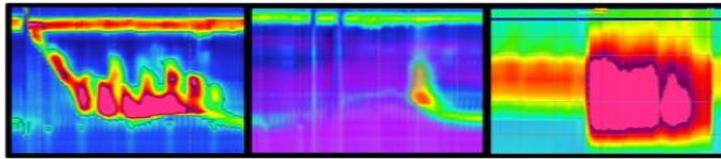


## International Working Group for Gastrointestinal Motility and Function



Meeting Report:

### **Advances in Clinical Measurement of GI Function: Motility Matters**

San Diego, Friday May 20th 2016

Highlights from the Ascona II conference last year and research updates from the field of Gastrointestinal Motility and Function were presented at a Pre-Digestive Diseases Week meeting hosted by Mark Fox and Ravi Mittal at the University of California in San Diego.

More than 200 delegates, from clinical research fellows to specialist physicians and surgeons witnessed a world-class faculty deliver a mix of state of the art lectures, case based discussions and live demonstrations of clinical measurement (CME accredited: 6 hours). The morning and afternoon sessions focused on the upper and lower GI tract, respectively. Throughout the main aim was to demonstrate how this technology provides insights that can inform clinical diagnosis and decision making. Feedback was excellent and content including powerpoint presentations to download from most sessions will soon be available at [www.iDigest.ch](http://www.iDigest.ch).

Ongoing work from the International Working Group will cascade information to all those using this equipment in clinical practice. Existing plans include

1. **Hands on training courses.** Different courses are planned with different operating systems to ensure relevant experience is gained by all involved.
  - I. **ESNM hands on GI motility course (upper and lower GI):** hosted by Serhat Bor, Izmir, Turkey, 15 - 18 June 2016 (contact: [serhatbor@yahoo.com](mailto:serhatbor@yahoo.com)).
  - II. **'Hands-On' High-Resolution Anorectal Manometry (14.9.2016) and Emerging Concepts in the Management of Faecal Incontinence (15-16.9.2016):** hosted by Mark Scott, Wingate Institute, Whitechapel, Royal London Hospital, London **UK** (contact: [m.scott@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:m.scott@qmul.ac.uk))
  - III. **'Hands-On' High-Resolution Oesophageal Manometry:** hosted by Jutta Keller as part of the DGVS Seminar in Neurogastroenterology and Motility (17-19.11.2016), Israelitische Hospital, Hamburg, Germany (contact: [seminar@dgvs.de](mailto:seminar@dgvs.de))
2. Video modules will be filmed during hands-on training courses to support the training and further education of practitioners unable to attend in person. These will be published 2016/7 on the UEG Education website ("mini-CME" will be available for each module completed)
3. New classification systems for the diagnosis of pharyngeal dysphagia, gastro-oesophageal reflux disease and disorders of anorectal function will be finalized and published in Neurogastroenterology and Motility 2016/7. Clinical reviews will follow in Nature Reviews Gastroenterology & Hepatology.

The [www.iDigest.ch](http://www.iDigest.ch) website will keep you updated. If you wish to host a regional meeting and require contacts for faculty or educational material then please email [dr.mark.fox@gmail.com](mailto:dr.mark.fox@gmail.com).

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Mark Fox- June 2016