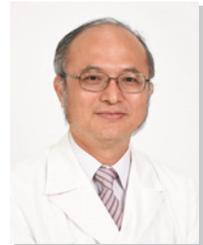


Brief Introduction to the Society



The Gastroenterological Society of Taiwan (GEST)

The Gastroenterological Society of Taiwan (GEST) was officially founded in Taipei on March 15th, 1970, by Professor Juei-Low Sung. The current president is Professor Ming-Shiang Wu. Over the past 53 years, GEST has evolved from a small group of practicing Gastroenterologists into a large organization with 2,504 members. These members comprise practicing gastroenterologists, hepatologists, as well as researchers in the fields of basic gastroenterology and hepatology.



The core missions of GEST are multifaceted. These include enhancing the quality of patient care, training young fellows, promoting research in gastroenterology and hepatology, and fostering connections through regular conventions and educational programs. Central to GEST and its members are values such as mentoring, knowledge exchange, and a commitment to professional growth. An additional significant goal of our society is to facilitate communication with international societies and distinguished experts and leaders. To achieve this, we actively organize international conventions and joint conferences with major foreign societies.

We are not only focused on developing domestic guidelines for gastroenterological clinical practices, but also play an active role in contributing to international guideline formulation. We also frequently support and encourage the involvement and presentation of research conducted by our promising young members at various international conferences.

Over the past three years, the COVID-19 pandemic has profoundly disrupted numerous academic activities and international conferences. However, as the pandemic abates, this year's TDDW (Taiwan Digestive Disease Week) will return to its original in-person format.

With the collaboration of all participating societies, the program for this year's TDDW has been meticulously curated. It promises excellence in terms of its overarching theme, offering an exciting platform for exchanging and sharing not only cutting-edge knowledge in gastroenterological research, but also insights on how evidence-based gastroenterological services should be delivered in our daily practice. Alongside the traditional paper presentations and scientific sessions, we have also extended invitations to globally renowned experts in various gastroenterology fields to deliver special lectures.

I hope you all enjoy the meeting and I'm eagerly anticipating seeing you in Kaohsiung, a picturesque harbor city in southern Taiwan.

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