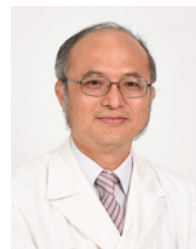


## Brief Introduction of the Society



### The Gastroenterological Society of Taiwan (GEST)

The Gastroenterological Society of Taiwan was founded officially in Taipei on 15th March, 1970 by Professor Juei-Low Sung. The current president is Professor Ming-Shiang Wu. Over the past 51 years, GEST has grown from a small group of practicing Gastroenterologists to a large organization with 2,362 members. The members are composed of practicing gastroenterologists and hepatologists, and researchers in basic gastroenterology and hepatology. Missions of GEST are to enhance the quality of patient care, to train young fellows, to promote researches in gastroenterology and hepatology related fields, and to develop friendship through regular convention and education programs. Mentoring, knowledge exchange and dedication to professional growth are among the core values of GEST and its members. Facilitation of communication with international societies and outstanding experts/leaders is another important goal of our society. To achieve this goal, we are active in holding international convention and joint conference with major foreign societies. We are now not only elaborating on formulating domestic guidelines on gastroenterological clinical practices but also actively participating in the formulation of international guidelines. We also encourage and support the active involvement and presentation of research work by our young or promising members in other international conferences.



In these two years, COVID-19 pandemic caused unprecedented interruption of many academic activities and international conferences. In this year, TDDW 2021 will be held virtually but what remains unchanged, is our passion to ensure the success of the meeting and to explore the unmet clinical need in digestive medicine. In this year's program, gastroenterology practice in the COVID-19 era would be the main theme of the postgraduate course, and cutting-edge modern technologies such as application of artificial intelligence, big data, liquid biopsy, and precision medicine in GI practice, emerging issues on gut microbiome and GI diseases, and new-normal of GI practice in the COVID-19 era, are some of the sessions that may attract your interest in the main conference. We are also happy to welcome you in the Taiwan Can Help session, in which we would like to recollect the experience and success story of Taiwan in combating against hepatitis B, hepatitis C, gastric cancer, and colorectal cancer at the population-level in the past decades with all of our participants.

We look forward to welcoming you virtually at the Taiwan Digestive Disease Week 2021!

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