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ASGE AND ASGE FOUNDATION HOLD CRYSTAL AWARDS DINNER AS PART OF DIGESTIVE DISEASE WEEK®, MAY 4, IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO – MAY 4, 2014 – The American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) will honor important contributions to the field of endoscopy during the tenth annual ASGE Crystal Awards on Sunday, May 4, 2014. Hosted by ASGE and the ASGE Foundation, this year's event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Navy Pier in Chicago, Ill.

Held in conjunction with Digestive Disease Week (DDW®), the ASGE Crystal Awards will recognize this year's award winners for their achievements and contributions to the profession and the society. Proceeds from the Crystal Awards support ASGE's clinical research, physician education and public outreach initiatives.

The event will feature dinner and award presentations to honorees by ASGE President Kenneth K. Wang, MD, FASGE, ASGE President-elect Colleen M. Schmitt, MD, MHS, FASGE, ASGE Foundation Chair Robert A. Ganz, MD, FASGE and Master of Ceremonies, ASGE Past President David L. Carr-Locke, MD, FASGE.

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Award Recipients

Rudolf V. Schindler Award

Jerome H. Siegel, MD, FASGE, *Beth Israel Medical Center, New York City, New York*
ASGE's highest honor, this award is given to a member whose accomplishments in endoscopic research, teaching and/or service to ASGE exemplifies the standards and traditions of Rudolf V. Schindler, MD, founder of the American Gastroscopic Club, the forerunner of ASGE.

Master Endoscopist Award

Roy M. Soetikno, MD, FASGE, *VA Palo Alto, Palo Alto, California*
This award recognizes a physician who spends the majority of his/her time in patient care and is recognized regionally or nationally for his/her expertise and longitudinal contributions to the practice of gastrointestinal endoscopy.

Distinguished Service Award

Gottumukkala S. Raju, MD, FASGE, *University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas*

This award is granted to an individual who has made long-term contributions to GI endoscopy in the areas of equipment research and development, as well as an individual who has been a strong supporter of the educational and research mission of the society.

Distinguished Educator Awards

Ashley L. Faulx, MD, FASGE, *University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio*

Tonya R. Kaltenbach, MD, FASGE, *VA Palo Alto, Palo Alto, California*

Physician as educator is the focus of this award, recognizing contributions to the education of fellows through endoscopy seminars, participation in national postgraduate courses and published scholarly reviews or educational materials, including videos.

Distinguished Endoscopic Research Mentoring Award

Prateek Sharma, MD, *University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Missouri*

This award recognizes outstanding career achievement by an ASGE member in the mentoring of faculty or gastroenterology trainees in clinical or lab-related endoscopic research. This distinguished honor recognizes mentors who have devoted substantial time and effort to develop and nurture the next generation of endoscopic investigators.

International Service Award

Khean-Lee Goh, MD, FASGE, *University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

This award was created to recognize outstanding service by an international member who has made long-term contributions to GI endoscopy, as well as an individual who has been a strong supporter of the educational and research mission of the society.

President's Award

George Triadafilopoulos, MD, DSc, FASGE, *Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California*

Awarded at the discretion of the ASGE President, the President's Award distinguishes those individuals who make exceptional contributions to the Society and its mission. Whether through organized volunteer opportunities or singular initiatives supporting the goals of ASGE, honorees are recognized for this assistance by the President.

Congressional Service Award

U.S. Representative James McGovern, (D-MA-2)

Endoscopic Research Awards (ERA)

After undergoing a rigorous peer-review process, ERA grants are awarded to physicians who received the highest scores for projects in basic and clinical endoscopic technology research, fostering research in GI endoscopy both within and outside of academic centers.

Ikuo Hirano, MD, *Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois*

Klaus E. Mönkemüller, MD, PhD, FASGE, *University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama*

Vikesh Singh, MD, MSc, *Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland*

Anthony Teoh, MD, *Prince of Wales Hospital, Hong Kong, China*

Quality Endoscopic Research Award

This award recognizes measurements or improvements in quality of care and/or efficiency in gastrointestinal endoscopy. It also fosters research relating to measuring quality in gastrointestinal endoscopy both within and outside of academic centers.

Salman Nusrat, MD, *University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

Cook Medical Don Wilson Awards

The Don Wilson Award provides advanced fellows or junior faculty with the opportunity to train outside of their home country with a premier GI endoscopist or group to advance their training. The award was named to honor the late Dr. Don Wilson, a strong advocate and supporter of international education and training in GI endoscopy. The awards are underwritten by a grant from Cook Medical.

Shahzad Iqbal, MD, *Winthrop University Hospital, Mineola, New York*

Daniel Popa, MD, *Polisano Clinic, Sibiu, Romania*

Chirag Shah, MD, *King Edward VII Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, India*

Cook Medical Marsha Dreyer Awards

Marsha Dreyer was passionately committed to the support of continuing education opportunities for GI professionals around the globe. In a fitting tribute to her, Cook Medical established the Marsha Dreyer Award to provide scholarships for international physicians to attend DDW.

Nicholas G. Burgess, MBChB, *Westmead Hospital, Westmead, Australia*

Jun-Ho Choi, MD, *University of Ulsan College of Medicine, Asan Medical Center, Seoul, South Korea*

Imdadur Rahman, MBChB, MRCP, *University Hospital Southampton, Southampton, United Kingdom*

Sarmed Sami, MBChB, MRCP, *University of Nottingham, Nottingham, United Kingdom*

Ping-Hong Zhou, MD, *Fudan University, Shang Hai, China*

Diversity Awards

The Diversity Award is granted to physicians who submitted outstanding abstracts for DDW[®], promoting gender- and ethnicity-related healthcare research.

Ethnicity

Mohamed Othman, MD, *Texas Tech University at El Paso, El Paso, Texas*

Gender

Alison de Lima, MD, *Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam, Netherlands*

Endoscopic Audiovisual Awards

The Audiovisual Awards recognize outstanding educational productions related to GI endoscopy techniques. The videos demonstrate accepted techniques or show difficult cases, complications or innovations within the field of endoscopy and are showcased at the ASGE Learning Center at DDW[®].

Tonya R. Kaltenbach, MD, FASGE, *VA Palo Alto, Palo Alto, California*

Shou Jiang Tang, MD, FASGE, *University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, Mississippi*

Jun-Hyung Cho, MD, *Soonchunhyang University Hospital, Seoul, South Korea*

John K. Meenan, MD, PhD, FRCPI, FRCP, *St. Thomas Hospital, London, United Kingdom*

Video Forum Awards

The Video Forum Award recognizes the outstanding, peer reviewed video submissions to ASGE's prestigious Video Forum. These videos showcase difficult or interesting endoscopic cases while demonstrating accepted techniques to avoid complications using innovation. These videos will be presented during the ASGE Video Forum and will be available to view on ASGE's Online Learning Center.

ASGE Outstanding Manuscript Award

The ASGE Outstanding Manuscript Award recognizes an outstanding manuscript written by a fellow and published in *GIE: Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

Hank S. Wang, MD, *Kaiser Permanente, Oakland, California*

ASGE Community Outreach Awards

The ASGE Community Outreach Award for trainees is aimed at recognizing trainees for doing good works in their community related to digestive health.

Scott A. Larson, MD, PhD, *University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas*

Tobias Zuchelli, MD, *Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

Lectureships

These lectures, presented during DDW®, are sponsored by the ASGE Foundation.

Annual Postgraduate Course - Monday, May 5

Basil I. Hirschowitz, MD Endowed Lecture

Kenneth K. Wang, MD, FASGE, *Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota*

Scott Zarrow Memorial Lecture

Supported by The Maxine and Jack Zarrow Family Foundation.

David T. Rubin, MD, *The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois*

AGA/ASGE Presidential Plenary Session – Sunday, May 4

J. Edward Berk, MD, DSc, FASGE Endowed Lecture

Christopher C. Thompson, MD, MSc, FASGE, *Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts*

Jack A. Vennes, MD and Stephen E. Silvis, MD Endowed Lecture

Herbert C. Wolfsen, MD, FASGE, *Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida*

ASGE Ambassador Program

ASGE Ambassadors-Ecuador

Emmanuel Coronel, MD, *Hospital Monte Sinai, Cuenca, Ecuador*

Kulwinder Dua, MD, FASGE, *Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

Simon K. Lo, MD, *Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California*

ASGE Ambassador-Solomon Islands

Nicholas J. Nickl, MD, *University Hospital Chandler Medical Center, Lexington, Kentucky*

Digestive Disease Week® (DDW®) is the largest international gathering of physicians, researchers and academics in the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery. Jointly sponsored by the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD), the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) Institute, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) and the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT), DDW takes place May 3 – 6, 2014, at McCormick Place, Chicago, IL. The meeting showcases more than 5,000 abstracts and hundreds of lectures on the latest advances in GI research, medicine and technology. More information can be found at www.ddw.org.

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About the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

Since its founding in 1941, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) has been dedicated to advancing patient care and digestive health by promoting excellence and innovation in gastrointestinal endoscopy. ASGE, with more than 12,000 members worldwide, promotes the highest standards for endoscopic training and practice, fosters endoscopic research, recognizes distinguished contributions to endoscopy, and is the foremost resource for endoscopic education. Visit www.asge.org and www.screen4coloncancer.org for more information and to find a qualified doctor in your area.