



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **3rd International Teaching Course on Gastrointestinal Endoscopy**

**Athens, January 23 – 24, 2015**

With the presence of the **Deputy Head Mission of the Embassy of Japan in Hellas, Mr. Takero Mori**, was completed the **3<sup>rd</sup> International Teaching Course on Gastrointestinal Endoscopy**, which was held at the **Experimental-Research Center of ELPEN** and organized in cooperation with the **Endoscopic Section of the Hellenic Society of Gastroenterology (HSG)** and the **Hellenic Society of Gastrointestinal Oncology (HSGO)**. The **44 trainees** from Greece, Cyprus and other European countries (Germany, Spain and Czech Republic), who participated in this **Course of high scientific interest**, had the honor to be presented with their Continuing Medical Education (CME) accreditation certificate of attendance by the honorable, **Mr. Mori**. **The teaching Course took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2015, under the auspices of European Society of Digestive Oncology (ESDO) and the European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE).**

The participants attended **2.5-hour lectures**, followed by a **6-hour hands-on practice in modern endoscopic techniques** taught, amongst others, by **internationally acclaimed Gastroenterologists, Prof. Hiroshi Kashida** (Kinki University, School of Medicine, Osaka, Japan), **Yoriaki Komeda**, (MD, Kinki University, Department of Gastroenterology, Osaka, Japan), **Takaturo Fukuhara** (MD, Department of Molecular Genetics, Institute for Biomedical Science, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (3<sup>rd</sup> Department of Internal Medicine, Kansai Medical University) and **Arjun Koch** (MD, Erasmus University, Medical Center, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.)

The Course was organized by **Dimitrios Christodoulou**, MD, PhD, President of the Endoscopy Section, Hellenic Society of Gastroenterology Associate Professor of Gastroenterology, University of Ioannina, Greece, **Konstantinos Delis**, MD, PhD, Director of Department of Gastroenterology, ("Metropolitan" Hospital), **Panagiotis Kasapidis**, MD, PhD, Director, Department of Gastroenterology "Central Clinic", Athens, Professor **Ioannis Triantafillidis**, MD, PhD, President of the Hellenic Society of Gastrointestinal Oncology, Director of IBD Department, "Iaso" General Hospital, Athens, **George Tribonias**, MD, PhD, Gastroenterologist, and **Apostolos Papalois**, PhD, KGSJ, Director of the Experimental-Research Center ELPEN, Visiting Professor, Harvard Medical School.

Gastroenterologists who participated in the Course as Instructors, Speakers and Coordinators are: **S.P. Bassioukas, T. Bech, D. Christodoulou, K. Delis, T. Fukuhara, P. Kasapidis, H. Kashida, A.D. Koch, A. Kofokotsios, Y. Komeda, S. Michopoulos, M. Panos, B. Panteris, A. Pantes, G. Stefanides, J.K. Triantafyllidis, K. Triantafyllou, G. Tribonias, N. Viazis, Ms. K. Paraskeva and the Oncologist, P. Michelakos.**

The presented **endoscopic techniques**, in which all 44 participants were trained, constitute the most **Advanced Knowledge** in the field of **Gastroenterology** and include Endoscopic Mucosal Resection (EMR), Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD), Clipping-Stenting Techniques, and Endoscopic Polypectomy, Peroral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM).

The **Scientific–Organizing Committee** of the **International Course** noted, *“The internationally acclaimed scientists from Japan and the Netherlands, the **state-of-the-art research Center** and the **specialized scientific staff** of **ELPEN** rendered this Course an actual **model of medical training**. We have every intention of repeating the Course in the future, aiming at offering even more Gastroenterologists the opportunity to become familiar with and be informed about the latest developments in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.”*

*“The presence of the honorable **Mr. Mori**, the **four distinguished scientists** from **Japan and the Netherlands** as well as all eminent **Greek Gastroenterologists**, showcases **ELPEN’s** commitment to continue offering **high-level partnerships** to the scientific community that expand scientific knowledge and contribute to the **continuing medical education**. We are honored that we, too, have contributed to organizing a world-class teaching course for the third time since 2009. The appreciation of all participants lays the foundations for the repetition of the Course in the imminent future”, stated **Mr. A. Papalois**, Biologist, PhD, Director of the Experimental-Research Center **ELPEN**.*