



ESPGHAN Post Graduate Course
On Practical Techniques in Pediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Athens May 23 – 24, 2016

The first ESPGHAN Postgraduate Course on Practical Techniques in Pediatric Gastroenterology and Hepatology took place from May 23 to 24, 2016 in Athens, Greece, with great success and excellent feedback. 48 Trainees from Europe (Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Norway, Portugal, Poland, Spain, the Netherlands, and UK) and all over the World (Argentina, Canada, India, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Pakistan, Qatar, Turkey, and USA) participated in the two-day hands-on programme. The intensive course with an interactive and comprehensive scientific programme focused on endoscopic diagnostic and therapeutic techniques, liver biopsies, GI physiology studies and treatment techniques of GI motility disorders.

The hands-on therapeutic endoscopy training sessions were held on biological models and mannequins, achieving optimum simulation and interaction. The faculty comprised of 27 paediatric and adult gastroenterologists and other specialists with expertise in one or more of the following techniques: diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopic techniques, liver biopsies, pH/impedance, esophageal, antroduodenal, colonic and anorectal manometry, barostat, endoflip, gastric and intestinal scintigraphy, EGG, treatment techniques of GI motility disorders such as gastric and intestinal pacing, peristeen, botox injection, biofeedback etc. The faculty addressed interdisciplinary topics, demonstrated state-of-the-art practice and endeavoured to establish a network for future collaboration in the respective areas of interest.

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