





Dear Distinguished colleagues,

We found the Euroasian Gastroenterological Association 23 years ago in Ankara. Our aim has been to introduce scientists and the science of Central Asian countries with the West, to form a Euroasia science bridge and create a new scientific platform, in other words a new international scientific association. The first event of this new scientific vision took place on May 21-25, 1997 in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. We brought together many scientists from around Euroasian Continent. When we look back after all those years, we are happy to see the importance of our initiative in 1997. Now, we have 25 member countries from Euroasian Continent.

That was just a dream 23 years ago. Today we see that it has come through. We decided to organise international scientific congresses with a view to achieving our goals and objectives. We have organised 18 international congresses, three single topic conferences and four international conferences so far. These are as follows:

1st Baku-Azerbaijan, 1997, 2nd Almatı-Kazakhstan, 1998, 3rd Antalya-Turkey, 1999, 4th. Tashkent-Uzbekistan, 2000, 5th Bishkek-Krygyzhstan, 2001, 6th Baku-Azerbaijan, 2003, 7th Ankara-Turkey, 2004, 8th Tbilisi-Georgia, 2005, 9th Baku-Azerbaijan, 2006, 10th Isfahan-Iran, 2007, 11th Baku-Azerbaijan, 2008, 12th Baku-Azerbaijan, 2011, I. STC 2013 Yalta, Crimea, 13th Baku-Azerbaijan, 2013, II. STC 2014 Ljubljana-Slovenia, 14th Magusa - Northern Cyprus, 2015, III. STC 2015 Bucharest – Romania, 15th 2016 Antalya-Turkey, 2016, 1st Conference of EGA 2016, 16th Mostar-Bosnia Herzegovina, 2017, 2nd Conference of EGA 2017 Almaty - Kazakhstan, 3rd Conference of EGA 2017 Antalya - Turkey. 17th Split-Croatia, 2019, 4th Conference of EGA 2019 Girne- Northern Cyprus, 18th Baku-Azerbaijan, 2019.

We have achieved the impossible with scarce resources. We will see the importance of this clearly in the next years. I believe that our young colleagues will take this further.

Eleven years ago we decided to publish a journal in order to achieve our objectives. To this end Dr. S.M. Fazle Akbar from Japan, Prof. Mamun Al Mahtap from Bangladesh and I began to publish Euroasian Journal of Hepato-Gastroenterology with Jaypee Publishing Co. (New Delhi, India). Numerous articles have been published among papers submitted by scientists from 38 different countries in the world. We applied for the well-known American index, PubMed and finally entered PubMed and PMC in December 2017. This was yet-another achievement for our association.

This year the “19th Euroasian Congress of Hepato-Gastroenterology and Surgery” and also “postgraduate course endorsed by EAGEN” will take place in Naples. I would like to thank to our respected colleagues in advance including Prof. Gerardo Nardone elected the chairman of 19th edition of congress and Prof. Peter Malfertheiner together organized the postgraduate course endorsed by EAGEN.

Articles and abstracts accepted that will be published in Euroasian Journal of Hepato-Gastroenterology for this congress and postgraduate course.

University of Naples, Federico Secondo will be host of 19th Euroasian Congress of Hepato-Gastroenterology and Surgery between 18 and 20 April, 2020 in Italy. Prof. Gerardo Nardone I will be expecting your support and contributions in taking our scientific vision further and offer my kind regards to all of my colleagues in Euroasia.

With respect

**Prof. Hasan ÖZKAN MD**

**President of Euroasian Gastroenterological Association**

**Head of Gastroenterology Department**

**Ankara University School of Medicine**

**Director of Hepatology Institute of Ankara University-TURKEY**



Dear Colleagues,

It is a privilege and a great pleasure to welcome you to the 19<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Euroasian Congress of Hepato-Gastroenterology and Surgery.

On time, this event has continually improved in terms of distinguished lectures, number of topics, originality of presentations and finally, numerosity of delegates from many countries.

This year the congress is endorsed by the Italian Society of Gastroenterology and is followed by an additional event, the post graduate course on “the gut microbioma revolution”, endorsed by the EAGEN, European Association for Gastroenterology, Endoscopy and Nutrition.

This valuable idea, enriches the scientific value of the congress but also encourages professional collaborations and friendly relationships among faculty members, young researchers and participants from Europe, Asia and USA linking different traditions and communities. And, frankly, I believe that new initiatives and contacts will be born after this meeting.

The programs, overall, include a broad range of topics from basic science to clinical practice and the prestigious international faculty will allow participants to focus on the current and upcoming knowledge in gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy and surgery.

The wonderful Naples, the capital of the two Sicilies and of Mediterraneo, famous for its hospitality, soul, landscape and food, is the ideal setting for this special event.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe in his Italian journey said: “once one has seen the Italian city of Naples, one can die peacefully, since nothing else can match its beauty”.

I am sure that Naples will welcome you warmly and you will leave it enriched with new knowledge and friendships.

Sincerely

**Prof Gerardo Nardone**

**President of postgraduate course endorsed by EAGEN**

**Chairman of 19<sup>th</sup> Edition of Euroasian Congress of Hepato-Gastroenterology and Surgery.**



**President of postgraduate course endorsed by EAGEN**

**A warm welcome to all participants!**

It is great pleasure and honour to contribute to the 19<sup>th</sup> Euroasian Congress of Hepato-Gastroenterology held this year in Naples with a postgraduate course endorsed by EAGEN that will focus on the Gut Microbiome and its multiple facets.

We all recognize that Gut Microbiome has become a booming multidisciplinary bio- medical science reflected in an impressive number of nearly daily publications providing new data from basic, translational and clinical research. The many results reported on the Gut Microbiome and its role in health and disease require a attend and balanced assessment. It is the aim of this Postgraduate course to present a critical update on facts and myths around this topic. This should be of value to gastroenterologist in clinical practice as he will have a key function in conveying relevant information and offer diagnostic and therapeutic options that might benefit individual patients and the population in general.

For the European Association of Gastroenterology, Endoscopy and Nutrition (EAGEN), that celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary since its foundation this year, it is a privilege to contribute to the Postgraduate Course in this eminent Eurasian Gastro Initiative. We wish the organizers that this event will become a successful and long lasting tradition for the benefit of all members and participants.

Prof. Peter Malfertheiner

On behalf of EAGEN

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# 19th Euroasian Congress of Hepato-Gastroenterology and Surgery

Naples - ITALY, April 18-19, 2020

Venue: Aula Magna Gaetano Salvatore, University Federico II of Naples

April 18th, 2020

08.30 Registration of delegates

09.00 Opening Ceremony

*Rector of University Federico II of Naples*

*Rector of University of Ankara*

*Dean of School of Medicine*

*Chief Executive Officer of Federico II University Hospital*

*President of Regione Campania Council*

*Italian Society of Gastroenterology*

*President of Euroasian Gastroenterologica Association*

*Chairman of the Congress*

*Prof Arturo De Vivo*

*Prof. Erkan İbiş*

*Prof Luigi Califano*

*Dr. Anna Iervolino*

*Dr Rosetta D'Amelio*

*Prof Antonio Benedetti*

*Prof Hasan Özkan*

*Prof Gerardo Nardone*

## I SESSION: LIVER

**Chairpersons: Antonio Benedetti, Rino Gani, Ahmet Gurakar**

10.00-10.20 A hybrid model for prediction of qHBsAg sero-clearance in CHB using data mining

*Hasan Özkan*

10.20-10.40 Toward eradication of HCV infection

*Marcello Persico*

10.40-11.00 Immune therapy for CHB

*S.M. Fazle Akbar*

11.00-11.20 The emerging epidemic of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

*Alba Rocco*

11.20 -11.40 COFFE BREAK

**Chairpersons: Mamun Al Mahtap, İsmail Balık**

11.40-12.00 Molecular Basis of Liver Cancer

*Hikmet Akkiz*

12.00-12.20 Hepatocellular carcinoma Management

*Franco Trevisani*

12:20-12.40 Management of spontaneous shunt in portal hypertension

*Hitoshi Maruyama*

12.40-13.00 HCC risk following direct-acting antiviral HCV therapy: the state of the art  
*Fabio Farinati*

**13.00-14.00 LUNCH**

## **II SESSION: PANCREAS AND BILIARY TRACT**

**Chairpersons: Enver Zerem, Mehmet Cindoruk**

14.00-14.20 Clinical Management and Surgical Decision-Making of IPMN  
*Deniz Duman*

14.20-14.40 Fine-tuning the management of pancreatic cancer  
*Claudio Bassi*

14.40-15.00 IgG 4 related hepato biliary tract disorder  
*Bülent Degertekin*

15:00-15:20 **LECTURE**

*Cholangiocarcinoma: evolving concepts and therapeutic strategies*  
*Domenico Alvaro*

## **III SESSION: LIVER TRANSPLANTATION**

**Chairpersons: Rauf Agayev, Domenico Alvaro, Sila Akhan**

15.20-15.40 Liver transplantation: history, outcomes and perspectives  
*Umberto Cillo*

15.40-16.00 The Impact of Steatosis on the Outcome of Liver Transplantation  
*Zeki Karasu*

16.00-16.20 Current developments in Split liver transplantation  
*Roberto Troisi*

16.20-16.40 Controversies in criteria for liver transplantation  
*Ramazan İdilman*

16.40-17.00 Status of organ transplantation in Western  
*Ahmet Gurakar*

17.00-17.20 ACLF: Time of liver transplantation  
*Gökhan Kabaçam*

**18.00 -19:00 WELCOME COCKTAIL**

**April 19th, 2020**

**I SESSION: ESOPHAGUS AND STOMACH**

**Chairpersons: Ibrahim Doğan, Marco Romano, K.C. Sudhamshu**

- 09.00-09.20 Gastroesophageal reflux disease: news and views  
*Peter Malfertheiner*
- 09.20-09.40 Gastroesophageal reflux disease: where is the border between clinicians and surgeons  
*Serhat Bor*
- 09.40-10.00 Eosinophilic esophagitis: Is it all allergies?  
*İrfan Soykan*
- 10.00-10.20 A journey through 40 years of *Helicobacter pylori* story.  
*Gerardo Nardone*
- 10.20-10.40 **LECTURE**  
Gastric cancer: translating novel concepts to clinical practice.  
*Hakan Akbulut*
- 10.40 -11.00 Coffee break**

**II SESSION: COLON**

**Chairpersons: Rosario Cuomo, Shivaram Prasad Singh, Mehmet Arhan**

- 11.00-11.20 Symptomatic uncomplicated diverticular disease: to treat or not to treat  
*Antonio Tursi*
- 11.20-11.40 Ulcerative colitis: latest evidence on management, treatment, and maintenance  
*Murat Törüner*
- 11.40-12.00 Irritable bowel disease: the researcher and clinician agenda  
*Giovanni Sarnelli*
- 12.00-12.20 Microscopic colitis: a frequently missed cause of chronic diarrhea  
*İbrahim Hatemi*
- 12.20-12.40 Mini-invasive colorectal surgery: where we are  
*Gaetano Luglio*
- 12.40-13.00 LECTURE**  
The changing epidemiology of colorectal cancer: is it relevant for screening guidelines  
*Franco Bazzoli*

**13.00- 14.00 LUNCH**

**III SESSION: SMALL BOWEL**

**Chairpersons: Birol Özer, Riccardo Troncone, Yasemin Balaban**

- 14.00-14.20 Videocapsule endoscopy: unravelling the secrets of an organ  
*Debora Compare*

- 14.20-14.40 Coeliac disease: is still necessary jejunal biopsy?  
***Carolina Ciacci***
- 14.40-15.00 Grey areas in occult gastrointestinal bleeding  
***Filiz Akyüz***
- 15.00-15.20 Crohn's disease therapy: state of the art  
***Fabiana Castiglione***
- 15.20-15.40 Crohn's disease: the surgeon point of view  
***Ethem Geçim***
- 15.40-16.00 Soluble blood markers in IBD: the future of non invasive monitoring?  
***Olga Maria Nardone***
- 16.00-16.20 ***LECTURE***  
IBD treatment: what's in the pipeline?  
***Subrata Ghosh***
- 16.20-16.40 COFFE BREAK**

#### **IV SESSION: ENDOSCOPY**

***Chairpersons: Sadettin Hülagu, Giovanni Domenico De Palma***

- 16.40-17.00 Per oral endoscopic myotomy for the treatment of achalasia  
***Fatih Aslan***
- 17.00-17.20 EUS guided ERCP  
***Hakan Şenturk***
- 17.20-17.40 Laterally Spreading Lesions of the Colon: EMR or ESD?  
***Antonino Granata***
- 17.40-18.00 The role of endoscopy in the management of early gastric cancer  
***Giuseppe Galloro***

#### **ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

***Chairpersons: Murat Törüner, L.L. Kazimov***

**18.00-19.00**

***19.00-19.15 Closing Remarks***

*Secretary of Congress*  
*Secretary of Organizing Committee*

***Prof. Murat Törüner***  
***Prof L.L. Kazimov***

# The gut microbiome revolution: new insights, controversies and clinical applications

Program has been endorsed by the EAGEN

Venue: Aula Magna Gaetano Salvatore, University Federico II of Naples

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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**Scientific Secretariat:** Alba Rocco Debora Compare

**Chairpersons:** Ramazan İdilman, Gerardo Nardone

09.00 – 09.20 How is the gut microbiome in healthy individuals defined?  
*Peter Malfertheiner*

09.20 – 09.40 Dysbiosis: a wrong concept or a wrong condition?  
*Dan Dumitrascu*

09.40 – 10.00 Mediterranean versus Middle East Diet: the pros and cons!  
*Manik Gemilyan and Piero Portincasa*

10.00 – 10.20 Diet and gut microbes in a strain-level perspective  
*Danilo Ercolini*

10.20 – 10.40 Gut Microbiota and longevity  
*Kerstin Schütte*

**10.40 – 11.00 COFFEE BREAK**

**Chairpersons:** *Peter Malfertheiner, Dan Dumitrascu*

11.00 – 11.20 An intricate interplay: *H. pylori* and gastric microbiota  
*Gerardo Nardone*

11.40 – 12.00 Pathophysiological and therapeutical implications of gut microbiota in Inflammatory Bowel disease  
*Tarkan Karakan*

12.00 – 12.20 BBB: brain, bacteria, bowel: a dangerous axis?  
*Heinz Hammer*

12.20 – 12.40 Gut microbiota and gluten intolerance /hypersensitivity  
*Juozas Kupcinskas*

12.40 – 13.00 Is there a role for microbiota in food allergy and food intolerance?  
*Gianluca Ianaro*

**13.00 – 14.00            LIGHT LUNCH**

***Chairpersons:*            Hasan Ozkan, Tarkan Karakan**

14.00 – 14.20            Metabolic syndrome and gut microbiota  
***Davor Stimac***

14.20 – 14.40            Gut microbiome in the pathogenesis of NASH  
***Rino Gani***

14.40 – 15.00            NAFLD and gut microbiota: to target the bowel or to target the liver?  
***Fabio Marra***

15.00 – 15.20            The gut microbiome challenge in the hepatic encephalopathy  
***Shivaram Prasad Singh***

15.20 – 15.40            Best ways to restore dysbiosis  
***Tomica Milosavljevic***

15.40 - 16.00            Fecal transplantation: the present and the future  
***Giovanni Cammarota***

16.00 - 16.20            The evolution of human probiotics: challenges and perspectives  
***Carmelo Scarpignato***

16.20 - 16.30            **Closing remarks**  
***Hasan Özkan***  
***Gerardo Nardone***  
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