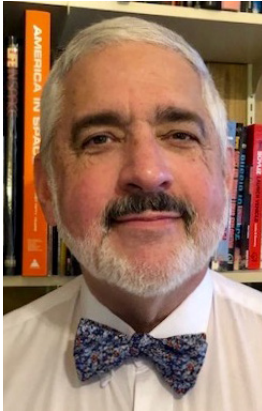


WELCOME MESSAGE

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Dear Colleague,

The OAG has reached a significant milestone and is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. To give us the best opportunity for a safe in-person celebration, we have decided to switch our event dates and host the International Symposium on Liver and IBD Review in the Fall, and our in-person Annual Conference in the Spring.

I would like to invite you to attend our second virtual International Symposium on Liver and IBD Review scheduled for November 20-21, 2021. Who knew that this pandemic would still be driving OAG meeting planning! COVID-19 has been a focus of our lives and clinical practice for the last eighteen months, but we have learned to live with preventative measures and restrictions to keep ourselves, our families, staff, and patients safe and healthy.

While the pandemic has forced us to move to a virtual environment, we have designed a two-day program featuring both Canadian and International experts to offer us thought-provoking presentations on Liver and IBD that your organizing committee feels will be beneficial to your clinical practice. Our debate and case-based presentations on both Liver and IBD promise to be once again lively and interactive.

As with our past virtual events, we will continue an interactive Virtual Networking Hall to facilitate a fun one-on-one touchpoint with our generous sponsors during our Coffee/Bio Breaks. Please take advantage of this opportunity and show them your appreciation. We also plan to offer the Mystery Box draw and encourage you to participate via our gamification app while spending time with our sponsors in the Virtual Networking Hall. To meet our Association's legal obligations, we will be hosting our Annual General Meeting of members during this event.

Last fall, we included an option to register for industry-sponsored mini-GI symposia, to provide an opportunity to further learn and engage with our sponsors. We will again provide these concurrent sessions on Saturday and encourage advanced registration to secure your spot.

The organizing committee members are very excited about the program we have planned for you and look forward to seeing you in November, albeit virtually!

Warm regards,

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