

WEO International School of EUS (WISE 2023)



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Objectives

- To train a specialised group of young doctors in the area of EUS and groom them to be the future leaders in this field.
- To nurture a network of experts who will establish strong bonds with WEO and carry on the training ethos of WEO.
- To address the current training gap of EUS and the need for structured training.

Concept

- Under the tutelage of project leader Professor Dong-Wan Seo, WISE founded in 2018, is a specialised training course focusing on basic anatomy, intermediate and advanced skills of EUS.

Training structure

- Training format has been modified and will adopt primarily a digital format to reach a wider audience globally.
 - Five online Modules and one online symposium
 1. Module One (March 3-4) : Basic Anatomy
 2. Module Two (May 12-13) : EUS findings of common lesions
 3. Module Three (July 7-8) : EUS-guided tissue acquisition
 4. Module Four (September 8-9) : Advanced anatomy and diagnostics
 5. Module Five (November 24-25) : Interventional EUS
 6. EUS Summit 2023 (October 21-22)
 - 120-150 minutes video conference per session.
 - Applicants who fulfill the application criteria will be eligible to take part in video conferences. They will be subjected to various tests, assessments and/or submit case presentations throughout the five modules where they will be scored accordingly.
 - The top six participants will be ultimately selected to take part in the onsite hands-on training program at the renowned Asan Medical Centre, a WEO center of excellence. Date to be determined at a later time. Terms and conditions apply.

Application and selection criteria

- Applicants must be under the age of 45 years old as at February 28, 2023.
- All training will be conducted in English and applicants must have a high proficiency in English.
- All applicants must be an individual member of WEO. Please allow time for WEO Individual Membership application which might take about one week for processing.
- All applicants must have completed no less than 100 EUS procedures without supervision.
- The applicant's hospital/place of practice must be equipped with EUS System in order to ensure continuity in training resources.
- All applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from the head of unit/employer indicating the experience of the applicant and a description of the hospital/place of practice's facilities. In this letter, the head of unit/employer must also confirm that they will support the applicant's airfare/travel costs for the WISE onsite hands-on training program in Seoul, South Korea whenever applicable (i.e. when the applicant is selected as one of the top six participants). In the event that the unit/employer will not undertake the airfare/travel costs, the applicant must cover these costs.
- All applicants must provide list of published papers/articles in international journals during the last five years.
- All applicants must submit a 1-2 minute self introduction video including their motivation for taking part in the WISE program. Please make sure that :
 - you record the video in a quiet environment with no background noise or music.
 - please record the self-introduction video in the endoscopy room with your white coat, if possible in front of EUS machine.
 - Please include your name, institution, experience of EUS, why you would like to be selected to WISE etc.
 - Video: should be recorded by the participant's self-narration
 - Video should be filmed in landscape format
 - The video file should be saved with your full name as the file name for ease of identification.
 - The video should be uploaded into this link <https://www.dropbox.com/request/0KyAnPgM61dCp0QXe5Tg>
- All selected applicants must commit to attend the full online program as well as the onsite hands-on training program (when selected). Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the remaining training program.
- All selected applicants must submit an abstract to the EUS Summit 2023.
- All selected applicants must pay a deposit of USD500 to WEO in order to secure a training slot.
 - The deposit will be refunded in full to all applicants who participate in all FIVE online modules as well as the online EUS Summit 2023.
 - No partial deposit refund will be made.
 - Deposit must be transferred to WEO by February 28, 2023
 - Applicants are also responsible for the respective bank charges where applicable.
- The selected six participants for the subsequent onsite hands-on training will be chosen based on their combined results during the tests and presentations throughout the program. Attendance as well as their past experiences and qualifications will also be taken into consideration.
- The selection criteria are aimed at balancing represented countries and regions of origin.

- The six selected participants for the onsite hands-on training in Seoul, South Korea have to ensure they are covered with the necessary travel insurance.
- Depending on the development of the COVID Pandemic, certain travel restrictions might still apply. Participants must take this into consideration.
- Dates of the course may be subjected to change.
- Terms and conditions are subjected to change without any prior notice.

Timeline

- November 30, 2022 Application opens
- January 31 , 2023 Application closes
- February 15, 2023 Notification of participation by Organiser
- February 28, 2023 Deadline of deposit payment
- March, 2023 Start of five online Modules and one online symposium
 - Module One (March 3-4) : Basic Anatomy
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- To be confirmed Onsite hands-on training, Seoul in 2023 or 2024

Faculty

- International panel of EUS experts
- Asian EUS Group
- EUS Task force in Asia-Pacific (EUS-TAP)
- Korean EUS Study Group

Benefits for online session participants

- First class course focusing on EUS training with international renowned experts
- Candidates will receive certification of participation after attending all five online sessions
- Stand the chance to be selected as top 6 participants for onsite hands-on training in Seoul, South Korea
- Networking opportunities with experts and peers in the respective field
- Opportunities of mentoring via video-conference

For the top six selected participants:

- A. They will take part in the WISE onsite hands-on training in Seoul, South Korea.
- B. Participants will receive free lodging and meals during the official program.
- C. Candidates will receive support for travel between USD300-USD500 (depending on geographical area) if they complete the onsite hands-on training. Terms and conditions apply.

For any questions, please write to isl@hamilton-services.de

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