

**Dear Presidents & Secretary Generals!**  
**Dear Colleagues!**

New ASNEMGE initiatives:

- **Call for ASNEMGE Representative**
- **ASNEMGE National Scholar Award**
- **National Society Survey**



Welcome to the new-style quarterly ASNEMGE Newsletter! Several new initiatives are about to begin in an exciting new phase for ASNEMGE and its relationship with its member National Societies. For example, you will notice immediately that we have changed our logo slightly in order to emphasise our longevity, tradition and central position in European Gastroenterology. We do, however, recognise that our full name is important to maintain, so we will also continue to spell out what ASNEMGE stands for in all future ASNEMGE communications (see the foot of the page).

We hope that you will feel able to post this and future Newsletters on your Society web-site or even forward them via your national e-newsletter so that colleagues in your Society can learn about ASNEMGE events and initiatives of direct relevance to them. I would also urge you to create a link from your web-site to the ASNEMGE web-pages at [www.asnemge.org](http://www.asnemge.org). Finally, I am always very happy to receive your comments and suggestions about how ASNEMGE can better serve your Society and its members.



Mark Hull  
Secretary General

### **Call for ASNEMGE Representative**

We wish to identify a named individual in your Society who will act as the ASNEMGE Representative for all our future communications with your Society. We expect that communication via a named Representative will improve communication with your Society and facilitate feedback to us from you about what we can do better. Representatives will be invited to the next Extraordinary Meeting in Vienna in January 2010 in order to receive a full briefing on ASNEMGE activities. Your Representative could continue to be the President or Secretary of your Society as previously.

However, we recognise that these are busy posts with many other commitments. Therefore, you may wish to appoint another individual as your ASNEMGE Representative.



National Societies are asked to use the link on the ASNEMGE website [www.asnemge.org](http://www.asnemge.org) to send the details of the appointed Representative to ASNEMGE.

### ASNEMGE National Scholar Award



We are delighted to announce a brand new scheme designed to identify the best young researchers across Europe and the Mediterranean presenting an abstract at UEGW. This can be thought of as a 'junior' scheme to our well-established Rising Star Initiative. Unlike the Rising Star scheme, which highlights established clinical researchers under the age of 40 with an international quality research record, the National Scholar Award rewards a younger individual aged less than 35 years who is first and presenting author of the highest scoring abstract from a Nation represented by ASNEMGE. Therefore, there can be one National Scholar Award winner per country.

The Award will take the form of recognition at UEGW, invitation to ASNEMGE meetings at UEGW such as our ASNEMGE-AGA Exchange Programme and the Presidential Reception and the chance to network with other Award winners and Rising Stars. We hope to see National Scholar Award winners becoming the Rising Stars of the future!

The Scheme will start from UEGW Barcelona 2010 onwards. More details to follow.

### The people behind the name ASNEMGE

Another new feature of *Association News* will be the introduction of the many people working for ASNEMGE, on ASNEMGE Council, as Faculty member of ASNEMGE teaching activities, or other activities of ASNEMGE.

In this first issue, we would like to introduce to you the person behind the ASNEMGE Secretariat. The ASNEMGE Secretariat has been located in Vienna, Austria for many years now. Since May 2008 it has been managed by Ms. Wilma Hofer, who deals with all matters related to the National Societies and ASNEMGE. You may have met Wilma already during UEGW Vienna, at the ASNEMGE Extraordinary Meeting in January or at other ASNEMGE activities.



She takes care of ASNEMGE business & social meetings, membership administration, website administration, and the financial and legal administration of the Association. Wilma is also the central contact point for anyone interested and participating in the many educational & scientific activities organized by ASNEMGE such as the Summer School, Young Investigator Meetings, and the Rising Star Scheme. One priority for us is to keep our records up-to-date. So, please make sure to keep us informed about any changes in your society and about any events organised by your society. For this, and for any query that you might have, you can contact Wilma at [wilma.hofer@medadvice.co.at](mailto:wilma.hofer@medadvice.co.at) or [info@asnemge.org](mailto:info@asnemge.org).

### National Society Survey



Watch out for the first ASNEMGE National Society Survey coming soon!

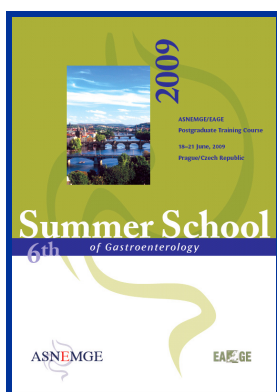
It has been clear from previous meetings with National Societies that there is much to be gained from learning how fellow National Societies are organised, communicate and practice guideline-based Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

To this end, ASNEMGE wishes to facilitate transfer of information between National Societies by collecting information on web-based activities and the existence of clinical guidelines. We will shortly be sending you the first Survey for completion and we hope that you will be able to spare a short period of time to complete it.

### ASNEMGE at GASTRO 2009 UEGW/WCOG

Please mark your calendars with these GASTRO 2009 activities:

- **Rising Stars 2009**  
will be highlighted in the core scientific programme
- **ASNEMGE General Assembly Meeting**  
Monday, November 23: 16:30-18:00
- **ASNEMGE Presidential Reception**  
Sunday, November 22: 18:30



For all ongoing ASNEMGE activities, please visit the ASNEMGE website.

- ASNEMGE/EAGE 6th **Summer School** of Gastroenterology  
June 18-21, 2009: Prague, Czech Republic
- ASNEMGE **Rising Stars 2010**  
Call for nominations available: June 2009
- ASNEMGE **Young Investigator Meeting 2010**  
January 22-24, 2010: Vienna, Austria

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