



3-5 DECEMBER 2020 PRAGUE CZECH REPUBLIC O₂ UNIVERSUM

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Dear Colleagues,

The profound changes as a consequence of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) infection have impacted all of us but in different ways; nevertheless, the latest developments have forced us to become aware of how fragile, global and complicated our modern world is, and how difficult it is to predict the future. Our thoughts at this stage are with affected patients and healthcare staff.

At this point in time, the Czech Society of Gastroenterology (CSG) and World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) are closely monitoring the developments. In this context, some signs of regression of the pandemic have appeared in recent days. We can only hope that the community of our beloved specialty can return to our normal life and activities in the not-too-distant future.

With this hope, we are continuing to prepare for the GASTRO 2020 meeting in Prague scheduled for 3-5 December, 2020 and jointly sponsored by the WGO and CSG. An overwhelming majority of international speakers have accepted our invitation, and we will soon provide you with a pre-final version of the scientific program.

We hope that all of you coming from various parts of the world are in good health and that together we will celebrate at GASTRO 2020 in Prague this December the recovery from the epidemic, and a comeback to our pre-epidemic professional standards.

With our best regards,

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