

The European Helicobacter and Microbiota Study Group (EHMSG)

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Affiliated to ESCMID and UEG

Presentation

A multidisciplinary group headed by a committee with one representative from most countries of the European Union. The group also includes 8 emeritus and 6 honorary members, as well as 7 corresponding fellows from overseas. The EHSg is an Associate Member of UEGF and affiliated to the ESCMID.

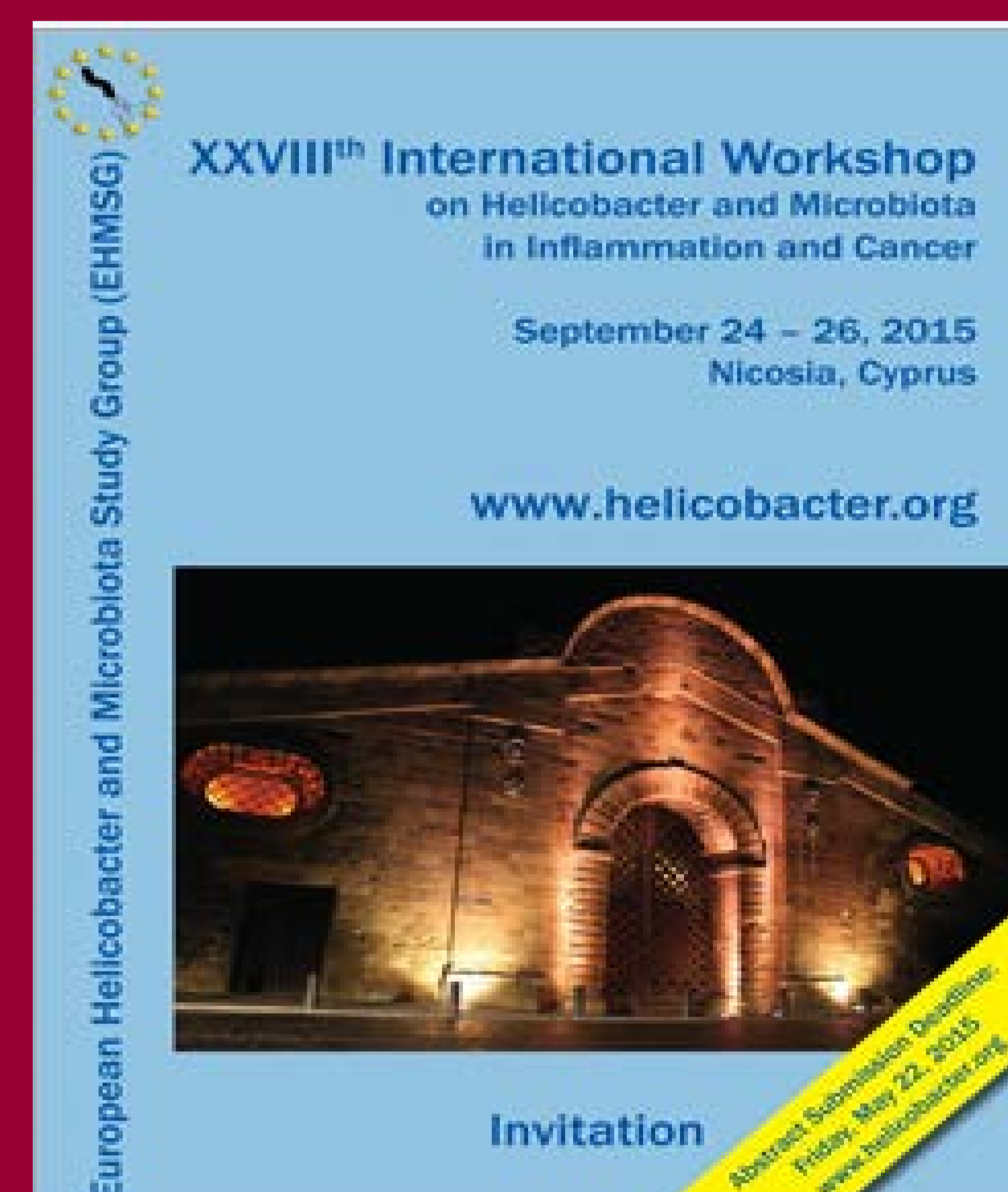
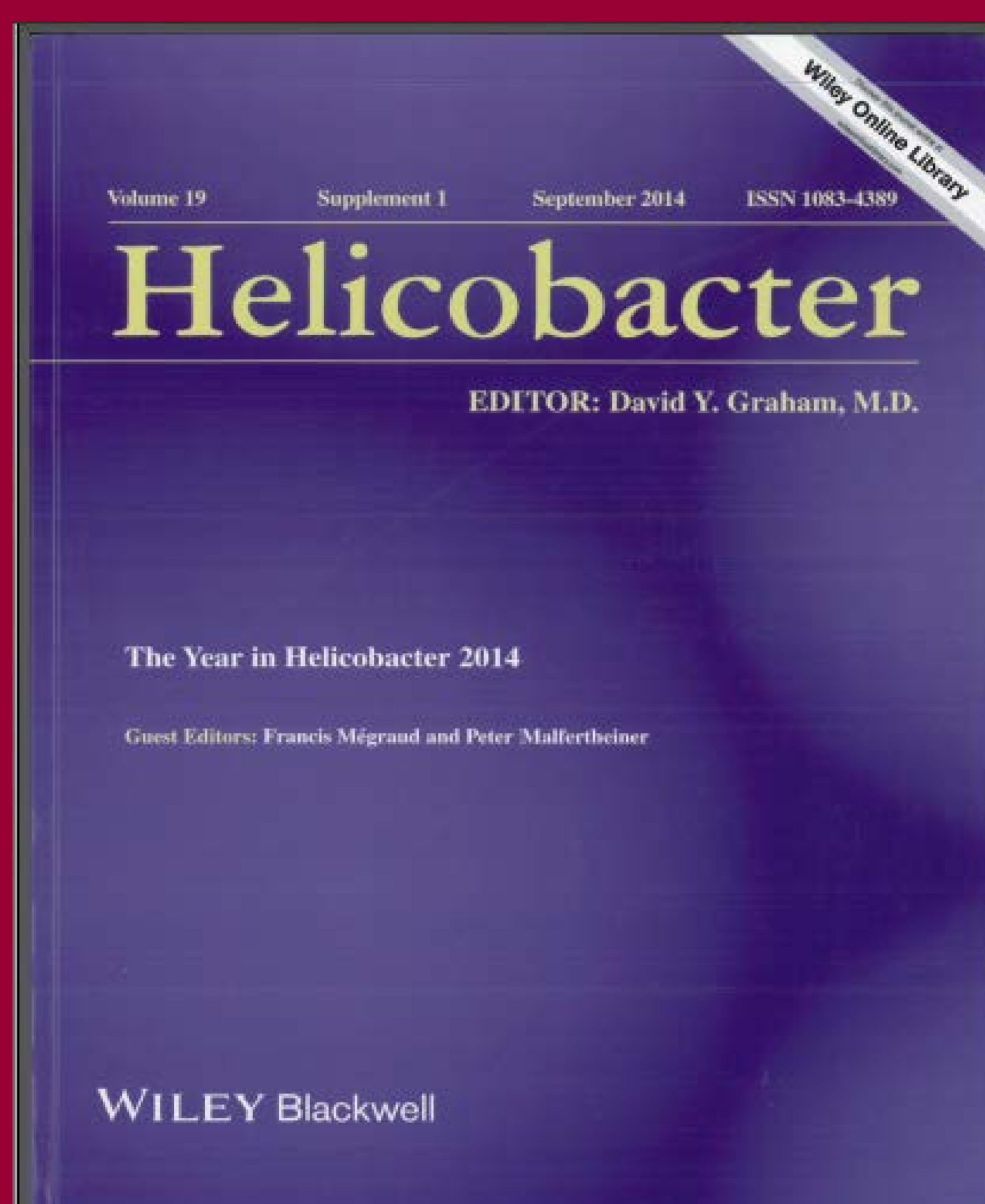
Origin of the group

Founded by pioneers in the field. These pioneers created Helicobacter clubs in their own countries and now represent their national clubs to the Committee of the European study group.

The group was founded in October 1987 in Copenhagen, Denmark and is currently registered in France as a non-profit organization.

Current organization

President: T. Rokkas (Greece). Secretary: F. Mégraud (France), Treasurer: J. Machado (Portugal), Members of the committee: L. Andersen (Denmark), A. Axon (UK), L. Engstrand (Sweden), B. Flahou (Belgium), A. Gasbarrini (Italy), J. Gisbert (Spain), E. Kuipers (the Netherlands), M. Leja (Latvia), P. Malfertheiner (Germany), C. O'Morain (Ireland), A. Ristimäki (Finland),



Main Activities

Yearly Workshops

Bordeaux (1988)
Ulm (1989)
Toledo (1990)
Bologna (1991)
Dublin (1992)
Brussels (1993)
Houston (1994)

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Madrid (2013)
Rome (2014)
Nicosia (2015)
Magdeburg (2016)

Organization of 5-year Consensus conferences (Maastricht) "Current European Concepts on the Management of *H. pylori* infection" (Maastricht 1996). The guidelines were revised during the Maastricht-2 2000, the Maastricht-3 2005 and the Maastricht-4 2010 meetings. Next revision Maastricht-5 is planned for October 2015.

Publication of the Proceedings of the workshops 1988 (Elsevier), 1989, 1990, 1991, (Springer), and 1992 (Normed). From 1994 till 2001, annual publication of a special issue of *Current Opinion in Gastroenterology* entitled "The Year in *Helicobacter pylori*" and from 2002 till 2015 in the journal *Helicobacter* as **the Year in Helicobacter**.

Organization of Symposia or Educational Workshop during the European Congresses of Clinical Microbiology (Nice 1989, Oslo 1991, Seville 1993, Vienna 1995, Lausanne 1997, Berlin 1999, Stockholm 2000, Istanbul 2001, Milan 2002, Glasgow 2003, Prague 2004, Copenhagen 2005, Nice 2006, Munich 2007, Barcelona 2008, Vienna 2010, London 2012, Barcelona 2014) and the United European Gastroenterology Weeks (Athens 1992, Barcelona 1993, Oslo 1994, Berlin 1995, Paris 1996, Birmingham 1997, Rome 1999, Brussels 2000, Amsterdam 2001, Geneva 2002, Madrid 2003, Prague 2004).

Current projects: 1) **European registry on management of *H. pylori* infection.** Ten gastroenterologists from 30 European countries will include their patients during a year, in order to see what is the reality of the treatment of this infection. 2) Project to disseminate the information on the **optimal *H. pylori* management in primary care.** Common project with the European Society of Primary Care Gastroenterology, sponsored by EUG for 3 years.

Projects pending: 1) **Creation of a network of National Reference Centers in Europe.** 2) Project to test the feasibility acceptability and cost efficacy of **prevention of gastric cancer by eradication of *H. pylori*** in Europe. 3) Project to characterize the gut microbiota according to the various *H. pylori* eradication treatments.