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Sketch of International Digestive Endoscopy Network 2012 Meeting: Overview

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International Digestive Endoscopy Network (IDEN) is an international meeting covering scientific subjects of diverse topics about upper gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy, colonoscopy, endoscopic ultrasonography, and PB endoscopy. IDEN is organized by Korean Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and the Korean Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Research Foundation, and took its first step in 2011 in Seoul, Korea. IDEN inaugurated a new era of diagnostic and therapeutic GI endoscopy. IDEN 2012 was designed to offer participants from all over the world with opportunities to share up-to-date knowledge about basic and clinical aspects of GI endoscopy and to engage in in-depth discussion with worldwide well-known experts. During the 2 days of meeting, there were 62 invited lectures, 28 case-based discussions, 20 video lectures, and 6 breakfast with the experts. There were a total of 598 participants registered from 12 countries, including Asian countries, Europe, and USA as well as Korea.

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INTRODUCTION

International Digestive Endoscopy Network (IDEN) is organized by Korean Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (KSGE) and the Korean Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Research Foundation. IDEN took its first step in 2011 in Seoul, Korea. IDEN 2012 (www.iden2012.org) was the second annual meeting, held on June 9 to 10, 2012 at Grand Hilton Hotel Convention Hall, Seoul, Korea. IDEN 2012 was designed to offer participants from all over the world with opportunities to share up-to-date knowledge about basic and clinical aspects of gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy and to engage in in-depth discussion with worldwide well-known experts. The organizing committee had this dream of forming the 'INTERNATIONAL NETWORK' connecting the world through the 'DIGESTIVE ENDOSCOPY'.¹

During IDEN 2012, scientific programs were held in two

or three rooms designated for upper GI (UGI), lower GI (LGI), pancreato-biliary (PB) categories, respectively, as shown in Table 1. Twenty-two speakers were invited from overseas; more specifically, 13 from Japan, five from USA, one from Hong Kong, one from United Kingdom, one from Italy, and one from Belgium. They are all outstanding leaders in their fields of endoscopy. In addition, total of 92 Korean endoscopists participated the event as chairperson, speaker, and/or discussant (Fig. 1).

During the 2 days of meeting, there were 62 invited lectures, 28 case-based discussions, 20 video lectures, and 6 breakfast with the experts. Invited lectures and case-based discussions were grouped into 11 sessions according to their categories. Video lectures were grouped into 5 sessions. In every session, there were enthusiastic discussions with active participation from general audience. Small group participants of breakfast with the experts in early mornings shared their vivid and updated experiences with worldwide experts. There were a total of 598 participants registered from 12 countries, including other Asian countries (Cambodia, Hong Kong, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mongolia, and Vietnam), Europe (Belgium, Italy, and UK), and USA as well as Korea.

A total of 70 abstracts were submitted, and 18 of them were presented at the three video forum sessions in the fields

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Table 1. Scientific Program of International Digestive Endoscopy Network 2012

IDEN 2012 _ Program at a Glance						
Date	June 9 (Sat)		June 10 (Sun)			
Category	UGI	LGI	Pancreato-biliary	UGI	LGI	Pancreato-biliary
Time/Room	Convention Hall A	Convention Hall B	Convention Hall C	Convention Hall A	Convention Hall B	Convention Hall C
08:00-08:50		Registration		07:00-07:50	Breakfast with Experts	
08:50-09:00	Opening ceremony			08:00-08:50	Registration	
09:00-10:45 Session I	Role of endoscopy in GERD and Barrett's esophagus	Colonoscopy in inflammatory bowel disease: what can we do in 2012?	Revival of EPBD: current role for CBD stones	08:30-10:40 Session IV	Issues for tailored ESD	Choosing the right stents for endoscopic stenting of biliary strictures
10:45-11:05	Coffee break			10:40-11:00	Coffee break	
11:05-12:50 Session II	Endoscopy beyond submucosa	A Look into the bowel beyond colon in IBD	Evaluation and tissue acquisition for indeterminate biliopancreatic strictures	11:00-12:00 Video Lecture I	Endoluminal stents: beyond the limit	Advanced techniques for pancreaticobiliary visualization: do we need them and what can be achieved?
12:50-14:00	Luncheon Symposium			12:00-13:00	Luncheon Symposium	
14:00-15:30 Video forum	Endoscopic treatment for stricture and leakage in upper GI	Management of complications in therapeutic colonoscopy	Interesting cases in pancreaticobiliary endoscopy	13:00-14:45 Session V	Management of upper GI bleeding	EUS-guided biliopancreatic drainage: settled down now?
15:30-15:50	Coffee break			14:45-15:05	Coffee break	
15:50-17:40 Session III	How to estimate the invasion depth of early gastrointestinal cancers?	Updates on the evaluation of pancreatic cystic lesions		15:05-16:05 Video Lecture II	Endoscopic management for frustrated situations	How can we overcome the obstacles?
18:00-20:00	Welcome dinner					



Fig. 1. Group photo.

of UGI, LGI, and PB. Videos were of excellent quality showing the highest level of scientific research, skills, and technologies in the practice of endoscopy. Among these 18 abstracts presented at the video forum, 6 outstanding abstracts were selected as the 'Best Video' in three categories of UGI, LGI, and PB. The presenters of each video were awarded a plaque and a prize of 500 US dollars. Fifty-two abstracts were presented as poster presentation during the meeting in the Emerald Hall. Among 152 posters, three outstanding posters were selected as the 'Best Poster' in three categories of UGI, LGI, and PB. The presenters of each poster were also awarded a plaque and a prize of 300 US dollars. Another 12 valuable posters were selected as 'Distinguished Poster.' Twenty-two global and domestic pharmaceutical and medical device companies sponsored the meeting and provided luncheon symposium in the plenary presentation. The exhibition was held at Convention Hall Lobby and Emerald Hall, open to all participants for 2 days.

In the IDEN 2012, all attendees could catch up the latest knowledge and share the newest experience about GI endoscopy through the invited lectures, case discussions, and video lectures. KSGE had taken proud in making such opportunity for attendees. On the 1st day, participants reviewed the role

of endoscopy in gastroesophageal reflux disease;² endoscopic treatment of subepithelial lesions and stricture/leakage; endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) in the estimation of early GI cancers;³ colonoscopy, enteroscopy, and computed tomography/magnetic resonance imaging in inflammatory bowel disease; large balloon dilatation for large bile duct stone; and tissue acquisition for bile duct disease. On the 2nd day, they reviewed everything about endoscopic submucosal dissection and endoluminal stents,^{4,5} management of GI bleeding, how to explore small bowel disease, advanced techniques for PB visualization, and how to approach EUS-guided PB drainage.

CONCLUSIONS

IDEN 2012 was a huge success. I am certain that it showed good model for globalization and internationalization of local endoscopy society. KSGE can be the role for center of ENDOSCOPY NETWORK through IDEN.

IDEN 2013 will be held on June 8 to 9, 2013 at Grand Hilton Hotel Convention Hall, Seoul, Korea. Hopefully, IDEN 2013 will become bigger and better than this year's meeting.

Conflicts of Interest

The author has no financial conflicts of interest.

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