

Training Centers Latest News & Bulletin Updates

By: Dr. Abdelmounem Abdo

WGO Khartoum Training Center The latest updates

Dr. Abdelmounem Abdo, Director of WGO Khartoum Training Center, Consultant Physician and Gastroenterologist General Director of the National Center of Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases, had the World Hepatitis Day event 26-27 of July 2024, despite of the war they were celebrating “World Hepatitis Day”.

World Hepatitis Day is observed annually to bring awareness about the disease. The participation is crucial in combating hepatitis in Sudan. By spreading awareness, encouraging early screening, supporting treatment programs, promoting prevention methods, and providing support to those affected, the individual’s participation can make a significant impact.



Date	Time	Event	Target Audience	Location/Platform
Saturday, 27 July 2024	11:00 AM – 06:00 PM	Free Testing and Vaccination Booth	General Public	Altrifi Hotel, Kassala
	02:00 PM – 05:25 PM	Scientific Symposium	Healthcare Professionals	Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/826284565487?pwd=F2FMc3EhMkQ7bnE5eUR0R0EwYVp0c0h6.1
Sunday, 28 July 2024	09:00 AM – 02:00 PM	Free Testing and Vaccination Booth	General Public	Altrifi Hotel, Kassala
	10:00 AM – 11:05 AM	Inaugural Ceremony	Stakeholders	
	11:05 AM – 11:30 AM	Break		
	11:30 AM – 01:30 PM	Webinar: Community and Health Care Webinar	Healthcare Workers, Officials, Stakeholders	Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93436368588?pwd=QWVhMmE5eUR0R0EwYVp0c0h6.1



TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
2:00 - 2:20	Registration	
2:20 - 2:30	Welcome & Introduction	Dr. Abdelmounem Abdo
First Session with Chair persons: Prof. Taj aldeen & Dr. Amira Abbas		
2:30 - 2:50	Orientation about HBV	Dr. Hala Ibrahim
2:50 - 3:20	HBV Survey - Kassala, Aldamar, Atbara	Dr. Waffa, Dr. Jalal, Dr. Hala
3:20 - 3:40	Updated HBV Guidelines	Dr. Radwan Mustafa
3:40 - 3:55	Discussion	
3:55 - 4:25	BREAK (Launch & Prayers)	
Second Session with Chair persons: Dr. Atta & Dr. Nazar		
4:25 - 4:45	Updated HCV Guidelines	Dr. Salahdeen Dafallah
4:45 - 5:05	Hepatitis and War	Dr. Fardous Abubaker
5:05 - 5:10	HBV Poem (ويا كبدى)	Dr. Maha Alshafee
5:10 - 5:25	Discussion	Chair persons



Director of the National Center for Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases	10:00AM - 10:05AM
President of the Sudanese Society of Gastroenterology	10:05AM - 10:10AM
Vice Director of the General Directorate of Primary Health Care	10:10AM - 10:15AM
Director of the General Directorate of Primary Health Care	10:15AM - 10:20AM
Director of Communicable Diseases Control Directorate	10:20AM - 10:25AM
Representative of the World Health Organization	10:25AM - 10:35AM
Minister of Health - Kassala State	10:35AM - 10:45AM
Federal Minister of Health	10:45AM - 10:55AM
Governor of Kassala State	10:55AM - 11:05AM

WGO Blantyre Training Center
New Director
As of August 24th, 2024
Professor Alexander Stockdale

Myanmar Training Center
The latest updates
Prof. Than Than Aye
Endoscopy Nurses and Doctors Training
Will be announced soon

WGO Khartoum Training Center
The latest updates
Dr. Abdelmounem Abdo
World Hepatitis Day
26-27 July, 2024

By: Dr. Abdelmounem Abdo

Cont... with WGO Khartoum Training Center

We congratulate Dr. Abdelmounem Abdo for the wonderful program that was held on July 26-27. Great job!

National Center for Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases
WEBINAR PART OF THE PROGRAM
Chairperson: Dr. Amira Abbas Fadl

Sudan's Strategy for Combating Viral Hepatitis, Key Features, Achievements, and the Way Forwards, by: Dr. Sara Azhari	Director of communicable disease control directorate	11:30AM - 11:50AM
Viral Hepatitis Elimination: Recent Updates, Pending Updates, by: Dr. Tariq Abdalla Abdalrahim	National Hepatitis Consultant	11:50AM - 12:20PM
The Role of the World Health Organization and Coalition for Global Hepatitis in Eliminating Viral Hepatitis, by: Dr. John Ward	Director of the Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination at the Task Force for Global Health	12:20PM - 12:40PM
Hepatitis B Virus in Sudan, by: Dr. Hala Ibrahim	Consultant Physician and Gastroenterologist National Center for Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases	12:40PM - 01:00PM
Discussion with the Public		01:30PM - 01:30PM

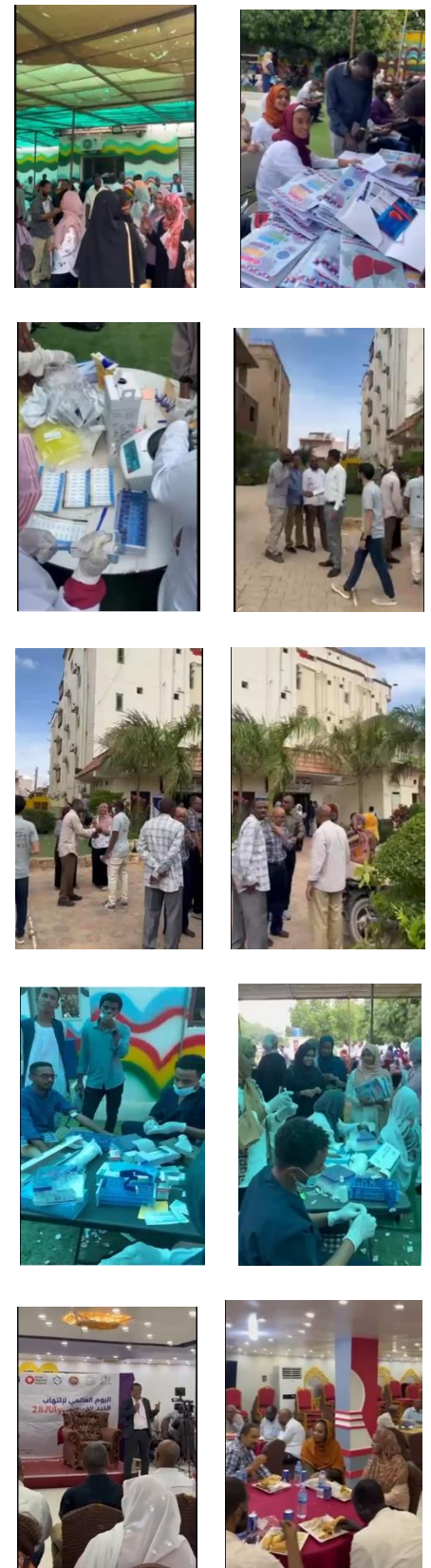
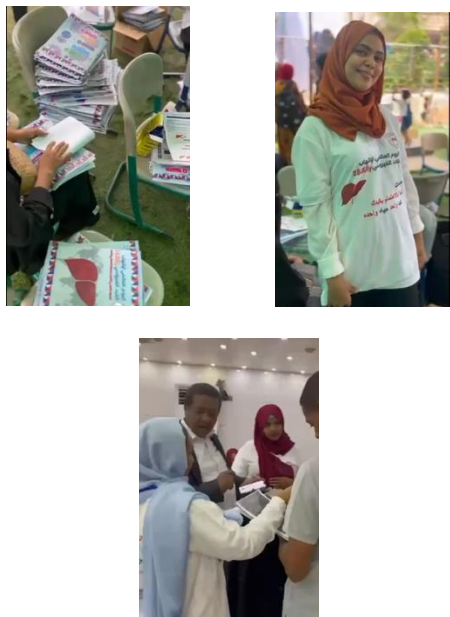
Logos: SAMASU, World Hepatitis Alliance, WHO, UNICEF, etc.

By: Dr. Abdelmounem Abdo

Cont..WGO Khartoum Training Center



Young colleagues were motivated at World Hepatitis event in Sudan



Ankara Training Center

By: Ellist L. Muñiz

Myanmar Training Center

The latest updates to get you through the day

Professor Than Than Aye, Director of WGO Myanmar Training Center has submitted her proposal regarding the **Endoscopy Nurses and Doctors Training**. The training will be held prior to the end of 2024. When the nurses undergo training, it will

improve their skills and knowledge of the job and build their confidence in their abilities. The training will allow them to work more efficiently and effectively. **Stay tuned - Training will be announced soon!** Thank you to Professor Nonthalee Pausawasdi and Dr. Sneha John, who will partake as speakers.



By: Dr. Luis C. Sabbagh

WGO Blantyre Training Center

Please welcome Dr. Alexander Stockdale.



As of August 24, 2024, Dr. Alexander Stockdale, MBChB, MRes, PhD, DTM&H, MRCP (Inf. Dis.), a Senior Clinical Lecturer and Consultant Physician, Clinical Infection, Microbiology & Immunology, has accepted to be the Director of WGO Blantyre Training Center in Malawi. Dr. Stockdale is a clinical researcher with a focus on viral hepatitis and HIV in Africa. He has worked in Blantyre, Malawi at the Malawi-Liverpool-Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Programme between 2017-2019 as part of a Wellcome Trust Clinical ThD Fellowship, studying the epidemiology of hepatitis B and C and opportunities for a viral hepatitis treatment programme and is returning to Malawi from 2024.

Dr. Stockdale has trained in Edinburgh and Cambridge and have previously worked as a medical officer in rural Kenya.

He was an NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow between 2013-2015 studying HIV and hepatitis B co-infection in Ghana, and from 2015-2019 he was a Wellcome Clinical PhD Fellow in Liverpool and Malawi.

Dr. Stockdale is looking forward to work with WGO through MLW and Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Malawi. He is eager to continue the engagement with WGO and work to develop training in hepatology for physicians in Blantyre and beyond, throughout Malawi. He has run annual training courses on the practical management of liver disease in Malawi for several years and hopes to continue and expand this training, complemented with endoscopy training supported by WGO and the British Society of Gastroenterology. He has completed all the information that was required by WGO.

By: Dr. Luis C. Sabbagh

Cont...WGO Blantyre Training Center

It is WGO's and Dr. Luis Carlos Sabbagh's pleasure to welcomed Dr. Alexander Stockdale to the WGO Blantyre Training Center. Dr. Stockdale has been engaged for the past few years and will continue his engagement with WGO Blantyre Training Center. He will use a clear, structured approach to do all training as required and projects. The Training Center is to facilitate, educate, shape, and tone the participant's skills. Clarifying what exactly the needs are, helping the participants to gain new tools and information will make it an unforgettable training. Most importantly gearing towards an effective training that would impact the trainee's learning, engagement, experience, and interest.

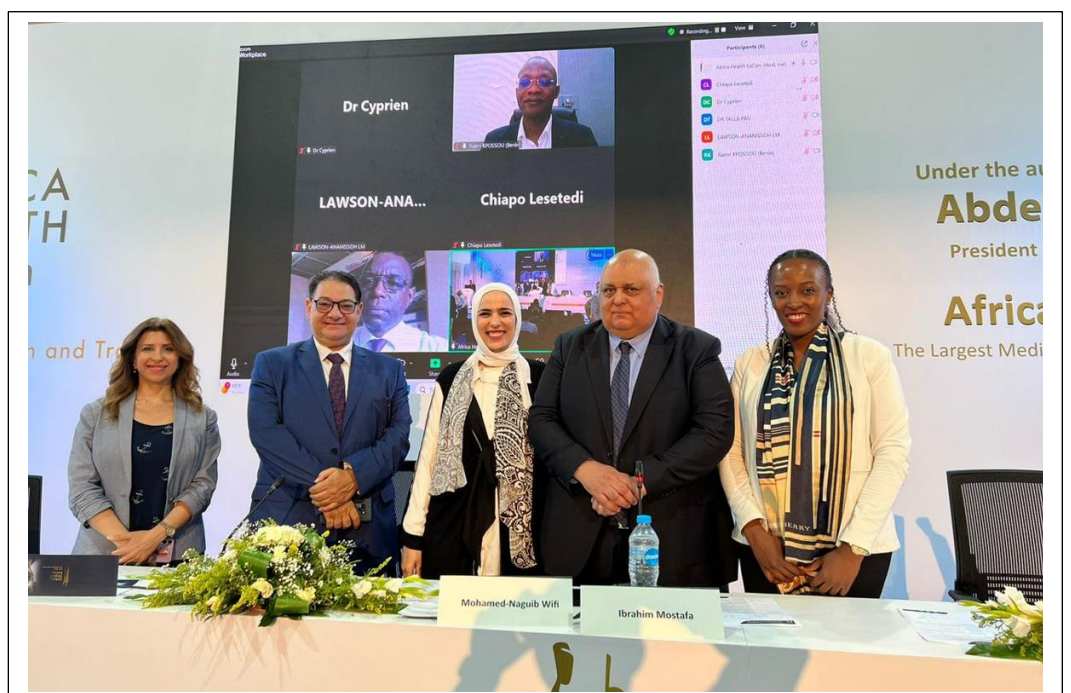
Dr. Luis Carlos Sabbagh wants to thank Professor Melita Gordon for all the years of service as the Director of Blantyre Training Center up-to August 23rd, 2024. It was a pleasure working with Professor Melita Gordon. We wish Professor Gordon all the best.

By: Professor Ibrahim Mostafa

WGO Cairo Training Center

In the GIT program of the Africa Health Excon 2024, Professor Ibrahim Mostafa had 11 speakers and chairpersons from 10 African nations, including Sudan, Kenya, Togo, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Benin, Rwanda, Nigeria, Uganda, and Botswana, presenting 11 lectures on the topics of colorectal cancer and H. Pylori.

Each speaker presented the topic of their lecture from the point of view of a physician in their country, describing what data they have on the status of colorectal cancer and H. pylori and how their countries deal with them differently from other nations. We also discussed the challenges and limitations each country has. For example, Professor Mostafa indicate they were surprised to know that there isn't a single place in Togo to do polypectomy. They also discussed how they can provide the endoscopy training required for the detection of colorectal cancer. Moreover, they discussed how different countries deal with H. pylori and what types of antibiotic treatment are provided by each country.



By: Professor Ibrahim Mostafa

More about Cairo Training Center

At the end of each session, they set a group of recommendations aiming to improve the quality of healthcare service in concern:

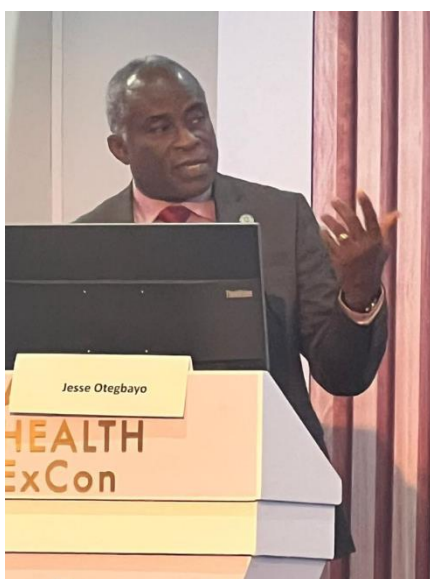
Colorectal cancer:

1. Recommend inaugurating an African colorectal cancer group and inviting the attending faculty and guests to be members.
2. Provide more basic endoscopy training for African doctors in countries that have equipment but need physician training.
3. Create awareness and screening programs for CRC tailored to resources for each country.
4. Raise awareness about the challenges facing African countries in the global community through international GI organizations, aiming for more support for research and training.



H. Pylori:

1. Creation of the H. Pylori research group.
2. Raising awareness about the importance of primary prevention of infection.
3. Studying the pattern of antibiotic resistance in each country.
4. More concern should be given to a new group of acid-suppressing agents, such as PCABs, which, in combination with antibiotics, can give better eradication rates.
5. Suggest creating a multicenter study for the eradication of H. pylori in African countries, with results to be presented next year.



By: Professor Liliana Mendes

WGO Brasilia Training Center

WGO Brasilia Training Center carried out training in bile ducts and pancreas in April 2024 and multidisciplinary discussions were held with surgeons from different areas, radio-interventionalists, hepatologists, gastroenterologists. They also had a meeting in endoscopic approach to the small intestine and another meeting in Cholangioscopy for endoscopists organized by Dr. Ariana Cadurin, Lucas Nova, Flavio Ejima and Hugo Guedes.

In this year we begun to receive students from Latin America (Dr. Christian Martruz from Chile, Dr. Claudia Chamby from Peru) and Brazil for fellowship in endoscopy, ERCP and Gastroenterology /Hepatology, said Professor Mendes.



By: Professor Liliana Mendes

WGO Brasilia Training Center

The latest updates to get you through the day



The French gastroenterologist Jacques Caroli, first described in 1958, Caroli's disease, consisting of a rare congenital malformation with multifocal segmental dilation of the intrahepatic bile ducts

associated with lithiasis, cholangitis, hepatic biliary abscesses, renal tubular ectasia or similar cystic kidney disease. Caroli syndrome is the association between Caroli disease and congenital liver fibrosis.

The following cases were discussed at the scheduled event shown below:

1. CEP
2. Liver Transplant
3. Proximal Cholangiocarcinoma
4. Cholangiocarcinoma Clinical Case
5. Clinical case Iatrogenic bile duct injury
6. Pancreatic Cancer

By: Professor Liliana Mendes

WGO Brasilia Training Center The latest update

The use of RE in other hepatic malignancies such as colorectal liver metastases has been evaluated with a phase III clinical trial, randomising patients to first-line chemotherapy alone vs. chemotherapy and RE. The results showed no improvement in overall PFS at any site; however, there was a significant delay in progression within the liver. A systematic review by Al-Adra et al. reported a mean OS in patients with unresectable cholangiocarcinoma treated with RE therapy of 15.5 months

The reported survival is favourable in comparison to the previously reported median OS of 11.7 months in patients

with advanced BTC treated with cisplatin/gemcitabine chemotherapy; therefore, within the limits of the evidence available, RE may be a potential treatment option.



By: Professor Liliana Mendes

WGO Brasilia Training Center More about Brasilia Training Center



By: Professor Liliana Mendes

WGO Brasilia Training Center The latest update

Case 1 - CEP

Is there an indication for an endoscopic approach until diagnostic and therapeutic definition?

In principle, surgery can treat biliary obstruction without endoscopic procedures

Case 2 – Hepatic TX ad Biliary Stenosis

In the management of biliary stricture, what type of stent is indicated and what precautions should be taken during the peri-procedure and follow-up?

Benign lesions = fully covered or plastic stents

If intrahepatic above the bifurcation = plastic

Case 3 - Perihilar Colangio and Biliary Stenosis

Forty-four out of 328 patients undergoing resection for pCCA had a positive proximal IFS. An additional resection was performed in 35 out of 44 (79.5%) patients, which was negative in 24 (68.6%) patients.

There were only 17 patients (out of a total of 328 patients) that potentially benefitted from routine IFS. Additional resection for a positive IFS leading to R0 resection was not associated with improved long-term survival.

Comparative studies between systemic chemotherapy and RE are limited to single-centre, non-randomised studies or in the retrospective setting.

Case 4 - Distal cholangiocarcinoma

What is the ideal strategy for lymphadenectomy during surgery: standard regional, extended or fluorescence-guided?

According to staging, the best option is standard lymphadenectomy (hepatic hilum and hepatic artery).

Case 5 - Iatrogenic bile duct injury

Is there room for the use of magnets in this treatment?

Technique not widely used

Case 6 - Pancreas Cancer

What are the differences between gastropancreatic and pancreatico-jejunal anastomosis? Single and short biliopancreatic loop or double Roux-en-Y loop?

In each group of comparisons, there was no definitive conclusion to be made on superiority of reconstruction.

By: Professor Liliana Mendes

WGO Brasilia Training Center More Photos



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DATA: 20/06/2024
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Training Center's Anniversary

1 year Anniversary for Brasilia Training Center

20 - 24 years Anniversary - Cairo, Rabat, Karachi & South Africa Training Center

Training Center	Country	Inaugurated as a WGO Training Center	Years
Addis Ababa	Ethiopia	April 18th, 2015	9
Ankara	Turkey	December 10th, 2013 & Relaunch on April 10th, 2015	9
Blantyre	Malawi	May 10th, 2016	8
Cairo	Egypt	March 1st, 2004	20
Khartoum	Sudan	January 10th, 2015	9
Lagos	Nigeria	April 18th, 2015	9
Nairobi	Kenya	May 6th, 2016	8
Rabat	Morocco	Jan--2003	21
SAGES-ADD	South Africa	June 23rd, 2000	24
Bogotá	Colombia	August 6th, 2008	16
Brasilia	Brazil	7/15/2023	1 in Jul
La Paz	Bolivia	March 14th, 2005	19
La Plata	Argentina	March 21st, 2007	17
Mexico City	Mexico	July 28th, 2008	16
Porto Alegre	Brazil	November 30th, 2012	12
San José	Costa Rica	March 5th, 2010	14
Bangkok	Thailand	March 20th, 2006	18
Karachi	Pakistan	May --- 2003	21
Suva	Fiji	October 26th, 2008	16
Xi'an	China	March 20th, 2015	9
Yangon	Myanmar	March 16th, 2015	9
New Delhi	India	April 26th, 2015	9
Porto	Portugal	June 9th, 2015	9
Rome	Italy	May 11th, 2006	18



By: Ellist L. Muñiz

e-WGN - To all Directors and Co-Directors

Things to keep in mind

The e-WGN EPOV form has changed.

Please use the online submission form using the following link:
<https://form.jotform.com/231257798490064>.

You can find all submission instructions and it will make sure you will have all needed components prior submission.

Below are the dates for 2024 submissions:

Issue 4

Content Deadline - October 11th, 2024
Publication Date - December 11th, 2024



By: Professor Nonthalee Pausawasdi

WGO Bangkok Training Center Photos

Professor Nonthalee Pausawasdi has had a few workshops activities, conferences, and seminars such as at the Siriraj GI Endoscopy Center and other locations. As followed are the topics that were discussed / shared with the participants:

- Spiral Enteroscopy
- Live demonstration of Endo-bariatric procedure
- Siriraj-Nagoya Endoscopy Seminar 2024
- Siriraj ESD Workshop 2024
- Live demonstration for Singapore GI-Hep conference July 2024
- Live demonstration for HITEC, Baltimore, USA - September 224



Siriraj-Nagoya Endoscopy Seminar 2024



Siriraj ESD Workshop 2024



Live demonstration for Singapore GI-Hep conference July 2024



Siriraj GI Endoscopy Center

LIVED DEMONSTRATION AND WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES IN 2023-2024



Live demonstration for HITEC, Baltimore, USA September 2024



Spiral Enteroscopy



Live demonstration of Endobariatric procedure

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Siriraj GI Endoscopy Center Current trainees in 2024

Currently number of students Training in 2024	Number of months you are Training in 2024 the student?	1 - 2 Years Training, If so since when?	Additional Comment
GI fellow =18 (6 trainees/year)	12	2 years training Start in July	-2nd year fellows of 2023 graduated in Jun 2024
MIS surgery Fellow = 9 (3 trainees/year)	12	2 years training Start in July	-1st year fellows of 2023 have continued training in 2024
Colorectal surgery Fellow = 6 (2 trainees/year)	12	2 years training Start in July	-1st year fellow of 2024 just starts in Jul 2024
Advanced Endoscopy GI fellow = 4 (2 trainees/year)	12	1 year training Start in August	2 trainees are continuous training from 2023
General surgery Resident =12 (2 trainees/month)	12	1 month rotation for each trainee	2 trainees are going to start training this Aug 2024
Total 49 trainees			

By: Dr. Abdelmounem Abdo

WGO Khartoum Training Center

We begin this newsletter with WGO Khartoum Training Center, and we end our last pages with more information about WGO Khartoum Training Center. It is all about Dr. Abdo.

Dr. Abdelmounem Eltayeib Abdo Gado was invited by Sudanese American Physicians Association (SAPA) to attend their annual conference and to receive a prestigious **Dr. Ali Fadul Memorial Award**. This award is presented annually to a dedicated individual who has made significant contributions to his community and to the medical field in Sudan.

Dr. Abdo attended the conference and Award ceremony on the 14th of September in Chicago. There was a video which will be displayed on social media by WGO.

Dr. Abdo is visiting friends in Flint in Michigan and have a meeting regarding hepatitis in New York on the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Group of Friends to Eliminate Hepatitis that will be convened during the 79th meeting of the U.N. General Assembly on September 23, 2024, at the Yale Club, New York City. He returned to Sudan on the 26th of September. Quite a trip and memories!

Dr. Abdo is very grateful with WGO for all the opportunities and support given to him to pursue his career, serve his country and people, starting from young clinician program in Canada 2005, TTT in Croatia 2008, and the inauguration of Khartoum World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) Training Center with the presence of Professor Emmon Quigley.

WGO Executives Directors, Presidents, Past Presidents, Director, Co-Directors, WGO Staff, and Professor Emmon Quigley congratulates Dr. Abdo on this well-deserved and prestigious award in recognition of his leadership role.



Standing ovation for Dr. Abdo



Congratulations!
Dr. Abdelmounem E. Abdo
WGO Khartoum
Training Center



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