The Puerto Rico Gastroenterological Association will celebrate its 21th Digestive Diseases of the Caribbean (DDC) on March 16-19, 2017. Our Society has been blessed by the genuine dedication and vision of our 25 past presidents who have led the Puerto Rico Gastroenterology Association for over 60 years.

The Scientific Committee of the PR Gastroenterology Association has prepared an exciting and unique scientific program which includes lectures on clinical challenges most GI physicians encounter within their practice. Topics that will be discussed include diseases of the Upper Gut, Large and Small bowel, Inflammatory Bowel diseases, GI Oncology and Hepatology. To continue with our tradition for our premiere biannual GI event we are honored with the presence of 12 of the most renowned gastroenterologists, hepatologists, surgeons and pathologists in the world. Their commitment to education, knowledge and research experience positions them in a unique group within the world’s GI community. We will be able to learn from outstanding speakers and will exchange our opinions and questions directly with the leaders of their respective fields.

In our continuing commitment to the education of our Gastroenterology Fellows, the Puerto Rico Gastroenterological Association will include in our Scientific Program a Gastroenterology Fellows Research Competition, moderated by Drs. Samuel Rivera and Karla Amaral. The first two winners from the Gastroenterology Fellows Research Competition will present at the plenary session during which the Dr. Juan Tomasini Clinical Research Awards will be given.

We have also designed an educational program for our gastroenterology nurses during DDC 2017, The Endoscopy Nurses Symposium. Dr. Priscilla Magno will be directing the Endoscopy Nurses Symposium during which our gastroenterology nurses will receive state-of-the-art lectures on relevant endoscopic related topics.

We will continue with our tradition of entertaining social activities for our members and guests that will be as exciting as previous years. Beginning with a relaxing welcoming reception, followed by the DDC’17 Wine Experience Event, coordinated by our past-president Dr. Wilfredo Pagani. We will culminate with the Presidents’ Gala Night.

It is with great pleasure that the Scientific Committee and the Board of Directors of the Puerto Rico Gastroenterological Association invite you to celebrate our 21th Digestive Diseases of the Caribbean Symposium.

Best wishes,

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PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM:

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017
7:00 pm Welcome to DDC 2017 - Ivan Antúnez, MD
7:15 pm Inaugural Lecture by Dr. Michael Camilleri, AGA Past-President
Overlooked, Overused and Emerging Treatments in Irritable Bowel Syndrome

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017
7:00 - 7:50 am Registration
7:50 - 8:00 am Welcome and Goals for DDC 2017
Iván Antúnez, MD

SESSION 1: THE UPPER GUT • Moderator: Carlos Micames, MD
8:00 - 8:30 am What to Do with Unresponsive Gastroesophageal Reflux?
John Clarke, MD
8:30 - 9:00 am The Significance of Esophageal Intestinal Metaplasia:
A Necessary Prerequisite for Barrett Esophagus
John Goldblum, MD
9:00 - 9:30 am A Systematic Approach to Achalasia - John Clarke, MD
9:30 - 10:00 am Update in Gastroparesis: Kinetics vs. Blockers
Michael Camilleri, MD
10:00 - 10:30 am Break

SESSION 2: THE LARGE BOWEL • Moderator: Priscilla Magno, MD
10:30 - 11:00 am Management of Anal Diseases: Hemorrhoids, Fissures, Anal Cancer - Juan Nogueras, MD
11:00 - 11:30 am Microscopic Colitis: Beyond the Naked Eye
Sheila Crowe, MD
11:30 - 12:00 pm Minimally Invasive Surgery for Malignant and Non-malignant Colorectal Diseases in 2017 - Juan Nogueras, MD
12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch

SESSION 3: INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE AND SMALL BOWEL ENTEROPATHIES • Moderator: Victor Carlo, MD
1:00 - 1:30 pm Evidenced-Based Behavioral Interventions for Management of IBD - David Schwartz, MD
1:30 - 2:00 pm IBD-Related Dysplasia: A Pathologist’s Perspective
John Goldblum, MD
2:00 - 2:30 pm Inflammatory Bowel Disease: Challenges in Diagnosis & Treatment - David Schwartz, MD
2:30 - 3:00 pm Diet, Allergies and Celiac Disease: Myths and Facts
Sheila Crowe, MD
3:00 - 3:30 pm Break

SESSION 4- GASTROINTESTINAL ONCOLOGY • Moderator: Marcia Cruz-Correa, MD, PhD
3:30 - 4:00 pm Gastric Cancer in Latin America: Screening and Prevention
Douglas Morgan, MD
4:00 - 4:30 pm Colorectal Cancer Screening: New National Guidelines, What’s In and What’s Out?
Douglas Robertson, MD
4:30 - 5:00 pm Helicobacter Pylori Resistance: An Emerging Trend
Douglas Morgan, MD
5:00 - 5:30 pm Evidenced Based Surveillance Practice
Douglas Robertson, MD
5:30 pm Adjourn
SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017
SESSION 5: UPDATE IN LIVER DISEASES •
Moderator – Bárbara Rosado, MD

7:30 - 8:30 am  Registration
8:30 - 9:00 am  Update in the Management of Primary Billiary Cholangitis - Cynthia Levy, MD
9:00 - 9:30 am  Surveillance, Diagnosis and Treatment of Hepatocellular Carcinoma - Lewis Roberts, MD
9:30 - 10:00 am  How to Deal with the Symptoms and Consequences of Cholestasis - Cynthia Levy, MD
10:00 - 10:30 am  Diagnosis, Staging and Treatment of Cholangiocarcinoma - Lewis Roberts, MD
10:30 - 11:00 am  Break

SESSION 6: UPDATE IN LIVER DISEASES II •
Moderator: Federico Rodríguez, MD

11:00 - 11:30 am  Management of Patients with Chronic Hepatitis B - Anna Lok, MD
11:30 - 12:00 pm  Treatment of Hepatitis C in Patients with Cirrhosis and with Renal Disorders - Steven Flamm, MD
12:00 - 12:30 pm  Management of Hepatitis B in Pregnancy - Anna Lok, MD
12:30 - 1:00 pm  Dealing with Viral Resistance in Hepatitis C Treatment Failures to Direct Active Agents - Steven Flamm, MD
1:00 - 2:00 pm  Lunch

SESSION 7: GI FELLOWS SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATION •
Moderators: Samuel Rivera, MD and Karla Amaral, MD
2:00 - 4:00 pm  Judges: Kermit Richiez, MD, & Guest Faculty

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

8:30 - 9:00 am  Registration

GASTROENTEROLOGY FELLOWS SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS & AWARD CEREMONY • Moderator: Roberto Casanova, MD
9:00 - 9:20 am  GI Fellow Presentation
9:20 - 9:40 am  GI Fellow Presentation
9:45 - 10:00 am  Dr. Juan Tomasini Clinical Research Awards
10:00 - 12:00 pm  Case Presentations
   Featuring Audience Response System
SOCIAL PROGRAM

THURSDAY MARCH 16, 2017
6:00 pm  Welcome Reception & Dinner
Meet your peers and enjoy
the evening in a casual ambiance

FRIDAY MARCH 17, 2017
5:30 pm  6th DDC Wine Experience

SATURDAY MARCH 18, 2017
8:00 pm  Presidents Gala Night
Dinner / Dance (Semi-Formal Attire)

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:
- CME Certificate
- Continental breakfasts, coffee breaks & lunches
- Social events

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