

## **QinE IBD and Small Bowel Diseases**

The European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) and the European Crohn's and Colitis Organization (ECCO) joined forces for the fourth symposium in the Quality in Endoscopy series which focused on Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD) and Small Bowel Diseases. Leaders in this field alongside young rising stars from eleven different countries deliberated on the most pressing and timely topics through lectures, debates, and case presentations. Besides poster presentations, participants also submitted clinical cases and 15 young participants from various countries presented their cases at the meeting. This initiated vivid discussions amongst the participants stemming from 41 different countries across four Continents. There were eight sessions in total, the first day beginning with discussion on obscure gastrointestinal bleeding (OGIB). After a state-of-the art introduction the first great debate followed, attempting to define the role of various endoscopic approaches (capsule versus balloon enteroscopy) and radiology in OGIB. The following case presentations high-lighted the diversity of etiologies and management options in patients with OGIB. The second session on celiac disease focused on quality of diagnosis and the challenge of refractory celiac disease, which was supported by the case presentations that followed. The third session on small bowel polyps and tumors clarified diagnostic and therapeutic aspects for this emerging problem, which was practically unknown before the method of small bowel endoscopy which emerged less than a decade ago. The fourth session explored the complex field of inflammatory bowel disease of the small bowel, which is more than Crohn's disease. The various case presentations also demonstrated that the spectrum of inflammatory small bowel disease is broad and requires a thorough approach. The fifth session of the day, controversies and future directions for Crohn's disease, focused on ways to improve diagnosis using endoscopic and radiologic means.

The second day of the symposium started with the topic of inflammatory bowel disease of the colon. The great debate session was well received by the audience as there is no clear consensus on whether endoscopic scoring systems should be used in clinical practice. Indeed, it became evident that until now there has been no easy, evidence-based scoring system developed for general use. Thus, the interactive video training session "Train your eye to score colonic IBD" was followed with great attention. The session on dysplasia and IBD with two great debates generated the

expected controversies and attention. The symposium closed with the eighth and final session: new paradigms in IBD. Lectures on biomarkers and conditions mimicking IBD were outlined during case presentations and the final great debate focused on mucosal healing as a target therapy for IBD.

The top accepted abstracts were honored with an ESGE Travel grant. The honorees also received a diploma and applause during the meeting. The sessions were well attended, the organization efficient and well executed and the venue fulfilled all our requirements. Finally, the lunches and breakout sessions were carefully planned and well catered for; producing a friendly academic atmosphere where faculty and attendees were able to engage and exchange ideas. This combination of teaching activities was well received and the enthusiastic feedback generated during a survey held after the meeting indicates that expectations were met and, in most cases exceeded.

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