
Brief Introduction to 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 52 years, GEST has grown from a small group of practicing Gastroenterologists to a large organization with 2,422 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 three years, COVID-19 pandemic caused unprecedented interruption of many academic activities and international conferences. Nevertheless, along with the ceasing epidemic and the wide population coverage of COVID vaccination, in this year, TDDW will return to its original in person meeting style.

With the aid of all participating societies, the program of this year's TDDW has already been shaped up to be excellent with respect to its main theme and the meeting will provide an exciting opportunity to exchange and share not only the cutting-edge knowledge in gastroenterological research but also thoughts concerning how evidence-based gastroenterological services should be delivered in our daily practice. In addition to the original paper presentations and other scientific sessions, we also invited world renowned experts in individual fields of gastroenterology to deliver special lectures. As the hosting society of TDDW, GEST also organized two timely and educational symposia – “*Economical appraisal of GI practices*” and “*Emerging issues in gastroenterology*”, which we believe attractive to our participants.

We look forward to welcoming you virtually at the Taiwan Digestive Disease Week 2022!

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