

By: Ellist L. Muñiz

### Brasilia Training Center

The latest updates in July

Dr. Liliana Mendes said they are very happy to be part of the World Gastroenterology Organization (WGO). The inauguration of a WGO training center for gastroenterology, digestive endoscopy and hepatology was held on July 15, 2023, in the capital of Brazil, in a private hospital complex of Rede D'or São Luiz in Brasília.

The WGO goes further, seeking to bring the best medical training to the most remote areas of the planet. Teaching how to teach and to improve the world touched and moved us. We wanted to be a part of it, said Dr. Mendes.

Dr. Mendes received at the inauguration ceremony the honorable presence of Prof. Guilherme Macedo, President of the WGO, and Prof. Susana Lopes, Co-Director of the WGO Training Center in Porto, Portugal. The day after the inauguration, the team had a dynamic in teaching stations with instructors from the Training Center Brasília WGO in endoscopic procedures, paracentesis and an artificial intelligence station, the station of the future.



Brasilia Training Center: Training Center in Brasilia was inaugurated as a World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) Training Center on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

By: Dr. Liliana Mendes

### Know about Brazil

The latest updates to get you through the day

Brazil is a country with more than 203 million inhabitants and divided into 5 regions. There are an estimated 2.81 gastroenterologists per 100,000 inhabitants of 5997 specialists, with heterogeneous performance scenarios. The southeast region has 49.2% of specialists and the mid-west region has 8.6% of gastroenterologists. The other northeast, south, and north regions have respectively 21%, 18.1%, and 3.1% of specialists.

DF Star, Hospital Santa Helena, Hospital Santa Luzia, and Hospital do Coração.

The training center manage to perform all the most complex procedures in hepatology, gastroenterology, and digestive endoscopy and build multidisciplinary events with interface specialties such as oncology, radiointervention, and intensive care is in the schedule.



The Brazilian Federation of Gastroenterology (FBG) is going through a unique moment, with strategic planning linked to Fundação Dom Cabral. Taking the best medical education to the interior areas of the states is one of the priority strategic goals. Receiving support from the Brazilian Federation of Gastroenterology currently is fundamental.

In the Brasilia Training Center, the same team of gastroenterology, hepatology, and digestive endoscopy work in all four hospitals:



### Brasilia Training Center

“Quote”

Dr. Liliana Mendes

“We are all stronger together and the Brasilia Training Center is to you, for you and for all of us”.

### Myanmar Training Center

The latest updates

Prof. Than Than Aye

Myanmar Training Center is in the process of having a remote training for all new Endo-Nurses.

### 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.

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**Myanmar Training Center**  
The latest updates

PROF. THAN THAN AYE

Prof. Than Than Aye, Director at Yangon, Myanmar Training Center

Prof. Than Than Aye is the Director of Myanmar Training Center (TC). There are three Co-Directors: Dr. Thein Htut, Prof. Moe Myint Aung, and Prof. Win Phyu Phyu Myint. They are all working together as a team in participating and creating a remote training for all new Endo-Nurses.

On July 17, Associate Prof. Chris Hair, Dianne Jones, Prof. Than Than Aye, Dr. Luis C. Sabbagh, Mrs. Marissa López, Dr. Chit Kyi, Prof. Win Phyu Phyu Myint and Prof. Moe Myint Aung met through Zoom to brainstorm on the re-remote training for all new Endo-Nurses. It was a successful meeting. The remote training request is for teaching the basic tools used daily until everyone is competent.

Associate Prof. Chris Hair and Dianne Jones were willing to assist with development of a remote training program for Myanmar nurses. Unfortunately, they are unable to further participate at this stage.

The plan was to start the 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 Muniz will forward the information to the appropriate area.

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**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. Stay tuned, more information to come.



Porto Training Center

By: Prof. Guilherme Macedo

**WGO Porto Training Center**

The latest updates to get you through the day

The Porto Gastroenterology and Hepatology Training Center has been holding extremely diverse and intensive regular programs on Education, covering many different areas within GI universe, while maintaining a highly productive performance in clinical assistance and academic activities. In the second half of this year, we are providing several masterclasses, hands on courses and live demonstration, said Prof. Macedo. The best examples of these activities are the Proctology Masterclass (3rd edition). Hepatology Clinical Preceptorship (11th edition), as well. The Pancreato-Biliary Summit with the ERCP hands-on course, and the first

edition of the new Precision Medicine Unit Masterclass, the Artificial Intelligence and Big Data in Digestive Healthcare initiative. The programs are developed within the local Faculty, and with the active involvement of well-known players in the respective areas of interest, such as Marc Giovanninni, Jacques Deviere and Cecilio Santander.

Prof. Macedo said that every year they find new milestones to reach out. This type of energy nourishes the Training Center members, which makes everyone to feel engaged, and motivated to fulfill WGO's missions.

**Doenças inflamatórias intestinais têm tratamento.**  
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Heleno Dias, Lívia Azevedo, Stefania Gabriel, Zuleica Bortoli, Renata Filard, Luciana Campos, Ingrid Medeiros e Nayara Garvalho. Esses são alguns dos especialistas do time que cuida de Doenças Inflamatórias Intestinais na regional Distrito Federal e estão à disposição para consultas e tratamentos.

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# Brasília



On the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of September Brasilia Training Center had a Preceptorship in inflammatory bowel disease at Saint Helen Hospital.

## Brasilia Training Center

The latest updates to get you through the day



Dr. Liliana Mendes

More news from Brasilia Training Center...

On the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of September the Brasilia Training Center had a preceptorship in inflammatory bowel disease at Saint Helen Hospital

The course carried out with the institutional support of the D' or network and the participation of the Jansen Laboratory with 12 doctors from all over the country to exchange experiences.

Did you know Dr. Liliana Mendes, Dr. Mario Reis along with Dr. Cássia Leal did a Liver Show?

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By: Mario Reis Alvares-da-Silva

### Porto Alegre Training Center The latest updates

The WGO Porto Alegre Hepatology Training Center continues to regularly receive trainees from all over Brazil and abroad. Recently, Dr. Almendra Gómez Sánchez Quiróz, from Lima, stayed two months in Porto Alegre, from June to July.

Also, in June, the TC promoted, in the city of São Paulo, the 15th Joint Meeting Liver, bringing together specialists in Gastroenterology and Hepatology from all over Brazil for two days dedicated to the discussion of difficult cases in the management of liver diseases as well as the most controversial topics in Hepatology in 2023.

At the beginning of August, the Training Center received Dr. Ezequiel Ridruejo, from Buenos Aires, who joined local professors for an advanced course on hepatocellular carcinoma dedicated to systemic therapy. The course, lasting two days, was immersion for trainees, bringing together hepatologists, surgeons, pathologists, oncologists, and radiologists in the discussion of the topic.



WGO Porto Alegre Hepatology Training Center continues to receive trainees.



**Porto Alegre**



By: Prof. Guilherme Macedo - [more news](#)

## Third Edition of the Pancreatobiliary Summit



Live Course in ERCP and EUS in Porto: brothers in arms

The WGO Porto Gastroenterology and Hepatology Training Center, proudly ran its 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Pancreatobiliary Summit, on September 15-16<sup>th</sup>, devoted to demonstration, during live performances, of the endoscopic (interventional EUS and ERCP) management of difficult clinical conditions.

Once again, a series of acute and chronic patients were treated in live sessions by the local

faculty members and 2 special guest friends of our Training Center, widely known experts in the field, Prof Marc Giovannini and Prof Jacques Deviere. In front of a live audience of 100 attendees, largely compound of fellows, residents, and national experts in pancreatobiliary diseases (including some dedicated surgeons and radiologists), there was room for vast discussion and interaction. Mostly focused not only on the tips and tricks that the advanced endoscopic procedures demand, but also on the algorithmic approach and corresponding sound clinical decisions that the integrative sessions was able to provide.

There was also simultaneous live streaming to 2 other continents, embracing Luanda, Angola (Dr. Elm Brandao) and Brasilia WGO Training Center (Prof. Liliana Mendes), where different professionals were able to follow in real-time what was happening throughout the first day. The second day was dedicated to hands-on training in ERCP models for the trainees attending this course. The outstanding performances and the high level of educational clues that are generally provided, have been making this Summit an acknowledged and revered Course by many, to which our team has been devoting great efforts and engagement. The wonderful feedback we've had is always an important drive for the future, especially gratifying for all of us involved in such unique and demanding forms of teaching, said Prof. Macedo.



WGO Mexico City Training Center: Director Dr. Miguel Angel Ramirez Luna and Co-Director Dr. Enrique Coss.

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## Mexico City Training Center

The latest updates to get you through the day

Mexico City Training Center is located at the "Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Médicas y Nutrición". The Training Center is composed of the Departments of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy, GI Motility and GI molecular labs, as well as the Medical and Surgical Skills Center.

The Training Center has received inquiries from future trainees wanting to know about the training that can be offer at Mexico City Training Center. The center can offer hands-on training, recognized by the "Universidad Nacional Autonomá of Mexico".

The center trains many individuals with limited space, trains national and international trainees for university courses. The center trains in motility, endoscopy, and video capsule endoscopy, ultrasound, and ECHO endoscopy.

If anyone is interested in participating in a training at the Mexico City Training Center, please send an email to Dr. Miguel Angel Ramirez Luna at [mangelramirez@yahoo.com](mailto:mangelramirez@yahoo.com). Your email should be specific, indicating your interest and a Resume (CV) attached to the email. Please be aware the next availability will be in March 2025.

By: Dr. Abdelmounem E. Abdo

## The Latest Update

### WGO Khartoum Training Center

Sudan faced by war on April 15, 2023, with huge fighting going on in capital of Sudan where most specialized health services are located, as a gastroenterologist.

In the first weeks of war our main concern was the involvement in management of war related trauma, under difficult situations as most of the health services were collapsed in Khartoum.

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, we lost one of the leaders of gastroenterology and medicine Dr. Bushra Ibnauf Suleiman who has been stabbed as part of war related violence. After the first month of the war most of the population of Khartoum displaced to other regions in Sudan, there after we start to think about missing Gastroenterology services management of gastrointestinal bleeding, management of biliary obstruction, and gastrointestinal malignancies, said Dr. Abdo.

The Khartoum WGO training center was situated in Khartoum within the premises of the National Center for Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases (NCGLD) - Ibn Sina Gastroenterology Center since January 2015.

The WGO Khartoum training center was performing the training activities in Ibn Sina Gastroenterology Center apart from this center the NCGLD has other 6 centers located in different regions in Sudan, one of them - the Gezira Center for Gastro-intestinal Endoscopy and Laparoscopic Surgery (GGELS), it is the only training center that is credited for gastroenterology fellowship program outside Khartoum. After discontinuation of health services in Khartoum due to war. The staff of the WGO training center decided not to give up and to reinstate some of gastro-enterology services which is not available in other parts of Sudan.

The NCGLD moved to Madani and worked together with GGELS and Gezira and Federal Ministry of health to reinstate the gastroenterology services. Before the war began, we were working hard to start the management of emergency gastrointestinal bleeding, but this was delayed due to many challenges related to the availability of endoscopy equipment's and running cost of running free emergency gastrointestinal bleeding management. After the war started, we managed to start on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 24/7. Emergency gastrointestinal bleeding service. As of today, we managed 200 patients free of charge including endoscopy and intervention with 0 % mortality, said Dr. Abdo.

This service was not available overall Sudan and was available just in Khartoum in Mohamed Salih Idris Bleeding Center managing 3,000 a year 70% of the patients have portal hypertension secondary to schistosomiasis and a 75% of them from Gezira State.

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, we started the ERCP service and referred clinics hepatology, gastroenterology, and specialized portal hypertension clinic. In addition, to the surgery clinics, hepatobiliary, upper gastrointestinal, lower gastrointestinal, and as of today we did 200 ERCP cases, 80% of them not from Gezira State, we placed 15 self-expandable metallic stents and 15 oesophageal metallic stent. Furthermore, to the provision of training of successful training of 2 young gastroenterologists, and nursing staff in ERCP and oesophageal stenting, said Dr. Abdo.

The surgical and anesthesia team from the NCGLD started to handle the war victims of liver, complex duodenal and pancreatic injuries. Then established hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery services at Gezira Hospital for Renal Diseases and Surgery and Sudanese British Hospital as we are in process of equipping our Modular operation room theaters.

To be continue.... read below



By: Dr. Abdelmounem E. Abdo

## More to read...

### WGO Khartoum Training Center

The hepatobiliary and pancreatic have a HBP surgery team including senior consultant "HBP surgeon", HBP anesthesiologist and more than 6 seniors' registers.

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, we did the first Whipple's operation, and now we cross 30 Whipple. Our team did more than 100 hepatobiliary operations, most of it was hepatobiliary malignancy including Whipple's - hepatectomies for HCC and Hilar cholangiocarcinoma, Radical cholecystectomy, distal pancreatectomies. In addition, to some cases of pediatric hepatobiliary diseases (hepatoblastoma).

We are at the final stage of starting the full gastroenterology medical and surgical services. Despite the war our staff of the WGO training center celebrated the world hepatitis Day in Atbara city, which was appreciated by coalition of for global hepatitis elimination and the invited minister of health Sudan to give 3 minutes video recorded talk about Sudan efforts in elimination of hepatitis. In the second meeting of the UN Group of Friends to Eliminate Hepatitis convened as UNGA side event on September 22<sup>nd</sup> in New York City.

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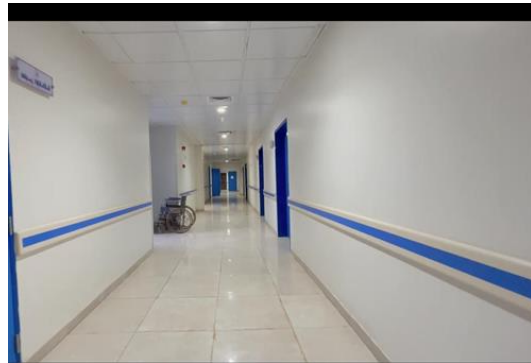
### **The Latest Update**

#### **WGO Khartoum Training Center**

Nothing will stop us from serving our people, providing the best standard of care regardless of the political and economic situation. “We are ready to overcome any obstacles”, said Dr. Abdo.



Our Condolences to  
Dr. Bushra Ibnauf Suleiman’s family



### **Highlights**

**Congratulations** to the following two training centers that nominated participants for the upcoming Train the Trainers course in India:

WGO Cairo Training Center  
WGO Nairobi Training Center

We encourage all training centers to nominate participants for future Train the Trainers workshops.



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## **Train the Trainers (other than, Training Centers updates)**

### **Pereira, Colombia**

On August 16-18, Milly Gonzalez, our Education / Meetings Manager, and I attended the Train the Trainers event. Mrs. González is the liaison of Train the Trainers (TTT) Committee; she assisted in every way to help the event be one of the most successful events. There are so many pieces that are attached to the events, however, Mrs. Gonzalez, as usual, made it seamless.

Prof. Kelly W. Burak, chair of the TTT Committee, couldn't be happier to see how successful the course turned out. Just to mention a few attendees that are part of the faculty, Dr. Luis C.

Sabbagh, Prof. Carolina Olano, Dr. Maria Teresa Galiano, Prof. Albis Cecilia Hani de Ardila, Prof. Luis F. Lara, Dr. William Otero, Prof. Alejandro Piscoya, Prof. Mario Reis Alvares-da-Silva, and Prof. Jose Maria Sanguinetti (known as Pepe) were the instructors and Professor Burak's right hand. What a team! When you work as a team - great things happen. Thank you, well done.

Expect the unexpected! An earthquake of 6.1 magnitude occurred during our stay. The earthquake struck at 12:04 pm, during one of the sessions. Everyone was safe, no danger, other than the fear of the unexpected. After the earthquake, we learned about some anecdotes on a previous earthquake.