

# WEO International School of EUS (WISE 2021)



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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 in order to adapt to the constraints caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2021
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday and Saturday (2 days) in March, May, July, September and December 2021 (Tentative only)
  - Five online Modules in total
    1. Module One : Basic Anatomy
    2. Module Two : EUS findings of common lesions
    3. Module Three: EUS-guided tissue acquisition
    4. Module Four : Advanced anatomy and diagnostics
    5. Module Five : Interventional EUS
  - 90 - 120 minutes video conference per session
  - Participants who fulfill the application criteria will be eligible to take part in video conferences. They will be subjected to various tests, assessments and/or 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, 2021.
- 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
- 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 2021 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 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 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 onsite hands-on training in Seoul where applicable.
  - No partial deposit refund will be made.
  - Deposit must be transferred to WEO by February 28, 2021
  - 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. 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.
- Dates of the course may be subjected to change.
- Terms and conditions are subjected to change without any prior notice.

## Timeline

- November 30, 2020 Application opens
- January 31, 2021 Application closes
- February 15, 2021 Notification of participation by Organiser.
- February 28, 2021 Deadline of deposit payment
- March 12, 2021 Start of online program.  
Program will take place every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday & Saturday of March, May, July, September and December 2022 (Tentative only)
- To be confirmed Onsite hands-on training, Seoul.  
Might also include participation in the EUS Summit.

## Faculty

- International course director
- Asian EUS Group (AEG)
- EUS Task force in Asia-Pacific (EUS-TAP)
- Korean EUS Study Group
- International experts

## 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 2021 onsite hands-on training in Seoul, South Korea. Subject to confirmation, it may also include participation in EUS Summit 2021 organized by Asian EUS Group (AEG), Korean EUS Study Group and KSGE.
- 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.

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