



I'm writing this letter not only to the younger generation of digestive health professionals, but I also recognise how crucial it is for the seniors to inform their more junior colleagues about the support UEG may provide for their clinical, academic and professional development.

And this does not just apply to young GIs, many of our offers are without age restriction and open to any [myUEG Associate](#) who wants to expand their knowledge and advance their career.

Indeed, there are a **lot of opportunities to benefit from UEG right now** – just make sure you are not late!

The deadline for [abstract submission to UEG Week](#), which is already on **April 28**, is essential! Submit your research and also remind your colleagues, the submission is completely free and can have a lot of advantages (including being eligible for one of 510 [Travel Grants](#)). In addition, [trainees, PhD students and undergraduate students benefit from reduced rates](#) to attend our congress! Please check whether you qualify for the [International Scholarship](#)

Award to get additional funding for attending UEG Week if you reside in a low-income country.

Submit your abstract



We are passionate about education & networking

Just a week ago, I had the pleasure to chair two meetings that were incredibly satisfying and interesting: the **Young Talent Group** (YTG) meeting and the **Friends of YTG** meeting. The Friends of YTG are the junior representatives of **UEG's Member Societies**, whereas the YTG is a smaller working group dedicated to supporting the younger generation of digestive health professionals. Making new connections and exchanging ideas with people from all around Europe and the Mediterranean region was a wonderful opportunity.

Among other things, we discussed the **Career Development** programme, an educational activity that helps you increase your skills and your network. The topic **Academia & research – How to get into an academic pathway** has recently started and you can still join Level 1 before we move on to Level 2 in the beginning of June. In this course, both clinicians and basic scientists can get tips on

- how to start and improve their research
- how clinical trials work
- how to apply for grants
- how to get funded
- how to engage with industry

The course on **Connect & Collaborate – How to network effectively** will launch in just a few weeks. We all know how important networking is for academics and I promise you will get some great tips there!

Speaking of networking: If you have not tried it yet, you must join [My Connect](#), UEG's exclusive and secure networking platform for searching and linking with international digestive health professionals. It is not only for gastroenterologists – basic researchers, surgeons, pathologists, primary care physicians, etc. with an interest in digestive health belong to the [myUEG Community](#), too! For young GIs there is also a [dedicated group](#) where we can exchange ideas with each other.

Join us!

The support that young GIs need

What is more, the YTG and I are particularly proud of the first [Young GI Webinar | Building your medical toolbox: Endoscopy](#). It will take place on **Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 17:30 – 18:30 CEST** and we are looking forward to your active participation (not so-young GIs can of course also participate)! Please spread the word.

Soon, also the application for our popular [Clinical Visiting Fellowships](#) will open – myUEG Young GI Associates can apply from May 2 to July 27 to **spend 2 weeks at a renowned European training centre** in 2024. Each awardee **receives € 1,250** to contribute to travel and accommodation expenses.

And finally, I would like to recommend the [Masterclass on Chronic Pancreatitis](#), for which you can apply until June 16.

Check out the highlights for young GIs

I would like to thank all young GIs for their participation, feedback and enthusiasm, and the senior specialists for their contribution as teachers and mentors in all these programmes, for their willingness to share their knowledge and experience, and for recognising that in UEG the different generations of digestive health specialists do not compete with, but complement and benefit from each other.

Best wishes,

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