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Dear Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to take this opportunity to welcome you to the GEEMO meeting and Postgraduate Course on Esophageal Diseases to be held in Barcelona on April 11-13, 2002.

We are proud that Barcelona has attracted many prestigious members of this Group as well as physicians from all over Europe with an special interest for esophageal diseases.

Great attention has been paid by the Scientific Committee in preparing a stimulating and comprehensive scientific program. The program consists of State of the Art lectures, overview lectures as well as numerous scientific contributions from all over Europe. This year we received over 90 abstracts, which were reviewed by our Scientific Committee. The Committee made its final selection based on their scientific significance.

We are certain that this meeting will represent an important step in the recognition of GEEMO as the most adequate setting for an interdisciplinary approach to esophageal disorders and the basic platform for the development of high quality multicenter studies. GEEMO's objective is not only to advance cutting-edge research, but also to encourage the wide exchange of knowledge regarding the diagnosis and treatment of esophageal problems on an international scale.

I would like to convey my warmest wishes for your successful participation in this meeting and to express my confidence that it will prove to be a great opportunity to renew old friendships and establish new ones among people with shared interests.

  
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## VENUE

The Meeting will take place in the **Palau de Congressos de Catalunya** (PCC), one of the city's architectural novelties. The PCC is located in one of the most beautiful avenues in the city, where leisure and business go hand in hand. The PCC can be easily reached from the city centre by public transport, taxi and car.

The nearest Metro is **Zona Universitaria**, Line 3 (green). The following buses stop nearby: 7, 33, 54, 67, 68, 74, 75. Parking facilities are available at the rate of 1,50 P per hour and 13,50 P all day.

### Palau de Congressos de Catalunya

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## MEETING SECRETARIAT



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## GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

### Registration and Meeting Secretariat

The meeting secretariat desk will be located in level -1 of the Palau de Congressos de Catalunya.

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> **8.00-18.00 hrs.**

Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> **8.00-18.00 hrs.**

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> **8.30-13.00 hrs.**

### Fees

16 % VAT included.

GEEMO MEMBER **330**

NON MEMBER **390**

TRAINEES **240**

The fee for participants includes:

- Access to all scientific sessions and exhibition
- Meeting Dinner on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Certificate of attendance
- Coffee
- Meeting bag
- Final Programme
- Book of Abstracts

### Accompanying persons

Accompanying persons to attend the Meeting Dinner on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, must buy an extra ticket of 75 P at the registration desk, not later than Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 14:00 hrs.

### Badges

Badges are essential for admission to the sessions, social event and exhibition. No appropriate badge, no entry.

### Certificate of attendance

A certificate of attendance will be issued to all participants.

### Coffee

Coffees will be served during morning and afternoon breaks. Service points will be at the exhibition area.

### Exhibition

An exhibition featuring pharmaceutical and product companies will be held throughout the duration of the meeting at the Polyvalent Room located on level -1 in front of the Plenary Room.

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GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

**Language**

The official language of the meeting will be English.

**Meeting Dinner, Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Location: Princesa Sofia Inter-Continental Hotel**

The hotel is located in Barcelona's new financial centre, on Plaza Pio XII, right on Diagonal Avenue, Barcelona's main street.

**Adress:** Plaza Pio XII, 4

**Schedule:** 20:30 hrs.

**Transport:** The Princesa Sofia Inter-Continental Hotel may be reached by metro or by bus . The nearest metro station is **Maria Cristina**, Line 3 (green) and the following buses stop nearby: 7, 33, 63, 67, 68, 33.

**Restaurant reservation services**

Restaurant facilities are available at the Hotel Rey Juan Carlos I (next to the venue).

**LIST OF EXHIBITORS**

- Abbott Nutricion
- AstraZeneca
- Boston Scientific Iberica
- Braun Dexon
- Cook España
- Ethicon
- Olympus Medical Care
- Rüsçh Internacional
- Synmed
- Tyco Healthcare Spain

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Hotel accommodation has been arranged by AOPC and has been operated on a "first come, first served" basis.

The Confirmation Voucher sent by AOPC to participants should be presented at the hotel upon arrival. The deposit paid in advance will be specified in the hotel invoice provided to you at check-out. The balance should be paid directly at the hotel reception. However, the hotel voucher sent to you as confirmation of your reservation will be your receipt.

**Cancellations:** Refunds will be processed after the meeting. In case of no-show, the deposit cannot be refunded. Cancellations notified after February 11<sup>th</sup>, do not entitle to any refund.

**Hotel rates:** The rates of the official hotels are per room / night and include breakfast and the VAT (7% in 2002).

Hotel	Category	Single	Double
Rey Juan Carlos I, 5 ★ ( next to the Venue)	A	277	362
Husa IIIa, 4 ★	B	177	214
NH Rallye, 3 ★	C	145	158



## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

	Thursday, April 11 <sup>th</sup> ROOM J	Friday, April 12 <sup>th</sup> ROOM J	Friday, April 12 <sup>th</sup> ROOM B	Saturday, April 13 <sup>th</sup> ROOM J
08.30	Epidemiology of esophageal cancer	Physiology of the esophagus	Oral Session O1 Benign esophageal diseases	
09.00				Barrett's esophagus I
09.30	Adenocarcinoma of the GEJ	Quality of life and nutrition	Oral Session O2 Gastroesophageal reflux disease	
10.00	Live operation			Coffee break
10.30				
11.00	Coffee break			
11.30	Multimodality therapy for esophageal cancer	Plenary Oral Session		Barrett's esophagus II
12.00				
12.30				Closing remarks
13.00				
13.30	Break	Break & Poster discussion		
14.00				
14.30	Gastroesophageal reflux disease	New advances in diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy	Oral Session O3 Esophageal cancer I	
15.00	Live operation			
15.30				
16.00		Coffee break		
16.30	Coffee break			
17.00	Minimally invasive surgery for benign esophageal problems	Video Session "How I do it"	Oral Session O4 Esophageal cancer II	
17.30				
18.00		GEEMO Council Meeting		
18.30				
19.00				
19.30				
20.00				
20.30		Meeting Dinner		

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

### Oral Sessions

The time allotted to authors for their presentations is 8 minutes plus 4 minutes for the discussion.

### Poster Session

Posters will be exhibited throughout the duration of the meeting at the exhibition area (Polyvalent Room). Poster size: 90 cm wide by 143 cm high. A Poster discussion will be held by two chairmen and the presenting author in front of their poster on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 13:00 hrs. to 14:30 hrs.

### Preview Room

Room K will be available at the Palau de Congressos de Catalunya. All slides and diskettes should be handed before the presentations, if possible a day before or during the coffee breaks.

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

PLENARY ROOM (ROOM J)

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

- 08:00-08:30** Registration of participants
- 08:30-09:30** **Recent changes in the epidemiology of esophageal cancer**  
Chairperson: M. Pera (Barcelona)  
Squamous cell carcinoma of the esophagus: Is it a preventable disease? N. Muñoz (Lyon)  
Adenocarcinoma of the esophagus and GEJ. O. Nyrén (Stockholm)
- 09:30-11:00** **The clinical problem of adenocarcinoma of the esophagus and GEJ**  
Chairpersons: H.J. Stein (Munich) and L. Bonavina (Milan)  
Simultaneous live transmission from the Hospital Clinic Barcelona  
"Laparoscopic gastric mobilization in an Ivor Lewis procedure for esophageal cancer".  
A.M. Lacy (Barcelona) / M. Pera (Barcelona)  
Precursor lesions for adenocarcinoma of the GEJ. S.E.A. Attwood (Manchester)  
Classification and staging. P. De Leyn (Leuven)  
Surgical approach for adenocarcinoma of the GEJ and distal esophagus. S. Mattioli (Bologna)  
Limited resection versus endoscopic mucosectomy for early adenocarcinoma of the GEJ and distal esophagus. H.J. Stein (Munich)
- 11:00-11:30** Coffee break
- 11:30-13:00** **Multimodality therapy for esophageal cancer**  
Chairpersons: T. Walsh (Dublin) / A. Peracchia (Milan)  
Changing the paradigm: Esophagogastric cancer as a systemic disease. G.O. O'Sullivan (Cork)  
PET scanning: staging, response evaluation and detection of recurrences. T. Lerut (Leuven)  
Clinical staging as a precondition for multimodal therapy. L. Bonavina (Milan)  
Molecular predictors of response in neoadjuvant therapy. J. Theisen (Munich)  
Current results after neoadjuvant therapy for esophageal cancer. H.J. Stein (Munich)
- 13:00-14:30** Break

- 14:30-16:30** **Decision analysis in the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease**  
Chairpersons: A. Fingerhut (Paris) / J.M. Piqué (Barcelona)

Simultaneous live transmission from the Hospital Clinic Barcelona "Laparoscopic Nissen fundoplication with 3 mm instruments". A.M. Lacy (Barcelona) / M. Pera (Barcelona)

GERD: Strategies for diagnosis and short and long-term treatment.  
E.C. Klinkenberg-Knol (Amsterdam)

The significance of Helicobacter Pylori in GERD. J.P. Gisbert (Madrid)

Hypersensitive esophagus: Outcome after medical treatment. Is there a place for anti-reflux surgery?  
N.J. Trudgill (U.K)

Medical versus surgical treatment of GERD. A. Fingerhut (Paris)

Failed antireflux surgery: How to manage it? Medical versus redo surgery. J. Baulieux (Lyon)

- 16:30-17:00** Coffee break

- 17:00-18:30** **Minimally invasive surgery in the management of benign esophageal problems: Long term results**  
Chairpersons: G. Zaninotto (Padova) / E.M. Targarona (Barcelona)

Pharyngoesophageal diverticula: Endoscopic versus open surgery. J.M. Collard (Brussels)

Laparoscopic Heller myotomy plus antireflux procedure for achalasia:

Analysis of successes and failures. B. Millat (Montpellier)

Laparoscopic approach to epiphrenic diverticula. R. Rosati (Milan)

Gigant hiatal hernia: Is there a higher risk of recurrence? B. Dallemagne (Liege)

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

PLENARY ROOM (ROOM J)

Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

**08:30-09:30 Advances in esophageal physiology and pathophysiology**  
Chairpersons: F. Azpiroz (Barcelona) / D. Liebermann-Meffert (Munich)

Control of transient LES relaxations. G.E Boeckxtaens (Amsterdam)  
Mechanisms of mucosal injury and protection. A. Lanás (Zaragoza)  
Esophageal sensitivity. D.G. Thompson (Manchester)

**09:30-11:00 How to improve quality of life in patients treated for esophageal cancer**  
Chairpersons: J.P. Triboulet (Lille) / L. Grande (Barcelona)

Evaluation of quality of life. D. Alderson (Bristol)  
Cachexia in gastrointestinal cancer: Pathophysiology and potential therapy. S.J. Wigmore (Edinburgh)  
Pre and postoperative enteral nutrition in the management of patients with esophageal cancer. M. Braga (Milan)  
Does surgical technique influence quality of life? J.M. Collard (Brussels)  
Patient's perspective after an esophagectomy. Mr. Kirby (UK)

**11:00-11:30** Coffee break

**11:30-13:00 Plenary Oral Session**  
Chairpersons: L. Lundell (Gotheborg) / E.C. Klinkenberg-Knol (Amsterdam)

- Op1** Predictive factors for response to neoadjuvant therapy in patients with esophageal cancer. A. Imdahl (Freiburg)
- Op2** Failure of positron emission tomography in the diagnosis of paratumoral lymph node metastasis in adenocarcinoma of the esophagus and the esophagogastric junction. J. Räsänen (Helsinki)
- Op3** Transient relaxation and mechanical incompetence of the lower esophageal sphincter - what is the relationship? S. Freys (Wuerzburg)
- Op4** Molecular mechanism in the metaplasia-dysplasia-carcinoma sequence of Barrett's cancer. C. Möbius (Munich)
- Op5** Nuclear factor-kappa B: relationship to Barrett's adenocarcinoma, stage and response to neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy. M. Abdel-latif (Dublin)
- Op6** Botulinum toxin injections versus laparoscopic cardiomyotomy in the treatment of esophageal achalasia. Early results of a multicenter randomized controlled trial. G. Zaninotto (Padova)
- Op7** CagA-positive Helicobacter pylori infection does not decrease the risk of Barrett's esophagus in a population with high Helicobacter pylori infection rate. A. Lanás (Zaragoza)

**13:00-14:30 Break & Poster discussion**  
Chairpersons: H.J. Stein (Munich) / L. Martínez de Haro (Murcia) / J.M. Collard (Brussels) / A. Díaz de Liaño ( Pamplona) / S.E.A. Attwood (Manchester) / E.M. Targarona ( Barcelona)

**14:30-16:00 New advances in diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy**  
Chairpersons: M. Giovannini (Marseilles) / A. Del Genio (Naples)

Chromoendoscopy for superficial carcinoma and Barrett's esophagus: is it really useful? A. Parra (Tenerife)  
Clinical impact of endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration cytology in patients with esophageal cancer. A. Ginés (Barcelona)  
Endoscopic treatments for GERD: Are they ready for prime time? H. Louis (Brussels)  
Local curative treatment for superficial carcinoma of the esophagus: Results of photodynamic therapy. L. Gossner (Wiesbaden)  
Endoscopic mucosal resection: Current indications and results. M. Giovannini (Marseilles)

**16:00-16:30** Coffee break

**16:30-18:00 How I do it (Video forum)**  
Chairpersons: E. Ancona (Padova) / A.M. Lacy (Barcelona)

Heller myotomy and Dor fundoplication. G. Zaninotto (Padova)  
Limited esophageal resection plus jejunum interposition (Merendino operation) for early Barrett's cancer. C. Gutschow (Cologne)  
Laparoscopic limited resection of the distal esophagus for early Barrett's adenocarcinoma. A. Fingerhut (Paris)  
Stents in benign esophageal stenosis. A. Dormann (Germany)

**18:00-19:00** Geemo Council Meeting

**20:30** Geemo Meeting Dinner



## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

ORAL SESSIONS (ROOM B)

Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

- 08:30-09:30 Benign esophageal diseases - Oral Session O1**  
Chairpersons: J. Baulieux (Lyon) / S. Mattioli (Bologna)
- 001 Public perception of the significance of dysphagia. M. Grannell (Dublin)
  - 002 Does a previous endoscopic treatment affect the outcome of laparoscopic Heller-Dor operation for esophageal achalasia? M. Costantini (Padova)
  - 003 Tailored approach to Zenker's diverticula. G. Zaninotto (Padova)
  - 004 Prevalence of videofluoroscopic symptoms of oropharyngeal dysphagia in patients with multiple sclerosis. P. Clavé (Barcelona)
  - 005 Motor activity of achalasic esophagus before and after laparoscopic Heller and Nissen: 24 h esophageal ambulatory manometry study. N. di Martino (Naples)
- 09:30-11:00 Gastroesophageal reflux disease - Oral Session O2**  
Chairpersons: K.H. Fuchs (Würzburg) / A. Lanas (Zaragoza)
- 006 Gastro-oesophageal reflux, oesophagitis and gastric metaplasia are frequent long-term complications of oesophageal atresia. H. Lindahl (Helsinki)
  - 007 Esophageal motility disorders - reason for or consequence of gastroesophageal reflux disease? M. Fein (Wuerzburg)
  - 008 Supine reflux increases post oesophago- gastrectomy; a combined acid, bile and manometric study. J. O'Riordan (Dublin)
  - 009 Laparoscopic refundoplication - a therapeutic option for failed antireflux surgery. M. Fein (Wuerzburg)
  - 010 New onset specialised intestinal metaplasia above the anastomosis in the post oesophago-gastrectomy patient. J. O'Riordan (Dublin)
  - 011 The Collis-Nissen operation for the treatment of acquired short esophagus and/or esophageal peptic stricture. G. Zaninotto (Padova)
  - 012 Nitric oxide, ATP and VIP interactions in the lower esophageal sphincter relaxation. R. Farré (Barcelona)
- 11:00-11:30** Coffee break

ORAL SESSIONS (ROOM B)

- 14:30-16:00 Esophageal cancer I - Oral Session O3**  
Chairpersons: J.C.Mendes de Almeida (Lisboa) / P. De Leyn (Leuven)
- 013 Is age a significant and independent determinant in therapeutic decision making for cancers of the thoracic esophagus and esophago-gastric junction? A. Ruol (Padova)
  - 014 Squamous cell carcinoma of the thoracic esophagus: early and long-term results of surgery in the elderly. M. Cagol (Padova)
  - 015 Preoperative radiochemotherapy for squamous cells carcinoma of the esophagus. A retrospective and comparative study. P. Lozac'h (Brest)
  - 016 The fate of patients with squamous cell carcinoma of the thoracic esophagus obtaining a clinical complete response (yTONOMO) after first-line chemo- or chemo-radiotherapy. A. Ruol (Padova)
  - 017 Changes to gastric myoelectrical during the treatment of esophageal cancer are consistent with changes in quality of life. J. McCullough (Dublin)
  - 018 Angiogenic response of oesophageal carcinoma to neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy. M. Grannell (Dublin)
  - 019 The denervated stomach as an esophageal substitute recovers normal motility over time. J. McCullough (Dublin)
- 16:30-18:00 Esophageal cancer II - Oral Session O4**  
Chairperson: T. Walsh (Dublin) / A.J. Torres (Madrid)
- 020 Trends in the epidemiology and outcome of Barrett's esophagus in Spain. J. Alcedo (Zaragoza)
  - 021 The potential of Barrett's oesophagus surveillance to improve survival from oesophageal cancer. K. Park (Aberdeen)
  - 022 Surgery for carcinoma of the oesophagus in Scotland. Results from a population based audit. K. Park (Aberdeen)
  - 023 Pattern of recurrence of esophageal carcinoma after two-field radical resection. A. Sánchez-Pernaute (Madrid)
  - 024 Quantification of FDG-PET scans in patients with oesophageal and gastric cancer. A study of 40 patients. G. Couper (Newcastle)
  - 025 Barrett's esophagus without esophageal stricture does not increase the rate of failure of Nissen fundoplication. V. Munitiz (Murcia)
  - 026 Hypopharyngeal acid exposure- a risk factor for laryngeal cancer? M. Ruth (Göteborg)

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

POSTERS

Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

**13:00-14:30 Poster Session**  
Chairpersons: H.J. Stein(Munich) / L. Martínez de Haro (Murcia) / J.M. Collard (Brussels) / A. Díaz de Liaño ( Pamplona) / S.E.A. Attwood (Manchester) / E.M. Targarona ( Barcelona)

### Benign esophageal diseases

- P01 Multidisciplinary approach to oro-pharyngeal dysphagia. M. Pavanello (Treviso)
- P02 Laparoscopic Heller-Dor procedure for achalasic megaesophagus. M. Pavanello (Treviso)
- P03 Laparoscopic Heller myotomy for idiopathic achalasia: functional results and impact of previous endoscopic treatment. W. Ceelen (Gent)
- P04 Temporary fundoesophageal disconnection, a new technique for esophageal perforations. J. Roig (Girona)
- P05 Intervention with omeprazol exclusively on posterior laryngitis. M. Rodríguez-Tellez (Sevilla)
- P06 Surgical treatment of Zenker's diverticulum. P. Yannopoulos (Athens)
- P07 Giant and paraesophageal hiatal hernia: laparoscopic versus open surgery. E.M. Targarona (Barcelona)
- P08 Laparoscopic treatment of large paraesophageal hernias. D. Molena (Padova)

### Gastroesophageal reflux disease

- P09 Recurrence of the gastro-oesophageal reflux: impact of the pH-monitoring. F. Oteiza (Pamplona)
- P10 Idiopathic posterior laryngitis and pharyngeal acid reflux. M. Rodríguez-Téllez (Sevilla)
- P11 The matched diagnostic sensitivity of omeprazole test and 24-hour pH-metry in patients with GERD. D. Cibor (Krakow)
- P12 Evaluation of symptomatic reflux relapses and quality of life in patients with GERD. D. Cibor (Krakow)
- P13 What does influence on oesophagitis in patients with GERD? D. Cibor (Krakow)
- P14 Indication to Collis gastroplasty for surgical therapy of GERD. S Mattioli (Bologna)
- P15 Laparoscopic approach for reoperative surgery of the gastroesophageal junction. E.M. Targarona (Barcelona)
- P16 Helicobacter pylori eradication is not associated with gastroesophageal reflux disease. L. Vynnychenko (Sumy)
- P17 Proximal vs total gastrectomy with Roux-en-y reconstruction: monitoring duodeno-esophageal reflux with Billitec. Preliminary results. I. Katsoulis (Athens)
- P18 Prevention of reflux after esophagogastronomy. I. Vynnychenko (Sumy)

POSTERS

### Esophageal cancer

- P19 Healing of esophageal anastomoses performed with the biofragmentable anastomosis ring versus EEA stapler. Comparative experimental study in dogs. T. Kovacs (Budapest)
- P20 Outcome and quality of life following colon interposition in total pharyngo-esophagectomy with or without laryngectomy. W. Ceelen (Gent)
- P21 Fate of patients with adenocarcinoma of the esophagus and the esophagogastric junction: a population based analysis with special reference to different treatment modalities. E. Sihvo (Helsinki)
- P22 Evaluation of quality of life in patients with advanced T3/T4 esophageal squamous cell cancer after chemo-radiotherapy. Z. Guzel (Warsaw)
- P23 Comparison of expandable metal stents versus other palliative treatments of the esophageal cancer. A systematic review. J.M. Enriquez-Navascues (San Sebastián)
- P24 Early results of a selective strategy for the management of oesophageal and gastric cancer. C. Lewis (Salford)
- P25 Induction of NF-kappa B in oesophageal cancer cells by dihydroxy bile acids and antineoplastic agents. M. Abdel-Latif (Dublin)
- P26 Prognostic significance of pre-treatment levels of vascular-endothelial growth factor in patients with oesophageal carcinoma. M. Grannell (Dublin)
- P27 Synchronous esophageal and renal cell carcinoma. M.A. Ciga (Pamplona)
- P28 Is surgical treatment a valid option for post-operative esophageal fistula? J. Mendes de Almeida (Lisboa)
- P29 Histology determines Barrett's esophagus surgical treatment. J. Mendes de Almeida (Lisboa)
- P30 Lack of association of TGF 1 gene polymorphism with Barrett's oesophagus. M.A. García-González (Zaragoza)
- P31 Carcinoma of the Zenker's diverticula. J. Erzen (Ljubljana)
- P32 Postoperative leakage of cervical oesophagogastric anastomosis. Oesophagography vs CT scan. P. Yannopoulos (Athens)
- P33 Subcutaneous transposition of the proximal oesophagus and oesophagojejunal anastomosis: a two staged procedure for oesophagoplasty. P. Yannopoulos (Athens)
- P34 Surgical management of adenocarcinoma of the esophagus with Barrett mucosa. About 61 patients. P. Lozac'h (Brest)
- P35 Results of combined treatment for advanced squamous cell carcinoma of the thoracic esophagus. A. Szawlowski (Warsaw)
- P36 Evaluation of tumour response to neoadjuvant radiochemotherapy for esophageal carcinoma by positron emission tomography with 18 fluorodeoxyglucose. P. Ségol (Caen)
- P37 Esophageal pseudosarcoma: clinico-pathological features in 28 consecutive cases. F. Coppa (Padova)
- P38 Adenocarcinoma of the esophago-gastric junction: early and long-term results of surgery in the elderly. M. Cagol (Padova)

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

PLENARY ROOM (ROOM J)

Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002

- 09.00-10:30 Barrett's esophagus I**  
Chairpersons: S.E.A. Attwood (Manchester) / P. Parrilla (Murcia)  
Definitions and epidemiology. M. Pera (Barcelona)  
Hereditary aspects in reflux disease and the predisposition for Barrett's and Barrett's cancer. N.J. Trudgill (UK)  
Risk of malignant transformation and impact of endoscopic surveillance on clinical outcome of Barrett's cancer. J. van Lanschot (Amsterdam)  
Molecular markers of cancer risk in Barrett's esophagus. A. Ruol (Padova)
- 10:30-11:00** Coffee break
- 11:00-12:30 Barrett's esophagus II**  
Chairpersons: S.E.A. Attwood (Manchester) / P. Parrilla (Murcia)  
Long-term outcome of antireflux surgery in patients with Barrett's esophagus. K.H. Fuchs (Würzburg)  
Mucosal ablation for non-dysplastic and dysplastic Barrett's esophagus with and without fundoplication. J. Salo (Helsinki)  
Management of Barrett's esophagus with high-grade dysplasia. C. Gutschow (Cologne)  
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