

**Summary of the UEGW Postgraduate Course at the
8th AMAGE Congress, Addis Ababa
July 6 2017**

The UEGW Postgraduate Course took place at one of the well-appointed Conference rooms of the United Nations Conference Centre, Addis Ababa on July 6 2017. This was the opening day of the 8th AMAGE conference and was dedicated to the Gastroenterology-Foundation-of-SSA-sponsored Best of UEG Week Postgraduate Teaching Course - the first of its kind in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA).

The Course ran a full day and ended with important take-home-lessons.

An introductory talk by Chris Kassianides, Chairman of the Gastroenterology Foundation of SSA, at 9.00 am, outlined the visions and progress the Foundation had made in SSA and future meetings in store.

Chairmen for the Sessions were drawn from both the Foundation's Trustees and the membership of the Ethiopian Gastroenterology Association.

The Course ran six sessions which were devoted to luminal GI issues and included trends in peptic ulcer disease, Barrett's oesophagus, quality control in Endoscopy and an educative session on the approach to commonly observed benign Gastric polyps. Other sessions included liver related issues such as an approach to portal hypertension and variceal

bleeding and updates on the management of hepatic encephalopathy.

Each session was ended after a Q and A. The video presentations were technically of the highest standard and well received.

Attendance by more than 150 persons (the facility had to be upgraded to a larger capacity by the end of the first sessions) and included gastroenterologists, surgeons, fellows, medical students and nurses.

The Course gave a befitting take-off to the Congress, providing a good academic diet from top experts in the respective fields.

All credits go to the Foundation for facilitating this important meeting and the start of what we hope will be a long and productive association with the United European Gastroenterology.

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