

Message from President of ISG

As you have probably guessed, with the second wave of COVID upon us and the increasing restrictions, it will not be possible to have a face to face meeting of the joint Irish Society of Gastroenterology and Irish Association of Coloproctology on the 12th and 13th of November as planned. I am sure you are as disappointed as we are as we were looking forward to meeting each other face to face and networking between our two societies. Instead, the meeting will now take place as a virtual event on the afternoons of the 12th and 13th of November. We hope that you will join us to make this a successful event in the face of all the challenges we are facing daily.

Please consider taking these two half days off as study leave as we have an amazing program lined up for you. One of the most famous gastroenterologists internationally, Doug Rex from Indiana and President elect of the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy will give us tips on resecting large colonic polyps. And on the subject of colon polyps, we will also be hearing from Kieran Sheehan (Dublin) and Robin Kennedy (St Marks). There will be two talks on colorectal cancer, ie the use of colonic stents and the changing demographic of colorectal cancer from Jo Vandervoort (Belgium) and Matt Rutter (Newcastle). Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao from Yale will be updating us on portal hypertension. Michael Wallace, editor of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy will look into the future with artificial intelligence and endoscopy. David Jones from Newcastle will tell us about what is new in primary biliary cholangitis. The new epidemic of fatty liver will be discussed by Ian Rowe from Leeds. There will be a talk on pancreatitis from the inspirational Amritha Sethi (New York). Inflammatory bowel disease will be covered by Remo Pannaccione (Calgary) and its management in pregnancy by Catherine Nelson-Piercy from London. There will also be oral abstract presentations from our up and coming young investigators. Posters will be available to view electronically.

We do hope that you will join us and look forward to your participation virtually.

Best wishes.

Tony Tham, President ISG

John Burke, Secretary, IACP (Irish Association of Coloproctology)