



On behalf of the International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus, it is my honor and pleasure to invite you all to the 16th World Congress of the ISDE in September 2018.

Sept.16 - 19, 2018

The ISDE has the privilege to hold its biennial congress in the capital of your home country, Vienna. A city with an outstanding scientific community and a medical history it can be proud of. We are thrilled to call the main university of Vienna our "congress home" for 3 days and exchange clinical and scientific knowledge on the latest developments at a place where thought leaders of the past and current century studied.

Our society is the premier multi-disciplinary international organization focused on esophageal diseases. Our meetings aim to gather together all specialties involved in the clinical management and research of patients with esophageal diseases. However, we know the importance of local representatives at our meeting. Hence, I would like to personally invite you to join us for a congress which provides an excellent platform for scientific exchange within the esophageal community and for unique networking opportunities.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to our extended abstract submission deadline. Until the end of this month - February 28, 2018 - you have the chance to submit your research work. More information on the submission categories and guidelines can be found <u>here</u>.

I very much hope to welcome personally at the congress in September!

Warm regards,

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