



CGA-IGC Newsletter

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Dear {[C-FIRST NAME]},

I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend and participate in the 2018 Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. The annual meeting was the biggest meeting the CGA has hosted, with just under 300 attendees. In addition, the Collaborative Fund continues to grow, fundraising \$4,849.92 in raffle ticket sales during the meeting.

The lion's share of credit for this year's meeting goes to our 2017-2018 CGA-IGC President, Heather Hampel, for her leadership, vision, and inexorable energy, and to PACE Medical Communications (and in particular Cynthia Rivera) for their meeting management expertise and identification of what was (in my opinion) a perfect venue (the Hilton San Diego Bayfront) for this year's meeting. I would also like to thank the following people who dedicated many hours to our organization this past year. The 2017-2018 CGA-IGC Meeting Planning Committee members: Appi Singh (Chair), Rachel Pearlman, (Vice Chair), Maria Baker, Sisi Haraldsdottir, and Bryson Katona, and council members: Randy Brand, Sonia Kupfer, Jessica Stoll, Nancy You, Matt Yurgelun, and our organization's founder and guiding light, Dr. James Church.

Finally, the meeting could not happen without the generous support of our 2018 meeting sponsors:

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It is my goal as your 2018-2019 President to foster additional momentum supporting the growth of the CGA-IGC, its recognition and standing as a world-class multi-disciplinary society focused on hereditary GI cancer syndromes, including the areas of education, policy, and promotion of existing and new research. I look forward to working with the current CGA-IGC committees and committee chairs (Abstract, Education, Communication/Membership, Meeting Planning, and Research,) to continue current successful programs (our webinar series, the CGA - IGC newsletter, online resources, journal scan, and others) and to develop new endeavors to increase the value of your membership and to promote the vision of CGA-IGC.

I hope to continue to strengthen existing ties with other international groups dedicated to education and research in the area of hereditary GI cancer risk including InSiGHT, the European Hereditary Tumor Group, and the LATAM group.

It is also my hope that all CGA-IGC members will continue to individually promote our great organization to colleagues and friends who work in hereditary cancer risk and in other areas of medicine. CGA sits at an important crossroads in hereditary cancer risk and management, prevention, and population health. The expertise offered by CGA-IGC and its membership will become increasingly important in the coming years as uptake of genetic testing for hereditary cancer syndromes increases due to improved recognition, falling costs, and changing public attitudes, as well as with the increase in what I like to call “recreational genomics” and the surprises that tests marketed directly to consumers may uncover.



We live in the golden age of clinical genetic testing, and these are increasingly exciting times in the world of hereditary GI cancers, gene discovery, and molecular genetics. I look forward to leading our group this year. Thank you again for your support of CGA-IGC.

Michael J Hall, MD, MS
2018-2019 CGA-IGC President

2019 Annual Meeting

The 2019 CGA-IGC annual meeting will be in Salt Lake City, Utah. The final dates will be announced when they are confirmed.

Education Committee Update

CGA-IGC Podcast Series – Now Available!

There are several exciting platforms for continuing education on hereditary cancer syndromes. Our podcast series “Expert Approach to Hereditary Gastrointestinal Cancers” is now available for FREE on iTunes, TuneIn and more! The first set of episodes feature interviews with Dr. Sonia Kupfer, Dr. Leslie Garrett, Dr. Jodi Maranchie and Dr. Nadine Tung about how they counsel their patients about the cancer risks in Lynch Syndrome and risk-reduction strategies. You can find the series <https://cga-igc.podomatic.com/> or by doing an internet search for “CGAIGC Podcast.” Share these with your colleagues and patients! You can distribute this information in your clinic using the flier found [here](#).

CGA-IGC Webinar Series – Save the Date!

The webinar series continues, and the next installment is later this month with Dr. Xavier Llor presenting “What is Lynch-Like Syndrome, Anyway?” at 5PM PT/8PM ET on November 28, 2018. This is FREE to CGA-IGC members and you can register for the series if you haven’t already done so.

Monthly Journal Scans – Stay Up to Date!

The monthly journal scan done by the Education Committee is a valuable resource and will save you time and keep you current. This is available at: <http://cgaicc.com/Resources/journal.cfm>

Research Committee Update



The research committee plans to continue highlighting research studies from members in the CGA newsletters as well as highlighting some of highest yield articles from the journal scan. We have also collected contact information for international GI Cancer Registries and, in the upcoming year, we plan to update relevant contact information on our website. We also have begun editing a manual on how to start and maintain a registry that will be available to members when completed.

Calendar of Events

November

1. Webinar on **“What is Lynch-Like Syndrome, Anyway?”** presented by Xavier Llor, MD, PhD from Yale School of Medicine on **Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 8:00 PM EST / 5:00 PM PST**
2. Journal Scan update released

December

1. Twitter Journal Club with topic and time to be announced
2. Journal Scan update released

January

1. Webinar on **“Updates in the Pharmacologic and Surgical Management of Polyposis.”** presented jointly by Jewel Samadder, MD and Matthew Kalady, MD with time to be announced
2. Journal Scan update released

February

1. Next edition of the quarterly newsletter
2. Journal Scan update released