

Train the Trainers Workshop: Xi'an, China 2012 Application Process Now Open

Dear Presidents of the WGO National Member Societies,

In partnership with the Chinese Society of Gastroenterology, WGO is pleased to offer one Train the Trainers workshop in 2012 in Xi'an, China. The application process for this workshop is now open and we invite you to nominate and select two candidates, who are fluent in English, now through **Thursday, September 1, 2011**.

Please refer to the accompanying workshop overview and application requirements for further details.

About the WGO Train the Trainers Program:

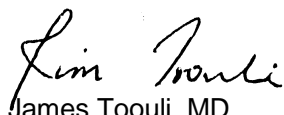
2011 commemorates the 10th year anniversary of Train the Trainers (TTTs)! This workshop developed by WGO, exposes educators in gastroenterology and GI surgery to current educational techniques and philosophies. It brings together faculty and participants from across the globe in an intensive and interactive four day workshop. The workshop is characterized by numerous hands on sessions and ample opportunity for discussion and interchange. An ability to communicate proficiently in English is an essential component within the breakout sessions as well as contributes to the overall success of the workshop. Train the Trainers concentrates on expanding the educational skills of those responsible for teaching through the use of modern educational techniques. The workshop includes the following modules:

- Adult Education
- Group Discussions
- Teaching Procedural Skills
- Professionalism
- Preparation of an Abstract
- Evidence-based Medicine
- Critical Appraisal
- Publications
- Presentations
- Trial Design
- Assessment and Appraisal
- Credentialing
- Interpersonal Skills & Teamworking

Participants are required to engage actively in all sessions and social functions; hence they are required to attend all workshop days. An additional and very important part of the commitment on the part of the participants is the completion of the Pre-Questionnaire and the On-Site Evaluation. We ask that every participant make a commitment to provide the organizers with their responses, which assist us in best meeting their expectations as well as those of WGO and the national societies.

Thank you for your continuing interest in and support of our WGO programs. We look forward to your society participating in the 2012 Train the Trainers workshop!

With kind regards,



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2012 Workshop Information:

Location: Xi'an, China
Arrival Day: Sunday, April 15, 2012
Core Workshop Dates: Monday, April 16 – Thursday, April 19, 2012
Departure: Friday, April 20, 2012

Please note the following:

- The deadline to submit applications is **September 1, 2011**.
- Each society is invited to submit the names of **two** candidates within their country who are responsible for the training of gastroenterology or GI Surgery
- One candidate should hold a senior training position and the second candidate should either be responsible for training on a junior level or entering a training position
- Applications will only be accepted from official WGO Member Societies and should be submitted to the WGO Executive Secretariat at mlopez@worldgastroenterology.org. Direct individual applications will not be accepted.
- Candidates must be fluent in English.
- Candidates do not need to come from the same institute

TTT applicants must fulfill the following criteria:

- Fluent command of the English language – this is important as many of the breakout sessions require active participation and discussion from all members of the group.
- Participants attending the workshop must be responsible for training in their countries, within their own unit/region, and commit to putting the TTT workshop lessons into place upon return to their own teaching environment.
- Participants are responsible for obtaining their own medical insurance while attending the workshop. WGO does not provide medical coverage for participants.
- Participants are required to arrive no later than the specified arrival date and to not depart prior to the specified departure date.
- Applications from member societies will be reviewed for adherence to the above criteria and for the equal distribution of TTT workshop spots amongst national member societies.
- Member societies are invited to cover the costs of travel for their candidates or to arrange other forms of support as WGO is not in a position to cover these costs.
- Single accommodation, catering and onsite expenses as well as all course materials are covered by the (local) organisers (and WGO). A maximum of 5 night's accommodation is provided.
- Should participants wish to bring their partners with them to TTT they will be charged for the additional rooming costs and the social events expenses.
- The participant acknowledges by registration, that he/she has no right to lodge damage claims against the organizers in the event of cancellation due to unexpected events / force majeure or changes to program due to any reason.
- The participant acknowledges by registration that the WGO and the hosting societies are solely responsible for the organizing of Train the Trainers. Participants who wish to arrive before or depart after the specified arrival and departure days, must clarify their accommodations and other personal expenses which may occur (ground transportation, meals etc.) directly with the hotel.



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