

By: Prof. Mai Ling S. Perman

WGO Suva Training Center The latest updates

The first WGO-ANZGITA Train the Endoscopy Trainers course held in Suva, 24th to 25th of July 2024.

The inaugural Train the Endoscopy Trainers course for the Pacific region was held at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital in Suva over two days in July 2024.

The course dovetailed the end of the month-long ANZGITA-supported Endoscopy Training Course which is held annually at this venue.

Six endoscopy trainers of widely varying experience came from across the Pacific region, with a mixture of physician and surgical endoscopists from Fiji, Vanuatu, Palau, Samoa, and Tonga.

The chief convener was Associate Professor Russell Walmsley from Auckland, New Zealand with local faculty assistance from Dr Mai Ling Perman, co-director WGO Fiji training centre.

The learning objectives of the course were to:

- acquire specific endoscopy room teaching skills
- gain exposure to adult educational concepts
- develop critical reflection skills regarding teaching and clinical practice
- discuss assessment, measurement and development tools in endoscopy.

The 1st day consisted of educational theory and practical skills learning techniques with scenarios based around the Walmsley Endoscopy Training Box and candidates presenting small teaching vignettes. The development of reflective feedback was encouraged, and specific tutorials aimed to equip these potential, and experienced, trainers with a workable Framework of Training to put in place in their home endoscopy units.

During the 2nd day the trainers took turns in teaching one of the ANZGITA Endoscopy Course Trainees, while a second Trainer analysed the teaching episode using the Reflective Feedback techniques learned about on the first day. The remaining candidates watched the teaching interaction via audio-visual link from the theatre allowing ‘on the fly’ reflection and discussion, learning from each other’s experiences.

Very positive feedback from the first set of Endoscopy Trainers to attend such a course was a result of all the hard work of the staff and faculty at the WGO Suva Training Centre to help create a convivial learning environment, despite some challenging technical difficulties.

We hope and expect to be able to build on this foundation to repeat a Train the Endoscopy Trainers course again in 2026.

Candidates using the Walmsley Endoscopy Training Box on the first day of the TET.



Faculty, Trainers the TET, and Endoscopy Trainees



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
Ali Fadul Memorial Award
 September, 2024

By: Dr. Herbert Burgos

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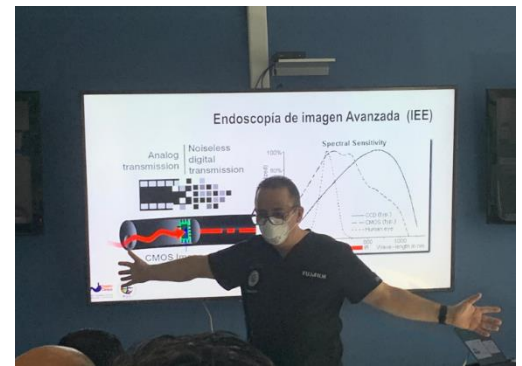
Dr. Herbert Burgos has had lots of on-going training within the facility. Training has been performed to enhance the participants' skills and enlighten their learning. The goal is to reach a state of understanding and increase the participant's knowledge. The learning on image enhanced Endoscopy allows the doctors know how they can do a precise and accurate assessment of the GI diseases and apply this knowledge on decreasing the risk of developing cancer for the patients

Dr. Burgos has been working with international groups. Training initiative is designed and delivered to GI doctors across different countries and regions. The initiative aims to provide consistent and relevant training regardless of their geographic location. The process of transferring practical knowledge within boosts performance and on-the-job capabilities.

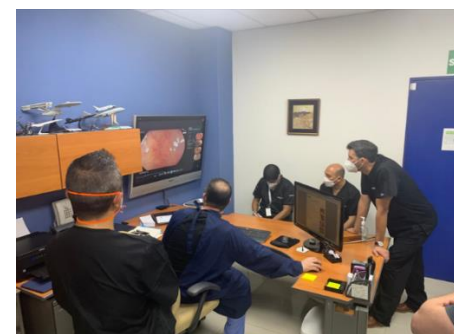


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By: Dr. Miguel Villa-Gomez

WGO La Paz Training Center

WGO La Paz Training Center is in the Bolivian Japanese Gastroenterology Institute in La Paz, which is situated in a University General Hospital. Dr. Miguel Villa-Gomez had a few training activities within his center. Please enjoy the photos.



By: Ellist L. Muñiz

Gastro 2024 - Marrakesh

Gastro 2024, Regional Meeting, was held in Marrakesh. Great venue, food, hospitality, environment, and an attractive 360 Photo Booth, which everyone liked. WGO had a booth in front of the 360 Photo Booth. WGO took tons of photos, of attendees, staff, and faculty. WGO had a World Café area where there were lots of interactions.

As followed, please view some photos from Gastro 2024 event:

WGO Staff



President Elect Prof. Carolina Olano and Prof. Jonathan Leighton



Past- President Prof. Guilherme Macedo



360 Photo Booth

Guess who was on it?



360 Photo Booth / WGO World Café





Training Center	Country	Inaugurated as a WGO Training Center	2024	2025
Addis Ababa	Ethiopia	April 18th, 2015	9	10th
Ankara	Turkey	December 10th, 2013 & Relaunch on April 10th, 2015	9	10th
Blantyre	Malawi	May 10th, 2016	8	
Cairo	Egypt	March 1st, 2004	20	
Khartoum	Sudan	January 10th, 2015	9	10th
Lagos	Nigeria	April 18th, 2015	9	10th
Nairobi	Kenya	May 6th, 2016	8	
Rabat	Morocco	Jan--2003	21	
SAGES-ADD	South Africa	June 23rd, 2000	24	25th
Bogotá	Colombia	August 6th, 2008	16	
Brasília	Brazil	7/15/2023	1	
La Paz	Bolivia	March 14th, 2005	19	20th
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	15th
Bangkok	Thailand	March 20th, 2006	18	
Karachi	Pakistan	May --- 2003	21	
Suva	Fiji	October 26th, 2008	16	
Xi'an	China	March 20th, 2015	9	10th
Yangon	Myanmar	March 16th, 2015	9	10th
New Delhi	India	April 26th, 2015	9	10th
Porto	Portugal	June 9th, 2015	9	10th
Rome	Italy	May 11th, 2006	18	



The New Year is a time to celebrate a fresh start and new opportunities. Lets' all toast to all the Training Centers on their 10th, 15th, 20th and 25th Anniversary. Please join us in giving them a round of applause for their dedication, service, enthusiasm, and for their attention to detail to their patients, and trainees. A great customer service experience is characterized by several qualities, this includes and is not limited to **Empathy** by understanding the patient's and trainee's needs, showing they care. **Professionalism**, being polite, respectful, and competent. Last, but not least, **Knowledgeability**, having the expertise to train, answer questions and resolve issues as they arise. **Congratulations to:** WGO Addis Ababa, WGO and TSG, WGO Khartoum, WGO Lagos, WGO La Paz, WGO Myanmar, WGO New Delhi, WGO Porto, WGO San José, WGO South Africa, and WGO-Xijing Training Centers on their Anniversary.



By: Ellist L. Muñíz

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 2025 submissions:

Issue 1

Content Deadline - 10 January 2025
 Publication Date - 12 March 2025

Issue 2

Content Deadline - 11 April 2025
 Publication Date - 11 June 2025

Issue 3

Content Deadline - 11 July 2025
 Publication Date - 10 September 2025

Issue 4

Content Deadline - 10 October 2025
 Publication Date - 10 December 2025



By: Dr. S. Pabari (Dr. Elly Ogutu)
WGO Nairobi Training Center

A Year of Growth in Gastroenterology Training

In October 2023, five fellows—Dr. Yassir, Dr. Mulongo, Dr. Farida, Dr. Pabari, and Dr. Ijaa—joined the Gastroenterology training program. It's hard to believe it's already been over a year! The journey so far has been an interesting blend of hands-on learning, patient care, and once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

Learning the Art and Science of Gastroenterology

Over the past year, all trainees have been busy learning the ropes of endoscopy, starting with basic upper and lower GI endoscopy and progressing to therapeutic procedures. The trainers—Prof. Ogutu, Dr. Lee, Dr. Onyango, and Dr. Ngugi have been patient and consistent guides, pushing us to grow while providing constant support, said Dr. Sajni Pabari.



2023 - 2025 Trainees with the trainers.

Left - right - Drs. Mulongo, Ijaa, Onyango, Pabari, Gathara, Yassir and Lee.

Aside from the technical skills, we've been deeply involved in patient care, managing cases in the gastroenterology wards, and running the liver and GI clinics. Each week, we also set aside time to work on our research projects, which has been a great way to explore our individual interests within the field, said Dr. Pabari.

As the year progressed, we gained confidence and began performing therapeutic procedures, such as:

- Fixing PEG tubes.
- Managing upper GI bleeding (both variceal and non-variceal).
- Placing esophageal stents.
- Performing polypectomies

It's been rewarding to see our progress and feel more equipped to handle these complex cases.

Workshops That Transformed Our Skills

This year has had several training workshops that helped us refine our techniques:

EUS Training Workshop:

We were lucky to have an EUS workshop led by our very own Prof. Ogutu and Dr. Prakash, along with visiting faculty Dr. Sundeep and Dr. Vinay (India). We had an opportunity to learn the basics to be introduced to advanced techniques like pancreatic biopsies, fluid collection drainage, and palliative gastrojejunostomies.



Dr Yassir being instructed by Prof Ogutu while performing a colonoscopy



Prof. Ogutu passing on EUS skills to Dr Pabari during EUS workshop training

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Seniors (from left -right) - Professor Ogutu, Dr. Vinay Dhir (School of EUS, IDL care Mumbai India) and Dr. Gathara taking a quick break after a successful EUS guided gastro-jejunoscopy stent insertion.

Dr Sundeep Lakhtakia (AIG Hyderabad, India) giving an insightful talk on EUS gastrojejunoscopy technique.



Dr. Lakhtakia (AIG), Dr. Dhir (School of EUS) and Professor Ogutu together with all the trainees and support staff mark the end of the outstanding 2-day EUS workshop.



Colonoscopy Training

In collaboration with AMAGE faculty, we focused on improving our colonoscopy skills, including performing polypectomies. It was hands-on, very interactive and incredibly enriching.



WGO- Nairobi team and visiting AMAGE faculty at the end of an intense and interesting colonoscopy workshop



Professor Ogutu receiving recognition plaque from Professor Elwaki (AMAGE) and Dr. Aljouni (AMAGE)



Dr. Farida, Pabari, Gathara and Maru (Left - right) organizing the AMAGE workshop



Dr. Mulongo performing a polypectomy under the guidance of Professor Thomson (University of Cape Town, S.A)

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Professor Thomson (University of Cape Town, S.A) highlighting good training techniques

Ultrasound Training:

Abdominal ultrasound training with Prof. Shaker gave us a solid foundation as we prepare for our upcoming radiology rotation.

An Unforgettable Experience in Japan

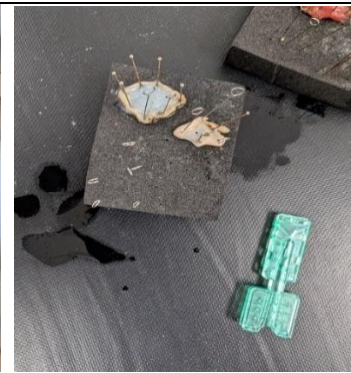
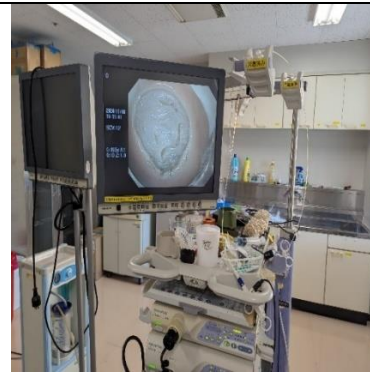
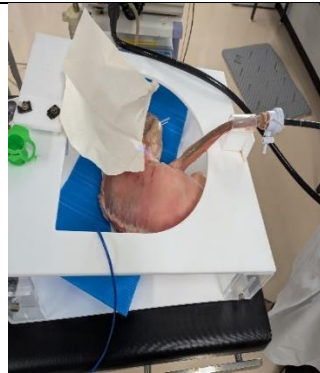
A highlight for three of our fellows this year was the observer-ship training in Kyushu University, Japan. This opportunity, part of an ongoing collaborative project between the Kenyan and Japanese governments, focuses on enhancing gastroenterology training in Kenya. During the program, the fellows learned techniques such as chromoendoscopy, magnification endoscopy, and ESD. We had an opportunity to practice ESD and hemostatic skills like placement of hemoclips on animal models.



*Kenyan doctors welcomed in Kyushu University
From left - right - Drs. Kimutai, Onyango, Mulongo, Pabari, Murithi, Oduor*



Dr Mulongo training on ESD under the guidance of Prof. Moriyama (Kyushu University)



Hands on ESD training at Kyushu University on pig model



Kenyan doctors mark the end of 1-month observer-ship in Kyushu University, Japan

In addition to the observer-ship, we've had the privilege of hosting Japanese faculty at our Center on two occasions this year. They provided hands-on training and lectures, sharing their expertise in both basic and advanced endoscopic procedures.



Kenyatta National Hospital administration and WGO Nairobi team welcome Professor Moriyama (Kyushu University) and Mr. Okaniwa (Japan Ambassador to Kenya)

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Japanese delegation holds talks with Professor Ogutu and Dr. Gathara to further improve gastroenterology training in Kenya



Fellow Dr. Pabari performs balloon dilation under instruction from Japanese team



Professor Moriyama performing a complex colon ESD

WGO Nairobi team with the Kyushu University team

Beyond the technical learning, the cultural exchange added a memorable experience, with fellows exploring Japanese traditions, cuisine, and landmarks. This partnership was an interesting and enriching part of our training program, bridging knowledge and skills across continents.



Gastroenterology fellows enjoying Japanese cuisine and the sites of Tokyo skyline

Looking Back and Moving Forward

It's been an incredible year of learning and growth. Along the way, we've built strong friendships with each other, creating a support system that we know will last far beyond this program. Under the guidance of our trainers and with the inspiration of visiting faculty, we've grown more confident in our abilities and excited for what the new year presents.



WGO Nairobi team celebrates a successful educational year

By: Milly Gonzalez

Dear WGO Committee Members,

The World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) together with Gastroenterological Society of Australia (GESA) have partnered for WCOG@AGW25 (World Congress of Gastroenterology at Australian Gastroenterology Week 2025) in Melbourne, Australia from 19-22 September 2025.

The WCOG@AGW25 Joint Scientific Program Committee kindly ask for your assistance as thought leaders and clinical experts in your area of specialty, to review the submissions of abstracts for this meeting.

If you have not already done so, we strongly encourage you to participate in the review of abstracts for the upcoming congress. Additional details are on the form.

ABSTRACT REVIEWER LINK: <https://form.jotform.com/243406331251142>

Please complete this form by **5 January 2025**.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

We hope you will join the Abstract Review Team!

Thank you.
Warm regards,



By: Dr. Luis Carlos Sabbagh
Chairperson – Training Centers

As we step into 2025, we want to express our gratitude for your hard work and dedication throughout 2024. Wishing you and yours a healthy and prosperous New Year! Best wishes for a year filled with growth, and achievements. It's not only the calendar that changes, but many of us make goals for personal transformation. Suddenly, it has an air of excitement and new possibilities, in the New Year, it feels like the whole world gets a fresh start. The greatest part of celebrating a New Year is appreciating the people near and dear to you. Let's get ready to greet 2025 and cheers to the memories that were made and the moments yet to be created.



Thank you for all that you do!

We are grateful for the time and effort you put into WGO!