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Dear Prof. Craxi,

We are writing to provide you an update on the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG2017 (WCOG at ACG2017) in Orlando, Florida, October 13 – 18, 2017, and to alert you to an important deadline regarding the Call for Abstracts.

The [Call for Abstracts](#) deadline is fast approaching. Anyone interested in presenting their research must submit their abstract ONLINE no later than **Monday, June 5, 11:59 pm (U.S. Eastern Time)**. Abstracts are only accepted online.

There will be more than 40 abstract awards offered. The Abstract Review Committee will meet in mid-June to finalize scoring of the abstracts and identify those abstracts to be presented as a free paper/oral paper or as a poster presentation. For individuals whose English is not their first language and/or who are seeking assistance in refining their abstract submission, we have contracted with Enago which can offer editing services for a nominal fee.

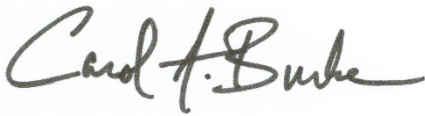
This year's WCOG at ACG2017 will feature a number of **sessions either in Spanish or presented in English and simultaneously interpreted into Spanish (headsets available)**. The most notable of these sessions will be the **"Best of Original Latin American Research (Free Papers/Abstract Presentations)"** session on Wednesday, October 18. All standard format abstracts submitted from Latin American countries will be considered for presentation in this session (please note that abstracts must be submitted in English). If selected, the presenting author will be invited to attend the meeting and present their research in Spanish. **We strongly encourage researchers from Latin America to submit their research which will then automatically be considered for this session.**

The [Advance Registration Program](#) is now available online. This 40-page brochure features the agendas for Friday courses, the Postgraduate Course, and the Scientific Meeting. You can also learn more about the Call for Abstracts, the Hands-on Endoscopy Workshop Center, special events for GI fellows-in-training, registration information, and what to do and see in Orlando.

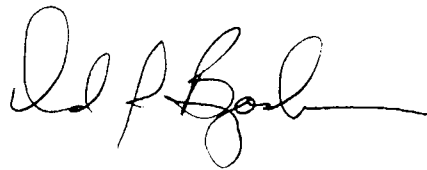
We highlighted in our earlier letter the numerous theme parks and other attractions in Orlando. The WCOG at ACG2017 website has been updated to provide additional information on popular attractions as well as suggestions for first-time visitors on what to see and do. You can learn more at the [Explore Orlando](https://www.mydisneygroup.com/acg2017/) page. Walt Disney World has created a special website for WCOG at ACG2017, and attendees can purchase discounted tickets when they use following link: <https://www.mydisneygroup.com/acg2017/>.

We ask if you could please share the meeting dates and details above with your members and post the link, [worldcongressACG2017.org](https://www.worldcongressACG2017.org), to your website. Included with this letter is an ad that can be placed on your website to help promote Call for Abstracts. If there is any additional information you need, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,



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