



**World Organisation of Digestive Endoscopy**

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**Annual Report 2007 / 2008**

## **Introduction**

2007-2008 has been a busy and productive year for OMED. We have built on the initiatives developed last year and have completed many of the projects that we intended to. We have identified a number of exciting new projects that we will pursue over the next few years and we are pleased with the way that our organisation is developing.

## **Endoscopy Directors' Workshops**

The Endoscopy Directors' Workshops initiated two years ago have continued meetings this year have been held in Maceiò (Brazil), Kobe (Japan), and in Dubai. We are pleased with the way they were received. During the coming year further meetings are planned for Delhi (India) Santiago (Chile) and Brasilia (Brazil) and at the beginning of 2009 we will hold a meeting in Damascus (Syria) and at the Pan Arab Meeting in Marrakesh (Morocco)

## **OMED Centers of Excellence**

A new initiative has been to recognise a group of OMED Endoscopy Centers of Excellence. We have identified seventeen prestigious units undertaking regular teaching meetings that employ an international faculty and attract an international spread of registrants. The Centers are recognised on our website ([www.omed.org](http://www.omed.org).) Representatives meet with the OMED Executive during the American DDW to provide advice on how to stimulate international education in endoscopy. We hope that this initiative will stimulate collaborative work in the field of education. We expect that Centers will help with the OMED newsletter that will be launched later this year and with the development of an endoscopy atlas. We hope to stimulate partnership between the Centers and teaching units in the developing world. Centers are designated for a five year period and are restricted to those recognised to be elite.

## **Continuing projects**

### ***Equipment compendium***

The Equipment Compendium has blossomed. This comprises a comprehensive list of endoscopic equipment available for purchase. It can be accessed through our web site. It includes a short introduction to each section setting out indications for their use. We hope that our colleagues in industry as well as our members will find it helpful and wish to establish hyperlinks to their particular products

### ***Research Reviews***

The meeting reports set up under the research committee have continued. These present a comprehensive review of the endoscopic research papers presented at DDW, UEGW and APDW they are written by volunteers who attend each presentation and are published on our website. A considerable amount of effort is put in by the young endoscopists who provide this service and the result is an easily accessible update of current endoscopic research

### ***How I do it***

Five "How I do it" projects have been completed under the guidance of the guidelines committee. They are written by leading endoscopists who address an important practical endoscopic procedure. So far the topics have covered oesophageal stents, difficult colonic polyps, glue treatment of gastric varices, endoscopic mucosal resection in the oesophagus and the detection of early gastric cancer. Three others on non-variceal bleeding, oesophageal dilatation and lower GI bleeding are in progress.

### ***The upper and lower digestive cancer committees***

The two cancer screening committees have done well with a workshop on Endoscopic Sub-mucosal Dissection in Hong Kong, and several meetings on Colorectal Screening including the highly successful one that takes place each year during DDW, this year the meeting was particularly popular and attracted a great deal of approbation.

### ***The documentation and terminology committee***

The Minimal Standards Terminology version III is completed and will be published in the coming year. We look forward to the production of guidelines for endoscopic reports in due course and to an atlas of endoscopic appearances.

## **New Projects**

### ***Working party reports at Gastro 2009***

Two working parties have been convened to present guidelines at Gastro 2009 one on Quality and Credentialing in Endoscopy (guidelines committee) the other to assess how Cancer Screening Tests should be evaluated (colorectal screening committee)

### ***International meeting on NOTES (Hyderabad)***

An international meeting will be held in Hyderabad early in 2009 under the aegis of the minimally invasive surgery committee, we hope that it will lead to a publication setting out the position of this exciting new technology and where it will lead

### ***International meeting on sedation in endoscopy (Athens)***

An international symposium on Sedation is planned to take place in Athens in the autumn of 2009 it will be held conjunction with the Hellenic society of Gastroenterology and the European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. This controversial and important area in endoscopy is changing rapidly. We feel it is important to publish recommendations.

### ***The place of endoscopy in the management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease***

There have been huge changes in small bowel endoscopy. In conjunction with ECCO, the European Colitis and Crohn's Organisation, we have set up a working party to write a Position Statement on the place of Small Bowel Endoscopy in the management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease. We anticipate that it will be presented at the annual meeting of ECCO in Hamburg in early 2009, and will be finalized for presentation at one of the Gastro 2009 symposia.

### ***Other working parties***

Other working parties include two groups set up by the Education Committee, one to compile a **Compendium of Electronic Educational Materials** and the other to

devise an International **Core Curriculum for Trainee Endoscopists**. Another group recommended by the Guidelines Committee is working on a paper concerning the **Design of Endoscopy Units**.

## **Looking further ahead**

We have a number of exciting initiatives in hand including a Research Project on **Cost Effectiveness of ERCP in the Developing World**. The Governing council recognises that endoscopy remains limited in many parts of the developing world, we hope to re-vitalise the **Outreach Programme** that helps to provide endoscopic equipment to unprivileged centres. We hope to set up an **African Group** to provide help and expertise in endoscopy in that continent.

The research committee is developing an initiative to award **research prizes** in endoscopy on an annual basis and intends to start a series of **up-dates** on new research and advancing technology in endoscopy.

## **Gastro 2009**

We look forward to Gastro 2009 which will be held in London in November 2009. It will incorporate the United European gastroenterology week, The British Society of Gastroenterology meeting and the World Congress of Gastroenterology in which OMED and WGO will be working in partnership. This promises to be the most exciting international gastroenterology meeting ever.

## **International Congress of Endoscopy**

The most important and challenging project of our new quadrennial session will be the International Congress of Endoscopy in Los Angeles it will take place in 2011 to celebrate 50 years of international endoscopy. The meeting will be presided over by Jerry Wayne who will be OMED President at that time. Already we have the support of our zones and we will be holding the congress in partnership with a number of major national endoscopy societies and the international surgical organisations with an interest in endoscopy.

## **Acknowledgements and thanks**

As President I am proud of the way in which OMED has forged ahead this year. I am truly grateful to members of the Executive Committee for their full hearted support and to the Council for the splendid efforts that they have made to ensure our success. I particularly wish to thank the members of the Industrial Partners Group whose support and enthusiasm has made it possible for us to achieve so much in such a short time. I would also like to acknowledge the input of many endoscopists around the world who have contributed to our activities this year. A list of those who have contributed this year appear below. Our plan to push OMED's activities outwards and involve in other societies and endoscopists has been remarkably successful and we hope that it will continue well into the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Axon', with a small flourish at the end.

Prof Tony Axon  
OMED President



## OMED Contributors 2008

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We wish to thank all of our international endoscopy colleagues who have contributed to our activities over the past year and are actively supporting OMED on planned projects. We are grateful to them for the time, energy and interest that they have devoted to Working Parties, Symposia, Guidelines, Research Reports and other projects that OMED has been involved with and we are proud to publish a list of all those who have helped in this way.

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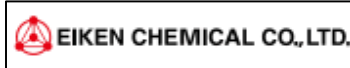


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