



## **REPORT**

### **2nd International Teaching Course on Gastrointestinal Endoscopy**

*The Experimental-Research Center of ELPEN in cooperation with the Endoscopic Section of the Hellenic Society of Gastroenterology and the Hellenic Society of Gastrointestinal Oncology contribute to continuing medical education*

The completion of the **2<sup>nd</sup> International Teaching Course on Gastrointestinal Endoscopy**, 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)**, was marked with the presence of the **Japanese Ambassador to Greece, Mr. Masuo Nishibayashi**. The **44 trainees** from Greece, Cyprus and other European countries (Germany), 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 **ambassador, Mr. Nishibayashi**. The teaching Course took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2014, **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 two **internationally acclaimed Gastroenterologists** from Osaka, Japan: Mr. **Takatara 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 Mr. **Yoriaki Komeda**, MD, MSc, Wakakusa Daiichi Hospital, Department of Gastroenterology (Endoscopic Center). The Course was organized by **Konstantinos Delis**, MD, PhD, Director of Department of Gastroenterology, ("Metropolitan" Hospital), **Panagiotis Kasapidis**, MD, PhD, President of the Endoscopy Section, Hellenic Society of Gastroenterology ("Central Clinic", Athens), **Ioannis Triantafyllidis**, MD, PhD, President of the Hellenic Society of Gastrointestinal Oncology, (Director of IBD Dept., "Iaso" General Hospital), **George Tribonias**, MD, PhD, Gastroenterologist, and **Apostolos Papalois**, PhD, KGSJ, Director of the Experimental-Research Center ELPEN. Gastroenterologists **Mr. G. Alexandrakis**, **Mr. J. Vlachogiannakos**, **Mr. K. Delis**, **Mr. P. Kasapidis**, **Mr. S. Bassioulas**, **Mr. D. Xinopoulos**, **Mr. M. Panos**, **Ms. K. Paraskeva**, **Mr. K. Triantafyllou**, **I. Triantafyllidis**, **Mr. G. Tribonias**, **Mr. Ch. Tzathas**, **Mr. D. Christodoulou** and the Oncologist, **Mr. P. Michelakos** participated in the Course as Instructors, Speakers and Coordinators.

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, Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatogram (ERCP).

The **Scientific–Organizing Committee** of the **International Course** noted, “*The internationally acclaimed scientists from Japan, the **state-of-the-art research Center** and the **specialized scientific staff** of **ELPEN** rendered this Course an actual **model of 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 **Japanese Ambassador to Greece**, the **two distinguished scientists** from **Japan** and 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 second 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**.*