

By: Dr. Liliana Mendes

### Brasilia Training Center The latest updates in September

Dr. Liliana Mendes continues to have successful training. The Transoral Incisionless Fundoplication (TIF) training occurred on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Santa Helena Rede D'Or Brasilia Hospital. TIF is a minimally invasive procedure to treat acid reflux, also known as heartburn, and other symptoms associated with chronic gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).



BrasiliaTraining Center: Training at Santa Helena Rede D'Or Brasilia Hospital on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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### More about TIF...

The latest updates to get you through the day

#### Who can benefit from the TIF procedure?

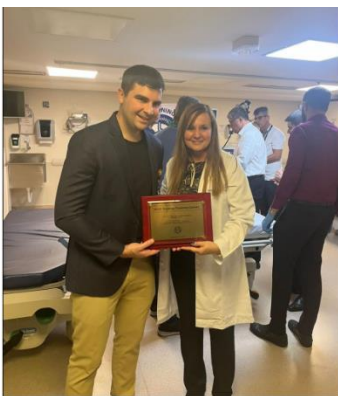
Patients who have GERD symptoms and are not managed well with other treatments, such as antacids. Repairing the esophagus valve with TIF can be an alternative way to ease GERD symptoms.

#### What does Fundoplication mean?

Fundoplication means folding of the fundus, the tissue at the top of the stomach. By folding the fundus around the opening between the stomach and esophagus, a gastroenterologist reinforces this area to prevent stomach acid from coming up into the esophagus. It helps create a new barrier to reflux from the stomach.

#### What does Transoral mean?

The procedure is done through the mouth without any external incisions.



### Ankara Training Center In-Active

Dr. Sedat Boyacıoğlu

Has been inactive since the pandemic. Will keep you inform of any updates.

### Myanmar Training Center The latest updates

Prof. Than Than Aye

The Training Center needs remote training assistance.....Please reach out to Dr. Luis C. Sabbagh ([sabbaghluis@gmail.com](mailto:sabbaghluis@gmail.com)) for further information

### Bogotá Training Center The latest updates

Dr. Luis Carlos Sabbagh

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Course of Endoscopy. Will be held on February 1, 2, & 3, 2024, Bogotá Colombia.



By: Ellist L. Muñiz

## Pan American Organization of Gastroenterology

The OPGE is a scientific entity whose mission is to promote the development of Gastroenterology in the countries of America in the widest sense. WGO attended the exhibit that occurred on October 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> in Santiago, Chile. Guess who visited WGO's booth:

**Prof. Guilherme Macedo**



**Prof. Carolina Olano**



**For stopping by WGO's booth**

In addition, the Chair of the Training Centers visited WGO's booth at UEG in Copenhagen from October 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>:

**Dr. Luis C. Sabbagh**



WGO had a booth at the ACG Annual Scientific meeting and postgraduate course in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from October 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. Guess who visited WGO's booth:

**Prof. Guilherme Macedo**



October has been a very busy month for the Directors / Professors of the Training Centers.

By: Ellist L. Muñiz

## Bogotá Training Center The latest updates

Dr. Luis Sabbagh has met with twenty-one Training Centers. Great accomplishment. Dr. Sabbagh will meet on a one-on-one with Blantyre, Karachi, and Xi'an Training Centers.

On another note, Dr. Sabbagh celebrates on a yearly basis an Anniversary Course in Endoscopy. On February 1, 2, & 3, of 2024, he is celebrating his 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Course of Endoscopy.



By: Ellist L. Muñiz

## Myanmar Training Center

The plan was to start with remote training in September 2023; however, we need those who can assist with the training. If you can assist, please send an email to [emuniz@worldgastroenterology.org](mailto:emuniz@worldgastroenterology.org) and Mrs. Ellist Muñiz will forward the information to the appropriate area.



Ankara Training Center

By: Prof. Sedat Boyacioglu

## WGO Ankara Training Center

### The latest updates to get you through the day

The Ankara Training Center has been inactive since COVID 2019. Prof. Sedat Boyacioglu had a meeting with the Turkish Society of Gastroenterology related to their financial support. More information is to come within the next newsletter of any updates and developments.





By: Dr. Rupal Maru

### WGO Nairobi Training Center The latest updates

In 2023, a few months into our second year of training, we, Dr. Miriam Gatehi, Dr. Nashon Okanga, and Dr. Rupal Maru, had to plan our activities for the year. The year on a personal note for our team meant improving our skills in basic and advanced colonoscopy training. Our trainers Prof Elly Ogutu, Dr Ayo Onyango, Dr John Ngugi had planned daily learning objectives and more elaborate workshops over the year, said Dr. Maru.

The daily learning objectives included doing colonoscopies with good technique and achieving all quality indicators while performing a colonoscopy, all therapeutics for upper GI and lower GI to be learned such as polypectomies, endoscopic mucosal resection, esophageal banding and stenting, argon plasma coagulation, glue injection for Fundal varices. There was a lot of learning to look forward to. Dr. Maru said we slowly but surely improved our skills as the months progressed. The learning curve was steep, and colonoscopy surely humbled us young fellows. The constant reassurance from our trainers helped us achieve our learning objectives.

Dr. Maru said, in April they had their first colonoscopy training workshop that included other doctors who were already practicing some luminal endoscopies and those who had now developed an interest and came in for basic training with both the local and international faculty teaching us on basic and advanced skills and techniques including EMR and ESD.

The workshops are an amazing balance of learning and fun. The excitement you feel meeting other colleagues both locally and internationally is close to none. There is so much intense learning over the three days but exhilarating at the same time. The International Faculty includes Prof John Karstensen, Dr Mohan Ramchandani, and Dr Amol Bapaye.



**Left to right:** Dr Mohan Ramchandani, Prof. Elly Ogutu, Dr Rupal Maru, Dr Linda Gathara, and Dr Amol Bapaye all smiles after a successful ESD training.



Dr. Amol Bapaye receiving a gift from Prof. Ogutu of the WGO Nairobi TC at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> day workshop on basic colonoscopy, EMR & ESD training. Prof. John of Denmark & Dr. Mohan of AIB in attendance.



**All delegates and faculty after a Successful colonoscopy basic and advanced training.**



Dr Linda Gathara is demonstrating an esophageal mass for ESD. Dr Mohan Ramchandani and Prof. Ogutu are taking notes.



Dinner with the faculty Prof. John Karesten, Dr. Mohan Ramchandani, Dr. Amol Bapaye, Prof. Elly Ogutu, Dr. Ayo, Dr. Ajau and Dr. Linda Gathara



By: Rupal Maru - more news

**WGO Nairobi Training Center**

The complex cases needing ESD benefited, and the patients have done well on follow-up. The ESD training helped us build our capacity locally, said Dr. Maru.

The second major activity of the year was in August, this was even more intense than the first. Prof. Ogutu's meticulous planning of each topic and the live case presentation blew me away. You can only understand this if you were there, said Dr. Maru.



Dr. Rajesh Puri ready for Hot Axios procedure at the live session, GSK conference.



Prof Nageshwar Reddy teaching taking us through the patient endoscopic finding and learning pearls. Dr Alissa Walsh and Dr Amit Maydeo listening keenly.



**Left to right:** Mostafa from Fuji, Prof. Nageshwar Reddy, Dr. Rupal Maru, Dr. Amit Maydeo, Dr. Ajua Alemanji, Dr. Alissa Walsh, Prof. Elly Ogutu, and Dr. Nashon Okanga

The conference had international and local faculty as presenters. As young fellows, we had not met or interacted with these many delegates and faculty. This conference made it possible. The international faculty was exemplary, said Dr. Maru.

Great job!  
Great Training!



Prof. Reddy & Dr. Amit Maydeo being honored for their unmatched contribution to the WGO training program.



**From left to right:**  
**Front row:** Prof. Elly Ogutu, Dr. Smita Devani, Prof. Lars, Prof. Reddy, Dr. Amit Maydeo, Dr. Lodeny, Dr. Betty Musau, and Dr. Miriam Gatehi.

**Second row:** Dr. Rupal Maru, Dr. Ayo Onyango, Dr. Mutie, Prof. Maria Butti, Prof. Esteban, Dr. Kioko, Dr. Alissa Walsh, Dr. Onsiame Ocama, and Dr. Stephen Kairu.



Perfect dinner after a successful conference.

**Left to right:** Dr. Miam Gatehi, Mr. Niladri, Dr. Balachandran, Prof. Lars, Prof. Prasad Lyer, Dr. Rupal Maru, Prof. Elly Ogutu, and Dr. Ajua Alemanji

By: Dr. Rupal Maru

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The faculty in attendance was Prof Lars Aakaben, Prof Purnima Bhat, Prof Prasad Iyer, Dr. Amit Maydeo, Prof. Nagashwer Reddy, Prof. Maria Butti, Dr. Balachandran, Dr. Rajesh Puri, Prof. Mostafa Ibrahim, Dr. Ibrahim Mostafa, Dr. Alissa Walsh, Prof. Esteban, and Dr Nancy Fanous, Prof. Paul Kelly, and Prof. Panciano Ocama.

This workshop needed us to put our efforts together under strong leadership. I feel very proud to be under such guidance and mentorship.



Left to right: Dr. Linda Gathara, Prof. Ibrahim, and Dr. Rupal Maru at the Egypt conference.



By: Rupal Maru

**WGO Nairobi Training Center  
The latest update**

The third event training at the endoscopy unit was a collaboration with the Japanese Government through the Olympus team both internationally and locally. The training aimed to improve gastrointestinal disease evaluation in Kenya by building capacity.



Japanese Government collaboration training

**Left to right:** Dr. Linda Gathara, Dr. Ayo Onyango, Prof. Elly Ogutu, Dr. Tomohiko Moriyama, Dr. Yoshitaka Hata, and Dr. Shinichiro Kawatako.



Three faculty members from Kyushu Hospital in Japan were in attendance to teach fourteen doctors from various regions in Kenya. The current WGO fellows were also included. Prof. Ogutu, Dr. Ayo, and Dr. Lee were our local faculty. All ears during lectures.

They assessed us on our skills and awarded an opportunity to a fully funded training for a month, i.e. the month of November, at the Kyushu Hospital, Japan.

Kenya is the land of "Hakuna Matata" meaning no worries (trouble) but most importantly a land of great friendships' Prof. Ogutu has shown us this with his associations with the international and local faculty.

Dr. Miriam, Okanga, and I have a great working and social friendship. We traveled locally and internationally for conferences as WGO fellows, and we hope to continue even after we complete our training. We learn to grow each other every day by being our best version. We discuss school and give psychological support to each other on our bad days. Miriam teaches us a lot about how to save and work efficiently. Okanga is a very calm fellow, and we have learned humility from him.

The three of us have our research topics in place and are working towards publishing them, said Dr. Rupal Maru.

The research topics are:

- Effect of the COVID pandemic on endoscopic capacity at a public hospital in Kenya, Dr. Miriam Gatehi.
- Evaluation of Quality of Colonoscopy at KNH Dr. Rupal Maru.
- Lower GI Bleeding at KNH Dr. Nashon Okanga.



**Left to right:** Dr. Nancy Fanous, Dr. Linda Gathara, and Dr. Rupal Maru.

The work-life balance as a young GI fellow does come with its share of unknowns. As a WGO fellow and as a future gastroenterologist, I look up to my seniors for the best experience.

Dr. Maru said, "My world is better and I plan to make it better for the ones to follow"...my personal goal!



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**Porto Alegre Training Center**

WGO Porto Alegre Hepatology Training Center website: <https://www.worldgastroenterology.org/education-and-training/training-centers/centers/wgo-porto-alegre-hepatology-training-center>

WGO is requesting all Directors and Co-Directors to provide us with each Training Center's most updated information, such as: Training Center Package, technology used, procedures taught, applications, process, and requirements to attend to the training sessions.

Dr. Mario Reis Alvares-da-Silva had his 2024 package ready. To scheduled special short-duration courses in 2024 please reach out to Mr. Fernando Soares at [fsoares@hcpa.edu.br](mailto:fsoares@hcpa.edu.br). In addition, national and international trainees can reach out to Mr. Soares by email or phone +55 51 33598307 for further information on courses. Dr. Reis Alvares-da-Silva can be reached at [marioreis@live.com](mailto:marioreis@live.com).

**Certifications are as followed:**

- Certificates are provided. No fees are required for training.
- Applicants can choose a specific course (short duration courses) or apply for an Elective (1 - 4 months duration) on General Hepatology, Viral Hepatitis, Co-infection, Hepatocellular Carcinoma, Liver Transplantation, Critical and Emergency Care in Hepatology, Liver Pathology, and Tissue Elastography Course.
- Short duration courses are limited to 20 trainees each. Electives are open on an individual basis.
- Official language is Portuguese. Electives are available also in English and Spanish.

By: Ellist L. Muñíz

## The Scoop of the day WGO Rome Training Center

Ms. Flamina Belli from WGO Rome Training Center has provided WGO with the most updated information. The EETC has a learning room equipped with a fully integrated audio-video system connected to the Endoscopy Unit that allows live broadcast directly from the Endoscopy Unit to the EETC.

The hands-on dedicated room has 5 working stations with Olympus video-endoscopes, Erbe electro-surgical generators with Argon Plasma Coagulation, and medical gases. Erlangen EASIE model is used for training with ex-vivo models, and mechanical simulators "BoskoskiCostamagna ERCP Trainer" are used for ERCP basic and advanced training.

Trainees interested in courses and the training period may email [eetc@abcongress.it](mailto:eetc@abcongress.it).

For additional information please visit WGO Rome Training Center site: <https://www.worldgastroenterology.org/education-and-training-centers/centers/wgo-rome-training-center>.

## WGO La Paz Training Center

Dr. Miguel Villa-Gomez from the WGO La Paz Training Center has provided WGO with the most updated information. The Training Center offers training, and the requirements are as followed for:

### Advance Endoscopy Training:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Passport photograph
- Letter of recommendation from the Head of Service or Director of the Hospital the trainee works for.
- Personal letter addressed to the Director of the WGO La Paz Training Center, expressing the perspective and objectives that motivate the trainee's application and the working conditions the trainee will have upon their return to their country.
- Commitment notes.
- Application form.

### International Training:

- Letter that explains the reasons for the application and the applicant's expectations regarding the course.
- Photocopy of identity document or passport.
- Photocopy of gastroenterology specialist certification. Digestive surgeons with training and practice in digestive endoscopy and final year residents with certification from the training institution may be considered.

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- Cover letter from Gastroenterology and/or Digestive Endoscopy Service at a university, public or private level.
- Cover letter from the society of gastroenterology and/or Digestive Endoscopy of the trainee's country of origin, only if the trainee is affiliated.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Medical certification of good health, both physical and mental.
- Commitment notes.
- Application form.

### Technology and Procedures used at La Paz Training Center:

- Endoscopic retrograde,
- Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP),
- Hemorrhage therapy
- Endoscopic Resections among others

La Paz Training Center has 3 Endoscopy rooms fully equipped with Olympus and Pentax towers.



By: Ellist L. Muñíz

## WGO New Delhi Training Center

### The latest update

The Departmental Office has provided WGO the most updated information for WGO New Delhi Training Center.

The Training Center offers:

- **Short Training Courses in Hepatology:**
  - Course duration varies from 4 to 12 weeks. The candidates can start any time during the whole year (at least 4 months of processing time is needed for formalities).
- **Advanced Hepatology Training:**
  - The duration of the training can be either 6 or 12 months.

The duration of the above training programs is modifiable as per the need and request of the candidate. Prospective candidates are advised to enter the desired duration of their training in the portal while submitting application.

### Instructions / Training Process

All received applications would be placed before the Competent Authority at the training center for decision and result would be communicated to the trainee in due course. In the case of Hands-on training experience, prior permission of the Competent Authority at ILBS and National Medical Commission (NMC) would be essential.

In the case of a successful application, candidate will be communicated to submit online application to the National Medical Commission (NMC) for obtaining mandatory permission via following link:

### Registration:

<https://www.nmc.org.in/ActivitiWebClient/open/registerftpftc>

Then, **Login:** <https://www.nmc.org.in/ActivitiWebClient/login>

Please note that the application fee at NMC as per current information is 5900/- INR (5,000 Fee + 18 % GST), subject to change from time to time.

For further information on courses, national and international trainees should contact:

Hepatology Secretariat: [departmentaloffice.ilbs@gmail.com](mailto:departmentaloffice.ilbs@gmail.com)  
CC: Dr. Manoj Kumar Sharma: [manojkumardm@gmail.com](mailto:manojkumardm@gmail.com)

Candidates are advised to submit their applications via: [https://www.ilbs.in/?page=onlinetrainingapplication\\_form](https://www.ilbs.in/?page=onlinetrainingapplication_form)

Prospectus available at: <https://www.ilbs.in/?page=internal&itemid=51>

Training fee and hostel details are available at: [https://www.ilbs.in/images/training\\_docs/Training\\_Fee.pdf](https://www.ilbs.in/images/training_docs/Training_Fee.pdf)



By: Dr. Enrique Coss

## The latest breaking news of the day

### WGO Mexico City Training Center

Dr. Enrique Coss is happy to let us know about their training information, please read as followed:

#### Areas of Training

*GI Motility Tests*  
*Endoscopic Ultrasound*  
*Enteroscopy*  
*ERCP and Bilio-Pancreatic Therapeutic Endoscopy*

#### Training / Courses Offered:

One trainee is accepted for each of the training courses listed above for a training duration of 3 months. The curriculum is flexible according to the experience and background education of trainees and special requirements of the home institutions. Please see attached core curriculum overview.

**Regulatory Requirements:** Medical insurance for foreign trainees.

#### Trainee Application Process and Requirements:

Trainees must have completed a 3-years residency in gastroenterology or general surgery and a 1-year training period in basic gastrointestinal endoscopy at an institution accredited by the Mexican Board of Gastroenterology or a foreign equivalent.

Medical insurance for foreign trainees.

Trainees are responsible for their own travel expenses to and from the course.

#### Application Process:

Only fully trained gastroenterologist is subject to be considered for training in the center.

All applicants must email Dr. Miguel Ángel Ramírez ([mangelramirez@yahoo.com](mailto:mangelramirez@yahoo.com)) Luna and Dr. Enrique Coss Adame ([enriquecossmd@gmail.com](mailto:enriquecossmd@gmail.com)) with a letter explaining what training course are interested in and a brief explanation about reasons to do the training.

Applicants need to attach their most updated curriculum vitae and specialty degree in gastroenterology (PDFs).

Dr. Ramírez-Luna and Dr. Coss-Adame will review the application and will schedule a videoconference call about further information regarding the training center and will verify training availability.

After the meeting and in case of being accepted, professors will discuss further procedures prior starting.



By: Dr Herbert Burgos

## The latest breaking news

### WGO San José Training Center

Dr. Herbert Burgos from WGO San José Training Center shared the information about their training center, read as followed:

A maximum of 10 trainees can undergo training simultaneously. Accommodation is available for 20 students and 4 faculty members.

The trainee application process is as followed:

Applications should be submitted directly to the center. The trainee can be considered for the training at the Center. The criteria are:

Gastroenterology Specialist or Resident with at least 10 months of Endoscopic experience.

General MD with at least 1 year of endoscopic experience.

#### WGO San José continuation.....

Recommendation from local national GI society or University.

Application materials include:

- Application form.
- Certification of Recommendation from local national GI society or University.
- Certification of Endoscopic Skills.
- Curriculum Vitae

Trainees can participate in the GI medical rounds with the Costa Rican Society of Gastroenterology as well as other Societies in the diffusion of new concepts in GI disease. In addition, trainees will be exposed to other health centers to gain an understanding of the health system in Costa Rica.

#### ENDOSCOPY EQUIPMENT:

01. Fujifilm ELUXEO Processors
02. Fujifilm ELUXEO Endoscopes 760Z series (Magnified=
03. Fujifilm EUS System
04. Fujifilm Enteroscopy system
05. Fujifilm Nasoendoscopes

#### Auxiliary Equipment

01. Medtronic P35 Capnography suit
02. ERBE VIO3 generator unit
03. Medtronic BARRX Radio-frequency Unit
04. Medtronic Endoflip System 1.0 and 2.0
05. Stretta System Unit

By: Dr. Ganiyat Oyeleke

## The latest breaking news of the day WGO Lagos Training Center



Dr. Oyeleke shared the training process, technology used and procedures from her training center. Please read below:

### Training Process:

- Any doctor with an interest in endoscopy can apply.
- Open to all in Nigeria and Africa.
- Application letter to be addressed to the Director of the center Dr OYELEKE - [drgoyeleke@yahoo.com](mailto:drgoyeleke@yahoo.com).

### Requirements:

- Detailed CV, Letter from training institution for support.
- The proposed duration of training depends on the level of the trainee. Minimum recommended is 3 months.
- Short courses with didactic lectures of three to Five days available during quarterly training sessions.

### Technology / Procedures

- Technology for training mainly face to face-physical on virtual lectures and demonstration.
- Hands-on training sessions available.
- Basic upper and lower gastrointestinal endoscopy procedures.
- Therapeutic GI endoscopy procedures; polypectomy, variceal band ligation, hemorrhoidal ligation, foreign body removal, PEG tube insertion etc.

Please visit Dr. Ganiyat Oyeleke's website at:  
<https://www.worldgastroenterology.org/education-and-training/training-centers/centers/lagos-training-center>

By: Caitlin Brandstatter

### e-WGN submissions for 2024

The e-WGN EPOV form has changed. Please use the online submission form using the following link:  
<https://form.jotform.com/231257798490064>.

You can find all submission instructions and it will make sure you will have all needed components prior submission.

Below are the dates for 2024 submissions:

#### Issue 1

Content Deadline – January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Publication Date – March 13, 2024

#### Issue 2

Content Deadline – April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Publication Date – June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### Issue 3

Content Deadline – July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Publication Date – September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### Issue 4

Content Deadline – October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Publication Date – December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024



By: Elly Ogutu

## WGO Nairobi Training Center

Dr. Elly Ogutu shared his Training Center package for the Nairobi's Training Center.

### Training application process and requirements:

- Candidates interested in applying please send the application with an updated CV to the Director (Dr. Elly Ogutu at [eogutu.otieno@gmail.com](mailto:eogutu.otieno@gmail.com), and copied the administrator Stephen Onyango at [sa.onyango74@gmail.com](mailto:sa.onyango74@gmail.com).
- The CV is reviewed by a panel and those who meet the requirements are considered on merit.
- There have been too many applications, the training center is considering introducing an additional oral interview.

### Requirements for fellowship training in gastroenterology:

- Applicants must have a basic degree in medicine.
- Applicants must have a master's degree in internal medical or surgical specialty.
- Registered or eligible for registration by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and dentist board.
- Applicants must be ready to be a full-time trainee and be part of the gastroenterology department of Kenyatta National Hospital.
- Duration of training 2 years with an optional additional 1 year for advanced specialized training.

### Technology and Procedures

#### Technology used:

- Onsite and online training: for case and topic discussions, literature review, journal club.
- Hands-on endoscopy training with consultant gastroenterologist in attendance.
- Regular workshops 2-3 per year on procedures with invited experts.

#### Procedures taught:

- Upper & lower git endoscopy: Diagnostic and therapeutic.
- ERCP a bit in the second year but, is reserved mainly for the third year: All aspects of ERCP.
- EUS during organized workshops.
- Liver biopsy.

#### Note:

The training center is starting a rotation in abdominal ultrasound.

The training center does not offer motility and Ph studies.



By: Dr. Luis Carlos Sabbagh

## The latest breaking news of the day WGO Bogotá Training Center



### Message from Dr Sabbagh to you:

A New Year is like a blank book, and the pen is in your hands. As the New Year approaches us with hopes anew, here is to wish you and your family a wonderful year ahead. I hope it is filled with promises of a brighter tomorrow. May all your wildest dreams manifest in 2024.

New year, new start. ... Wishing you all a very Happy New Year! from our family to yours!



Dr. Sabbagh will be celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary course February 1, 2, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024. As follows is the flyer, please share the information.



On Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Dr. Sabbagh will have an Endosonography course from A to Z in Cartagena, Colombia.



By: Ellist Muniz

## 2024 Update... things to know and keep in mind

### Committees Meeting

If you are part of a committee, please be aware all committee meetings should be scheduled at least 4 times in 2024 during the months of March, June, September, and December. All meetings should be scheduled from 8:00 am CST and onward.

### Training Center Website Update

We need the following information from all the Directors and Co-Directors:

- Your latest Training Center update, this include and not limited to:
  - Training Process
  - Training Application and Requirements
  - Technology used.
  - Procedures taught.

### WGO 2023 Training Center Annual Report Application, WGO 2024 Educational Activity Application, and WGO 2024 Trainee Grants Program Application

During the first quarter of 2023 we emailed the Training Center Annual Report Application, Educational Activity Application and Training Grants Program Application **all in one e-mail**.

In January 2024, please be aware we will send one e-mail with all three applications. Please be responsive in terms of your Annual Report. It is imperative that we receive the information in a timely manner. The Annual Report is due **February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

### IMPORTANT

When forwarding the Trainee Grants Program Application to the trainees please help them understand:

- All suggested applicants can apply.
- Directors / Co-Directors will confirm that the applicant(s) has completed the course / training as scheduled.
- Applying does not guarantee the applicant will receive the award / grant.



May 2024 be a successful and fruitful year.