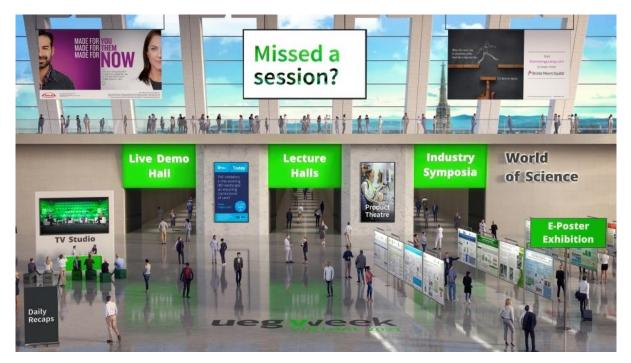




Dear friends and colleagues,

We are nearing the finish line with our preparations for UEG Week Virtual 2021 and are impressed by just how many enthusiastic people are involved: from the many volunteers in our committees, to our professional staff at our office in Vienna, and finally to the eager audience that soon will join live and engage via our platform.

I am very much looking forward to scientific exchange at the highest level with breaking news from the world of digestive health, renowned guests in the Vienna-based TV Studio and exciting (new) formats that increase interactivity.



You should already tune in on Saturday (October 2) evening not to miss the UEG Week Premiere with some exciting previews, greetings from the GI community and the presidential address, the very first live broadcast from our Vienna TV Studio. The official start of the scientific programme, the Opening Session will take place on Sunday (October 3).

Celebrate the winners of our prestigious awards (Lifetime Achievement Award and Journal Best Paper Award) during the UEG Week Tonight Shows on Sunday and Monday and the Research Prize during the UEG Research Prize Session!

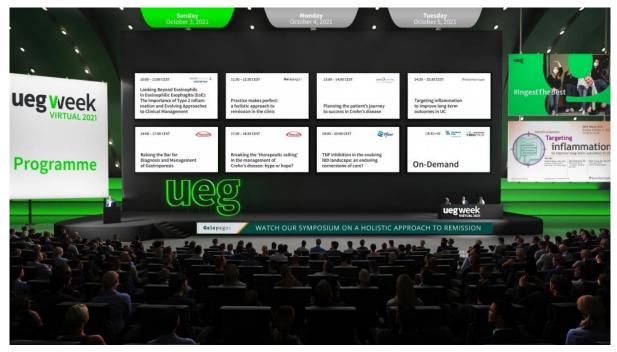
This year, there will be even more audience participation, for example in the Expert Encore Sessions, which offer additional discussion time with the faculty. In the last time slot both on Sunday and Monday stay on after the regular presentation and enjoy Q&A time for an additional 30 minutes to ask your questions and hear what else the experts have to say.

We also have exciting new topics in the myUEG Community Programme where we invite you to join the discussion. You don't even need to switch on your microphone or camera but can casually take part using the Q&A and voting tools. I would especially like to recommend the session with my successor, Vice President Helena Cortez Pinto where you can discuss with her what you think should be on UEG's Strategic Plan in the next years.

Are you now a bit overwhelmed by what we will offer? Try the Pathways Tool, which is integrated into the online programme as in previous years, to filter for interesting sessions. As always, UEG Week participants can also view all sessions shortly after they took place on the UEG Week platform and later in the UEG Library at no additional cost.

What should not be forgotten is our renowned Postgraduate Teaching Programme. From October 22-23, the virtual programme offers two days of excellent continuing medical education that focuses on relevance to day-to-day clinical practice, provides profound updates on the latest developments in GI and hepatology, and offers career tips in our four new Grow with UEG - From trainee to consultant sessions.

As with UEG Week (accredited by EACCME® with 24 CME points), you can earn 11 points for attending the PGT. Also, the 3-year curriculum has returned and will follow the curriculum for year 1 in 2021.



Finally, on behalf of UEG I would like to thank all partners for UEG Week Virtual 2021. Again, leading companies in the field of digestive health will be present and will give updates on the latest and greatest new therapies and product innovations from across the globe. UEG Week would not be possible without their support.

Even though it is a virtual congress, I hope to interact with as many of you as possible. It is only through the participation of the community that UEG Week is such a unique and valuable event for all of us. Please have a look at our very affordable congress fees – we want to make it as easy as possible for everyone to participate and therefore offer price reductions for junior professionals, colleagues from low-income countries and allied health professionals, because they are a very important part of our community.

In the future, we want to pursue this community idea even more strongly and – I can confirm already now – we have been working on taking the myUEG Community to the next level for quite some time and I am very excited to be able to present our innovations to you still this year! The myUEG Community will provide a unique and extraordinary opportunity for individuals engaged in digestive health to get connected, to network and develop the field of digestive health across borders and not limited to focused scientific areas.

Kind regards,

Axel Dignass UEG President

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