Vision

Millions of people worldwide die from treatable conditions for lack of routine surgeries. Moreover, the major breakthroughs in medicine do not reach the patients at a global scale, in part because of lack of knowledge. IASGO’s vision is that up-to-date medical knowledge and expertise could and should benefit all communities globally, and that it has to be available beyond any kind of discrimination, based on an individual institutional or national level, to every patient that strives for survival because of challenging and life-threatening diseases. IASGO leadership strives to implement this vision through an educational program with global reach, which is teaching and promoting multi-disciplinary, collaborative approaches for treatment of intractable diseases.

Mission and Strategic Objectives

The mission of IASGO is to provide excellence in patient care by administering the highest level of quality in a safe and compassionate environment. We strive to excite, educate, encourage, train and mentor physicians in a spirit of multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary medicine, and help them become excellent caregivers, to develop methods to improve outcomes for patients with a wide variety of malignancies, to use their expertise to benefit their community worldwide, and to become future leaders in academic medicine and/or healthcare delivery. We want to ensure that the revolution of life science discoveries will have global impact in reducing human suffering. IASGO is a professional medical society committed to improving the quality of healthcare worldwide through closer interactions between surgeons, gastroenterologists and oncologists and dissemination of the best knowledge globally and not in selected centers. To fulfill this mission, IASGO has pursued for almost three decades two strategic objectives: education and clinical translation.

1. Education

Disseminate state-of-the-art medical knowledge and expertise through a well-structured and precisely organized system of continued medical education to a global audience, particularly to young specialists from emerging countries. Organize courses in close cooperation with national universities or governmental authorities, aiming to update the participants in the newest developments in the fields of surgical, radiation and medical oncology, endoscopy, and Interventional Radiology.

2. Clinical Translation

Promote and facilitate at a global scale the interactions (communication and collaborations) between medical professionals specialized in different disciplines to exchange experience and to learn from each other about the indications and limitations of each discipline — in the areas of oncology, gastroenterology and surgery — with the goal of translating new approaches into the clinic through education and conducting clinical trials worldwide.

IASGO Upcoming Meetings and Courses

**IASGO Advanced Postgraduate Course**

Director: Michiaki Unno
August 3, 2016
Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine, Sendai, Japan
http://www.c-linkage.co.jp/iasgo-cme2016/

**26th Annual IASGO World Congress**

Honorary President: Sung-Gyu Lee
Congress Presidents: Ho-Seong Han and Si Young Song
September 8—10, 2016
Seoul, Korea
http://iasgo2016.org/

**IASGO 5th CME Postgraduate Course in Moscow**

Director: Elena Usova
September 23–24, 2016
Central House of Scientists of Russian Academy of Science, Moscow, Russia
http://www.iasgo-congress.ru

**IASGO Postgraduate Courses in Colorectal Surgery**

Director: Joaquim Costa Pereira
October 3—November 10, 2016
Porto University, Porto, Portugal

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