee and annual running costs). Public and media relations programme is implemented by the UK based PR agency Spink. Major projects of 2019 were Corporate Identity (CI) relaunch and the new UEG Website.

Education

With 4.2% of total expenses UEG again successfully organised face-to-face education with great programme and networking opportunities, and online courses as well further developed UEG's Education Library. Classroom courses costs included venue, technique, hotel and social events expenses. Online courses required recording and other production costs.

Board & Committees

All officers of Board and Committees or taskforces of UEG provide their effort and time on a completely voluntary basis. 1.8% meeting expenses comprise travel, accommodation and catering costs for the respective meetings of governing and operating Boards & Committees throughout the year.

Journal

UEG publishes and promotes cutting-edge research manuscripts engaging top reviewers and readers within the gastroenterology field. The expenses comprised management fee to publishing house SAGE, honorarium to Journal Editor in Chief and Associate Editors.

Public Affairs

Public Affairs promotes digestive health among policy-makers and the public and advocates for increased funding from the EU for digestive diseases research. To realise these aims UEG has established a Brussels representation office. The expenses included office costs and organisational costs for EU events, and minor agency fees.

Research

UEG supports cooperation in digestive health research between EU countries through the development of a researchers network and research related awards and initiatives. Research pillar included diverse project and marketing costs.

Quality Of Care

In cooperation with member societies UEG provides a comprehensive repository of standards and guidelines in digestive health and carries out further quality improvement initiatives. This pillar included respective project and marketing costs.

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